

**Ballymoney Borough Council**  
**Consultation Committee Meeting No 79 – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 79 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.00pm.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J Finlay

**PRESENT:** **Aldermen**  
F Campbell  
B Kennedy

**Councillors**  
J Atkinson  
W Blair  
A Cavlan  
R Halliday  
R McAfee  
P McGuigan  
C McLaughlin  
E Robinson  
I Stevenson  
M Storey

**APOLOGIES:** **Alderman**  
H Connolly

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive  
Committee Clerk  
Press

**Roads Service (Item 2)**  
Mr A Keys – Strategic Road Improvement Manager  
Mr J McKinley – Section Engineer

**DoE Planning Service (Item 3)**  
J McCaughan – Planning Officer

**79.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 79.2 ROADS SERVICE, AUTUMN CONSULTATION

The Chair welcomed Mr Alan Keys, Strategic Road Improvement Manager & Mr John McKinley, Section Engineer to the meeting to present Roads Service Autumn Consultation report and provide an update on progress to date. Mr Keys advised members of the Departments budget constraints in the next few years resulting in limited resurfacing work being undertaken and the cessation of all minor works in the borough in the next 12 months. He did however reassure members that additional funding is being sought from the Minister.

\* **Councillor Cavlan and Councillor McGuigan joined the meeting at 6.35 pm.**

Councillor Storey thanked the Department for work carried out at Seacon and Berryfields. Responding to Councillor Storey's request for information relating to the A26 dualling and the outcome of the public inquiry, Mr McKinley advised that the Minister does not intend to publish a pre-report prior to the final report and recommendations.

\* **Councillor McAfee joined the meeting at 6.45 pm.**

Mr McKinley and Mr Keys responded to questions relating to:

- Salting of roads around Rasharkin (Councillor Atkinson)
- Model Road – Mr McKinley will provide Councillor Atkinson with an update
- Upgrading of street lighting at Benvariden Road – Mr McKinley advised Councillor Robinson that no new street lighting systems are being considered.
- Footpath from Dervock towards Ballymoney – Mr McKinley advised Councillor Robinson that the footway has been agreed in principle and he will provide an update on this.

\* **Councillor Storey left the meeting at 6.55 pm.**

Other questions related to:

- Criteria for provision of salt boxes
- Access onto A26 from Kirk Road and Knock Road
- Review of car parking within the town centre
- Gritting of footpaths in the town centre – salt is available but lack of Roads Service resources to undertake the work.
- Timespan for completion of work at Coolkeeran Road – two proposals to be completed this year dependent on utility service meeting its responsibility.
- Replacement of loose paving on Main Street – currently being undertaken.
- Timespan for completion of work on the road into Rasharkin from Ballymoney based on the completion of work being undertaken by NI Water.

\* **Councillor Storey returned to the meeting at 7.05 pm.**

In concluding and at the request of Councillor Finlay, Mr McKinley advised that should further funding become available, proposals for minor work schemes are ready to commence at short notice.

Members thanked Mr McKinley and Mr Keys for their attendance. The representatives left the meeting at 7.10 pm.

### **79.3 MINUTES – CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 78 – 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

It was proposed by Alderman Kennedy, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

*that the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 78 – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

### **79.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 New Applications**

Items 1-9 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Service accepted except where stated otherwise.

The content of the objections were summarised to members and may be viewed on public access at:

[http://epicpublic.planningni.gov.uk/PublicAccess/zd/tdc\\_home.aspx](http://epicpublic.planningni.gov.uk/PublicAccess/zd/tdc_home.aspx)

<b>ITEM NO 1</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO D/2011/0142/F - APPROVAL</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Mr P Michael Co/Agent
<b>AGENT</b>	Palmtree, Creations 27, Cabra Court, Ballmoney BT53 7QP
<b>LOCATION</b>	Rear of 11 Coldagh Cottages, Balnamore Road, Ballymoney
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Proposed authorised area for depolluting end of life vehicles & retention of vehicle maintenance business plus domestic garage.
<b>OBJECTIONS (1)</b>	Noise, pollution, traffic, amenity.

The Planning Officer advised that noise impact assessment has been carried out and that the application meets Environment Health and Roads Service approval.

Councillor Finlay requested that an office meeting take place on behalf of the objector.

A discussion ensued on the resulting delay in processing the application, Alderman Kennedy stating his disagreement with any undue delay and Councillor Storey stating his reluctance to move away from the process

Council has. Councillor McGuigan expressed the view that Council needs to ensure that every decision made is the right decision.

