

## **BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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2007/2008

## Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Council Meeting No 14 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 6.00 pm.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Alderman H Connolly

**PRESENT:**

**Aldermen**

F Campbell  
J Simpson

**Councillors**

A Cavlan	J Finlay
M McCamphill	B Kennedy
P McGuigan	D McKay, MLA
T McKeown	A Patterson
E Robinson	M Storey, MLA

**APOLOGIES:**

**Councillors**

I Stevenson  
R Wilson

**IN ADDENDANCE:**

Mr J Beattie, Roads Service  
Mr A Hunter, Roads Service  
Director of Borough Services  
Committee Clerk

**Press**

### 14.1 CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor extended congratulations and best wishes to Councillor and Mrs Wilson on the recent birth of their baby boy.

### 14.2 Roads Service Programme and Report

Alderman Connolly welcomed representatives from Roads Service to the meeting.

Mr Beattie, Divisional Roads Manager, presented the Roads Service Report on work completed in Ballymoney Borough during the year 2006/2007 and its initial proposals for schemes to be undertaken in the year 2007/2008, a copy of which had been circulated.

Mr Beattie stated that over the past number of years, Roads Service has enjoyed a high level of investment in local transport and safety measures

which included traffic calming, various pedestrian measures and safer routes to schools initiatives.

He intimated that under the RPA proposals, responsibility for maintenance of roads would be transferred to the 7 proposed new councils in 2009. He advised that the Assembly had now decided to review that decision and there will be a period of time until the review is undertaken and before Roads Service will be able to move forward with arrangements for the transfer of that responsibility to the new local authorities.

\* **Alderman Simpson and Councillor Storey arrived at 6.05 pm.**

Mr Beattie advised that funds received late in the financial year for structural maintenance, together with clement weather had enabled more work to be carried out by the end of March 2007.

Mr Beattie was pleased to announce a similar future programme of footway and resurfacing work as enjoyed in the 2006/07 period for resurfacing, slurry-sealing work, footway upgrading and maintenance work and advise that the programme of works would be commencing shortly.

The surface treatment programme for the current year is larger than 2006/07 and work should be commencing again within the next few weeks.

A level of funding has been allocated for drainage where difficulties have been identified and in some cases where re-surfacing will take place. It is proposed that Bravallen Road will be included in the programme. This is a joint proposal with NI Water and Rivers Agency with NI Water taking the lead.

**Capital Improvement Works**

Two proposals are listed in the minor works funding allocation for 2007/2008. In respect of Kirk Road, Roads Service has not been able to finalise land acquisition for the scheme. It continues to work with the landowner and hopes to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion in order for work to commence. The same situation applies to Townhill Road

\* **Councillor McGuigan left the meeting at 6.20 pm.**

**Proposed Traffic Schemes**

Mr Beattie thanked Council for its financial contribution to Ballymoney's by-pass cycle route advising that the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development are also contributing.

Proposals to upgrade signage and traffic calming measures at Knockahollet School and throughout the Borough will be taken forward this year.

\* **Councillor McGuigan returned to the meeting at 6.30 pm.**

### **Traffic Management**

Funding for street lighting is limited. Roads Service has however agreed to provide additional lighting at Rockview Park, Rasharkin and to upgrade lighting at Charlotte street, Ballymoney when funding becomes available.

### **Strategic Road Improvements**

The report provides, for information, details of Roads Service Strategic Road Improvements.

Mr Beattie informed members that in July 2006, Minister David Kearns unveiled a consultation document on road programmes and additional proposals that were being considered for the transport plan (provision of £400MK). The consultation period has now ended and Roads Service has received comments from various stakeholders. Submissions have been made to the new Minister for the department who will be approving the additions to the programme in the near future.

### **Dualling – A26 (Frosses Road)**

Mr Beattie advised that work is proceeding in relation to design and that consultation events have been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### **M2 Link**

Statutory orders have now been published.

### **Antrim Area Hospital**

Matters arising from safety audits have delayed opening to traffic. It is now anticipated that opening will take place later this month.

### **Northern Area Plan**

Roads Service is still waiting on Planning Service to decide on the way forward. Roads Service continues to address objections and is in a position to respond quickly when Planning Service decides to move forward.

### **Sub-Regional Transport Plan**

The plan has now been approved by Minister Murphy and will be published in the near future.

At the conclusion of his report, both Mr Beattie and Mr Hunter responded to various matters raised by members and undertook to respond further on the matters, which required investigation. Included in the matters raised were:

- Condition of Lisnalloo Road
- A further bridge at Bendooragh
- Traffic calming measures in new housing developments
- Delay at Drumadoon Road/A26 junction

- Flooding at Rasharkin and co-ordination of work between agencies
- Grass cutting to give better sight lines
- Footpath between Bendooragh and Drumahiskey
- Sub-Regional Transport Plan

\* **Councillor McGuigan, Councillor Storey and Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.05 pm**

- Re-surfacing at McLaughlins
- Sight lines at Glenbuck
- Speeding in the vicinity of Model School and Eastermeade
- Car park cleansing
- Cycle route from Charlotte Street to Ballybrakes Road
- A26 dualling
- Replacement of Main Street Footway Slabs
- Access to New Road from Bridge Road, Dunloy
- Re-surfacing at Main Street, Dunloy where tarmac rough and uneven.
- Re-surfacing at Lough Road
- Re-surfacing and drainage at Coolkeeran Road

\* **Councillor Storey returned to the meeting at 7.25 pm**

- Hedges at Stranocum
- Re-surfacing at Craigs Road

All members thanked Roads Service personnel for the work undertaken to date and for the presentation of the report and the proposals outlined.

**This being all the business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.**