

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE** hosted at Angus House Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar and held remotely on Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors DAVID LUMGAIR, GAVIN NICOL, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN BEM, DAVID CHEAPE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, ALEX KING, IAN MCLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, BOB MYLES and RON STURROCK.

Councillor LUMGAIR, Convener, in the Chair.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/INTIMATIONS OF CONTACT**

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. **BUILDING WARRANTS**

The Committee noted that during the period 24 February to 8 May 2020, a total of 195 Building Warrants, 9 Demolition Warrants and 42 Amendments to Warrant had been approved with an estimated cost of £14,270,284.

4. **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

The Committee noted that during the period 22 February to 9 May 2020, a total of 159 planning applications had been approved and 4 refused under the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

5. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 3 March 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6. **DENBURN WAY, BRECHIN**

There was submitted Report No 136/20 by the Service Leader – Planning and Communities detailing planning application No 19/00996/FULL by Ms C Manning for the change of use of land to site a hot food takeaway van (retrospective) at Denburn Way, Brechin. The application was recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

Slides were shown following which officers responded to members' questions in relation to previous noise and odour complaints, size of the unit, parking in the area and general waste and recycling bins.

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

7. **CORONAVIRUS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCESSES**

There was submitted Report No 139/20 by the Service Leader – Planning and Communities updating members in terms of the emergency legislation introduced in response to the global Coronavirus pandemic, as well as guidance issued by Scotland's Chief Planner, and outlining how the planning system continued to operate in Angus.

The Report indicated that in the context of the measures put in place and outstanding issues identified at a national level, the planning service in Angus continued to operate well. Solutions had been found for most issues with the major remaining issue being the suspension of site visits. However, decisions had continued to be made in a timely fashion comparing favourably to the average for the year, and the Scottish average decision-making timescales. The continuing operation of the Planning Service would ensure that the impact of Coronavirus and the associated restrictions on development, and therefore the economy in Angus, were minimised.

Having heard Councillors Cheape and Myles welcome the measures that had been put in place, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.