

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE** hosted at Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar and held remotely on Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 10.00am.

**Present:** Councillors 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 NICOL, Vice-Convener, in the Chair.

*At this point in proceedings, all interested parties for item 5 were admitted to the meeting by the ICT host.*

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor David Lumgair.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/INTIMATIONS OF CONTACT

Councillor Braes declared an interest in item 6, application No 20/00019/FULM, as close family members had a financial interest in the site as the owners of the access route into the proposed development. He indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor Moore declared an interest in item 7, Report No 227/20, as he was a member of the Scottish Wildlife Trust. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

## 3. BUILDING WARRANTS

The Committee noted that during the period 10 June to 5 September 2020, a total of 136 Building Warrants, 7 Demolition Warrants and 18 Amendments to Warrant had been approved with an estimated cost of £6,099,868.

## 4. DELEGATED DECISIONS

Having heard the Vice-Convener provide amended figures to those published, the Committee noted that during the period 7 June to 5 September 2020, a total of 157 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 18 June 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

## 6. FIELD 600M SOUTH OF EAST BALLOCHY, EAST BALLOCHY, MONTROSE

There was submitted Report No 226/20 by the Service Leader – Planning and Communities detailing application No. 20/00019/FULM by Scottish Power Renewables for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array, battery energy storage system with a private wire grid connection and associated infrastructure at Field 600m South of East Ballochry, East Ballochry, Montrose. The application was recommended for conditional approval.

Slides were shown following which officers responded to members' questions in relation to changes to the cabling route, site drainage and vegetation, impacts on wildlife, possible

negative impacts on Montrose Basin, the use of the visitor centre and the impact of glint and glare on users.

Thereafter, Mr Daniel Ferrier, on behalf of Scottish Power, addressed the meeting and answered members' questions in relation to topography of the site, the impacts on wildlife, and continuity of the power supply.

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

*At this point, Councillor Braes was re-admitted to the meeting.*

**7. PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE: LAND WEST OF EASTER MEATHIE FARM BUNGALOW, LOUR, FORFAR**

There was submitted Report No 227/20 by the Service Leader – Planning and Communities advising members of a proposal of application notice No. 20/00571/PAN submitted in respect of a major development comprising the erection of two 32,000 capacity free-range hen sheds and associated infrastructure at Land West of Easter Meathie Farm Bungalow, Lour, Forfar. The Committee was invited to identify issues which it would like to see addressed in the planning application.

The Committee agreed to note the key issues identified by the officers at this stage, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 of the Report.