

Tyne Gateway Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting (2)

25 November 2013

Present: A Connolly (AC), M Dawson (MD), A Freeman (AF), E Freeman (EF), K Haig (KH), J Routledge (JR), M Todd (MT), G Watson (GW), J Weir (JW), D Routledge (DR).

Apologies: M Burge (MB).

Feedback from meeting with South Tyneside Council - 25/11/2013 @ 1.15pm

GW, MD and KH attended the meeting at the Town Hall with Peter Cunningham (PC), Senior Planning Officer, along with Cllr John Anglin and Cllr Audrey McMillan.

GW advised that it was a good open meeting, it was confirmed that the structure is being built to the plans which had been approved.

There are tentative plans, but no planning application has been submitted for further development. MD advised the committee that as a group we cannot do anything until the Company submits plans.

KH advised that they had seen the plans which were date stamped 1996, the structure is 15.5m. Proper drawings were on file and there is nothing illegal about the structure.

Melanie (MT) stated that she felt the Council had been misleading in sending drawings through to her that were not date stamped.

MD stated that KH had confirmed the structure is 12m to hib then angle of 3.5m. A bit of a mishmash, as Tyne & Wear Development Corporation and South Tyneside Council sketches are archived, information has been obtained from different places.

KH advised that PC was honest and fair. With regard to conditions 3 & 4, these related to cladding of the structure, initial drawings showed blue cladding, which was agreed. Proposal now to use "goose grey"; however this is not something which would stop the building going ahead.

JR asked if it had been raised that the ferry was too large for the structure. MD advised that he had not shown the Council the photograph he had taken, it was agreed that he would send this to Peter Cunningham and send a letter to thank Cllr Anglin for organising the meeting.

KH stated that the first phase of the development is gone; phase 2 would be future development and a new planning application.

MT advised that Gordon Atkinson had put it in writing to her that this application was never live on the Portal as it preceded the Portal. MT feels this is a contentious issue.

Future development proposals at site could include another 2 sheds alongside the one being built, one would be adjacent to the houses with a third, open shed in a corner at roadside, possibly a workshop but no heights were available.

MD

<p>Future Action</p> <p>The Committee agreed to collate information to support objections to any future development on environmental grounds.</p>	ALL
<p>MT discussed the creation of a Dropbox to allow sharing of information amongst the group. She will ask MB to set up and send the link to AC to circulate amongst committee.</p> <p>KH advised that the height of the current structure does not set a precedent for future work.</p>	MT
<p>GW to obtain Nexus - Environmental Policy and any other relevant policies.</p>	GW
<p>Agreed a meeting would be called within 7 days if any information is received.</p>	AC
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>MT raised the issue of the sale of land at River Drive and whether a Village Green application should be pursued. Would need to canvas views of residents in the area.</p>	
<p>Agenda items for next meeting to be sent to AC by first week in January 2014.</p> <p>MT –Street Lighting / Light pollution</p>	ALL
<p>Date & time of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 13 January 2014 at 6pm in Church hall.</p>	