

Minute of Meeting



Planning Committee

Date	Time	Venue
14 January 2020	1.00 pm	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith

Present:

Councillor Imrie (Chair)	Councillor Alexander
Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Curran
Councillor Hackett	Councillor Hardie
Councillor Lay-Douglas	Councillor McCall
Councillor Milligan	Councillor Munro
Councillor Smail	Councillor Winchester

In Attendance:

Mary Smith	Director, Education, Communities and Economy
Peter Arnsdorf	Planning Manager
Alan Turpie	Legal Services Manager
Janet Ritchie	Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Johnstone, Muirhead and Russell.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was as outlined in the agenda.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were intimated at this stage of the proceedings.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minute of Meeting of 19 November 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

5. Reports

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Major Developments: Applications Currently Being Assessed and Other Developments at Pre-Application Stage	Peter Arnsdorf
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2020 by the Director, Education, Communities and Economy updating the Committee with regard to 'major' planning applications, formal pre-application consultations by prospective applicants, and the expected programme of applications due for reporting to the Committee.		
The current position with regard to 'major' planning applications and formal pre-application consultations by prospective applicants were outlined in Appendices A and B attached to the report.		
Decision		
The Committee noted the major planning application proposals which were likely to be considered by the Committee in 2020 and the updates for each of the applications.		
Action		
Planning Manager		

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.2	Appeals and Local Review Body Decisions	Peter Arnsdorf

Outline of report and summary of discussion
There was submitted a report dated 7 January 2020 by the Director, Education, Communities and Economy informing the Committee of two notices of review determined by the Local Review Body (LRB) at its meeting in December 2019 and advising that there were no Scottish Government appeal decisions to report to the Committee.
Decision
The Committee noted the decisions made by the Local Review Body at its meeting in December 2019.
Action
Planning Manager

Agenda No	Report Title	Presented by:
5.3	Application For Planning Permission 19/00763/DPP, for the erection of a Primary School and Nursery; Formation of a multi use games area (MUGA), Car Parking and associated works on part of the former Newbattle High School site, Easthouses Road, Easthouses	Peter Arnsdorf
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
<p>There was submitted report, dated 7 January 2020, by the Director, Education Communities and Economy concerning the above application.</p> <p>The Planning Manager provided a brief outline of the proposed development and thereafter responded to questions and comments raised by the Committee with regards to car parking in the area including road safety, issues of flooding and developer's contributions to improve the access to Easthouses Park. The Planning Manager confirmed that several of the issues raised by Members were covered within the conditions of the planning application but he would review any points which were not and take any necessary action.</p>		
Decision		
<p>The Committee agreed to grant planning permission for the following reason:</p> <p><i>The site is located within the settlement boundary of Easthouses and on a site with an established educational and community use and as such there is presumption in favour of an appropriate educational use development. The proposed detailed scheme of development in terms of its layout, form, design and landscape framework is acceptable and as such accords with development plan policies. The presumption for development is not outweighed by any other material considerations.</i></p> <p>Subject to the conditions as detailed within the report.</p>		
Action		
Planning Manager		

6. Private Reports

No private business was discussed.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 February 2020.

The meeting terminated at 1. 08 pm