

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 10.00 am.

Present: Councillors ROB MURRAY, BILL DUFF, COLIN BROWN, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, JEANETTE GAUL, ALEX KING, DAVID LUMGAIR and IAN McLAREN.

Councillor MURRAY, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Bill Bowles, Lynne Devine and Bob Spink.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/INTIMATIONS OF CONTACT

- Councillor Gaul declared an interest in item 7 as she had received several e-mails regarding the application. She indicated that she had not responded to the e-mails and would therefore participate in any discussion and voting.
- Councillor McLaren declared an interest in item 7 as he was a close friend of the applicant. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting and would therefore leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

3. BUILDING WARRANTS

The Committee noted that during the period 26 October to 13 November 2015, a total of 36 Building Warrants and 15 Amendments to Warrant had been approved with an estimated cost of £2,323,840.

4. DELEGATED DECISIONS

The Committee noted that during the period 24 October to 14 November 2015, a total of 48 planning applications had been approved and 2 refused under the Scheme of Delegation to officers.

5. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 3 November 2015 was submitted, approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6. MONTREATHMONT MOOR FOREST, MONTREATHMONT, FORFAR

There was submitted Report No 458/15 by the Head of Planning and Place detailing application No 15/00747/FULM by Lightsource SPV60 Ltd for installation and operation of a 42MW solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, fence and pole mounted security cameras for the operational lifespan of the solar farm at Montreathmont Moor Forest, Montreathmont, Forfar. The application was recommended for conditional approval.

Slides were shown.

The Committee agreed that the application be approved for the reasons and subject to the conditions as detailed in Section 10 of the Report.

Having declared an interest at Article 2 above, Councillor McLaren left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

7. STORE, COMMERCIAL STREET, NEWTYLE

There was submitted Report No 459/15 by the Head of Planning and Place detailing application No 15/00783/FULL by Project Management Scotland for Change of Use from Existing Storage Building to Shop, including alterations to the external appearance of the building at Store, Commercial Street, Newtyle. The application was recommended for conditional approval.

Slides were shown.

The Committee agreed that the application be approved for the reasons and subject to the conditions as detailed in Section 10 of the Report.

8. ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

There was submitted Report No 460/15 by the Head of Planning and Place advising members on the progress of Enforcement Cases which had been agreed previously by this Committee.

Having heard the Service Manager – Planning in relation to the ground level survey and the requirement for a further Construction Method Statement for the Joinery Workshop and Yard at Douglstown, by Forfar, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.