

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

PLANNING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

4 OCTOBER 2007

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

PRESENT:

Aldermen J Rankin, G Mullan and G Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, J F McElhinney, C Ó hOisín (chair), E Stevenson and A Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillors M Carten and M Donaghy.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 6 September 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING:

Roads Service response to matters arising from the August 2007 Planning & Services meeting were tabled and noted as follows:

- **Rathmore Road Park/Share Car Park:** Roads Service confirmed that adoption of Rathmore Road park/share car park was being dealt with by DRD Lands & Legislation Branch and would be processed as quickly as possible.
- **Protected Routes:** Roads Service indicated that protected routes map and schedule could be found on the Roads Service internet site under publications/specific interest publications/protected routes map and protected schedule.
- **Restricted Car Parking:** Roads Service confirmed that there had been 1,454 penalty charge notices issues to date in Limavady Borough and that failure to pay a penalty charge was dealt with through the Enforcement of Judgement Office rather than by prosecution.

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

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

D1/Approval: B/2006/0572/RM – erection of 2 storey rural dwelling with detached garage/store on site adjacent to 142 Windyhill Road, Stratreagh, Limavady (M&Q Builders) Welcomed.

D2/Refusal: B/2006/0594/O – erection of one and a half storey retirement dwelling to the rear of 50 Scroggy Road, Limavady (Mr H Roddy) Noted.

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

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

B/2006/0411/F – redevelopment of site to provide 5 townhouses, 3 apartments, 2 detached dwellings and roadways for private streets determination, 88 Dowland Road, Limavady (M.A.M. Developments) Mrs McNee agree to defer decision on this application until a later date.

Office Meetings: - None.

Queries/Comments outside the Schedule:

PPS 14 – Sustainable Development in the Countryside: Councillor Coyle stated that he hoped plans were well underway to getting PPS14 overturned and suggested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Omagh District Council on taking the lead in challenging the policy. He proposed, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that if the issue of PPS14 was cleared, that all applications refused on the grounds of PPS14 be automatically approved.

Communication with Planning Officers: Concern was voiced at lack of communication with Planning Officers and how one Councillor had tried unsuccessfully on numerous occasions to get information on progress of applications. Mrs McNee apologised at not being available on the occasions referred to and suggested that members email queries to her.

ROADS:

Roemill Road – Traffic Calming Measures: Members welcomed that traffic calming measures were being introduced at Roemill Road.

WATER & SEWERAGE:

Blocked Drains: Members referred to the reoccurring problem of blocked drains at Greystone Road/Castle Park Limavady and at Pellipar Park Dungiven and it was suggested that Water Service investigate problems in the areas.

HOUSING: - None

PLANNING APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:

The Chief Executive explained that the Planning Commission sought representation from any member of Council on appeal against enforcement notice issued in relation to alleged unauthorised use of land for storage, sale and distribution of oil, the storage of commercial vehicles, provision of vehicle service structure, the stationing of storage tanks and erection of walls and making a material change in use of the said lands at 166a Clooney Road, Greysteel by 26 October 2007.

Councillor McElhinney indicated that he would be making a personal written submission regarding the appeal. Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Parking – Visitors to Council Offices: It was suggested that those attended meetings/functions in Council Offices from 9am – 6pm should be advised on where to park as spaces at the front of the building were restricted.

Strike by Classroom Assistants: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Alderman Rankin that a letter of support for the planned one day strikes by classroom assistants would be sent to NIPSA and WELB.

Speeding Dunlade Road: Concern was voiced at vehicles speeding on Dunlade Road and it was suggested that Roads Service consider either lowering the current speed limit from 40 to 30 mph, introducing speed ramps or erecting signs to warn drivers that children were crossing the busy road. Agreed

Broadband – Drumsurn: The Chief Executive agreed to write to BT Customer Service Manager regarding broadband access in the Drumsurn area and to point out that the service was vital for children’s homework.

Tyres - Bonfires: A discussion took place regarding tyres being used in bonfires around the Halloween period and it was suggested that Council should have a policy on a clean neighbourhood; the Housing Executive, PSNI and Council should work in collaboration to ensure legislation regarding disposal of tyres was adhered to; Councils Community Officers to liaise with groups regarding removal of tyres from bonfires and that the Environmental Health staff should remind Tyre Companies of their responsibility regarding keeping an audit trail on tyre disposal.

Strategic Investment Board – Stakeholder Conference on Waste Management: It was agreed that Alderman Rankin, Councillor Carten, the Chief Executive and Technical Service Manager would attend the Stakeholder Conference on Waste Management on 17 & 18 October 2007 in Verbal Arts Centre, Londonderry.

Spread of Blue Tongue: A query arose regarding the spread of Blue Tongue in cattle by midges and if Councils landfill site were sprayed to stop transfer of the disease. The Chief Executive agreed to investigate this with Environmental Health Staff.

North West Waste Management Group Event: Reference was made to the above event and how it was poorly attended by members. It was agreed that in order to keep all members informed that Eamon Molloy from the NWRCBG would be invited to attend and present to Council on the future of waste management in North West region.

NEXT MEETING - Thursday 1 November 2007

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.50 pm)**

**Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting**