

Ballymoney Borough Council
Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 365 – 23rd November 2010

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 365 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR

Councillor A Patterson, Vice-Chair

PRESENT**Aldermen**

F Campbell

H Connolly

C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor

J Simpson

Councillors

A Cavlan

J Finlay

R Halliday

C McLaughlin

I Stevenson

APOLOGIES

M McCamphill

P McGuigan

E Robinson, Chair

M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE**RES UK & Ireland Ltd**

Ms Lucy Ford Hutchinson

Mr Philip King

Ms Jennifer McCarry

Mr Garth McGimpsey

ORRA Action Group

Dr Edward Forsythe

Mr Tony Flavin

Ms Barbara Lavery

Individuals x5

Dr Chris Jordan, Northern Group Systems

Deputy Director of Borough Services

Committee Clerk

365.1 PRESENTATION – PROPOSED ALTAVEEDAN WIND FARM, LOUGHGUILLE**1.1 RES UK & Ireland Ltd**

The Chair welcomed representatives from RES UK & Ireland Ltd to give a presentation on the proposed Altaveedan Wind Farm, Loughguile. The presentation is attached as Appendix 1.

* Alderman Cousley and Councillor Finlay joined the meeting at 6.36pm.

- * Councillor Stevenson joined the meeting at 6.41pm.

Responding to members, RES UK & Ireland Ltd representatives clarified issues on:

- the temporary met mast
- noise impact assessment
- visual impact to surrounding roads
- archaeological survey of proposed site
- ornithological survey
- planning policy and determination of number of wind turbines in area (saturation level)
- environmental impact assessment and statement
- use of independent consultants
- size of wind turbines
- lease of land for proposed site
- local community fund
- site location in relation to ANOB, scenic routes and picnic area
- wind turbine at Slievenahanaghan which has not been working for the past two years

The Chair thanked RES UK & Ireland Ltd representatives for their presentation which concluded at 7.15 pm. The representatives then left the meeting.

1.2 ORRA Action Group

The Chair welcomed representatives from ORRA Action Group to give a presentation on their opposition to the proposed Altaveedan Wind Farm, Loughguile. The presentation is attached as Appendix 2.

Issues discussed included:

- Planning Service view
- impact on flora and fauna
- off-shore and tidal wind farms
- National Park status
- visual impact
- number of planning applications and wind turbines in area (saturation level)
- impact on the environment and countryside
- height of wind turbines and distance from dwellings
- location of Battle of Orra
- Environment & Heritage Service Northern Ireland
- opposition to proposed wind farm site and signed petition
- effect on community

Files containing supporting documents to the opposition were available for reference.

The Chair thanked ORRA Action Group representatives for their presentation which concluded at 8.00 pm.

- * Councillor Cavlan left the meeting at 8.01pm.

365.2 MINUTES – MEETING NO 364 - 26th OCTOBER 2010

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Halliday and
AGREED:

that the minutes of meeting No 364 on 26th October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

- * ORRA Action Group representatives, Alderman Simpson, Councillor Stevenson and Dr Chris Jordan left the meeting at 8.02pm.
- * Alderman Simpson rejoined the meeting at 8.04pm.

In response to Councillor Finlay, the Deputy Director of Borough Services clarified that as a planning application is yet to be made for Altaveedan Wind Farm, Loughguile, the matter would be discussed further at a later date.

- * Councillor Cavlan rejoined the meeting at 8.05pm.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**FOOD CONTROL****365.3 FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS (NI) 2006
REGULATION EC (NO) 852/2004**

It was reported to Council on 1st November 2010, council minute 930.8 refers, that 5 number Hygiene Improvement Notices were served on XXX for contravening community provisions within Regulation EC (No) 852/2004.

These notices expired on 15th November 2010. A revisit was carried out on this date and it was noted that no works had been carried out to comply with the notices. The Councils Enforcement Policy (revised August 2007, Health & Environmental Services Committee Minute 331.11 refers) states that the Council will normally prosecute where the offence involves a failure to comply in full or in part with the requirement of a statutory notice.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the premises be prosecuted for failing to comply in full with the Hygiene Improvement Notices served on 4th October 2010, in accordance with Ballymoney Borough Council's enforcement policy.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Campbell and
AGREED:

to recommend that the premises be prosecuted for failing to comply in full with the Hygiene Improvement Notices served on 4th October 2010, in accordance with Ballymoney Borough Council's enforcement policy.

