

**Ballymoney Borough Council**  
**Consultation Committee Meeting No 81 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 81 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 at 7.00pm.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J Finlay

**PRESENT:** **Aldermen**  
H Connolly  
C Cousley  
B Kennedy

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

**APOLOGIES:** **Alderman**  
F Campbell

**Councillor**  
A Cavlan

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

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

Press

**81.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 81.2 MINUTES – CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 80 – 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012

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

*that the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 80 – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

## 81.3 CONDOLENCES

Councillor Storey expressed condolences to Dr Owen Finnegan and his family on the loss of his daughter, Úna, who was tragically killed by an avalanche whilst walking in Glencoe, Scotland. Úna was a former pupil of Dalriada School in Ballymoney. Councillor Storey said that Úna's death was a sad loss for the family and the borough and his thoughts and prayers were with the family at this time. Councillor Robinson, Alderman Kennedy and Councillor Stevenson associated themselves with Councillor Storey's remarks.

## 81.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 4.1 New Applications

Items 1-5 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 4</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO D/2012/0206/F - APPROVAL</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Mr David Strang
<b>AGENT</b>	Ciaran Taggart, 67 St Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick BT30 6DN
<b>LOCATION</b>	136a Knock Road, Dervock, Ballymoney
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Proposed sheep pens and store.
<b>OBJECTION</b>	Two letters of objection had been received and 11 letters of support. Objections related to traffic, noise, impact on wildlife, bats and birds. One objection was subsequently withdrawn but the objection relating to impact on birds remains standing.

The Planning Officer advised that further information was received from the applicant as to the management of the facility. Environmental Health is satisfied with regard to residential amenity and no objections have been

raised by Natural Heritage to the bird's survey.

The Department therefore recommends approval subject to conditions.

Councillor Storey welcomed Council's Environmental Health Department input in the application and the subsequent decision of the Department to approve the application.

#### 4.2 Deferred Applications

Items 1-2 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Services accepted except where stated otherwise.

##### D1 APPLICATION NO D/2012/0018/F APPROVAL

Amended plans have been received. Roads Service has no objection. New access proposals considers vegetation and landscape and with removal of walls, gates and fencing, the application can now be approved.

Councillor Storey thanked the Department for their decision to approve the application.

##### D2 APPLICATION NO D/2012/0147/F REFUSAL

Planning Service has consulted with DARD who have not supported that the business has been established for the required period and is necessary.

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

***that Council disagree with the refusal and will write to the MP and Area Planning Manager requesting a meeting to discuss the application.***

The Planning Officer agreed to hold issue of decision pending a meeting with the MP.

#### 4.3 Decisions Issued

A schedule of decisions issued from: 01/12/2012 – 31/12/2012.

#### 4.4 Office Meetings

No office meetings are scheduled for the month of January but Application D2012/0224/O, previously postponed at the request of the applicant, will be considered at an office meeting to be arranged directly between Councillor McGuigan and the Planning Officer in Coleraine.

- \* **The Planning Officer left the meeting at 7.15 pm.**

### **81.5 BALLYMONEY POST OFFICE – PROPOSED MOVE TO NEW PREMISES**

The Post Office has given notice of its proposal with the agreement of the subpostmaster, to move the Post Office at 11 Linenhall Street, Ballymoney, to a new location at Glebeside Spar, 22 John Street, Ballymoney. It has now started a six week local public consultation and views are invited on the following areas:

- How suitable you think the new location and premises are and how easy to get there.
- Are the new premises easy for you to get into and is the inside easily accessible?
- Do you have any concerns about the new location?
- If so, do you have any suggestions that could help us make it better for you?
- Any local community issues which you think could be affected by the proposed move.
- Anything you particularly like about the proposed change.

The move of this branch is part of a three-year investment and support programme, the largest in the history of the Post Office Ltd which will see around 6,000 branches (about half the Post Office network) converting to new style branches.

What will this mean for customers:

- A modern open plan branch in newly refurbished premises
- Longer opening hours
- The same products and services
- Selected Post Office services will also be available at the retail counter during shop opening hours.

A copy of an information sheet issued by the Post Office was circulated.

**The date of the proposed change is March 2013.**

Councillor Stevenson welcomed the decision to re-locate Post Office services to John Street. Alderman Connolly and Alderman Kennedy concurred with his comments, Alderman Kennedy stating that whilst dereliction at Linenhall Street remains an issue, the benefit of the re-location would be that of additional parking and disabled parking for customers using Post Office services.

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

***that Council agrees to the proposal to re-locate Post Office services from Linenhall Street to John Street.***

## **81.6 CONSULTATION (DSD) - MAXIMISING INCOMES AND OUTCOMES**

The Department of Social Development (DSD) has published a discussion document 'Maximising Incomes and Outcomes - A Plan For Improving The Uptake of Benefits'.

The Department wishes to hear the ideas and views of all those interested in the plan for improving the uptake of benefits. People can respond and provide their views in any format on the proposals in the consultation document. A number of discussion points are also included in the document that people may find useful in framing a response. Responses can be forwarded by post and email.

Further details can be found in the document - [www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/consultations.htm](http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/consultations.htm). The document will be listed for consideration at the next meeting of the Consultation Committee.

