

North Yorkshire Council

Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13th July, 2023 commencing at 2.00 pm.

Councillor Subash Sharma in the Chair plus Councillors Eric Broadbent, Janet Jefferson, Heather Phillips, Subash Sharma and Roberta Swiers (substitute for Councillor Pearson)

Officers present: Fiona Casson, Legal Services Manager, St John Harris, Democratic Services Manager, Levi Korner, ICT Technician, Daniel Metcalfe, Area Planning Manager, and David Walker, Head of Planning

Apologies: Councillors Clive Pearson and Phil Trumper

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies noted (see above).

19 Minutes for the Meeting held on 8 June 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 June 2023 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

20 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

21 Public Questions and Statements

The Chair stated that, other than those that had indicated that they wished to speak in relation to the applications below, there were no questions or statements from members of the public.

Planning Applications

The Committee considered reports of the Assistant Director Planning – Community Development Services relating to applications for planning permission. During the meeting, Officers referred to additional information and representations which had been received.

Except where an alternative condition was contained in the report or an amendment made by the Committee, the conditions as set out in the report and the appropriate time limit conditions were to be attached in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

In considering the report(s) of the Assistant Director Planning – Community Development Services, regard had been paid to the policies of the relevant development plan, the National Planning Policy Framework and all other material planning considerations. Where the Committee deferred consideration or refused planning permission the reasons for that decision are as shown in the report or as set out below.

Where the Committee granted planning permission in accordance with the recommendation in a report this was because the proposal is in accordance with the development plan, the National Planning Policy Framework or other material considerations as set out in the report unless otherwise specified below. Where the Committee granted planning permission contrary to the recommendation in the report the reasons for doing so and the conditions to be attached are set out below.

22 ZF23/00615/RG3 - change of use of Old Town Hall building to a sui generis use comprising the following classes of uses defined by the use class order: 1) class E(a) display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food; 2) class F1(b) display of works of arts; 3) F1(c) museums; and, 4) F2(b) halls or meeting places for the principal use of the local community, operational development including new access and improvements to public realm and market facilities at Old Town Hall, Church Street, Whitby YO22 4AE

The Assistant Director Planning – Community Development Services sought determination of an application for full planning permission (ref: ZF23/00615/FL) for development at the Old Town Hall and Market Place, Whitby.

The applicant, Kerry Levitt, spoke in support of the application.

During consideration of the above application, the Committee discussed the following issues:-

- The proposed improvements to the fabric of the building, its public accessibility and usage
- The design of the railings proposed and that they should be sympathetic to this Georgian building. The officer noted that a further condition could be applied to the permission which required the applicant to submit details of the railings for approval. This was welcomed by the Committee.

Resolved –

That planning permission be GRANTED for the reasons stated in the report and subject to the conditions outlined in the report and the further condition in respect of the railings proposed above.

Voting Record

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

23 ZF23/00616/LB - refurbishment works including a new levelled stepped access platform, power and lighting, external and internal repairs, and alterations to the first floor including upgrading the building fabric, services and WC/ kitchenette facilities at Old Town Hall, Church Street, Whitby YO22 4AE

The Assistant Director Planning – Community Development Services sought determination of a Listed Building Consent application ZF23/00616/FL for works to the Old Town Hall and the associated Market Place, Whitby.

During consideration of the above application, the Committee discussed the following issues:-

- The proposed heating for the building
- Despite the Georgian Group's objections, the widespread support for the proposals including from Historic England, Whitby Town Council and Whitby Civic Society

Resolved –

That listed building consent be GRANTED for the reasons stated in the report and in accordance with the conditions outlined.

Voting Record

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried unanimously.

24 Any other items

There were no urgent items of business.

25 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 10 August 2023 – Scarborough Town Hall

26 Additional Representations for Scarborough and Whitby AC Planning Committee 13 July 2023

This item provided additional information for the applications covered in agenda items 22 and 23. Their contents were discussed during those items.

The meeting concluded at 2.33 pm.