

**ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PLANNING WORKING PARTY REPORT FOR FULL COMM. COUNCIL 10.7.2017**

Members - Willie McCartney, Joe McKeown, Robin Richmond, Kevin Witt, Nick Walker.

New applications

17/1104/FUL & 17/0826/LBC INSTALLATION OF 82 REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, 7 REPLACEMENT DOORS, REPLACEMENT ROOF COVERING (partly retrospective). BLADNOCH DISTILLERY, BLADNOCH. This relates to sorting out the roof of the mash house which was poorly repaired on several occasions, leaked and was deteriorating rapidly; it relates also to replacing windows and doors, likewise addressing long term limited maintenance. The new doors and windows look different from existing ones, but are similar and do not appear to detract significantly from the look of the listed buildings.

RECOMMEND: consider submission in support of these proposals.

17/1069/LBC DISPLAY OF TWO NON-ILLUMINATED FASCIA SIGNS, ONE ILLUMINATED LOGO PROJECTING SIGN, ONE ILLUMINATED SUSPENDED LOGO SIGN. CO-OP STORE, WIGTOWN. This proposal is to refresh the front of the Co-op and add new signs saying Co-op, Lottery and PayPoint. The building is listed though and is in the conservation area. The renovation of the front of the building is needed, with current signs deteriorating and missing some letters. Replacing the current projecting Co-op logo sign with a new one seems reasonable. What reason is there though to add PayPoint and Lottery logo signs high above the shop windows, and why does the Lottery sign need be illuminated.

RECOMMEND: submit support for main renovation of signage but oppose the PayPoint and Lottery signs are unnecessary and out of keeping with the building and the area (where illuminated signs in particular do not exist).

17/0856/FUL ERECTION OF MEMORIAL ARCHWAY ETC., OPPOSITE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WIGTOWN. This is the CC's application, through the Louis McGuffie VC Centenary Committee, for placing the memorial paving stone and plaque, and the commemorative archway with the renaming of the town gardens. As applicant, the CC cannot reasonably make a submission. Decision deadline 20.8.2017.

New notification

ARQIVA LTD provides wireless services infrastructure across the country incl. antenna towers and associated buildings for tepehone, mobile phone, television and radio services. They are upgrading various sites and the tower complex at the top of Lovers' Walk is identified as due upgrading. The work will allow additional aerials, improved connections (such as 4G and the new Emergency Services Network) and so on. This appears to be to the benefit of the locality as a whole.

This is notification of their proposed work as part of pre-application consultation, though the company is eligible for some exemptions in development planning. They propose to replace the tower "like for like" if possible, but there may be minor differences in size, shape, etc. of antennae and additional cabinets may be needed also. In some areas, the foundation may no longer be adequate and the exact location of a tower may change slightly. If complex work is needed, a temporary tower may be added to allow decommissioning and replacement of the main tower while maintaining service. They expect the aesthetic impact in the end to be minimal.

Initial proposal drawings for Kirkland Hill, Wigtown, make the new tower look more substantial and moved back from the lane a little, but the same height and general shape.

RECOMMEND: discuss pass comments back to Arqiva, supportive in principle.

Update on applications

17/0708/FUL INSTALLATION OF 12 ABOVE GROUND LPG STORAGE TANKS. Bladnoch DISTILLERY, BLADNOCH.

UPDATE: objection submitted per June CC meeting. D&GC Roads no objection. Scottish Natural Heritage no objection provided protection measures put in place during construction to prevent water contamination affecting Atlantic Salmon in the Special Area of Conservation. Decision deadline 7.7.2017.

17/0825/FUL ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT HOPPER. BLADNOCH DISTILLERY, BLADNOCH, WIGTOWN. RETROSPECTIVE.

UPDATE: objection submitted per June CC meeting. No further update. Decision deadline 7.7.2017.

17/0294/FUL INSTALLATION OF 300 METRE FOOTPATH AND SEATING, SHELL ROAD, CROOK OF BALDOON, WIGTOWN. Relates to RSPB reserve.

UPDATE: D&GC Roads no objection. Decision deadline passed 4.6.2017.

17/0413/FUL & 17/0412/LBC INSTALLATION OF FOUR REPLACEMENT TIMBER WINDOWS TO FRONT ELEVATION AND ONE TIMBER WINDOW TO SIDE ELEVATION, ERECTION OF SUN PORCH EXTENSION TO REAR ELEVATION, 37 MAIN STREET, KIRKINNER.

UPDATE: D&GC seeking info. on sun porch roofing material which has been provided. Decision deadline passed 9.5.2017.

17/0135/FUL ERECTION OF THREE DWELLINGS WITH INTERNAL GARAGES, OLD STATION YARD, KIRKINNER.

Three three-bedroom houses on land behind a property owned by the applicant, within the Kirkinner local centre boundary but not within land specifically designated for housing; proposal includes creation of new access road off Old Station Yard.

UPDATE: No progress since April 2017. Decision deadline passed 24.5.2017.

ACTION

Note report. Agree decisions on submissions.

Nick Walker 2.7.2017