

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Consultation Meeting No 95 – 20th March 2014**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 95 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Thursday 20th March 2014 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor W Blair

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
H Connolly

Councillors
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
C McLaughlin
A McLean
E Robinson, MBE
I Stevenson (Deputy Mayor)

APOLOGIES: **Alderman**
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillor
J Atkinson
P McGuigan

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Business Support Officer

Planning Service (Item 3)
Ms Julie McMath

Press (1)

95.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

95.2 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 94 – 17TH FEBRUARY 2014

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor McLean and
AGREED:

that the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 94 – 17th February 2014, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

* **Councillor McAfee arrived at the meeting at 7.01pm.**

95.3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1 New Applications

Items 1–4 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

ITEM NO 1	APPLICATION NO D/2013/0127/F – APPROVAL
APPLICANT	Mr Samuel Thompson c/o Agent
AGENT	Wind NI Limited, 20 Upper Main Street, Larne
LOCATION	283m SE of 99 Ballyveely Road, Loughguile BT44 9BJ
PROPOSAL	Application to vary condition no 2 of Planning Approval D/2011/0054/F to allow increase in max sound power from 99.4 dBA to 104.7 dBA at 10m/s at 10m
OBJECTIONS (5)	(1) Noise (2) separation distance of turbine from neighbouring properties (3) impact of topography on noise levels
ITEM NO 2	APPLICATION NO D/2013/0164/A – REFUSAL
APPLICANT	Henderson Food Halls Limited c/o Agent
AGENT	WJ Watters, 39 Glenstall Road, Ballymoney
LOCATION	47 Queen Street, Ballymoney (corner of Queen Street/Edward Street
PROPOSAL	Electronic Shop Sign on Gable Wall
It was AGREED	<i>that an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay/Councillor Stevenson)</i>
ITEM NO 3	APPLICATION NO – D0213/0197/F – REFUSAL
APPLICANT	John Armstrong c/o Agent
AGENT	Park Design Associations, Parkmore Heights, Ballymena
LOCATION	91 Balnamore Road, Ballymoney
PROPOSAL	Detached building containing swimming pool with ancillary changing rooms and plant room
It was AGREED	<i>that an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay)</i>

The purpose of the Statutory Rule is to amend the Planning (General Development) Order (NI) 1993 (SR 1993 No. 278) (the "GDO") to provide permitted development rights for:

- a] – the installation, alteration or replacement of an air source heat pump within the curtilage of a dwelling house; and
- b] – development ancillary to mining operation.

95.5 A STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (SPPS) (DRAFT) – CONSULTATION

This consultation document was tabled at Committee on 17th February (CC94).

At Council's Planning Committee meeting on 25 February, Coleraine Borough Council agreed that it might be appropriate for the four cluster councils to respond jointly to the above consultation document through the appointment of a professional planning consultant, with the cost of same being apportioned equally between the four councils.

In light of the importance of this Policy Statement and in order to take the matter forward, **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council agree to Coleraine Borough Council instructing its Planning Consultant; Peter Fleming to draft a response on behalf of the Cluster at an estimated cost of £500 per Council.

The draft response can be considered by Council at its monthly meeting in April allowing time for the final submission by the consultation deadline of 29 April.

The draft SPPS consolidates 20 separate policy publications into one document and brings forward new strategic policy relating to town centres and retailing. It sets out the core planning principles to underpin delivery of the reformed two-tier planning system from April 2015 including promoting sustainable development, well being and shared space. In this sense it is an essential key element of the broader planning and local government reform programme that will assist in the transfer of planning to councils in 2015. It will set the direction for new councils to bring forward detailed operational policies within the future local development plans. **The consultation poses 36 questions and the deadline for response is 29 April 2014.**

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

to recommend that Council agree to Coleraine Borough Council instructing a Planning Consultant to draft a response on behalf of the Cluster at an estimated cost of £500 per Council.

For members' information, Councillor Robinson advised that a NILGA full meeting to examine the draft SPPS has been arranged; NILGA will prepare a response to the SPPS based on the outcome.

