

**ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PLANNING WORKING PARTY REPORT FOR FULL COMM. COUNCIL 9.10.2017**

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

17/1762/FUL ERECTION OF 25M TELECOM. MAST, 6 ANTENNAE, 2 TRANSMISSION DISHES, 2 EQUIPMENT CABINETS, ASSOC. WORKS. KIRKLANDHILL / LOVERS' WALK, WIGTOWN. This proposal was considered in outline by CC in July 2017 and we were supportive. There is now detail suggesting access will be from New Road / Kirklandhill rather than Beddie Crescent. There will be significant change in the mast and assoc. equipment, etc. The mast will be 25 metres tall, as the current one is, but the new one will be more substantial to support heavier antennae, etc. The mast will be in a slightly different position within the existing enclosure. Some existing antennae are out of date and incapable of providing high quality connections (there is no 3G or 4G from the existing mast) for mobile phones and emergency service communications; newer antennae are larger and heavier but provide substantially better functionality. Many of the current antennae will simply be moved onto the new mast. Tree cover will remain an advantage visually, but the proposed mast is likely to be more obvious than the current one, especially in winter when trees are bare.

RECOMMEND: CC submission in support.

17/1756/FUL ALTERATION, EXTENSION, CHANGE OF USE OF MILL/OFFICE BUILDING TO FORM DWELLINGHOUSE, TORHOUSEMILL, WIGTOWN. This proposal is an updated version of application 16/1136/FUL which was withdrawn in 2016 due to overall design concerns expressed by D&GC. The Mill building is designated of historic interest with documentary evidence dating back at least as far as 1755. An archaeological survey and a full flood risk assessment were considered necessary before a planning decision could be reached, and designs require to be sympathetic to the heritage value of the property. That said, the existing Mill building is only a small portion of what was previously on site. The site is at risk of flooding but most of the building appears to be well above predicted once in 200 year flood levels, with the access road higher. The design appears to retain most of the current Mill building exterior with minimal change.

RECOMMEND: no submission.

UPDATES ON APPLICATIONS

17/0856/FUL ERECTION OF MEMORIAL ARCHWAY ETC., OPPOSITE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WIGTOWN. CC's application, through Louis McGuffie VC Centenary Committee, for placing the memorial paving stone and plaque, and the commemorative archway with the renaming of the town gardens. Decision deadline passed 20.8.2017.

UPDATE: approved by D&GC.

17/1574/FUL REPLACEMENT 9 WINDOWS & 2 DOORS WITH uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED UNITS, 19 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WIGTOWN.

UPDATE: approved by D&GC.

17/1344/FUL ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE WITH INTERNAL GARAGE, AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMP AND PV SOLAR PANELS, ILEX, MAIN STREET, KIRKINNER.

UPDATE: approved by D&GC.

17/1427/FUL & 17/1428/LBC INTERNAL ALTERATIONS INCL. BLOCKING UP OF DOORWAY AND OPENING NEW DOORWAY, AND CHANGE OF USE OF GROUND FLOOR TO FORM BOOK & ANTIQUE SHOP, 7 NORTH MAIN STREET, WIGTOWN. These proposals are to return a derelict building into use, and to create a second bookshop and antique shop, within the conservation area, in a C listed building.

UPDATE: CC submission in support provided per last CC meeting; main application approved by D&GC but Listed Building Consent still pending.

17/1649/LBC REMOVAL OF SIGNAGE AND ATM, BANK OF SCOTLAND, 21 NORTH MAIN STREET, WIGTOWN. This proposal is to take away Bank signage when the Bank closes, and to remove the ATM as it will be “unserviceable” when the branch is closed.

UPDATE: nil; but note work partly completed.

17/1104/FUL & 17/0826/LBC INSTALLATION OF 82 REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, 7 REPLACEMENT DOORS, REPLACEMENT ROOF COVERING (partly retrospective). BLADNOCH DISTILLERY, BLADNOCH.

UPDATE: No update since July 2017 when CC supported. Decision deadline passed 21.8.2017.

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

UPDATE: No progress since June 2017 when CC objected and SNH urged caution regarding river contamination. Decision deadline passed 7.7.2017.

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

UPDATE: No progress since June 2017 when CC objected. Decision deadline passed 7.7.2017.

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: No update since June 2017. 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 6.10.2017