

Minute

Planning Committee

Wednesday, 31 August 2022, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Owen Tierney, Kristopher D Leask, Graham A Bevan, Alexander G Cowie, P Lindsay Hall, James R Moar, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor and Duncan A Tullock.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Roddy Mackay, Head of Planning and Community Protection.
- Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).
- Jamie Macvie, Service Manager (Development Management).
- Susan Shearer, Service Manager (Development and Marine Planning).
- Karen Bevilacqua, Solicitor.
- Donald Wilson, Roads Authority Officer.

Observing

- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall – Item 2.

Chair

- Councillor Owen Tierney.

1. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Committee **suspended Standing Order 8.11** to enable members to participate in the meeting from a remote location, as a party had the right to be heard in person or through a representative and the decision to be made was as a result of a quasi-judicial or regulatory hearings process, such as a planning application or an appeal.

2. Planning Application 22/221/PIP

Proposed Conversion of Former Shop Premises and Adjoined Courtyards to Mixed Use Entertainment Venue at 18 Bridge Street, Kirkwall

Councillor P Lindsay Hall declared a non-financial interest in this item, in that three of the objectors were known to him, and left the meeting at this point.

Neil Stevenson, applicant, Stephen Omand, agent for the applicant, Chloe Jowett and Peter Ford, objectors, and Sarah Smith, representing the objector, Mary Gray, were present during consideration of this item.

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Service Manager (Development Management), the Committee:

Noted:

2.1. That letters of objection relating to the application for planning permission in principle in respect of the proposal for the conversion of former shop premises and adjoined courtyards to a mixed use entertainment venue at 18 Bridge Street, Kirkwall, had been received from the following:

- Anne McOmish, 1 St Olaf's Wynd, Kirkwall.
- Chloe Jowett and Peter Ford, 10 St Olaf's Wynd, Kirkwall.
- Karen Mack, 8 St Olaf's Wynd, Kirkwall.
- Angus Windwick, 46 St Catherine's Place, Kirkwall.
- Elizabeth Fraser, 52 St Catherine's Place, Kirkwall.
- Mary Gray, 20 Garden Street, Kirkwall.
- Carola Huttman, Flat 1, Nicol's House, St Olaf's Wynd, Kirkwall.

2.2. That Roads Services had objected to the application on the grounds that, notwithstanding that the application was for planning permission in principle, there was insufficient information regarding parking provision and service and delivery vehicle access, and that further information would be required to determine the full parking provision to be provided within the boundary of the site, together with details regarding access to and egress from the site by service and delivery vehicles.

After hearing representations from Chloe Jowett and Peter Ford, objectors, and Sarah Smith, representing the objector, Mary Gray, and from Stephen Omand, agent for the applicant, on the motion of Councillor Kristopher D Leask, seconded by Councillor Owen Tierney, the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.3. That planning permission in principle be granted in respect of the proposal for the conversion of former shop premises and adjoined courtyards to a mixed use entertainment venue at 18 Bridge Street, Kirkwall, subject to the conditions attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:05 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Owen Tierney.