

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANS COMMITTEE held at The Winter Gardens, Ventnor, I.W. on 23rd March 2009.

Present: Councillor C.J.Elvers Chairman
Councillors Mrs.M.Cawley, J.S.Fitzgerald-Bond, B.M.Lucas, R.J.Mew
S.B.Milford, M/s D.Robinson, Mrs.S.J.Scoccia, Mrs.V.Taylor and
C.Welsford.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A.C.Bartlett.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2009 were approved and signed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs.S.J.Scoccia declared an interest as a member of the Development Control Committee and did not vote upon planning applications.

Councillor Mrs.M.Cawley declared a personal interest in Plan No. P/01901/09.

3. CONSULTATION ON PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY.

The Town Clerk had circulated to all members a draft paper following a review of its Planning Enforcement Policy for the whole of the Island by the IW Council and the comments were invited. The Committee welcomed the document but expressed the view that there were not sufficient Enforcement Officers to deal with the amount of work involved and the Planning Department should take harder action. The priority approach to enforcement was noted and it was felt that this should not result in a "capped" situation where particular issues were involved.

The Town Clerk was instructed to complete the questionnaire taking of these comments.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was Resolved -

(a) That the Planning Authority be informed that the Town Council see no reason why planning consent should not be issued in respect the following applications:

P/00225/09 TCP/28187/B Demolition of external staircase and balcony; replacement external staircase with decking at street and garden levels; replacement enlarged roof to provide roofspace accommodation; dormer window on front elevation and two dormer windows with Juliet balconies on rear elevation - Cliff Bank, St.Catherines St.

P/00332/09 TCP/13956/F Alterations to front boundary wall to
P/00333/09 CAC13956/E provide additional parking space -
4 Alexandra Gardens

Note: Councillor J.S.Fitzgerald-Bond declared a personal interest in the application.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Continued)

P/00348/09 TCPL/20410/C Alterations & conversion of garage into
P/00349/09 LBC/20410/B residnetial dwelling - 88 Trinity Rd.

(b) That the following comment be made to the Planning Authority in respect of the undermentioned application:

P/01901/08 TCP/29525 Change of use of land to childrens' playground with associated play equipment - land east of The Winter Gardens, Ventnor - there should be two means of access to the playground; suitable lighting should be installed; the provision of a CCTV system should be arranged in the interest of security.

5. REPLACEMENT PUBLIC CONVENIENCES - EATSERN ESPLANADE

Further to Minue No. 4 of the meeting held on 23rs February 2009 a letter was rteceived from the Princiapl Planning Officer (West Team) saying that officers were disappointed that the Town Council had declined to comment on the proposal to instal a water turbine tank under one of the arches until details of other variations affecting the whole site had been received. He stated that the time available for completion of the project so that the conveniences can be o;en for the coming Easter period was now very limited and he asked for urgent reconsideration of this matter.

It was Resolved - That a rep|y be sent stating that the Committee did not like the tone of this letter but in view of the fact that it was accepted that it was essential that the public conveniences should be open for the Easter holiday period no objection would be made to the installation of the water tank.

6. WORK AT THE EASTERN ESPLANADE

Further to Minute No. 7 of the meeting of the Town Council held on 9th March 2009 relating to the making of a formal complaint in respect of the procedure relating to the carrying out of works on the Eastern Esplanade further information was given and discussed. It was Resolved - That a formal complaint be made to the Nominated Complaints Officer of the Planning Department of the IW Council.

Chairman