

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran Room, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance, on Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor T L Halliday (Vice-Chair)

Councillors A L Bates
NC Broadhurst (from 7.05pm to 7.35pm)
R B Cliffe
W Elliott
J How
P Young

Also present: Teresa Fogarty (Senior Administration Officer), 2 members of the public.

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S Bosworth, N A Davis, N G Pengelly, N N Waller

Absent without apologies: Councillor B Jackson

16. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted [Public Bodies \[Admission to Meetings\] Act 1960](#).

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

[Cllr Broadhurst joined the meeting]

Agenda item 6(a) PA19/00190 – Ms Kimberley Taylor, the applicant, spoke in support of this application and confirmed that only a small proportion of the building (approx. 20%) would be residential; the rest would be maintained for community use.

The Chair thanked Ms Taylor and it was agreed to move Agenda item 6(a) forward for consideration at this point.

19. REPORTS FOR DECISION

- (a) PA19/00190 – Change of use of a former Methodist Chapel to a single residential dwelling: Richmond Methodist Church, Tolver Road, Penzance

At the Planning Committee meeting of 27 February 2019, members had resolved to offer no objection to this application to convert the former Richmond Methodist Chapel into a single residential dwelling.

The Planning Officer has recently submitted comments recommending refusal of the application quoting policy 4 of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies 2010-2030:

“Community facilities and village shops should, wherever possible, be retained and new ones supported. Loss of provision will only be acceptable where the proposal shows:

- a. no need for the facility or service;*
- b. it is not viable; or*
- c. adequate facilities or services exist or the service can be provided in locations that are similarly accessible by walking, cycling or public transport.*

The Planning Officer also quoted paragraph 194 of the National Planning Policy Framework which states that, *any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alteration or destruction, or from development within its setting), should require clear and convincing justification. Where a proposed development will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, this harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal, including, where appropriate, securing its optimum viable use.*

After reviewing the application again and discussing the information provided by Ms Taylor, the applicant, about the planned use for the building, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – to maintain the Town Council’s response of ‘no objection’ to the application, following the information and assurance provided by the applicant that the majority of the building would be retained for community use and that only 20% would be residential.

It was further agreed to appoint a member to attend the Cornwall Council Planning Committee meeting to put the Town Council’s view and Councillor Cliffe offered to attend.

(Proposed: Cllr Broadhurst; seconded: Cllr Bates.)

20. NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was unanimously

RESOLVED –to move application PA19/04480 from Appendix B to Appendix A for consideration and to approve the comment of ‘no objection’ to all other planning applications in Appendix B.

(Proposed: Cllr Halliday; seconded: Cllr Cliffe.)

The Committee considered in total 12 new and amended planning applications and the comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

[Cllr Broadhurst left the meeting during discussion of application no. 3 on the list – 7.35pm]

21. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT ONLY

None.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman
24 July 2019