

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**

PLANNING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

4 JANUARY 2007

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen G Mullan, J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher (chair), M Carten, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín and A Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Environmental Services, Ms Katrina Hope and Mr James Duffy, Planning Service.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor McElhinney, Councillor Stevenson and the Chief Executive.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 7 December 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING:

The minutes of special meeting held 5 December 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (deferred applications – see appendix)

D1/Refusal: B/2005/0894/O – site for residential development (4 town houses and 24 apartments) on lands to front of 6 – 13 Anderson Avenue, Limavady (B Mullan & Sons Ltd) Members objected to the refusal decision and said this application presented an ideal opportunity to clean up the area and curtail anti-social behaviour. Members stated that Planning Service had not taken into consideration the views of local residents or Council. It was unanimously agreed not to accept the recommended refusal.

D2/ Refusal: B/2006/0014/O – site for dwelling and garage 64 metres east of 33 Derrychrier Road, Dungiven (Mr D McCloskey) It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Carten not to accept the refusal decision.

D3/Approval: B/2006/0065/F – erection of two storey dwelling and attached domestic garage 130 metres north west of 59 Killunaght Road, Killunaght, Dungiven (Mr & Mrs A Smyth) Welcomed.

D4/Approval: B/2006/0078/O – site for private housing development on lands located at Gortnaghey Road/Whistlebrae Road Junction, Gortnaghey, Dungiven (Mr F McManus) Welcomed.

D5/Approval: B/2006/0090/F – erection of one and a half storey dwelling and detached domestic garage 80 metres east of 31 Derrychrier Road, Dungiven (Mr M McCloskey) Welcomed.

D6/Refusal: B/2006/0164/F – erection of one and a half storey dwelling approximately 200 metres east of 79 Kilhoyle Road, Limavady (Mr & Mrs W Irwin) Noted.

D7/Approval: B2006/0193/O – site for replacement two storey rural dwelling with detached garage 16 Mullaghmesh Road, Upper Feeny (Mr M Deane) Welcomed.

D8/Approval: B2006/0194/O – replacement two storey dwelling and associated garage/store (to be relocated 70 metres to the west of present position so as to be further away from active farmyard) (Mr & Mrs J Alcorn) Welcomed.

D9/Refusal: B2006/0268/F – replacement of wooden projection with glass display between 45 and 47 Market Street, Limavady (Mr D Miller) It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Robinson not to accept the refusal decision. Councillor Coyle said he was not happy with this proposal.

D10/Refusal: B2006/0285/O – site for bungalow adjoining 94 Drumsurn Road, Limavady (Miss W Moore) Noted.

D11/Refusal: B2006/0253/O – site for replacement dwelling and garage on site opposite 1 – 4 Ashview Court (previously Old Dromore School), Highlands Road, Limavady (T Hamilton) Noted.

D12/Refusal: B2006/0380/O – site for two storey farm dwelling adjacent to 64 Plantation Road, Limavady (Mr J McCollum) Planning Officers agreed to hold this application for 2 weeks before issuing a refusal decision.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (New applications – see appendix)

Planning Officers answered questions on the applications listed on the schedule and the recommendations were accepted, subject to the following:

B/2006/0015/F – erection of housing development to include 24 dwellings and 8 apartments with associated open green space and roadways on land to rear of Carriage Court, Magilligan (KPL Contracts) Planning Officers informed members that a quality initiative meeting with the developer had been arranged for 10 January 2007 and Planning Service would report back to Council on the outcome of this.

B/2006/0049/O – site for housing development on lands adjacent to St Mary’s GAC Banagher pitches, Feeny (HMD Architects Ltd) Planning Officers agreed to report back to Council on this application following a quality initiative meeting with the developer.

B/2006/0299/F – erection of single storey replacement dwelling and detached 3 bay domestic garage 350 metres north east of 364 Glen Road, Foreglen, Dungiven (accessing onto Altmover Road) (Mr R Lynn) It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Coyle not to accept the refusal decision. Planning Officers agreed to hold this application for 10 days before issuing a refusal decision.

B/2006/0407/O – erection of replacement dwelling and garage for farm worker 914 Glenshane Road, Dungiven (Mr J O’Kane) It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten not to accept the recommended refusal due to PPS 14 – Sustainable Development in the Countryside.

