

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE

VIA SKYPE – 6TH OCTOBER 2020

- Present:** Councillors N Smith (Chair), D Beagrie (Vice Chair), A Allan, A Buchan, M Buchan, S Calder, A Fakley, J Ingram, A Simpson and S Smith
- Apology:** Councillor I Sutherland
- Officers:** Amanda Roe, Interim Area Manager (Business Services); Amanda de Candia, Solicitor (Business Services); Sally Wood, Senior Planner (Infrastructure Services); Leigh Jolly, Head of Children's Services (Education and Children's Services); Maureen Stephen, Area Committee Officer (Business Services); and Theresa Wood, Area Committee Officer (Business Services)

1. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

The Chairman asked Members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct –

- (1) Councillor A Fakley declared an interest in Item 6, in respect of the application from Peterhead Area Community Trust (PACT), by virtue of being a Trustee of PACT. In having applied the objective test and having a clear interest, Councillor Fakley left the meeting for the determination of the application from PACT,
- (2) Councillor D Beagrie declared an interest in Item 6, in respect of the application from Peterhead Area Community Trust (PACT), by virtue of being Chair of PACT. In having applied the objective test and having a clear interest, Councillor Beagrie left the meeting for the determination of the application from PACT,
- (3) Councillor J Ingram declared an interest in Item 6, in respect of the application from Mintlaw Hall Committee, by virtue of being a Trustee of the Hall Committee. In having applied the objective test and having a clear interest, Councillor Ingram left the meeting for the determination of the application from Mintlaw Hall Committee, and

- (4) Councillor S Smith declared an interest in Item 6, in respect of the application from Longhaven Hall Committee, by virtue of being a Trustee of the Hall Committee. In having applied the objective test and having a clear interest, Councillor Smith left the meeting for the determination of the application from Longhaven Hall Committee

2. STATEMENT ON EQUALITIES

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Committee **noted** the requirement, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010 –

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching their decision

3. DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF 15TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The Draft Minute of the Meeting of 15th September 2020 had been circulated and was **approved**.

4. NEW PLANNING APPLICATION

The Committee had before them a report by the Director of Infrastructure Services on a planning application for determination in terms of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts 1972 and 1997 and **agreed** to dispose of the application as detailed in Appendix A attached to this Minute.

- (a) APP/2020/0742 Full Planning Permission for Erection of Dwellinghouse at Plot 2, Parkhouse, Maud

5. CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT

A report by the Director of Education and Children's Services had been circulated advising that Aberdeenshire Council are required to produce and report annually on their Corporate Parenting Plan. The report presents the progress made by Aberdeenshire Council and Partners who work collaboratively to improve outcomes for Care Experienced young people in the form of an annual report.

The Committee **agreed:-**

- (1) having considered the update contained within the Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2019/2020, to welcome the report and acknowledge the good work undertaken to date,
- (2) to continue to support the Council's corporate parent duties by listening to the needs, fears and wishes of children and young people, and being proactive and determined in our collective efforts to address these,
- (3) to request that when reviewing the Corporate Parenting Plan in the future that the comments of Area Committee's be sought in advance of the Plan being considered by the Education and Children's Services Committee, and
- (4) having heard from the Head of Children's Services, to receive a report, in due course, providing a briefing on an early intervention and prevention project to be developed in the Peterhead area

6. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2020/2021 – AREA COMMITTEE GRANT SCHEME

A report by the Director of Business Services had been circulated advising that the Buchan Area Committee on 21st April, 2020 (Item 11), the Committee had agreed to make available £62,500 of the Area Committee Budget to an Area Committee Grant Scheme, similar to that run in previous years. Subsequently, at the Buchan Area Committee Meeting on 23rd June 2020 (Item 7) Councillors agreed to award £38,170 to 13 projects, leaving a balance of £24,330 to be awarded later in the year.

The report detailed various projects and the Committee was asked to approve the allocation of the remaining balance of the Area Committee Grant Scheme budget amounting to £24,330.00.

