

**Ballymoney Borough Council  
Consultation Meeting No 93 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 93 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 6.30pm.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor W Blair (Vice Chair)

**PRESENT:**

**Aldermen**

F Campbell  
H Connolly

**Councillors**

J Atkinson  
R Halliday  
R McAfee  
P McGuigan  
T McKeown  
C McLaughlin  
A McLean  
E Robinson MBE  
I Stevenson (Deputy Mayor)

**APOLOGIES:**

**Alderman**

A Cavlan  
C Cousley MBE  
B Kennedy

**Councillor**

J Finlay (Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive  
Head of Corporate & Development Services  
Corporate Services Officer

Mrs Claire Doherty, Manager & Ms Ruth Bellingham KRD  
Credit Union (Item 1)

Mr David de Casseres, Director Transmission Projects &  
Michael Hewitt, Manager Renewable Projects NIE (Item 2)

Ms Julie McMath & Ms Karen Dickson, Planning Officers  
(Item 5)

Press (2)

### **93.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chief Executive, Alderman Connolly, Councillor McGuigan re. item 93.2 as members of Credit Union.

### **93.2 KRD CREDIT UNION**

The Chair welcomed Claire Doherty, Manager, and Ms Ruth Bellingham from KRD Credit Union to the meeting.

The KRD Credit Union Manager outlined a brief history of KRD Credit Union and gave an overview of the services offered to the community in Ballymoney. She pointed to the unique nature of credit unions and the advantages of saving and borrowing from them. She informed members that the surplus created is given back to the Credit Union's members in the form of a dividend or loan interest repayment and the community also benefits in the form of sponsorship from the Credit Union.

Following the presentation members raised questions relating to the comparison between Credit Unions and High Street banks and the process for applying for sponsorship for community projects.

The Chair thanked the KRD representatives for their presentation.

**KRD representatives left the meeting at 7.00pm.**

**Mr David de Casseres and Mr Michael Hewitt, NIE joined the meeting at 7.01pm.  
Planning Officers joined the meeting at 7.01pm.**

**Head of Corporate & Development Services joined the meeting at 7.04pm.**

### **93.3 NIE PROPOSED FINVOY SUB STATION**

The Chair welcomed Mr de Casseres and Mr Hewitt to the meeting to update members on the proposal to locate the substation for the Mid Antrim Cluster windfarm connection at Finvoy.

Mr de Casseres and Mr Hewitt outlined the reasons for the decision to choose Finvoy as the preferred location for the proposed substation and presented the progress made to date. A copy of the powerpoint presentation used is attached as Appendix 1.

**Councillor McKeown joined the meeting at 7.26pm.**

Members responded to the presentation with questions relating to:

The substation causing interference to radio and TV signals, the number of pylons to be erected, and health and safety issues, including the risks posed by electro-

magnetic fields. In addition, concerns were raised by a number of members, which had been previously raised with NIE during the public consultation meeting in Rasharkin, including the impact of the proposal to site the substation at Finvoy on property prices, the local model aircraft flying club and the health and safety of local people.

In response to the issues raised the NIE representatives pointed to the information contained in the submissions made to Planning Service which addressed all these concerns, to the Environmental Report produced by NIE in relation to the proposal and to the health and safety guidelines laid down by the relevant authorities that NIE has to adhere to and work within.

In response to a further question by Councillor McKeown relating to a possible connection between EMF and radon gas, Mr Hewitt (NIE) advised that he would look into if this had been investigated and respond to members on this issue.

The Chair thanked Mr de Casseres and Mr Hewitt for their presentation.

**NIE representatives left the meeting at 8.04pm.**

**Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 8.04pm.**

### **93.3 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 92 – 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson seconded by Councillor McGuigan and **AGREED:**

*that the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 92 – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

### **93.5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **5.1 Deferred Applications**

Items 1-4 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Services accepted except where stated otherwise.

