



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR PLANNING APPLICATIONS BOARD

Minute of Meeting held in Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Stornoway on Wednesday, 6
December 2023 at 10.30am.

PRESENT

Mr Ranald Fraser (Chair)	Mr Robert Mackenzie
Mr John A Maciver (Vice-Chair)	Mr Iain M Macaulay
Mr Iain A MacNeil	Mr George Murray
Mr Iain M Macleod	
Ms Susan Thomson	

APOLOGIES

Mr Paul Finnegan

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Grant Fulton	Mr Angus McCormack
Mr Gordon Murray	Dr Francis Murray

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Malcolm Burr	Ms Naomi Morgan
Mr Calum Iain Maciver	Mr Derek Mackay
Mrs Morag Ferguson	Mrs Fiona Maciver
Mr Tim Langley	Mr Colin Maciver
Mrs Mairi Maciver	Mrs Katie Macaskill

MINUTES

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| Minute of Meeting of 26 September 2023 | 1 | The Minute of Meeting of 26 September 2023 was approved . |
| Declaration of Interest | 2 | Mr George Murray declared an interest in item 3 as he attended the church involved in the application and left the meeting during consideration of the item. |

PLANNING

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| 23/00144/PPD – Erect church building with associated access and car parking; install air source heat pump; erect gardener's shed and install play area at Steinish, Isle of Lewis | 3 | <p>The Depute Chief Executive submitted a Report concerning a planning application to erect a church building at Steinish, Isle of Lewis. The Report indicated that the application had received more than six valid representations that raised material planning considerations and was therefore referred to the Board for determination. The Report gave background information, a planning assessment and set out a reasoned conclusion on the application. The Report recommended that the application be approved subject to conditions.</p> <p>The Board determined that it required further information to determine the matter and it was therefore agreed to adjourn the meeting and reconvene following a site visit to the proposed development site at Steinish.</p> |
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The Board reconvened in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Stornoway at 12.30pm on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 when the following members were found to be present:

PRESENT Mr Ranald Fraser (Chair)
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Members of the Board had visited the development site at Steinish, Isle of Lewis and an opportunity was afforded Members to ask questions of Comhairle Officers in relation to the application to erect a church building at Steinish, Isle of Lewis. Following conclusion of the site visit the Board reconvened in the Council Chamber to consider and determine the application.

The Board agreed that it had sufficient information before it to determine the application.

The Chair asked the Board if they were in agreement with the recommendation set out in paragraph 3.1 to the Report to approve the application subject to conditions.

Ms Susan Thomson, seconded by Mr Iain M Macaulay moved the following amendment:

“That the application be refused on the basis that the proposed development does not demonstrate a satisfactory quality of place-making, siting, scale and design that respect and reflect positive local characteristics and will complement or enhance the surrounding built and natural environment contrary to Policy PD1 of the Outer Hebrides Local Development Plan (OHLDP) and Policy 14 Design, Quality and Place of National Planning Framework 4(NPF4) and the additional volume of traffic which will be produced by the development adds weight to this consideration.”

The Chair asked the Board if any Member wished to move the recommendation as set out in the Report. No Member moved the recommendation.

The amendment was unanimously agreed by the Board and became the finding of the meeting.