The report also advised that one of the projects supported back in June (Mintlaw & District Allotments) had been unable to spend their full grant allocation and had an underspend of £64. Further, that a late application had been received from Mintlaw and District Men's Shed for personal protective equipment which they needed to allow them to restart their project under very strict Covid-19 guidelines. The presenting Officer recommended that the underspend of £64 be awarded to Mintlaw and District Men's Shed towards the cost of personal protective equipment.

The Committee **agreed** the following awards:-

(1)	Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust	£ 2,634
(2)	Peterhead & District Allotments	£ 2,275
(3)	Port Errol Hall	£ 5,000
(4)	Shirley's Space	£ 1,420
(5)	Mintlaw Hall Committee	£ 2,655
(6)	Longhaven Hall Committee	£ 624
(7)	Boddam Harbour Board	£ 1,800
(8)	Kemp Hall	£ 2,120
(9)	Peterhead Civic Pride	£ 1,872
(10)	Maud Village Trust	£ 1,871
(11)	Peterhead Area Community Trust	£ 2,059
	Total	£24,330

The Committee further **agreed**:-

- (1) to award the underspend of £64 to Mintlaw and District Men's Shed,
- (2) to make no award to Blueskate at this time, and
- (3) to request that a virtual 'Presentation of Awards' be arranged in due course

APPENDIX A

NEW PLANNING APPLICATION

(a) **Full Planning Permission for Erection of Dwellinghouse at Plot 2, Parkhouse, Maud**

For: Hearth Homes Ltd, Backfield Farm, Drumlithie, Stonehaven

Per: New Look Home Improvement, Barry Business Centre, Main Street, Barry, Carnoustie

Planning Reference No: APP/2020/0742

Having heard from the Senior Planner, Councillor N Smith moved as a motion, seconded by Councillor J Ingram, that (1) Full Planning Permission be Granted subject to relevant planning conditions, and (2) the proposal meets the requirements of the Local Development Plan for the following reasons (a) if the dwellinghouse is to match the neighbouring property the landscape will be considerably enhanced; therefore the proposal will accord with Policy P1 Layout, siting and design, (b) the landscape at present is undesirable and, as stated, will be enhanced as a result of the proposal; therefore the proposal will accord with Policy E2 Landscape, (c) there is adequate schooling, an acceptable access, and the water issues can be resolved with conditions; therefore the proposal will accord with Policy RD1 Providing Suitable Services, and (d) Developer Obligations have identified that a contribution for a dwellinghouse on this site was previously secured, therefore the proposal will accord with Policy RD2 Developers' Obligations, and to therefore set-aside the requirements of Policy R2 Housing and employment development elsewhere in the countryside.

As an amendment, Councillor Calder, seconded by Councillor Allan, moved that Full Planning Permission be refused for the reasons stated in the report.

The Members of the Committee voted:-

For the motion (6) Councillors N Smith, Beagrie, M Buchan, Fakley, Ingram and Simpson

For the amendment (3) Councillors Allan, Calder and S Smith

Declined to vote (1) Councillor A Buchan

The motion was therefore carried and the Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) that Full Planning Permission be Granted subject to relevant planning conditions, and
- (2) that the proposal meets the requirements of the Local Development Plan for the following reasons –

- (a) if the dwellinghouse is to match the neighbouring property the landscape will be considerably enhanced; therefore the proposal will accord with Policy P1 Layout, siting and design,
- (b) the landscape at present is undesirable and, as stated above, will be enhanced as a result of the proposal; therefore the proposal will accord with Policy E2 Landscape,
- (c) there is adequate schooling, an acceptable access, and the water issues can be resolved with conditions; therefore the proposal will accord with Policy RD1 Providing Suitable Services, and
- (d) Developer Obligations have identified that a contribution for a dwellinghouse on this site was previously secured; therefore the proposal will accord with Policy RD2 Developers' Obligations

and to therefore set-aside the requirements of Policy R2 Housing and employment development elsewhere in the countryside