

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

4 SEPTEMBER 2008

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive and Mrs Andree McNee, Planning Service.

APOLOGIES:

Alderman G Robinson, Councillors M Donaghy, J F McElhinney and E Stevenson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 7 August 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

MATTERS ARISING:

Flooding Contingency Plans: Members were advised that Northern Ireland Water had clarified in letter dated 1 September 2008 that it was starting a long term investment programme to improve the public waste system in Northern Ireland. Members were also tabled with a list of emergency telephone numbers and useful advice in the event of flooding, which had been compiled by the Rivers Agency, in conjunction with Roads Service and Northern Ireland Water.

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

Mrs McNee answered queries on the applications listed on the deferred schedule and the recommendations were accepted subject to the following:

D1/Refusal: B/2007/0251/F – erection of housing development consisting of 15 no. two-storey town houses, 12 no two-storey apartments & 12 no 3 storey apartments – total of 39 units – accessed from Glasvey Drive, located at 351 Clooney Road/Glasvey Drive, Ballykelly, Limavady (Mr M Coll) *Members were advised that this scheme had been reduced to 29 units. Mrs McNee agreed to review the amended scheme and return application to Council when assessed.*

D2/Refusal: B/2007/0489/O – site for 6 no self-contained holiday chalets approximately 250 metres south of 102 Duncrun Road, Limavady (Mr D Devlin) *Decision deferred until after review of PPS14.*

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

Mrs McNee answered queries on applications listed on the schedule and the recommendations were accepted subject to the following:

B/2008/0149/F – erection of 2 storey replacement dwelling located at 68 Gortnacross Road, Drmsurn (Mr S O’Kane) *Deferred for 1 month.*

B/2008/0183/F – Councillor Butcher declared an interest and took no part in the discussion - housing development of 4 no semi-detached & 13 no terrace two story dwellings to include relocation of existing access to no’s 3 & 5 Limestone Road off newly proposed access road, widening of Limestone Road & provision of footpath along front of no’s 1, 3, 5 & 7 on lands to the rear of 3, 5, & 7 Limestone Road, Drumavalley, Limavady (Doherty & Devlin Developments) *Mrs McNee agreed to defer decision on this application until after amended drawings were received and assessed.*

B/2008/0309/F – enlargement of site and change of dwelling design from single storey to two storey ‘courtyard’ style property to the rear of 211 Seacoast Road, Ballyhenry East, Myroe, Limavady (Mr S Quigley) *Members were informed that the scale/mass and design of this application was unacceptable but Planning Service would defer decision for 1 month to allow for amended drawing to be received.*

Office Meetings: Office meetings were arranged for Friday 12 September 2008 for the following applications:

B/2008/0193/F – new agricultural landway and associated entrance details approx 175 metres north of the junction of the Calhame & Drumrane Road, Ardnarive, Dungiven (Mrs P Buchanan);

B/2008/0268/F – change of use from terrace dwelling to office accommodation, 40 Linenhall Street, Limavady (Mr & Mrs K Mullan);

B/2008/0284/F – replacement of existing office/workshop with a prefabricated (temporary) metal office/workshop and associated minor entrance/exit to the rear of 25 Church Street, Limavady (“Sign Shop” Mr John Eakin).

Planning Appeals: Details of Planning Appeals as listed in the schedule were noted.

Planning Queries outside Schedule:

PPS14: It was proposed that due to the weight PPS14 put on Limavady and other Councils, and given the state of the building trade, that a letter would be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment – Sammy Wilson urging him to give this matter his urgent attention and bring it to the assembly for a positive resolution.

Downturn in Planning Applications: When questioned about downturn in planning applications received due to the slump in the economy, Mrs McNee

replied that she had noticed a slight decrease in the number of applications received by Planning Service.

Planning Permission Restrictions: Mrs McNee stated that full planning permission usually had to be commenced within 5 years and if a material start was made on a planning approval within that time, then it was capable of full implementation.

ROADS:

- ◆ A members highlighted that the street lights were lit up 24 hours a day on Greystone Road, at the centre reservation in Greysteel and in Edenmore Road. Given the current high costs for fuel and electricity, it was felt that these should be switched off.
- ◆ The Mayor highlighted that she had received a number of complaints about Drumsurn Bridge on Drumsurn/Legavallon Road as an accident had occurred in the location approximately 2 weeks ago and there had been a number of near misses at the same location. She said the problem was that the bridge was on a sharp corner, it was too narrow to accommodate cars passing each other and visibility on approach to the bridge was poor.

WATER & SEWERAGE:

- ◆ A member indicated that the ongoing work in Ballykelly by Northern Ireland Water would be of great benefit to the area once completed.

HOUSING:

- ◆ Reference was made to the fact that the Housing Executive were downgrading their Limavady office and moving staff to the Waterside branch. It was felt that this was a backstep for Limavady and would further complicate contact with the body by members of the public. It was agreed that the problem of contact would be raised when the Housing Executive next presented to Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- ◆ It was agreed that a Civic Reception would be held for St Mathews Drumsurn Senior team on winning the league and for the under 16 team who had win the Section B Championship.
- ◆ Members were advised that the North West Region Cross Border Group were holding a workshop on Wednesday 10 September 2008 at 10.30 pm in Magherafelt Council offices and that all members were welcome to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 2 October 2008.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.25 pm)

Chair: _____