HEALTH & SAFETY

365.4 PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1929 AND 1937 PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES (RENEWAL)

Applications have been received for the renewal of petroleum spirit licences as follows: -

Premises

Applicant

Golden Plough,
86/88 Drones Rd,
BALLYMONEY.

Mr. T. Coyle

CB Fuels,
33a Bridge Road,
Dunloy,
BALLYMENA, BT44 9AN.

Mr. C. Bradley

CENTRA,
100 Ballybogey Road,
Ballybogey,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6PD.

Mr. B. Kennedy

The renewal of licences as detailed above is **RECOMMENDED**.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Alderman Cousley and **AGREED:**

to recommend the renewal of licences as detailed above.

365.5 THE SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006 GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATES

Further to report item HES 354.4, as Members were aware, by virtue of the provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 Council is the relevant enforcing authority for designated venues within the Borough. Again Members were aware that DCAL (Department of Culture Arts & Leisure) has designated the undernoted two venues within the Borough in respect of their use for certain sports as described –

Father Healy Park, Loughgiel (gaelic games)
Riada Stadium, Ballymoney (soccer)

Council is responsible for issuing and enforcing General Safety Certificates in respect of the aforementioned designated venues when same are used for the sports described. Both venues were originally put forward for designation by their respective sport governing bodies as each had capacity of over 5,000 people.

Under the General Safety Certificate process for each designated venue Council staff, with the required competencies, have on the Council's behalf determined the permitted safe capacity for each ground, together with the terms and conditions with which the respective ground management/users must comply in order to secure the

safety of spectators at the respective venues when they are being used for the sporting activities specified in the relevant General Safety Certificate. The Certificates were available for members' perusal.

Whilst the primary responsibility for the safety of spectators rests with the respective ground management (and users in the case of Riada Stadium) nonetheless Council is responsible for monitoring compliance with its General Safety Certificate at each designated venue.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council issue General Safety Certificates in respect of both Father Healy Park, Loughgiel and Riada Stadium, Ballymoney as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 to this Addendum.

The Deputy Director of Borough Services responded to member's questions in respect of costs, monitoring inspections to ensure compliance, ground improvement works and the need to review booking terms and conditions in respect of Riada stadium.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and
AGREED:

to recommend that Council issue General Safety Certificates in respect of both Father Healy Park, Loughgiel and Riada Stadium, Ballymoney as detailed in the Addendum presented at the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GENERAL

365.6 CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS

THE PRIVATE TENANCIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006 ARTICLE 36 (4)

Landlord

Mr. Stephen Patton

Mr. Stephen Patton

Dwelling-House

46 Gate End,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6DW.

29 Townhead Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6BE.

Fitness inspections of the above dwellings have been conducted and the dwelling houses meet the fitness standard for human habitation as set out in Article 46 of the Housing (NI) Order 1981.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council grant an Article 36 (4) Certificate of Fitness in respect of the above dwelling houses.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Borough Council grant an Article 36 (4) Certificate of Fitness in respect of the above dwelling houses

LICENSING

365.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATIONS (FULL) (RENEWAL)

Premises

Joey's Bar,
15 Seymour Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6JR.

The Hedges Leisure Complex,
141 Ballinlea Road,
Stranocum,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 8PX.

Applicant

Mrs. Linda M. Dunlop

Mr. Ivan & Mrs. Alice McCook

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Councillor Halliday and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

365.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATIONS (FULL) (RENEWAL)

Premises

Provincial Towns Indoor Bowling Club,
38 Ballybrakes Road,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 7PL.

The Corner House Bar,
2 Culcrum Road,
Cloughmills,
BALLYMENA, BT44 9NH.

The Scenic Inn,
38 Fivey Road,
Armoy,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 8UT.