**The consultation will end on 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Meantime a number of formal public consultation events have also been arranged in the following locations:

- Belfast: Monday 28 January at 4.30pm, NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, County Antrim, BT15 2GB
- Ballymena: Tuesday 29 January at 4.30pm, ECOS Centre, Kernohan's Lane, Broughshane Road, Ballymena, BT43 7QA
- Armagh: Monday 4 February at 4.30pm, The Market Place Theatre, Market Street, Armagh, BT61 7BW
- Londonderry: Tuesday 5 February at 4.30pm, The Ebrington Centre, Glendermott Road, Co Londonderry, BT47 6BG

Members have received notice of the consultation events from OCE. Any member wishing to attend any of the events please contact Corporate Services Unit to register.

## **81.7 CONSULTATION – DRAFT CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL AUTISM STRATEGY**

DHSSPS has issued a consultation document on Autism Strategy 2013-2020 and Action Plan 2013-2015. The draft consultation has been developed in collaboration with representatives from other NI government departments, the

health and social care sector, people with autism, their families and carers, and the community and voluntary sector.

The document is available at  
<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/showconsultations?txtid=59561>  
or from the Office of the Chief Executive.

A copy of the Executive Summary was circulated.

**The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

#### **81.8 CONSULTATION – PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE TREATMENTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

DHSS has issued a consultation on proposals to change the treatments that are available through General Dental Services.

The consultation paper sets out the proposed changes to treatments available through General Dental Services (GDS). These proposals would ensure that treatment provided through General Dental Services is targeted at patients with the greatest need and provided for within the allocated GDS budget. The proposed changes are consistent with the recommendations set out in the Department's Primary Dental Care Strategy.

The document is available at  
[http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/consultations/current\\_consultations.htm](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/consultations/current_consultations.htm)  
or from the Office of the Chief Executive.

**The closing date is 3 April 2013.**

#### **81.9 CONSULTATION – OVERSEAS VISITORS ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES IN NI**

The DHSSPS has issued a consultation on overseas visitor's access to health services in NI.

This consultation seeks to provide a clearer and more comprehensive policy and legislative framework in this area. In particular, it proposes to make some minor extensions to existing categories of entitlement to hospital care as well as to clarify and extend the entitlement of certain groups not ordinarily resident into primary care.

The document is available at  
[www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/consultations/current\\_consultations.htm](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/consultations/current_consultations.htm) or from the Office of the Chief Executive.

**The closing date is 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

#### **81.10 CONSULTATION - IMPLEMENTATION OF EU DAIRY PACKAGE: EU REGULATION NO 261/2012**

DARD has issued a public consultation on the implementation of the above EU Regulation, which is directly applicable to all member states. A similar consultation process is taking place in England, Scotland and Wales. As the outcome of the consultation affects only milk producers and milk processors the Department is consulting only with producer and processor representatives on the implementation options.

There are two mandatory elements in this EU Regulations: recognition of dairy producer organizations and the reporting on raw milk volumes. A decision is also required on whether or not to adopt any of the three optional measures; compulsory contracts between processors and producers, recognition of inter-branch organizations and control of the supply of specified cheeses.

In implementing the EU Regulation the Department's aim is to adopt the least burdensome and most beneficial approach for producers and other dairy businesses, bearing in mind that 80% of local milk production is supplied to co-operatives. DARD has also taken into account the fact that the local dairy industry recently announced that it has agreed a voluntary Code of Practice on contractual relations as a more desirable way forward than compulsory contracts under the EU Regulation. Provision is therefore being made to implement only the mandatory elements of the EU Regulation and so a need for new local legislation has not been identified.

The consultation is available on the DARD website at <http://www.dardni.gov.uk/consultation-on-eu-dairy-package.htm>

**The closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.**

#### **81.11 APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF N.I. SCREEN**

DCAL has advised that it will be placing an advertisement in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News and News Letter on 17/18 January for the position of Chair of Northern Ireland Screen. Council is encouraged to promote applications from those in the sector.

**The closing date is 12 noon on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

#### **81.12 ROADS SERVICE LICENCE RENEWALS**

A schedule of renewals is attached as Appendix C. Members please note application for the Amendment of a Road Service Licence – Ulsterbus Limited,



Milewater Road, Belfast, BT3 9BG

Service	222
Terminals:	Belfast-Ballymena
Route Traversed:	<u>Proposed outbound route (extended route in bold).</u> Belfast Europa Buscentre, Belfast High Street, M2 Motorway Templepatrick, Templepatrick Castle gates, Muckamore Orange Hall, Fountain Hill, Antrim Buscentre, Antrim Meadowlands, <b>Ballymena Buscentre</b> <u>Proposed inbound route (extended route in bold).</u> <b>Ballymena bus centre</b> , Antrim Meadowlands, Antrim Bus centre, Fountain Hill, Muckamore Orange Hall, Templepatrick Castle Gates, Templepatrick M2 Motorway, Belfast High Street, Belfast Europa Bus centre.
Frequency	Inbound 0720 Outbound 1715

**The closing date for comments regarding this application 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013.**

#### **81.13 DRD – “ON THE MOVE”**

A copy of DRD Magazine, “On The Move” has been circulated to members

#### **81.14 2013 NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION**

The Chief Executive drew members’ attention to the conference which will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the Everglades Hotel in Derry-Londonderry. Applications to attend should be made via Corporate & Central Services Committee.

**The meeting closed at 7.16 pm.**