

National Park Authority

Planning & Access Committee Meeting



Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 26th November 2018, 13:00hrs
Callander Youth Project, Callander Hostel, 6 Bridgend, Callander

Present: Graham Lambie (GL) – Acting Chair
David McCowan (DMcC)
Diane Docherty (DD)
Bob Darracott (BD)
Martin Earl (ME)
Willie Nisbet (WN)

In Attendance: Park Authority Staff
Stuart Mearns, Director of Rural Development and Planning (SM)
Catherine Stewart, Development Management Manager (Performance and Support) (CS)
Amy Unitt, Development Management Planning Assistant (AU)
Kirsty Sweeney, Development Management Planner (KS)
Sharon McIntyre, Committee Officer (SMcl) – Clerk

Alastair McKie, Legal Clerk, Anderson Strathern LLP (AM)

Apologies: Billy Ronald (BR)
Ellen Morton (EM)
Murray Lyle (ML)

Speaker: Councillor Evelyn Tweed (ET)
Jim Heron (JH)

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1	Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. SMcl advised that apologies had been received from BR, EM and ML.	
2	Declarations of Interest None.	
3	Draft minute of meeting held on 29th October 2018 The minute was proposed for approval by DD and seconded by ME. The minute was therefore approved by the Committee.	
4	2018/0211/DET - Verge Opposite The Telephone Exchange Main Street, Strathyre Planning Assistant (AU) and Planning Manager (CS) presented the planning application noting that this application was deferred from the Planning & Access Committee meeting held on Monday 29 th October 2018. CS advised	

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	<p>committee that since the production of the officer's report on 14th November 2018 the following written representations had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 written representations from new contributors, - 3 written representations from existing contributors (giving 27 representations from 24 individuals); - a petition detailing 114 signatures and - a report on behalf of the community had been received in objection to the application. <p>The applicant also responded to the proposals of two alternative sites for the erection of the 13.5 metre high mast and two ground based cabinets to be used as a 'smart metering base station'.</p> <p>CS provided a verbal response to the main issues raised in the written representations received following the publication of the officer's report.</p> <p>AU and CS put forward the recommendation of the Director of Rural Development and Planning, to approve the application subject to the imposition of the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Report.</p> <p>Members asked questions of officers and the applicant.</p> <p>SPEAKER: Councillor Evelyn Tweed who was speaking on behalf of the petitioners and objectors from Strathyre was then invited to address the Committee. She did so in opposition to the proposal.</p> <p>SPEAKER: Jim Heron who was speaking on behalf of himself was then invited to address the Committee. He did so in opposition to the proposal.</p> <p>Members asked questions of Councillor Evelyn Tweed, Jim Heron, the applicant and officers. Discussion took place regarding the proposed application. Following discussion, the Chair asked for a proposer for the motion of the officer's recommendation.</p> <p>MOTION: BD, seconded by DMcC proposed that the application be approved subject to the planning conditions as set out in Appendix 1 of the Report.</p> <p>AMENDMENT: ME seconded by GL proposed an amendment to the recommendation, to refuse the application as it is contrary to the following policies of the adopted Local Development Plan 2017-2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overarching Policy 1 and Overarching Policy 2, as a result of the impact on landscape and visual amenity; and - Telecommunications Policy 1a) and 1b), as there is a potential alternative site to the north of the village with less visual impact. 	

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	<p>AM then put the motion and the amendment to the members.</p> <p><u>Voting</u></p> <p>For the motion - 4 votes (BD, DMcC, WN and DD)</p> <p>For the amendment - 2 votes (ME and GL)</p> <p>DECISION: Accordingly, the decision of the Planning & Access Committee was to approve the application subject to the planning conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the Report.</p> <p><i>Members of the public left the room.</i></p>	
5	<p>Local Development Plan Action Programme – 6 month review and Monitoring Report for 2017</p> <p>KS presented the Local Development Plan Action Programme – 6 month review and Monitoring Report for 2017.</p> <p>ME requested information on why exemptions to the affordable housing policy requirements were agreed in 3 applications – as referenced in page 8 of the Monitoring Report - and for this information to be sent to him.</p> <p>The Local Development Plan Action Programme – 6 month review and Monitoring Report for 2017 were discussed and welcomed by Members.</p> <p>MOTION: WN, seconded by DD proposed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the publication of the 3rd review of the Local Development Plan Action Programme (Appendix One). b) Approve the publication of the Local Development Plan Monitoring Report 2017 (Appendix Two). <p>DECISION: As no competent amendment was tabled, the above motion became the decision of the Committee.</p>	KS
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>BD and SM provided an update on the current status of the Planning (Scotland) Bill in the parliamentary process.</p> <p>SM advised that the Park Authority had won three awards at the Scottish</p>	

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	Awards for Quality in Planning. The Ripple Retreat won the People's Choice Award and an award in the Place category. The Rural Development Frameworks for West Loch Lomondside and Buchanan South , won an award in the Plans category. Members congratulated the team.	
7	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Planning & Access Committee will take place on 17 th December 2018. Afternote: This meeting was cancelled as there was no Committee business required.	

Signed _____
Graham Lambie, Chair