<b>ITEM NO 4</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO D/2012/0068/O - REFUSAL</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Mr John Elliott, C/o Agent
<b>AGENT</b>	Gary Gaston, 133 Finvoy Road, Ballymoney BT53 7JL
<b>LOCATION</b>	40m SW of 68 Pharis Road, Ballymoney
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Site of farm dwelling and garage.

The Planning Officer advised that this application can now be approved following amendments to the proposal.

<b>ITEM NO 6</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO D/2012/0106/F - REFUSAL</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	NI Renewables, C/o Agent.
<b>AGENT</b>	Simpson Design, 42 Semicock Road, Ballymoney BT53 6PY
<b>LOCATION</b>	340m NE of 21 Reservoir Road, Loughguile.
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Re-siting of previously approved sub-station (supercedes D/2009/0218/F).

The Department remains of the opinion to refuse the application.

<b>ITEM NO 7</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO D/2012/0159/A - CONSENT</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Money Shop, C/o Agent.
<b>AGENT</b>	Creative Spirit Ltd, Northamptonshire
<b>LOCATION</b>	53-55 Main Street, Ballymoney.
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Fascia – Retrospective application.
<b>OBJECTIONS (1)</b>	Proximity to Council's own land.

The Chief Executive clarified Council's position relating to its planning permission on the land adjacent to the development and its concern that Planning Service has permitted a development which overlooks it. The consent was noted.

<b>ITEM NO 8</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO D/2012/0208/F - REFUSAL</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Mr & Mrs Kirgan, C/o Agent.
<b>AGENT</b>	Bailey Architecture, Glenshesk, Ballycastle.
<b>LOCATION</b>	Lands to East of 122 Bendooragh Road, Ballymoney
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Farm dwelling.

At the request of Alderman Campbell (on behalf of Alderman Connolly) the Planning Officer agreed to hold the application for one month to enable further information to be submitted by the Agent.

#### 4.2 Deferred Applications

Items 1-3 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Services accepted except where stated otherwise.

**D1 APPLICATION NO D/2010/0238/F APPROVAL**

Height of turbine now reduced to 20m and application can now be approved.

**D2 APPLICATION NO D/2012/0070/O REFUSAL**

The Department remain of the opinion to refuse the application.

**D3 APPLICATION NO D/2012/0095/O REFUSAL**

Councillor Finlay expressed disappointment at the decision of the Department to refuse the application.

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

*that the application be held for two weeks to enable Council to write to the MP and Planning Manager requesting a meeting to discuss the decision to refuse.*

**4.2 Decisions Issued**

A schedule of decisions issued from: 01/09/2012 to 30/09/2012.

**4.3 Office Meetings**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 10.00 am in the Lanyon Room, Riada House.

\* **The Planning Officer left the meeting at 7.25 pm.**

**79.5 PLANNING DIVISION****5.1 Withdrawal of Application**

Location: 290M North West of 10 Vow Road, Bannview, Ballymoney BT53 7PB

Proposal: Proposed 225kw wind turbine with a 50m hub height under PPS18

Planning Service has written to confirm that correspondence has been received indicating that the above application has been withdrawn.

**5.2 Approval of Planning Permission**

Application No: D/2012/0178/F

Location: Existing Telecoms Installation, Seacon Farm, 44 Seacon Road, Seacon Beg, Ballymoney BT53 6PPZ

Applicant: Everything Everywhere & H3G Ltd  
 Proposal: Installation of 1 No 600m transmission dish to be installed on new dish pole.

The Department of the Environment has granted planning permission for the above mentioned development with conditions as outlined in its correspondence to the applicant.

### 5.3 Withdrawal of Application

Location: 25 Castle Street, Ballymoney  
 Proposal: Proposed Redevelopment Of Site To Incorporate 4 Retail Units –Classes A1 & A2 Unit 1 To Be Hot Food Takeaway, Unit 4 To Be Restaurant, 6 Apartments, Footpath Extension, Landscaped Areas And Parking Bays

Planning Service has written to confirm that correspondence has been received indicating that the above application has been withdrawn.

## 79.6 COUNCIL MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2013

A draft timetable of Council and Committee meetings for 2013 was presented for approval. In accordance with custom and practice where meetings fall on public holidays the next available working day has been chosen. In line with Council's decision regarding committee meetings falling in the Christmas period, alternative dates in the previous week have been chosen.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the timetable of meetings of Council and Committees during 2013 be approved.

It was proposed by Alderman Kennedy, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

***that the timetable of meetings of Council and Committees during 2013 be approved.***

## 79.7 LIBRARIES NI – MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE STRATEGY (78.14)

At the previous meeting of committee members were informed that Libraries NI are consulting on a proposed strategy for the mobile library service. The new strategy aims to ensure that use of the service increases and that it meets the needs of current and future users. It contains five service proposals designed to improve and harmonise the mobile service whilst maintaining the current very high level of customer satisfaction. Members agreed to table the matter for discussion at November's Consultation Committee meeting. A copy of the consultation summary was circulated.



