

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the special meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee held on Friday 20 April 2018 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor Mrs A Kendall (Chairman)	Councillor P Kendall
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor Ms C Tindall
Councillor Mrs J Wood	Councillor M Wood

In Attendance

Mr P Bramley (Clerk)

Mrs V Patterson (Press)

10 members of public including two representatives from the developers

85/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Hampson, W Pegram, Mrs L Radcliffe, Ms N Shaw, I Tyson & L Williamson.

86/17 Declarations of Interest

None received.

87/17 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

88/17 Planning Application 2/2018/0096

The Chairman invited members of the public present to offer comments on the planning application under consideration, an outline application for the conversion of the former Maryport Police Station and Courthouse on Eaglesfield Street, Maryport, into seven apartments, the demolition of a store to erect one bungalow and the demolition of a former stable garage to build three terraced houses, by Rai Assets Ltd. Members of the public raised the following concerns:

- 1) The impact of over-development.
- 2) The security currently provided by an existing wall, due for demolition, & the height of the proposed development impacting on amenity & light.
- 3) The short distance, cited as 6.7 metres, between the proposed terraced properties & existing properties opposite impacting on privacy.
- 4) Lack of parking availability & failure of plans to address issue.

Council members noted the public's concerns & added the following additional concerns & comments:

- 1) Location of the entrance to the property & retention of Georgian style features.
- 2) Possible excessive development on the site.
- 3) Need for affordable housing.
- 4) The former Police Station & Courthouse should be developed but Allerdale Borough Council, as planning authority, needed to give careful consideration to what it agreed to.

The developers advised that they had listened to comments made & concerns raised, that the proposals were in outline stage at the moment & that the company had been in discussions with Allerdale Planning Officers for some twelve months seeking to identify a suitable development.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council's observations be submitted to Allerdale Borough Council, recognising concerns & issues raised by residents & members.
- 2) Councillor P Kendall be nominated to represent the Council in putting over its views to the appropriate Allerdale Borough Council Development Panel Meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date