

**ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PLANNING WORKING PARTY REPORT FOR FULL COMM. COUNCIL 14.12.2015**

Members - Willie McCartney, Robin Richmond, Nick Walker.

Current applications

15/P/1/0288 & 15/P/1/0289 & 15/A/1/0009 INSTALLATION OF ATM AND DISPLAY OF NON-ILLUMINATED SIGN TO FRONT ELEVATION, CO-OP STORE, 30 NORTH MAIN STREET, WIGTOWN. These applications cover planning permission, listed building consent and conservation area advertising signage approval for an ATM in the window to the left of the main entrance to the Co-op Store in Wigtown. This is a listed building, renovated in September 2014, and is in the conservation area. CC should consider the need for another ATM, since listed building, conservation area development should be in keeping unless justified on the basis of need. Wigtown has two ATMs already. When there was one, it ran out of cash periodically (especially during the Book Festival) and it broke down occasionally. Now that there are two, there have been only rare technical problems (usually related to electricity and telecom services which are likely to affect all systems) and complaints about lack of cash availability have ceased. Therefore there is no indication that a third ATM is needed in Wigtown. In addition, the Co-op is open long hours and “cash back” is available in store when purchasing with a debit card; and a third ATM may have a detrimental effect on the businesses which have ATMs in Wigtown at present, potentially jeopardising Bank and Post Office provision.

RECOMMEND – submit objection on basis that there is no justification for a third ATM.

15/P/1/0298 ALTERATION AND FORMATION OF FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATION ABOVE EXISTING GARAGE, HILLVIEW, MAIN STREET, KIRKKINNER.

RECOMMEND – no submission.

Update on general applications

15/P/1/0226 EXTENSION TO WORKSHOP, UNIT 2A, BLADNOCH BRIDGE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WIGTOWN.

15/P/1/0227 ERECTION OF STEEL FRAMED INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, CAR PARKING, STORAGE AREA, BLADNOCH BRIDGE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WIGTOWN.

UPDATE: Submissions in support per CC meeting 9.11.2015, with request for heavy traffic diversion to avoid centre of Wigtown and residential area of Bladnoch.

15/P/1/0197 ERECTION OF DISTILLERY AND ASSOC. BUILDINGS, SEPTIC TANK, PARKING (10 spaces), ETC., OFF A714, BY BARRHILL FARM, NEWTON STEWART.

UPDATE: Nil. D&GC e-Planning website not working.

Renewable energy proposals

15/P/1/0031 SHENNANTON WINDFARM, NEWTON STEWART.

12 turbines, 100m to blade tip, ancillary structures, etc.

UPDATE: Comm. Liaison Group met 23.11.2015. Likely Planning Application Committee consideration in January 2016. Some info. on potential for partial community ownership has been provided.

RECOMMEND: note; refer Elected D&GC Councillors to CC submission on application; defer further consideration until PAC decision.

15/P/2/0053 CALIFORNIA WINDFARM, CARSLUITH.

7 turbines, 110m to blade tip, structures, etc. **UPDATE:** Nil.

13/P/1/0366 AUCHLEAND WINDFARM, WIGTOWN.

7 turbines, 130 m to blade tip, ancillary structures, etc. **UPDATE:** Nil.

15/E/1/0008 SOLAR PANEL FARM, BALDOON. **UPDATE:** nil.

ACTION

Note report. Support recommendations.

Nick Walker 6.12.2015