Applicant

Mrs. Anne McKillop

Mr. Anthony O'Hanlon

Ms. Shirley McKinley

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

365.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATION (FOURTEEN UNSPECIFIED DAYS) (RENEWAL)

Premises

Applicant

Dunloy & Hannah McCracken
 Memorial Hall,
 12 Station Road,
 Dunloy,
 BALLYMENA, BT44 9AB.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Allen

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise file also applies.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Connolly and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise file also applies.

365.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 – CANCELLATION OF INDOOR ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCES

The following Licensees wish to cancel their Indoor Entertainments Licences and no longer wish to hold entertainment at their premises:-

Premises

Applicant

The Tower Bar,
 41 Church Street,
 BALLYMONEY, BT53 6HS.

Mr. Daniel Gillan

Chestnutt Animal Feed,
 55 Main Street,
 Stranocum,
 BALLYMONEY, BT53 8PH.

Stranocum & District
 Community Association

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Council cancel the Indoor Entertainments Licences in respect of the above-mentioned premises.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Cousley and
AGREED:

***to recommend that the Council cancel the Indoor Entertainments
 Licences in respect of the above-mentioned premises.***

365.11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATION (FULL LICENCE) (GRANT)

Premises

Cloughmills Community Centre
 Rear of Sacred Heart Church
 Culcrum Road
 Cloughmills
 BALLYMENA

Applicant

Fr. Aiden Brankin

Further to committee report item 361.5 with respect to the above premises, the application made was for a full licence and not for a fourteen unspecified days. It will, therefore, be necessary to rescind the previous decision.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that previous committee decision 361.5 refers be rescinded.
IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council grant the Indoor Entertainments Licence as originally applied for (Full Licence).

It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Alderman Connolly and
AGREED:

***to recommend that previous committee decision 361.5 refers be
 rescinded and further recommend that the Borough Council grant the
 Indoor Entertainments Licence as originally applied for (Full Licence).***

365.12 THE BUSINESS OF TATTOOING, EAR PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS – REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AND PREMISES – PART V PROVISIONS

Applicant

Mr. Anthony Taylor
 (Tattooing)

Premises

Taylor's Inn,
 11A Main Street,
 BALLYMONEY, BT53 6AN.

Ms. Dympna Mone
 (Tattooing, Ear Piercing
 and Semi-Permanent Make-Up)

Trim Tone Tan,
 49B Queen Street,
 BALLYMONEY, BT53 6JD.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above persons and premises be registered.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Alderman Connolly and
AGREED:

to recommend that the above persons and premises be registered.

365.13 THE BUSINESS OF TATTOOING, EAR PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS – REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AND PREMISES – PART V PROVISIONS

Applicant

Mr. Glenn Cole
(Tattooing)

Premises

5 Edward Street,
BALLYMONEY, BT53 6JE.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above persons and premises be registered.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and
AGREED:

to recommend that the above persons and premises be registered.

STREET TRADING

365.14 STREET TRADING ACT (NI) 2001 TEMPORARY STREET TRADING LICENCES

Applications for the grant of Temporary Street Trading Licences have been made to this Directorate as follows:-

Purpose

Sale of Xmas Novelties at Switch on Ceremony
on 25th November 2010

Mr. Richard McLernon

Sale of Glow in the Dark Products at Switch on
Ceremony on 25th November 2010

Mr. Aaron Ferguson

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council grant the Temporary Street Trading Licences as detailed above.

It was proposed by Alderman Cousley, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the Borough Council grant the Temporary Street Trading Licences as detailed above.

In response to Alderman Campbell, the Deputy Director of Borough Services gave an update on a specific street trading licence application.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

365.15 EMERGENCY CALL OFF CONTRACTS - JOINT PROTOCOL NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE (NIHE) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP (LGEMG)

A Joint Protocol re. Emergency Call-Off Contracts which has been worked on for some time was circulated to Members. The protocol between –

Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Local Government Emergency Management Group
Northern Ireland District Councils

Is being put in place to ensure that the necessary response, in respect of property, can be delivered in the aftermath of an emergency or civil contingency incident.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Ballymoney Borough Council adopt the Joint Protocol re. Emergency Call-Off Contracts and utilize same as necessary in the aftermath of an emergency or civil contingency incident.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Alderman Connolly and
AGREED:

to recommend that Ballymoney Borough Council adopt the Joint Protocol re. Emergency Call-Off Contracts and utilize same as necessary in the aftermath of an emergency or civil contingency incident.

