

Tyne Gateway Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting (1)

15 November 2013

Present: M Burge, A Connolly, M Dawson, A Freeman, E Freeman, K Haig, J Routledge, M Todd, G Watson, J Weir, D Routledge.

Graeme opened the meeting and introductions were made. Julie was confirmed as vice chair following her application to join the Association.

All members outlined their reasons for wishing to be involved in the Association, it was confirmed that no one has any vested interest or connection to the development at Tyne Slipway.

Anne advised that following her email enquiry to Planning Aid a response had been received asking for more information and detail of the issue. Julie was unsure of how helpful Planning Aid could be. Agreed summary of situation should be provided to Planning Aid for advice.

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Confirmation has been received from Planning Department that height of structure is 15.5m measured from point above foundations to road landward side.

Melanie agreed to email plans around to members of the committee.

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Issues to be taken forward:

- Structure is too high, possibly longer and wider than original approval. Suggestion that fishing boats, ferries and MOD contracts were to be sought for site.
- Are additional structures proposed?
- Planning process not followed, flawed as conditions 3 & 4 not discharged properly.
- Important that overall message from local residents is around the inappropriateness of the development for the local area. Too close to residential properties.

Pre planning discussions since August 2013, two further sheds proposed, concern expressed that there will not be sufficient time to object / take action.

Alan's view is that the current situation cannot be altered, that retrospective planning permission could be sought for higher structure, which may or may not be granted. However developer could appeal to Planning Inspector if refused.

Real battle is over other issues, especially a new planning application.

Melanie raised the issue of fundraising to support possible legal action – it was pointed out that any legal action would be very expensive for TGA.

Agreed that TGA should focus on raising objections to oppose development on site as a collective voice and get message of local residents over to Council. TGA need to establish what is proposed, is it in keeping with Local Development framework for river?

What is the aim of group re the existing structure – to have it removed completely or reduced in height to 12m?

If process has been followed correctly then reduce height, if not then agreed should be removed.

<p>Noise issues and shot-blasting issues to be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Anglin has spoken to Graeme and informed him that he is meeting with Peter Cunningham next week with a view to clarifying that procedures have been followed correctly and ascertain future proposals for site. It was suggested that someone from the committee should attend this meeting; Graeme will contact Cllr Anglin and ask if the committee can be represented. Graeme and Mick to attend, and others if appropriate.</p> <p>It was suggested that a petition and open letter to the Chief Executive of STC be sent raising residents' objections to the proposals.</p>	GW
Agreed that:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter be written to STC outlining issues and concerns. David Routledge to draft letter and circulate around group for comment. • Summary of situation to be sent to Planning Aid. 	DR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition on hold until there is clarity as to future proposals and our objections. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sailing Club to be contacted for their views. 	AC
Any other business	
<p>It was agreed that a letter be sent to STC from TGA supporting Carrie Wilson and Michael Lister in their complaint re noise from the furniture factory.</p>	GW
Items for future agenda	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light pollution (MB) 	
<p>Possible dates for future Committee Meetings</p> <p>8 February 2014 10 May 2014 9 August 2014 8 November 2014</p>	
Date and time of next meeting	
Monday 25 November at 6pm in St Stephen's Church Hall.	AC