

PLANNING BOARD – 7 FEBRUARY 2024

Planning Board

Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brooks, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McGuire and McVey.

Chair: Councillor McVey presided.

In attendance:

Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Daniel Henderson	Planning and Building Standards Service Manager
Gordon Leitch	Team Leader – Consultancy
Jim Kerr	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
PJ Coulter	Corporate Communications Officer (Media Relations)

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Jackson, Law, McCabe and McGuire attending remotely.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.

68 APOLOGIES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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No apologies for absence were intimated.

Councillors Armstrong, Crowther, Curley, and Law declared an interest in Agenda Item 2(a) (formation of single dormer window on rear elevation with rooflights on principal and side elevations at 68 Cloch Road, Gourrock (23/0203/IC)) and Councillors Brooks, Law and McGuire declared an interest in Agenda Item 2(b)(new patio at rear garden at 58A Newton Street, Greenock (23/0265/IC)).

Provost McKenzie and Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, McGuire and McVey intimated a connection in Agenda Item 2(a) (formation of single dormer window on rear elevation with rooflights on principal and side elevations at 68 Cloch Road, Gourrock (23/0203/IC)) and Councillor McGuire intimated a connection in Agenda Item 2(b)(new patio at rear garden at 58A Newton Street, Greenock (23/0265/IC)).

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**(a) Formation of single dormer window on rear elevation with rooflights on principal and side elevations:
68 Cloch Road, Gourrock (23/0203/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration for the formation of a single dormer window on rear elevation with rooflights on principal and side elevations at 68 Cloch Road, Gourrock (23/0203/IC).

Councillors Armstrong, Crowther, Curley and Law declared an interest in this matter as social acquaintances and members of the same political party as the applicant and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

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Provost McKenzie and Councillors Clocherty, McCabe, McGuire and McVey declared a connection as they knew of the applicant as the Member of Parliament for Inverclyde. They also formed the view that the nature of their connection and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and they were declaring for transparency.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) that the development to which this planning permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended); and
- (2) that for the avoidance of doubt, obscure glazing shall be installed in the dormer window hereby approved. Development shall not commence until details of the obscure glass to be used have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The approved glass shall be installed prior to the first use/occupation of the ensuite/attic conversion. The installed obscure glass shall be then maintained in position unless any alternative is agreed in advance in writing with the Planning Authority, in order to safeguard the privacy and amenity of neighbouring properties.

Councillors Armstrong, Crowther and Curley returned to the meeting at this juncture.

**(b) New patio at rear of garden:
58A Newton Street, Greenock (23/0265/IC)**

There was submitted a report by the Director Environment & Regeneration for a new patio at the rear garden of 58A Newton Street, Greenock (23/0265/IC).

Councillors Brooks declared an interest in this matter as the applicant, Councillor Law declared an interest as a long-term personal acquaintance of the applicant's family and Councillor McGuire declared an interest due to social and professional connections with the applicant and left the meeting.

Provost McKenzie and Councillors Clocherty, McCabe and McVey declared a connection as professional acquaintances of the applicant. They also formed the view that the nature of their connection and of the item of business did not preclude their continued presence in the meeting or their participation in the decision making process and they were declaring for transparency.

Decided: that planning permission be granted subject to the following condition:-

- (1) that the development to which this permission relates must be begun within 3 years from the date of this permission, to comply with Section 58 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).