FUEL POVERTY

365.16 REVIEW OF FUEL STAMP SAVING SCHEME

A review of the Council's fuel stamp savings scheme has been undertaken and a copy of the report was provided to all Members electronically. Additional printed copies were made available in the Members Room. The review included consultation with scheme users, participating oil companies and stamp retailers and was based on the return of completed survey forms. The key findings are as follows:-

CUSTOMERS: 90% found the scheme either excellent or good. The comments received show that the scheme is very important for the regular budgeting for oil payments.

OIL DISTRIBUTORS: 90% of the participating suppliers indicated that the scheme had a positive effect on their business. Feedback from their customers showed that the scheme was a good way to save for oil.

STAMP RETAILERS: Two thirds (66%) of the retailers involved in the scheme saw no impact on their business. However, almost one in five reported a positive impact.

Both retailers and distributors felt that the scheme could be better promoted. It was commented that people were aware of the scheme through word of mouth. The survey responses indicate that the scheme is being used by people of a wide range of ages and household income, and by households ranging from single adult to families with 3 or more children.

The review also highlights the growth of average stamp sales per month from its inception in 2007 of 215 to 1914 in 2010. This represents an increase of 890%. The sales per month have doubled during the past year (2009:1029 per month).

In the light of this information it is estimated that the current supplies of stamps will expire by January 2011. Should this be the case it will result in the suspension of the scheme.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council consider the approval of the purchase of additional stamps (5,000) to maintain the operation of the scheme into the next fiscal year 2011-2012.

Members agreed that the scheme was very worthwhile and wished to see it continue. The Deputy Director of Borough Services advised members on various options and costs to purchase additional stamps. He explained the non-profit fuel stamp saving scheme and that the expenses incurred by Council were to produce stamps which included sufficient security measures to satisfy audit purposes. The Deputy Director further explained that the budget allocated for the scheme for the current financial year had been fully expended and that there was no additional prospect of funding from any outside source.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

to recommend that Council consider the approval of the purchase of additional stamps (5,000) and to agree a budget from which they are to be paid to maintain the operation of the scheme into the next fiscal year 2011-2012.

OFFICER AUTHORISATION

365.17 THE FOOD SAFETY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1991 THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS (NI) 2006 THE SMOKING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

Item 365.24 to this report refers in respect of addition grant monies received from the Food Standards Agency.

Mrs. Laura Smith has been selected via the Council's preferred employment provider as a District Environmental Health Officer (temporary) and commenced work on the 15th November 2010.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above-named officer be appointed to exercise all the powers of an authorized officer in respect of:-

- (a) The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 as amended (specifically articles 8, 9, 29, 30 and 33);
- (b) Any Orders or Regulations made thereunder or relating to the foregoing or having effect by virtue of the European Communities Act 1972;
- (c) Any modification or re-enactment to the foregoing;
- (d) The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (Specifically Regulations 6, 8, 12, 13, 14 & 25).
- (e) The Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and any Regulations made thereunder.

The Officer shall be duly authorized under Section 124 of The Local Government Act (NI) 1972 to authenticate notices, orders or other documents arising from the above powers and duties and indemnified as provided for by Section 48 of the said Act.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and
AGREED:

to recommend that the above-named officer be appointed to exercise all the powers of an authorized officer in respect of:-

- (a) The Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 as amended (specifically articles 8, 9, 29,30 and 33);***
- (b) Any Orders or Regulations made thereunder or relating to the foregoing or having effect by virtue of the European Communities Act 1972;***
- (c) Any modification or re-enactment to the foregoing;***
- (d) The Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (Specifically Regulations 6, 8,12,13,14 & 25).***
- (e) The Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and any Regulations made thereunder.***

The Officer shall be duly authorized under Section 124 of The Local Government Act (NI) 1972 to authenticate notices, orders or other documents arising from the above powers and duties and indemnified as provided for by Section 48 of the said Act.

