

**PLANNING BOARD - 3 APRIL 2013**

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**Planning Board**

**Wednesday 3 April 2013 at 3pm**

**Present:** Provost Moran, Councillors Campbell-Sturgess, Brennan (for Dorrian), Jones, Loughran, McColgan, McIlwee, Nelson, Rebecchi and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Wilson presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Regeneration & Planning, Development & Building Standards Manager, Mr M Higginbotham (Environmental & Commercial Services), Mr J Kerr (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Mr M Bingham (for Corporate Communications Manager).

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

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Brooks and Councillor Dorrian, with Councillor Brennan substituting for Councillor Dorrian.

Councillor Rebecchi declared an interest in Agenda Item 2(c) (erection of 2 flatted dwellings at the corner of Finnart Street and Fox Street, Greenock (11/0231/IC)) and Councillor Brennan and Councillor Wilson declared interests in Agenda Item 3 (application of two sets of vinyl lettering to building at The Beacon - Custom House Quay, Open Shore, Greenock (13/0003/CA)).

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There were submitted reports by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on the following applications which were dealt with as follows:-

- (a) Erection of detached dwellinghouse on the corner of Bentinck Street and Welbeck Street together with the formation of new off street parking spaces for 111 and 113 Eldon Street, Greenock:  
111-113 Eldon Street, Greenock (13/0044/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

During the course of discussion, Councillor Rebecchi requested that the formula for calculating the number of car parking spaces required be included in future reports on applications for planning permission.

After discussion, Councillor Loughran moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair. As an amendment, Councillor Campbell-Sturgess moved that planning permission be refused as the proposal is not in keeping with Local Plan policies HR11 and H14.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the amendment and 8 for the motion which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged

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by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

**(b) Installation of a telecommunications cabinet (for underground equipment):  
Bentinck Street (adjacent to 111 Eldon Street), Greenock (13/0017/IC)**

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

(1) that if the cabinet hereby permitted becomes redundant or obsolete at any time in the future, it shall be removed and the site restored to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority within 2 months of the date at which the cabinet becomes redundant or obsolete, to ensure the removal of redundant or obsolete equipment in an appropriate timescale, in the interests of the visual appearance of the Greenock West End Conservation Area; and

(2) that no symbols, signs, letters or logos shall be displayed on any part of the cabinet. Details of small signage necessary for operational reasons must be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to display, to minimise visual intrusion within the Greenock West End Conservation Area.

**(c) Erection of 2 flatted dwellings:  
Corner of Finnart Street and Fox Street, Greenock (11/0231/IC)**

The report recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

Councillor Rebecchi declared a non-financial interest in this matter as a relative of the applicant and left the meeting.

After discussion, Councillor Wilson moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report. As an amendment, Councillor Jones moved that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

On a vote, 2 Members voted for the motion and 7 for the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:** that consideration of the application be continued for a site visit to be arranged by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair.

Councillor Rebecchi returned to the meeting following consideration of this item of business.

**249 ADVERTISEMENT APPLICATION**

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Regeneration & Planning on an application by Greenock Arts Guild Limited for the application of two sets of vinyl lettering to the building at The Beacon - Custom House Quay, Open Shore, Greenock (13/0003/CA).

Councillor Brennan and Councillor Wilson declared non-financial interests in this matter as members of the Board of Greenock Arts Guild and left the meeting.

Councillor Loughran assumed the Chair.

**Decided:** that it be remitted to the Head of Regeneration & Planning to discuss with the applicant the removal of the proposed sign on the east elevation and, subject to agreement being reached, to deal with the application under his delegated powers, failing which the application be referred back to the Planning Board for consideration.