

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Special Consultation Committee Meeting No 07 – 30th November 2006

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Minutes of Special Consultation Committee Meeting No 07, held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 30th November 2006 at 7.30pm

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman Connolly

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
C Cousley, Deputy Mayor
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan J Finlay, Mayor
B Kennedy M McCamphill
P McGuigan, MLA D McKay
E Robinson A Patterson

APOLOGIES: T McKeown
I Stevenson
M Storey
R Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Committee Clerk

Roads Service
Jim Beattie – Divisional Roads Manager – Roads Service
Alfie Hunter – Section Manager

Press

07.1 DRD Roads Service Report 2006-2007

The Chairman, Alderman Connolly, welcomed Mr Beattie and Mr Hunter to the meeting, the purpose of which was to provide Roads Service with the opportunity to present their 2006-07 report and update members on the progress of programmes to date.

Mr Beattie advised members that Roads Service has received little in additional funding from spending reviews. There has been a small increase in structural funding. Overall funding for maintenance is still less than expected and this is reflected in the programme.

Summary of report given as follows:

Roads Dressing Programme	Completed
Surface Treatment	Completed but some of the programme deferred as work has been curtailed by bad weather. These will be included in next year's programme.
Road Re-surfacing	Underway
Footway Re-surfacing	Underway
Structural Drainage	Particular drainage faults identified and some completed
Winter Service Provision	Arrangements in place and operating. Two new roads added to Schedule – Gracehill Road and Moneyleck Road.
Highway Structures Programme	Routine and detailed inspections carried out on all structures. Number of maintenance programmes completed.

Major works:

Dualling – A26 from Glarryford to the A44 Drones Road

Preliminary design work is underway and work is progressing. Roads Service held an information day on 15th November, which was well attended. The consultation process is at an early stage and a further consultation day will take place once the corridor for the improvements scheme has been identified.

M2 Link – Ballymena by-pass.

Mr Beattie explained that a number of objections have been received which are being assessed. Roads Service will need to decide whether a public enquiry will be necessary to consider these objections.

Motorway On-slips Work is underway and is expected to be completed in spring 2007.

Minor works Programme

Bann Road, Bendooragh	Replacement Bridge design work has now been completed. Work should commence in January 2007 and should be completed before the end of the financial year.
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Footways

Bridge Road, Dunloy Complete.

Traffic Improving

A number of traffic improvement schemes have been completed, including several routes to schools' programmes. Some of the work has been started at Garryduff and Kilmoyle Primary Schools. Roads Service is awaiting delivery of new signage for both schools within next few weeks.

Four roads have been adopted since last report.

Councillor McGuigan, Councillor Cavlan and Councillor Finlay arrived at 4.23pm.

Draft Northern Area Plan

Work on the Northern Area Plan has been suspended for some time. Roads Service is waiting for Planning Service to continue with the development of this.

The Sub-Regional Transport Plan is on track to be published by 31st March. The Consultation period has now ended and a number of representations received.

QUESTIONS**Councillor Kennedy:**

M2 Link under Larne Road Can Roads Service disclose the nature of complaints and
Roundabout give further information concerning a Public Enquiry?

Mr Beattie advised that objections are due to alignment of the road. Landowners who will be affected by the re-alignment have objected because they do not want to lose land and the impact on property. These objections have to be assessed and a decision taken whether they are significant enough to take to public inquiry.

Stranocum Bridge Several complaints received – can footway be positioned on
inside of the bridge?

Mr Beattie advised that whilst these comments are appreciated, the Church and Graveyard limit access at each side. Roads Service agreed to keep this request in mind. In the meantime, the footpath will shortly be extended up the hill to the school, which should

improve safety.

Alderman Cousley

Bann Road

Advised that new gullies were to a higher standard than necessary. Own action taken due to non-appearance of Roads Service.

Mr Hunter apologised for this and explained that the reason for putting in the gullies was to put arrangements in place prior to re-surfacing.

Councillor Finlay

Footpath at Bendooragh

Thanked Road Service for this and requested advice on possibility of bridge widening at Ballymoney end of village.