BUILDING CONTROL

365.18 BUILDING CONTROL APPLICATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that during the report period, its Building Control Service approved various applications, which were in accordance with the requirements of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 as follows:-

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Approvals</u>
	<u>September</u>
Full Plans	22
Building Notices	11
Regularisations	1
TOTAL:-	34

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Finlay and
AGREED:

to recommend that Council note that during the report period, its Building Control Service approved various applications, which were in accordance with the requirements of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 as follows

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

365.19 MUNICIPAL WASTE RETURNS

<u>Waste Type</u>	<u>Oct 2009</u>	<u>Oct 2010</u>	<u>Apr – Oct 09</u>	<u>Apr – Oct 10</u>
Mixed Residual Waste (waste direct to landfill)	752.78t	706.18t -6.19%	5,411.85t	5,407.96t -0.07%
Mixed Dry Recyclables (blue bin recycling)	131.92t	128.72t -2.42%	937.64t	945.79t +0.87%
Garden Waste (brown bin recycling)	104.36t	136.60t +30.89%	1,091.94t	1,201.52t +10.04%
Waste Recovery (segregated CA site waste)	73.22t	63.82t -12.84%	646.84t	624.00t -3.53%
Cardboard Recycling	6.92t	5.69t -17.77%	51.64t	46.50t -9.95%

In response to Councillor Finlay, the Deputy Director of Borough Services confirmed current municipal waste returns figures are the same as this point last year. This was welcomed by some members.

365.20 NORTH WEST REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE

Members were asked to note that the Minutes of the North West Region Waste Management Joint Committee, as detailed below for the period 9th March to 13th October 2010 inclusive, as circulated.

9th March 2010
 7th April 2010
 10th May 2010
 7th July 2010
 1st September 2010
 13th October 2010

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

365.21 DRAFT WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

NI Water has published a draft Water Resource Management Plan, which sets out its proposals as to how that organisation intends to manage its water resources in the period up to 2035. The document is available at: www.niwater.com/draftwrmp.asp; with the consultation period on the draft plan ending on 24th February 2011.

FOOD CONTROL

NEW LEGISLATION

365.22 THE FOODSTUFFS SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE INTOLERANT TO GLUTEN REGULATIONS (NI) 2010

These Regulations, which come into operation on 1st January 2012, provide for the execution and enforcement of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 41/2009 concerning the composition and labeling of foodstuffs suitable for people intolerant to gluten.

365.23 FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS (NI) 2006 REGULATION 6, HYGIENE IMPROVEMENT NOTICES

During the report period a Hygiene Improvement Notice was served on two food business operators within the Borough for failing to comply with the above Regulations. The premises were in breach of Article 17(1) of the Food Hygiene Regulations (NI) 2006 in that they contravened the following community provisions:

- Regulation EC (No) 852/2004, Article 4(2) and Annex II, Chapter I, paragraph 4 – provision of a wash hand basin. Notice served on 21st October 2010;
- Regulation EC (No) 852/2004, Article 4(2) and Annex II, Chapter 1, paragraph 2(b) – cupboard maintained in a poor condition. Notice served on 10th November 2010.

365.24 NATIONAL FOOD HYGIENE RATING SYSTEM

Further to committee report item HES363.26, the Directorate has secured grant funding of £7,453.50 from The Food Standards Agency as an early adopter of the National 'Food Hygiene Rating Scheme'. A project timetable was submitted as part of the grant bid, with all work to be completed by 31st March 2011 ahead of the NI launch. A temporary Environmental Health Officer has been recruited via the Council's preferred supplier to assist with the implementation with salary costs being borne from the grant award. Preparatory work will involve the review of premises' eligibility, risk rating awareness raising, branding and the calculation of scheme ratings. Further updates will be provided to Members as the project progresses.

HOME SAFETY

365.25 CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Following recent events within Northern Ireland where fatalities occurred due to CO Poisoning, the Borough Services Directorate are supporting CO Awareness week 15th-19th November 2010 through their Home Safety initiatives.

We are raising CO Poisoning Awareness by including information in our Home Safety packs, fitting CO detectors as required as part of our Home Safety check scheme and writing to all estate agents and landlords within the Borough.

