



MINUTES

Of the Deferred Meeting of the Land Development Control Authority

Date : Wednesday 28 June 2017
Time : 9am
Venue : The Education Learning Centre, Jamestown

Present	Mrs Ethel Yon	Chairperson (CP)
	Mr Paul Hickling	Member
	Mr Raymond Williams	Member
	Mr Ralph Peters	Member
	Mr Karl Thrower	Member
	Mrs Riana de Wet	Chief Planning Officer (CPO)
	Mr Shane Williams	Planning Assistant (PA)
	Mrs Karen Isaac	Secretary (S)
Invited	Mr Angelo Berbotto	Attorney General
Off Island	Mr Gavin George	Member

The Chairperson welcomed all present and thanked members for attending. There were eight members of the public present including the applicant.

The Chairperson, Mrs Ethel Yon declared that she is the President of the St Helena National Trust. She acknowledged that the SHNT had made representations in relation to applications 136, 137 and 138 of 2016 and that she wished to state that she has not been involved in the production of the representations. She further highlighted that as the applications are not made by the SHNT, the Trust does not have an interest in the land and therefore she did not propose to excuse herself. She has however decided to Chair the meeting but not to vote.

The CP further stated that she had invited the AG to advise on any legal matters.

The CPO provided a preliminary statement due to her being married to the Operations Director of the Connect Saint Helena (the Applicant).

The background, policies and legislation to these applications were discussed by the CPO. In January it was noted that the LDCA had requested that the applicant withdraw these applications following recommendation by the Locum CPO. The AG advised that the LDCA

cannot request withdrawal under Section 26 of the Ordinance. The Authority confirmed that they were also so advised by the current CPO and as a result embarked on a comprehensive assessment (which included a site visit and deliberation session as well as in-depth perusal of all handling reports as well as various stakeholder comments and representation) and are as such confident to determine the outcome of these Applications.

Mr Andrew Pearce was granted permission to speak at the LDCA meeting. Mr Pearce indicated that he represents the Heritage Society and highlighted that the Applications falls within a Historic Conservation Area, affecting Historic Assets and requested that the Authority refuse the Applications.

The AG advised that the Ordinance require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to be submitted with all applications. The CPO noted that the environmental assessments by the Applicant were advertised for a period of four weeks (during December 2016) as required by the Ordinance however due to differing opinions on the interpretation of the Ordinance and the extent of what an EIA in outline should entail, the Authority decided to defer the Application for determination at a later stage to allow consideration by the Authority on the matter raised by the AG.

Meeting closed at 11.15am

Signed by the Chairperson to the Authority, as a true reflection of the Meeting.

Chairperson to the LDCA

Date