<b>ITEM NO</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO</b>	<b>DoE OPINION</b>
<b>D1</b>	<b>D/2012/0221/F</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b>
<b>D2</b>	<b>D/2013/0079/F</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b>
<b>D3</b>	<b>D/2013/0099/F</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b>
The Planning Officer advised that an office meeting had taken place on 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 but no 3 <sup>rd</sup> party objectors had attended.		
<b>D4</b>	<b>D/2013/0121/O</b>	<b>REFUSAL</b>
The Planning Officer advised that this application had been withdrawn.		

#### **5.2 Streamlined Planning Applications**

A schedule of decisions issued from 1.12.12 – 31.12.13 was circulated for members' information.

\* **The Planning Officers left the meeting at 8.07 pm.**

### **93.6 ROADS SERVICE - CONSULTATION**

The Divisional Roads Manager has responded to the matters raised by members at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013. A copy of the letter of response dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 was previously circulated to members.

### **93.7 INQUIRY INTO WIND ENERGY**

The Assembly Committee for the Environment has recently announced its intention to carry out an inquiry into Wind Energy. The aim of the Inquiry is to identify the key issues arising from the generation of renewable energy by onshore wind turbines and to assess the adequacy of existing planning guidance to address these issues.

A copy of the Terms of Reference was previously circulated to members. The closing date for submissions is 28<sup>th</sup> February

### **93.8 SEMINAR – RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY**

The DoE has arranged a seminar on renewable energy policy and the strategic planning policy statement, in the context of the transfer of planning powers. This is being held on 4 February in Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Cookstown. Any member wishing to attend should register their interest with the Office of the Chief Executive.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor McLean and **AGREED:**

*that approval be granted to any member wishing to attend.*

### **93.9 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REQUEST**

#### **9.1 WRAP WORKSHOP CAPITAL WASTE PROGRAMME**

Councillor Robinson has applied to attend this workshop on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014. There is no fee for the workshop.

#### **9.2 PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM**

Councillor Robinson has applied to attend this conference on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in Belfast. The fee is £175 & VAT. NILGA has negotiated a reduction in the fee of £50 for councillors.

### 93.10 NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCILLORS' REMUNERATION STAKEHOLDER EVENTS

The Department intends to hold a number of targeted focus group events for local government, the public sector and other stakeholders to discuss its proposed response to the recommendations made the Northern Ireland Councillors' Remuneration Panel. The views expressed at these focus group events will be taken into account in finalising the scheme of allowances that will apply to the new councils.

Members are invited to attend one of the following venues, on the following dates.

6 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 10.30am – 1pm	Tower Hotel 17-19 Butcher St Londonderry County Derry BT48 6HL
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 10.30am – 1pm	Silverbirch Hotel 5 Gortin Rd Omagh BT79 7DH
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 10am – 1pm	Grosvenor House Conference & Training 5 Glengall Street Belfast BT12 5AD
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 2.30pm – 5pm	Lough Neagh Discovery Centre Oxford Island National Nature Reserve Craigavon BT66 6NJ
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 10.30am – 1pm	The Showgrounds Warden Street Ballymena BT43 7DR

The Department will send a summary of the recommendations and proposals for consideration prior to the event. The aim of the events is to obtain feedback on the recommendations made by the Remuneration panel and the Department's proposed response. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions.

Any member wishing to attend may register their interest with the Office of the Chief Executive.

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

***that approval be granted to Councillor Robinson to attend conference/workshop as detailed at 93.9.1 & 93.9.2 and approval be granted to any member wishing to attend the DOE focus groups as detailed at 93.10***

#### **93.11 APPOINTMENT – ARTS COUNCIL NI**

DCAL are seeking applications from persons interested in being a member of the Board of the Arts Council NI. A formal advertisement appeared in the provincial press on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **93.12 SCHEDULE – CURRENT CONSULTATIONS**

A copy of the latest schedule of consultations week ending 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014, previously circulated, is attached. Any member who wishes a consultation listed on the schedule (issued weekly), placed on the agenda for consideration should contact the Office of the Chief Executive.

**The meeting closed at 8.16pm**

Appendix 1 – NIE Presentation Mid Antrim Cluster Connection Proposal

APPENDIX 1



NIE Mid Antrim  
Cluster Connection Pr