365.26 HOME SAFETY

HAP Ballymoney held an electric blanket testing day on 21st October 2010 in the Town Hall, Ballymoney. This event was held in partnership with our colleagues in HAP Coleraine and Moyle. Sponsorship was obtained from the Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland Electricity and WJ Walker, Ballymoney.

Over forty blankets were tested with 79% failure rate in Ballymoney. Each blanket that failed was recycled for use in the winter months in the Council dog pound and a new replacement blanket was given in exchange.

EMERGENCY PLANNING**365.27 EXERCISE WHEATSHEAF**

Further to HES Committee Minute 363.42, a structured debrief report has been provided by the PSNI in respect of the exercise. As a result a number of recommendations are proposed, and include clarification on the roles and responsibilities of various agencies, the identification of further training needs, and a review of the layout of Emergency Support Centres. It is hoped that such work will be incorporated into business plans for 2011-2012 resources permitting.

PLANNING**365.28 ELECTRONIC PLANNING INFORMATION FOR CONSULTEES ePIC**

Work has been undertaken within the Directorate to facilitate the acceptance and return of planning consultations electronically. It is understood that the Divisional Planning Office were to 'go live' with the new system on the 8th November 2010. To date no consultations have been received by either hard copy or electronically. The change of system has necessitated a review and revision of Directorate procedures and retraining of officers. The process will be kept under review until assurances can be given that it is working satisfactorily.

COMMUNITY SAFETY**365.29 MAKING SENSE PROJECT**

The Makin' Sense project will take place from the 22nd – 25th November 2010 within the local secondary schools, with a session for primary school pupils. A public session will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 24th November 2010 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Admission is free.

365.30 CSP ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Safety Partnership has enjoyed another successful year of working within the Borough. A large variety of projects have been undertaken ranging from youth diversionary initiatives, burglary awareness raising campaigns, safety of the elderly to the bonfire incentive scheme.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to show case some of our work as examples of best practice and have witnessed the impressive success of the Cloughmills Incredible Edible project which won two awards and contributed significantly to Cloughmills winning the environmental section of the 2010 Calor Village of the Year awards.

The total project funding budget of £35,847 for 2009-2010 was expended along a total of £36,179.53 (101%) match funding.

The 2010 – 2011 budget of £37,617 has been allocated along with an estimated £30,745.20 (82%) match funding.

The full report was circulated.

365.31 HALLOWEEN BONFIRES

The bonfire incentive scheme was promoted to all traditional bonfire sites during the Halloween bonfire season. Two sites opted to participate in the scheme, Dunloy and Magherahoney, with one area electing not to have a bonfire. Payments have been made in line with the scheme guidelines.

365.32 JUSTICE NORTHERN IRELAND BILL

A copy of the response submitted on behalf of Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership in respect of the Justice Northern Ireland Bill as it relates to proposed to policing and community safety partnerships was circulated.

GENERAL

365.33 PROPOSED MANDATORY CYCLE HELMET LAW FOR NI

Sustrans has written to Council, in the above regard, to advise that that organisation “strongly supports the individual’s freedom of choice whether or not to wear a cycle helmet”.

It is hoped that this information as to the stance taken by Sustrans is of assistance to Members.

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm.

Appendices attached:

Appendix 1 – RES UK & Ireland Ltd Presentation

Appendix 2 – ORRA Action Group Presentation

APPENDIX 1

RES UK & Ireland Ltd Presentation



1. ABOUT RES

- Renewable Energy Systems (RES) has over 25 years of experience in developing wind farms.
- Working in NI since early 1990s
- Partnership with B9 Energy called 'Wind Farm Developments'
- Office in Lame with 11 staff plus construction teams
- NI's leading wind farm development company
- RES has developed and built 13 operational wind farms in NI which supply the equivalent of **over 100,000 homes per annum**
- RES also develops offshore wind, large scale biomass, tidal, solar and building-integrated renewables.



2. THE NEED FOR RENEWABLES

LOCAL POLICY

DETI Strategic Energy Framework (2010)

- Set out an ambitious target for Northern Ireland to produce 40% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020.
- Onshore wind is the most mature renewable technology and will be needed to provide the bulk of this total, with other emerging forms such as offshore wind, biomass and tidal playing a part.

