

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**15 MAY 2012**

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

**PRESENT:**

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, D Nicholl (Chair), A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Administrative Officer and Ms Sharon Mulhern, Planning Service.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 24 April 2012 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

**MATTERS ARISING: -**

**Page 1 – B/2010/0442/F – proposed Hydro-Electric Power Scheme on lands at Bleach Green lane, Dungiven (Solo Renewables (NI) Ltd)** In response to a query from a member Ms Mulhern advised that this application was not on the schedule as no decision had yet been taken but hoped that it would be resolved as quickly as possible.

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

Ms Mulhern answered queries on the applications listed on the deferred applications schedule and the decisions were accepted subject to the following:

**B/2010/0373F – proposed 1 ½ storey chalet dwelling with detached garage/store adjacent to 211 Seacoast Road, Ballyhenry East, Myroe, Limavady (Desmond & Sean Quigley)** Ms Mulhern advised that this application had been withdrawn and an alternative site agreed with agent.

**B2011/0246/F – proposed site for new dwelling with domestic garage, approximately 900ft south/west of Drumsurn Road on Gortnagross Rd, Dungiven (Mary Chivers).** Ms Mulhern advised that this application had been withdrawn from the schedule.

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

Ms Mulhern answered queries on applications listed on the new applications schedule and the recommendations were accepted subject to the following:

**B/2009/0416/O – replacement single storey school building with new two storey fire station with training yard and tower, 6-8 Chapel Road, Dungiven (Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue)** Ms Mulhern agreed to defer issue of refusal decision on this application for 10 days. It was agreed that Councillor Douglas would contact NI Fire and Rescue Service to ascertain if they wished to proceed with this application.

**B/2010/0294/F – retrospective modification of approval of B/2005/00295/F to include rear ground floor extension to lounge and ground floor ladies toilets, first floor rear lounge extension and minor alterations to front façade facing street and new yard smoking area and single storey exterior bar services area, 41 and 43 Catherine Street, Limavady (Mr R & W McLaughlin)** Office meeting agreed.

**B/2011/0149/F –Two storey rural dwelling with attached garage/store on a farm, immediately south of 168 Ballyquin Road, Limavady (Mr & Mrs Robinson)** Office meeting agreed.

**B/2011/0190/F – proposed storey and a half rural farm dwelling on lands adjacent to existing farmyard at 170 Baranait Road, Drumraighland, Claudy (Mr Jonathan Martin)** Ms Mulhern advised that amended plans have been received and the application had been withdrawn from the schedule.

**B/2012/0001/O –Site for petrol filling station including ancillary shop, car wash facilities, vehicle parking and landscaping on land opposite 30 Glengiven Avenue and 3 and 15 Glenside Brae, Ballyquin Road, Limavady (SPR Developments)** Office meeting agreed.

**B2012/0015/O site for farm dwelling adjacent to no 17 Scotchtown Road, Bellarena (Mr W McConway)** Office meeting agreed.

Appeal dates noted.

**ROADS SERVICE SPRING CONSULTATION REPORT**

The chair welcomed Mr Alan Keys, Strategic Roads Improvement Manager and Mr Austin, Section Engineer from the Roads Service to the meeting

Mr Keys presented the Northern Division Annual report 2012/2013 which dealt with works completed in the Limavady Borough Council Area during the year 2011/2013 and set out the initial proposals for schemes to be undertaken in the year 2012/2013. He stated that funding available for improvement schemes and road maintenance was greatly reduced this year, in line with the four year budget agreed by the Executive. However, Roads Service has used its available resources effectively and continued to deliver quality public services which included resurfacing of roads and pathways, surface dressing, drainage, major utility works, winter gritting service, minor work schemes, traffic schemes, traffic management, maintenance of structures, street lighting and major work schemes.

The following points were made during the presentation:

- A2 Ballykelly Bypass – No progress since the last Council report. Work is not likely to commence until 2017-2018.
- A6 Londonderry to Dungiven – 121 objections were received following the public consultation in January. The project is currently under consideration and may go to public enquiry.
- A37 Gortcorbies Climbing Lane – an environmental statement was being prepared and work is to resume on the design and planning for the scheme. Would be in a favourable position should funding become available.
- Roads Service agreed to look at the trees on the Umrycam Road, Feeny which were growing out over the road and causing large lorries to use the centre of the road.
- Traffic Section to look at the suggestion of painting a 30 mph sign on the A6 Belfast to Dungiven road in an attempt to reduce speeding.
- Roads service agreed to look at the condition of the footpath from Feeny village to St Canice’s Primary School.
- In an attempt to prevent HGV vehicles accessing Market Street it was suggested that the solution was in the hands of the traders who should ask the delivery drivers to access the rear of their premises from the car parks either side of Market Street. New signs would be erected clearly permitting deliveries up to 12 noon only.
- Members highlighted the high level of patching being carried out within the Borough because of the current financial constraints.
- Traffic Section to look at possibility of reducing the 40 mph speed limit and to review the condition of the footpaths within Lilac Avenue estate.
- Members expressed their concern about the introduction of car parking charges at Main Street Car Park. It was felt that this would be a retrograde step and would disadvantage the elderly in the Borough.
- Traffic Section asked to look at the possibility of traffic calming on the road through Mount Eden to the new Barley Hill development.
- Roads Service will check if it is possible to have the proposed cycling stands in place by June 2012 in time for “Bike Week”

Mr Keys asked that Councillors use the “Request/Enquiry Form” which has been tabled, for any queries which will be passed to the appropriate Senior Engineer for direct response. The Chair thanked the deputation from Roads Service for attending the meeting.

**WATER & SEWERAGE:** - None

**HOUSING:** - None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** - None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** - 26 June 2012.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.55 PM.**

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_