

DRAFT Planning Committee Minutes 31 January 2024

Written by Claire Parsons. Posted in Planning Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Hall, Bideford on Wednesday 31 January 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT:

North Ward:

Councillor D Bushby

East Ward:

Councillor J McKenzie
Councillor Mrs L Hellyer

West Ward:

Councillor M Taylor (joined the meeting at 6.03pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Claire Parsons – Administration Assistant

077. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillor P Christie (North Ward) – (sickness).
Councillor K Bines (North Ward) – (personal).

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Councillor Bushby chaired the meeting.

078. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received at this point in the meeting.

079. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

080. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Vote – For: 3, Against: 0, Abstentions: 0)

081. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Application No: 1/0031/2024/FUL. Erection of a dormer window (Resubmission of application 1/0847/2023/FUL). 14 Thornton Close, Bideford, EX39 3ND. Applicant: Mr J Sussex (same address). Agent: (none supplied). (Date received: 16 January 2024).

Proposed by Councillor J McKenzie, seconded and

RESOLVED: That the application is approved.

(Vote – For: 3, Against: 0, Abstentions: 0)

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b. Application No: 1/0020/2024/FUL. Part retrospective application for change of use of 2no. apartments (C3 Use) to a hostel (Sui Generis) and internal alterations. 8A – 8B Allhalland Street, Bideford, EX39 2JD. Applicant: Mr M Wilton (same address). Agent: Mr J Salt, Planning By Design, Basingstoke. (Date received: 17 January 2024).

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Members agreed that due to the lack of information submitted with the application, there were unable to effectively determine the following points, and therefore

RESOLVED to refuse the application.

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- There is no information on the number of hostel dwellers or back-packers permitted at any one time. Members would like to seek the Fire Officer's opinion on the number of people that can be housed safely.
- There is no security information available to show that a member of staff would be on site at all times.
- There is a lack of clarity on the storage facilities that will be available, especially for possible bikes, surfboards, backpacks.
- There are no refuse or recycling facilities shown. No storage for bins. Members query how the waste and recycling will be managed.
- Members are mindful that the location of a hostel would change the street scene, with the majority of properties being retail shops or restaurants. A hostel would predominantly change this.
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(Vote – For: 4, Against: 0, Abstentions: 0)

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082. PLANNING AUTHORITIES UPDATE BY CLERK

Members noted the decisions received from Torridge District Council since the last meeting.

The business of the meeting having been completed, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 6.13 pm.