***The consultation period runs from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012 to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012.***

#### **79.8 THE PLANNING (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2012 (S.R. 2012 No. 293)**

The Department has made the above Statutory Rule which will come into operation on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012. The purpose of the Regulations is to apply an inflationary increase of 2%.

The Statutory Rule can be viewed online at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr> or can be purchased from the Stationery Office at [www.tsoshop.co.uk](http://www.tsoshop.co.uk) or by contacting TSO Customer Services on 0870 600 5522.

#### **79.9 ROAD SERVICE LICENCE RENEWALS**

A schedule of renewal applications was circulated, attached as Appendix A. No comments were offered.

#### **79.10 IMPLEMENTATION OF EU DIRECTIVE ON EXTENSION OF PARENTAL LEAVE ENTITLEMENT**

The Department of Employment and Learning is launching a public consultation seeking views of interested parties on the proposal to extend, in line with the requirements of EU Directive 2010/18/EU, the entitlement of parents to claim unpaid parental leave.

#### **79.11 OLDER PEOPLE'S FRAMEWORK**

The Older People's Service Framework was issued for consultation on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012. The Framework is one in a series which set out explicit standards for health and social care that patients, clients, their carers and wider family can expect to receive. The Framework aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people with a learning disability, their carers and families by promoting social inclusion, reducing inequalities in health and social wellbeing and improving the quality of care.

The consultation document is available on <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/showconsultations?txid=59058> or by contacting the Office of the Chief Executive.

***The closing date for responses is 28<sup>th</sup> December 2012.***

Councillor McAfee expressed disappointment that a meeting would not be held in Ballymoney based on the increasing ageing population in the borough.

#### **79.12 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT REVIEWING SUPPORT FOR REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE PRIVATE HOUSING SECTOR**

This consultation document sets out in broad terms the Department's proposals for reforming the system of grants for supporting repair and improvement in the private housing sector. The Department believes the current scheme is no longer fit for purpose and seeks Council's agreement, views and comments on possible ways forward. This document sets out proposals for a future direction for a new scheme of assistance to help homeowners and tenants with a repairing obligation. Currently, it is not envisaged that the Disabled Repairs Grant will form part of the review. A copy of the consultation document is available from the Office of the Chief Executive.

***Comments on the proposals should reach the Department by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013.***

#### **79.13 CONSULTATION ON PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS**

The Department of the Environment has issued a consultation paper on its proposals for amending permitted development rights for agricultural buildings and plant.

The purpose of the consultation is to obtain views on the Department's proposals to revise permitted development rights to increase the size limitation of agricultural buildings from 300m<sup>2</sup> to 500m<sup>2</sup> and provide for the installation alteration or replacement of structures to house anaerobic digestion plant on agricultural units subject to the same ground area limitation of 500m<sup>2</sup>.

Copies of the Consultation Paper may be downloaded from the Planning NI website at [www.planningni.gov.uk](http://www.planningni.gov.uk) or by contacting the Office of the Chief Executive.

***The closing date for the receipt of comments is 18th January 2013.***

#### **79.14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE REVIEW OF DOOR 2 DOOR SERVICES**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Department has published a consultation paper and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) seeking views on the outcome of a review of Door 2 Door services.

The aim of the review is to consider how resources can be targeted more effectively towards those most in need, while encouraging those who can, to make greater use of mainstream public transport.

The Department would welcome any comments on the proposed legislation, with particular regard to the potential impact it may have on equality of opportunity, human rights issues, rural impact and implementation costs.

An electronic copy of the Consultation Paper is available at [www.drdni.gov.uk/index/publications](http://www.drdni.gov.uk/index/publications) or by contacting the Office of the Chief Executive.

Comments, on the proposed Review should be made in writing and may be forwarded electronically via e-mail to [alan.heron@drdni.gov.uk](mailto:alan.heron@drdni.gov.uk), or, alternatively, via post to Mr Alan Heron, Department for Regional Development, Transport Policy, Strategy and Legislation Division, Room 3-01, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB.

***The closing date for receipt of all responses is 5.00pm on Monday, 14th January 2013.***

#### **79.15 CONSULTATION ON “FACING THE FUTURE: HOUSING STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND”**

The Department has decided to undertake a consultation on the first Housing Strategy produced for Northern Ireland for the next five years to 2017 and is now seeking views from members of the public, all interested parties and stakeholders in the area, on the issues and proposals set out in the document.