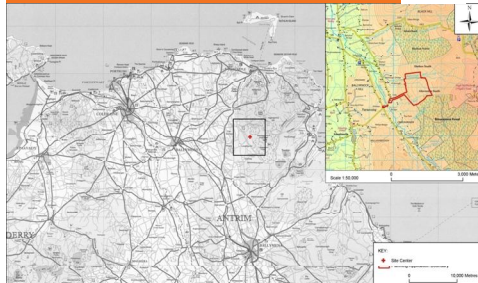
Department of Environment, Planning Policy Statement 18 - Renewable Energy (2009)

- Development that generates energy from renewable sources will be permitted provided the proposal, will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on:
 - public safety, human health, or residential amenity;
 - visual amenity and landscape character;
 - biodiversity, nature conservation or built heritage interests;
 - local natural resources, such as air quality or water quality; and
 - public access to the countryside.

3. WHY WIND?

- Global fossil fuels are finite.
- The wind is free and infinite and Northern Ireland has one of the best wind resources in Europe.
- Wind energy, as part of a diverse renewable energy portfolio across Northern Ireland, can make a valuable contribution to our national energy security and meet rising electricity demands in a sustainable way.
- Onshore wind is the cheapest of the renewable energy technologies operating today.
- At good windy sites, wind is increasingly competitive with other new-build generation technologies, especially given the continuing rise in oil and gas prices.
- Wind energy produces no gaseous or solid wastes.
- Modern turbines are likely to be producing useful power for up to 85% of the year, and have a design lifespan at least 20 years.
- The average UK wind farm will pay back the energy used in its manufacture and construction within 3 to 10 months of generation.

4. SITE LOCATION



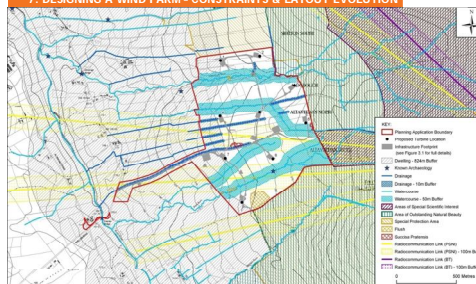
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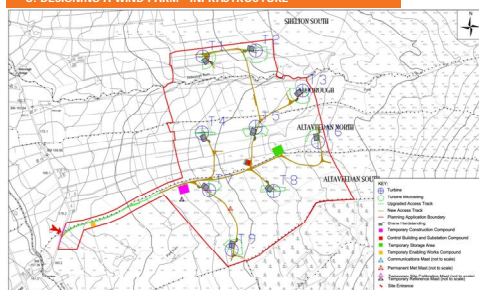
6. DESIGNING A WIND FARM - THE PROCESS AT ALTAVEEDAN



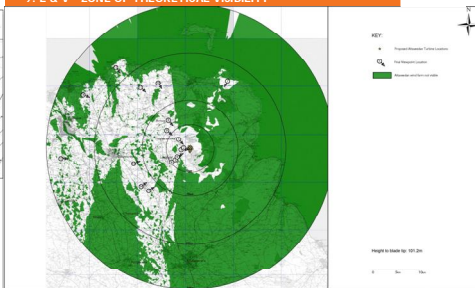
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8. DESIGNING A WIND FARM - INFRASTRUCTURE



9. L & V - ZONE OF THEORETICAL VISIBILITY



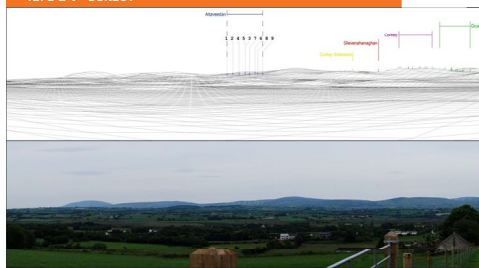
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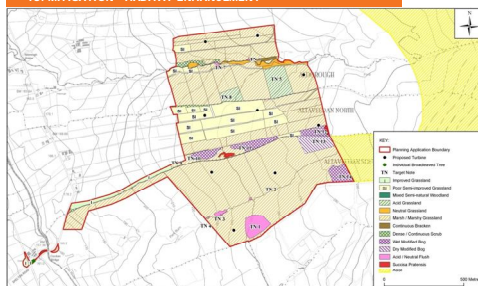
11. L & V - ALTARICHARD ROAD