B/2006/0430/O – site for retirement dwelling and domestic garage 245 metres south of 60 Glenedra Road, Feeny (Mr & Mrs W & M O’Kane) It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten not to accept the refusal decision.

B/2006/0443/O – site for retirement farm dwelling adjacent to 17 Scotchtown Road, Bellarena, Limavady (Mr W McConway) Planning Officers agreed to hold this application for 1 month and obtain advice from Roads Service before issuing a refusal decision.

B/2006/0468/A – retention of signage at 166A Clooney Road, Greysteel (Vale Fuels) Members noted that although this application had been refused, there was ongoing Court action regarding the application. Noted.

Site/Office Meetings: Site/office meetings were arranged for 12 January 2007 commencing at 10 am for the following applications:

B/2006/0067/O – site for dwelling and domestic garage 200 metres east of 46 Mullaghmeash Road, Feeny (Mr M McKernan);

B/2006/0069/O – site for dwelling and domestic garage 200 metres north east of 46 Mullaghmeash Road, Feeny (Mr M McKernan);

B/2006/0249/F – erection of two storey replacement dwelling and garage with new access from Drumbane Road (Mr M Robinson);

B/2006/0334/O – demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with rural dwelling and domestic garage 170 metres east of 215 Foreglen Road, Munreery, Claudy (Mr M McLaughlin);

B/2006/0358/O – site for dwelling on lands at and between 315 and 317 Clooney Road, Ballykelly (Mr G O’Hara);

B/2006/0386/O – site for farm worker’s dwelling 380 metres north west of 450 Seacoast Road, Margymonaghan, Magilligan, Limavady (Mr H Sherrard);

B/2006/0465/F – erection of 2no, two storey town houses in side garden and single storey rear extension to existing dwelling 40 Castle Park, Limavady (Mr J Butcher).

Planning Appeals: Details of Planning Appeals as listed on the Schedule were noted.

ROADS: - None

WATER & SEWERAGE:

Blocked Drains – Main Street, Limavady: It was agreed that a letter of appreciation would be forwarded to Mr McKay, Water Service on his prompt response to blocked drains at Main Street on Boxing Day. It was also agreed that residents concerns regarding the water supply being turned off by private contractors without prior notification would be highlighted to Water Service.

HOUSING:

Vacant Houses at Sperrin Road: Following complaints regarding the unsightliness of vacant properties hoarded up in Sperrin Road, it was agreed that the Chief Executive would write to the Housing Executive requesting information on when the properties were to be reallocated.

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – EDENMORE ROAD:

The Director of Environmental Services explained that Roads Service was seeking opinion from Council on proposed Traffic Calming measures to be introduced at Edenmore Road.

It was agreed that Roads Service would be informed that Council would discuss the proposals with local residents before issuing a formal response in one month's time.

TABLED FOR INFORMATION:

- Code of Audit Practice in Relation to Functions of Local Government Auditors in their Audit of Local Government Bodies in Northern Ireland – March 2006
- Note of Meeting held 17 November 2006 to Improve Communication Between Planning Service & Councillors
- Correspondence from Dungannon & Tyrone Council regarding Christmas Postage Stamps
- Roads Service – letter regarding issued raised at Special Planning & Services meeting 5 December 2006
- Letter to Councillors regarding B/2006/0268/O – Mrs T Conway
- Planning Service – Environmental Impact Assessment Notification – B/2006/0569 – Proposed Windfarm, Smulgedon, Garvagh.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Recent Media Coverage – Pitbull Terriers: Members indicated that the general public were concerned about dangerous dogs following on from recent media

coverage on the death of a young girl by a Pit-bull terrier. In the debate that followed, members discussed the responsible ownership of pets and the ambiguity in current legislation to dangerous dogs. It was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services would provide an overview of the Dangerous Dogs (NI) Order 1991 at the January 2007 Environmental Services Committee meeting.

Closure of Rural Post Office: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Alderman Robinson that members concerns regarding the closure of rural post offices and the general run down of services to the rural area would be passed to the Chief Executive for appropriate action.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 1 February 2007.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.05 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting