

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Consultation Meeting No 104 – 19th January 2015**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 104 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 19th January 2015 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor A McLean

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillors
W Blair
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
T McKeown
C McLaughlin
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: **Alderman**
H Connolly
Councillors
J Atkinson
A Cavlan
P McGuigan
E Robinson, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Central & Leisure Services
Head of Corporate and Development Services
Business Support Officer

Planning Service
J Lundy – Planning Officer

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104.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

104.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 103 – 15TH DECEMBER 2014

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

that the Minutes of Meeting No 103 – 15th December 2014, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

- * **Councillor Stevenson and Councillor McKeown joined the meeting at 7.02 pm and 7.04 pm respectively.**

104.3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**3.1 New Applications**

Item 1 was 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/2014/0131/F - APPROVAL
APPLICANT	Trustees of St Mary's GAC
AGENT	The Harbour, Studio 52, Millbank Avenue, Portstewart
LOCATION	St Mary's GAC, 320c Townhill Road, Rasharkin
PROPOSAL	Amendments to previous proposal to provide replacement changing rooms, sports hall, gym and ancillary facilities.

3.2 Deferred Applications

Items 1-5 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Services accepted except where stated otherwise.

D1	APPLICATION NO – D/2014/0032/O - APPROVAL
The Planning Officer advised that following amendments, the application is now able to be approved.	
D2	APPLICATION NO – D/2014/0077/O – REFUSAL
At the request of Councillor Finlay, the Planning Officer advised that the proposal is removed from the farm building and is not sited in the cluster. An alternative site has been put forward by the Planning Service. Responding to Alderman Kennedy, the Planning Officer advised that other issues included revision of boundary and removal of signage. Due to position of red line, a new application will be required.	

D3	APPLICATION NO – D/2014/0084/F – APPROVAL
Councillor Blair thanked the Department for their decision to approve the application.	
D4	APPLICATION NO – D/2014/0135/0 – REFUSAL
At the request of Councillor Finlay: It was AGREED: That the application be held for two weeks pending a meeting with MLA Mr M Storey.	
D5	APPLICATION NO –D/2014/0145/F - REFUSAL
At the request of Councillor Finlay: It was AGREED: That the application be held for two weeks pending a meeting with MLA Mr M Storey.	

3.3 Streamlined Planning Applications – Decisions Issued

A schedule of Streamlined Planning decisions issued from 1.12.14 – 31.12.14 was circulated for members' information.

- * **The Planning Officer left the meeting at 7.10 pm.**
- * **Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 7.10 pm.**

104.4 NI LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Copy of Draft response from NILGA was circulated. No comments were offered.

104.5 FOREST SERVICE NI – FSC & PEFC CERTIFICATION OF FOREST MANAGEMENT

Under International Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification scheme (PEFC) procedures, SGS Qualifor is conducting a re-assessment of the forest management of the **Forest Service of Northern Ireland's** forest management.

FSC and PEFC compliance is measured against the FSC-UK forest management standard and PEFC-UK forest management / UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS). The UKWAS is the 'local' FSC standard endorsed by FSC and PEFC for the UK. The **Forest Service of Northern Ireland** has been certified since 2000 and periodic re-assessment is part of the normal process of FSC and PEFC certification.

Council has been identified as an important stakeholder for this evaluation, whose views about the Forest Service of NI's forest management need to be taken into account in forming a balanced opinion concerning their overall compliance with the FSC P&C and PEFC requirements.

* **Councillor Stevenson returned to the meeting at 7.12 pm.**

104.6 THE DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERFORMANCE INDICATORS & STANDARDS ORDER (NI) 2015

The Local Government Act (NI) 2014 conferred on councils a new duty of performance improvement from 1st April 2015. The Act sets out the framework for the operation of council performance improvement. The eleven new councils will be obliged to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of their functions. The Act also provides the Department with powers to specify by order factors of performance (performance indicators) against which a council performance will be measured, the purpose being to improve service delivery for the benefit of citizens. DoE now wishes to consult on the legislation to be made under Section 89 of the Act, to specify performance indicators and standards for the functions of economic development, planning and waste management. The document can be obtained from the departments website or on request from the Office of Chief Executive. The closing date for comments is 2nd March.

104.7 PROPOSALS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION (DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT) REGS (NI) 2007

The Health & Safety Executive for NI has prepared a consultative document containing proposals to replace the construction (design and management) Regs (NI) 2007. The document can be obtained from its website www.hseni.gov.uk. or on request from the Office of the Chief Executive.

The proposed regulations implement in NI the requirements of Directive 92/57/EEC on the implementation of minimum safety and health requirements at temporary or mobile construction sites. The closing date is 6th February.

104.8 CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

A schedule, 9/1/15, of consultative documents was circulated for member's information.

104.9 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

9.1 Electoral Office

The Chief Executive advised that the Electoral Office are running a Registration and ID event, as it has done previously, in advance of the election.

They will be visiting Ballymoney (Cramsie Room, Town Hall) on Wednesday 11th February 2015 from 6 pm – 8 pm. Further information will be made available on Council's website and other key public facilities in due course.

104.10 CENTRAL & LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

Leisure Services

10.1 Drama Festival – Request for Financial Assistance

The Secretary of the Ballymoney Drama Festival has written to the Council advising that the 2015 Drama Festival is being held in the Town Hall from 3rd to 7th March 2015 and seeking financial support towards the cost of hiring the Town Hall facilities for the duration of the Festival.

Council has budgeted for such contributions in 2014/15.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council makes a contribution to the Drama Festival to cover the cost of hiring the Town Hall facilities from 3rd to 7th March 2015.

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

that Council makes a contribution to the Drama Festival to cover the cost of hiring the Town Hall facilities from 3rd to 7th March 2015.

Central Services

10.2 Loans to be Drawn Down

In accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy, Council has temporarily financed capital expenditure utilising internal funds given that interest rates remain low thus causing returns on any deposits to be extremely low.

So that the Council's finances are in order by 31st March 2015, ***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that the following loans are drawn down to finance the capital projects which are completed or nearing completion.

Project	Loan Amount	Loan Term
Drumaheglis Multi-Purpose Building	£125,000	30 years
Drumaheglis Outdoor Activity	£140,000	30 years
Drumaheglis Play Area	£58,000	20 years
Rasharkin Wellbeing Project	£28,000	15 years
Rasharkin Community Centre	£340,000	30 years
Cloughmills Biodiversity Park	£180,000	20 years
Ballybogey MUGA	£30,000	20 years
Painting Riada House & Town Hall	£103,000	10 years
Drumaheglis Dredging	£69,600	10 years
Drumaheglis Pontoon (Canoe Jetty)	£19,000	10 years

The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that the project for Rasharkin Community Centre at a cost of £340,000 will be referred to the Causeway Coast & Glens Shadow Council for approval.

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

that loans, as detailed above, are drawn down to finance the capital projects which are completed or nearing completion and that the project for Rasharkin Community Centre at a cost of £340,000 will be referred to the Causeway Coast & Glens Shadow Council for approval.

10.3 Approval of Place of Civil Marriages/Partnerships

An application for premises to be approved as a venue for civil marriages/partnerships has been received from The Hedges Hotel, 139b Ballinlea Road, Gracehill, Armoy, Ballymoney BT53 8TU.

The relevant documents were enclosed with the application and the fee of £400 has been paid. A full inspection of the premises has been carried out by the Registrar and an "Approved Place" checklist completed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that The Hedges Hotel is approved as a venue for civil marriages/partnerships under the provisions of the Marriage (NI) Order 2003 for a period of 3 years commencing on 1st February 2015.

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

that The Hedges Hotel is approved as a venue for civil marriages/partnerships under the provisions of the Marriage (NI) Order 2003 for a period of 3 years commencing on 1st February 2015.

104.11 TRANSPORT NI

Transport NI has written with a response to the queries raised during presentation of their interim report for 2014/15 in November. A copy of the response was circulated for member's information.

Their response relating to speed limits at Finvoy Road and Kilraughts Road were noted along with issues at Cloughmills, Dunloy, Galdanagh Road, Bravellan Road and Greengage Lane. Members will discuss these outcomes directly with Transport NI.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.