Chief Executive added that, as Ballymoney has also used its own Planning Consultant for such work, quotations will be sought from both.

- * **Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 7.25pm during consideration of the above matter.**

95.6 MAKING CHOICES – THE CURRENT AND FUTURE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS OF OLDER PEOPLE

A copy of the trade union UNISON's response to the Health & Social Care Board consultation document, together with their press release of 7/3/14, was circulated to members, OCE memo 037/2014 refers.

95.7 ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMITS) BILL

This Bill, introduced to the NI Assembly, by Pat Ramsey, MLA, seeks to establish a new speed limit of 20 mph on minor residential roads. Council's views are sought. A copy of the Bill was circulated.

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

to recommend that Council agree to a new speed limit of 20 mph at Schools during certain hours, but do not agree to a 20mph on minor residential roads.

95.8 DISABLED PARKING BAY AT 57 HIGH STREET, BALLYMONEY

Roads Service is proposing to reserve an on-street disabled parking space outside no. 57 High Street, Ballymoney, following a formal request. Council is asked to confirm it is in agreement with the proposal.

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

to recommend that Council confirm its agreement with the proposal from Roads Service to reserve an on-street disabled parking space outside no. 57 High Street, Ballymoney, following a formal request.

- * **Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.31pm during consideration of the above matter.**

95.9 NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE – CONSULTATION ON PRINCIPLES OF ORGANISATION CHANGE POLICY

The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) has developed Principles of an Organisation Change Policy for Support staff in relation to the forthcoming development of an Organisation Change Policy for Support Staff.

NIFRS is undergoing a programme of organisational improvement and change, whilst remaining committed to stability and security in employment. It is recognised that there is a need for change in ensuring that NIFRS remains fit for purpose and makes full use of modern and professional working practices.

In order to progress change initiatives in a reasonable, fair and legally compliant manner, it is important that a policy is developed to govern and support processes to be implemented effectively.

Further information including the policy and a feedback questionnaire can be found at <http://www.nifrs.org/consultation> Should Council require clarification or would like to discuss the Policy further, face-to-face meetings can be arranged or a telephone discussion can be facilitated on request. **The closing date for receipt of comments is Tuesday 22 April 2014.**

- * **Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 7.34pm during consideration of the above matter.**

95.10 CAP PILLAR 1 DIRECT PAYMENTS CONSULTATION

A summary of responses to the consultation on policy options arising from the reform of the CAP (Pillar 1 Direct Payments) is available to view on the DARD website using the following link: <http://www.dardni.gov.uk/pillar-i-summary-of-responses.pdf> or a copy is available on request from OCE.

95.11 APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE NI SCIENCE PARK FOUNDATION LTD (NISF)

The Department of Enterprise Trade & Investment is seeking to appoint two new NISF Board members with effect from 1 July 2014. **The closing date is 4th April.** Further information is available on request from OCE.

95.12 NILGA EVENTS

12.1 Engagement Event – Councillors’ Code of Conduct

NILGA have organised a Councillors’ Code of Conduct Engagement Event, in the Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown, on Tuesday 8th April 2014 from 9.30am. This FREE event is open to all Elected Members and Officers. Members are asked to register interest with OCE for confirmation at the meeting.

Alderman Campbell indicated Councillor Stevenson had declared an interest to attend.

12.2 NILGA Full Meeting– SPSS

A NILGA Full Meeting will be held on 28th March, Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey, 10.30am-4.00pm. This FREE event is open to all Elected Members and Officers. Members are asked to register interest with OCE for confirmation at the meeting.

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

to recommend that Council authorise any member to attend the NILGA Engagement Event on Tuesday 8th April 2014 and/or NILGA Full Meeting to be held on Friday 28th March 2014.

95.13 SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

A copy of the latest schedule of consultations week ending 7th February 2014, was circulated. Any member who wishes a consultation listed on the schedule (issued weekly), to be placed on the agenda for consideration should contact the Office of the Chief Executive.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.