Mr Hunter advised that it would be difficult to do anything about the bridge without a high cost scheme. Speed restriction are in place. Roads Service do not consider this as high priority compared to other schemes but will keep in mind for the future.

Ballyveelly Road at the junction of Drones Road

Will speed ramp on this road be extended.

Mr Hunter advised that the signage that was promised is currently on Traffic Section's programme and work will be completed this year. Ramp is being assessed and is under consideration

Garryduff Church

Welcome plans but further traffic calming measures needed.

It is hoped that the footway can be extended. Roads Service is also looking at having BT poles relocated. Traffic section will be looking at this matter in the near future.

Lisnasoo Road

Road Service has patched this up but this has not helped – solution would be to re-surface.

Mr Hunter confirmed that this would be included in the scheme subject to finance.

Balnamore to Seacon

Request for this road to be added to gritting schedule.

Roads Service agreed to this subject to available funding.

Councillor Robinson

Drumnamallagh Road

Thanked Roads Service for white lines.

Ballybogey Crossroad to Kilmoyle School Cut hedges left on path leaving path unwalkable

Roads Service advised that Council generally maintain such paths but agreed to discuss this matter further.

Trinity Church Roundabout Unsafe

Traffic section to look into this.

Ballybogey Roundabout Arrows requested

Roads Service explained that they did not feel there was a need for arrows or spiral markings but agreed to look into this further.

Councillor Cavlan

Corkey Road & Killkeeren Road Roads & path in poor condition following pipe laying.

Mr Hunter advised that Corkey Road will be attended to shortly and that the footway at Killkeeren Road will be attended to when re-surfacing takes place on a section of road which is on the current programme.

Lough Road Thanked Roads Service for new footpath but advised that road has been left in poor condition.

Road Service cannot advise when this work will be done. It is under consideration and it is hoped to look at this next year.

Knock Road & Scally Park Footpath needed because of problems of rain gathering.

Thanked Roads Service for street lighting upgrade at Ben Vista (thanks also to Mr Whiteside)

Alderman Campbell

6 Kirk Road Accident black spot and any improvements welcome.

Alderman Simpson

Repair of Street Lights Information on timescale of repairs requested.

Mr Hunter was unsure on target times but agreed to obtain further information and advise.

Path - Charlotte Street
to Ballybrakes Road

Request for footpath

Mr Hunter advised that the footway is on list to be done and it is hoped to be able to bring it forward within the available funding. There is a plan to provide a cycle route along that section of road to complete the network and this is being looked at at the moment either on the road or by acquiring land (combined cycle way and footway). Roads Service advise that hopefully, if funding permits, this work can be undertaken. Section office are carrying out some of the preparation work at the moment. When complete, the only missing section of footway would be over the bridge.

A26 Dualling

Environmental problems will be difficult to overcome due to historic trees and monuments at each side of the road.

Mr Hunter agreed that there would be environmental difficulties. He advised that the next consultation day would prove of more interest when the preferred corridor is indicated.

Councillor McKay

Townhill Road/

To date have there been any obstacles and what is timescale?

Tamlaght Road

Mr Hunter explained that there is a difference in the level between the road and landowner's garden and that they have not been able to reach an agreement with the landowner. They are looking at other options in terms of whether the road can be moved away from the property in question and hope to take forward a workable solution in the near future.

Councillor McKay asked if no agreement is reached with the landowner, will the project be jeopardised.

Roads Service confirmed that the Scheme is regarded as being in need of improvement and are looking at what can be done without going into the garden at that location. Their plan is to come up with improvement scheme that Roads Service can work with.

Bridge Street

Request for this road to be salted.

Roads Service agreed that salting at Bridge Street might be a useful connection up to Finvoy Road and agreed to review this.

Footway to rear of Wallace Park

Lighting requested

Pathway is unadopted. Roads Service do not provide lighting and there does have to be a justifiable reason for adopting it. A rear footpath would not be regarded as public need.

Councillor Finlay

