

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE  
15 DECEMBER 2009**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive. Ms Katrina Hope, Planning Service.

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Donaghy.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 17 November 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Erection of a Biomass Energy Plant in Glenavy, Antrim:** Councillor Ó hOisín pointed out that although members had agreed to meet with the Minister regarding the erection of a Biomass Energy Plant, Council had not endorsed the project. Noted.

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

Ms Hope answered queries on applications listed on the deferred applications schedule and the recommendations were accepted.

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

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

**Office Meetings:** It was agreed that office meetings would be held for the following applications:

**B/2009/0210/F – erection of one and a half dwelling & garage 200 metres south of 65 Corrick Road, Dungiven (Mr P Haran);**

**B/2009/0328/RM – two storey replacement dwelling with detached single storey garage 104 Ballyquin Road, Gallows Hill, Limavady (Bannside Properties Ltd);**

**B/2009/0397/F – erection of 2 storey dwelling on gap infill site, 58 Kilhoyle Road, Drumsurn (Mr S O'Brien);**

**B/2009/-401/F – renovation and conversion of existing barn to dwelling, 58 Kilhoyle Road, Drumsurn (Mr S O'Brien);**

**B/2009/0410/F – erection of two storey farm dwelling 100 metres east of 66 Dunlade Road, Greysteel (Mr T Whiteside).**

*Queries outside the Schedule:*

**Layout of the Schedule:** Members were of the opinion that whilst the new format of the schedule gave more information, the layout was difficult to follow.

**ROADS:**

A member confirmed that he had been in contact with Roads Service and that Mill Path would be open to the public from Friday 18 December and would remain open until the first week in January 2010.

**WATER AND SEWERAGE:** - None.

**HOUSING:** - None.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT STUDY:**

The Chief Executive tabled executive summary of the Northern Railway Corridor Development Study which had been commissioned by PricewaterhouseCoopers to consider the long term social, physical and economic development which could be achieved through the enhancement of the Northern Corridor Railway in the North West focusing on Ballymena and Derry. It was noted that the report highlighted opportunities for tourism, Shackleton and distribution of waste.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Extension to Streamlined Scheme:** The Chief Executive tabled report from Mary MacIntyre, Divisional Planning Manager for consideration on proposal to extend the streamlined scheme for processing planning applications. He said that the additional categories to be included on the streamlined scheme included conservation area consent, listed building consent, change of use, all extensions and alterations, floodlighting, housing applications for up to 5 dwellings, renewable energy generators, open space facilities and variation of conditions. Council agreed to the extension of planning applications to the streamlined scheme.

**Retirements:** It was agreed that best wishes from Council would be forwarded to Johnny McCann and Jim Beattie on their recent retirement.

**Transitional Governance Arrangements for the Education Sector: Education and Library Boards:** The Chief Executive tabled letter from the Minister for Education which outlined that the Assembly had not yet passed legislation for the establishment of the new Education and Skills Authority (ESA) to replace the five Education and Library Boards. The Minister set out to the Assembly on 1 December 2009 transitional governance and management arrangements to be put in place from 1 January 2010 until the establishment of ESA. The Minister invited Council to nominate at least two councillors for appointment to the Western Education & Library Board.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Mullan that Alderman Coyle, Councillor Stevenson, Alderman Rankin and Councillor Brolly would be nominated from Limavady Borough Council.

**Public Transportation Reform:** The Chief Executive reminded members of NILGA event on Public Transportation Reform to be held 17 December 2009 in Craigavon Civic Centre.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** - 19 January 2010.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 7.40 pm)**

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