***The consultation process started on 15 October 2012 and continues until 7 December 2012.***

A copy of the consultation document is available from <http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/consultations/housing-strategy-consultation.htm> or by contacting the Office of the Chief Executive

#### **79.16 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BOARD**

The Chief Executive of the HSCB has written to invite Council to participate in the public consultation process for *Transforming Your Care*, launched by the Minister Edwin Poots, MLA

The HSCB has been asked by the Minister to develop a consultation document and lead the public consultation on the draft plans for service changes over the next 3 to 5 years, in response to the *Review of Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland: Transforming Your Care* which was published in December 2011.

*Transforming Your Care* highlighted that we have a growing and ageing population. This is to be celebrated and we have much to be proud of in our Health and Social Care system. However, we are likely to face rising demand for our services, and this presents challenges for the future. *Transforming Your Care* is about making changes to ensure we have safe, high quality and sustainable services for our patients, service users and staff. In making these changes, there are choices to be made about how we organise our services to provide the best possible care to everyone in Northern Ireland.

The Board is keen to hear from anyone, or any group, who has a view on the proposals outlined in the consultation document. A copy of the consultation document, *Transforming Your Care: Vision to Action* is available on our website [www.tyconsultation.hscni.net](http://www.tyconsultation.hscni.net) or by contacting the Office of the Chief Executive.

The website also has more information and documentation, including the original Report from the Review of Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland, online and downloadable response questionnaires, and the draft Population Plans and Strategic Implementation Plan.

***The consultation process will last for 14 weeks ending on 15th January 2013.***

**79.17 PLANNING CONFERENCE  
TWO DATES: 12TH DEC. 2012 - COOKSTOWN AND  
10TH JANUARY 2013 - LISBURN**

The transfer of planning powers from the Department of the Environment to local councils will be one of the most important aspects of local government reform.

NILGA has been working with key partners, the Department of the Environment, the National Association of Councillors and Northern Ireland Environment Link, to develop a major conference looking at the important and strategic aspects of the transfer of planning powers.

An outline of the conference was circulated together with a booking form. The conference will be held twice at different locations to reflect the importance of the topic and to facilitate maximum participation.

**There is no charge for this conference.**

**79.18 AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SEMINAR: LEADING THE WAY TO ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY  
TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER • DUNADRY HOTEL, CO ANTRIM**

Agri-food is a key sector in the local economy, and is expected to make a major contribution to returning the Northern Ireland economy to growth. It is a major exporter as well as a significant employer, with approximately 25,000 people employed across the region, a figure which represents 10 to 15 per cent of the

population in some rural areas. While the sector overall is making an important contribution to local employment and to the Northern Ireland economy, it does face challenges, including CAP reform, adverse weather and increased costs around feed, fertiliser and energy.

Negotiated by NILGA, a special discounted rate of £125 ex VAT (full fee £175) is available for local government elected representatives and officers wishing to attend. Any member interested in attending should seek approval through the Corporate & Central Services Committee meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.**

Appendices attached:

Appendix A Road Service Licence Renewals/Applications Schedule

**APPENDIX A****ROADS SERVICE LICENCES – NOVEMBER CONSULTATION MEETING**

Applications to renew/amend Roads Service licences have been received from DoE in accordance with the attached schedule.

<b>No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Licence</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>B2102</b>	Christopher Hutchinson, 21 Glenavon Crescent, Lurgan, Co Armagh, BT66 8JR	Renewal	2.11.12
<b>B1417</b>	Southern Education & Library Board, 3 Charlemont Place, The Mall, Armagh, Co Armagh, BT61 9AX	Renewal	2.11.12
<b>B699</b>	JMB Coaches Limited 2-4 Tulnacross Road Cookstown Co Tyrone BT80 9NH	Renewal	7.11.12
<b>B810</b>	Francis & Mary Gollogly 27 Madden Road Keady Co Armagh BT60 3RW	Renewal	7.11.12
<b>B2399</b>	Northern Transport Limited 2a Brackenvale Business Park Belfast BT8 8ES	Renewal	7.11.12
<b>B 2918</b>	Sandy Arthur Coach Hire Ltd., Roe House, Aghanloo Industrial Estate, Limavady, Co. Londonderry, BT49 0HE.	New	7.11.12

In accordance with Section 6 of the Transport Act (NI) 1967 any representations regarding these applications should be made prior to the date indicated. With regard to amendments to existing and new Ulsterbus services or carriage services ie taxi routes, any objections made on the grounds that the proposed service would impact on a service already in operation, a map showing the route of the existing service should be provided.