

ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PLANNING WORKING PARTY REPORT FOR FULL COMM. COUNCIL 12.5.2014

Members – Robin Richmond, Nick Walker

Current applications

14/P/1/0173 TELECOMS CABINET, AGNEW CRESCENT, WIGTOWN

Recommend no CC submission.

Update on proposals

14/P/1/0087 INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION, 19 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WIGTOWN

No submission, per CC meeting 14.4.2014.

Windfarm proposals

Shennanton – Community Liaison Group met 16.4.2014.

Planning application now likely in autumn 2014. CLG agreed each CC area preference for separate fund-holding organisation (Trust or equivalent) but with a system for combining reports and feedback to developer. Kirkcowan has a Trust for community benefit fund management and grant awarding, with Machars Action providing management. Wigtown may wish to consider similar. Development Trust Association for Scotland presented about their approach which is not a Trust but a community company designed to help local economy through range of activities such as helping with education, business creation, etc. and could manage community benefit funds too. This may be too complex for our purposes, but it is worth considering if there is interest in this approach. Machars Action itself is similar to this type of organisation. **Recommend** consider asking Machars Action to give presentation on Kirkcowan type approach.

Airriequhillart, Mindork, Auchleand – no update.

Larg Farm (Creetown) replacement turbine passed on Appeal.

Solar panel proposal

Possible proposal for a “solar panel farm” in locality (Causeway End), and developer, Lark Energy, keen to meet CC to set out their proposals as part of pre-application consultation.

Recommend invite developer to meeting in July, or separate meeting.

D&GC Planning Dept. restructuring

Details of revised Planning Dept. structure provided to CCs. Key point is that larger applications will be handled by a dedicated team across D&G; smaller applications remain with area Planning Officers. **Recommend** note arrangements.

Recommendations

CC approve report, and make relevant arrangements.

Nick Walker 11.05.2014