12. L & V - DUNLOY



13. MITIGATION - HABITAT ENHANCEMENT



14. PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMME

Month	The following actions have taken place to keep the local community up to date
May	Temporary met mast recommended consented. The application received no objections.
June	Door to door visits to 83 houses along sections of roads closed to the proposed wind farm advising the residents of the project and the erection of the temporary met mast. 38 householders met in person. Information left with the remainder.
August	Letters sent to community groups within 5km of the wind farm inviting them to contribute information to the socio-economic chapter of the EIA.
September	<p>Over 350 information packs including a project leaflet, response form and notification of the public exhibitions distributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local elected representatives, community groups, schools and churches within a 10km radius of the site - Householders on the roads closest to the site <p>Door to door visits repeated on the Shelton, Althainch and Glenbush Roads.</p> <p>Meetings with local MLAs and councillors.</p> <p>Public exhibitions advertised in local papers and held on 21st & 22nd September in the Millennium Centre.</p>
November	Planning Application & Environmental Statement to be submitted to Planning Service.
December	Application validated. Letters sent to all residents, community groups etc advising them of the application and the planning reference should they wish to make a representation.

15. BENEFITS OF THE WIND FARM

LOCAL BENEFITS

- RES has a proven track record of using local contractors and suppliers wherever reasonably practicable for building its wind farms. For the nearby Grug Wind Farm:
 - Construction Phase: Over £1 million was spent on local materials, services and employment.
 - Operation Phase: Over £0.5 million a year is spent on ongoing local employment, business rates and community activities.
- For Altaveeden Wind Farm, RES would give £2,000 per MW of installed capacity, per year, to a local community fund, set up with the purpose of distributing this money to schemes at the heart of the community.
- Based on a 10MW scheme this would provide £36,000 a year for local communities, and could benefit everyone from local community groups, schools, clubs and entire communities. For example, the Grug Wind Farm Community Fund benefits local community activities in Loughgill, Corkey and Cloughmills.
- The wind farm would also contribute approximately £72,000 a year (based on 18MW development) to the Ballymoney Borough Council area every year through business rates.

Thank You

APPENDIX 2

Presentation – Proposed Altaveedan Wind Farm, Loughguile

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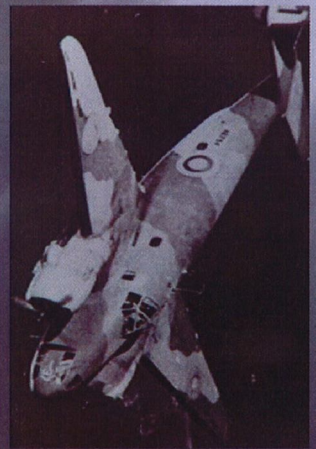
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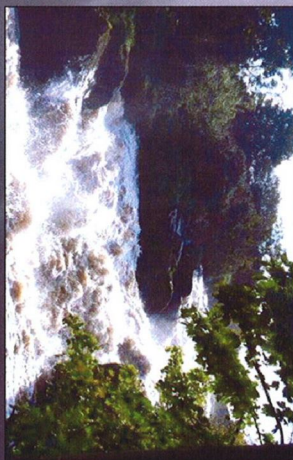
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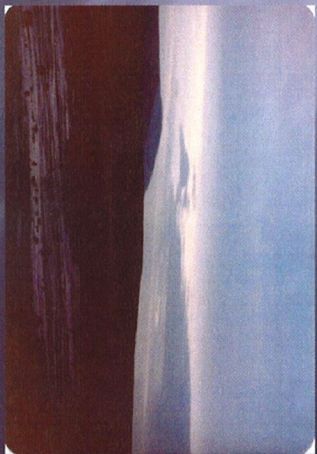
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