

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**16 AUGUST 2011**

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, B Chivers (chair), B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive and Ms Sharon Mulhern, Planning Service.

**APOLOGIES: -**

Councillors A Brolly, S McGlinchey and D Nicholl.

**CHAIR OF MEETING:**

In the absence of Councillor Nicholl, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor McCaul that Councillor Chivers would chair the meeting.

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

The Chair welcomed Ms Sharon Mulhern, Senior Professional & Technical Officer for the Limavady area to the meeting.

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

**D2 – B/2010/0022/O – site for farm dwelling and detached garage approximately 50 metres south of 35 Glenedra Road, Feeny (Mr D O'Neill)**  
Application withdrawn.

**D4 - B/2011/0090/A – proposed poster panel sign board located at 30 Church Street, Limavady (Mr E Kelly)** A member disagreed with the refusal decision and said that the application would be appealed.

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

Ms Mulhern answered queries on applications listed on the new applications schedule and outlined the nature of objections. The recommendations were accepted subject to the following:

**B/2011/0070/O - proposed off site replacement dwelling under Policy CTY3 of PPS21, opposite 76A Duncrun Road, Bellarena, Limavady (Mr George Canning) Office meeting agreed.**

**B/2011/0092/O – traditional rural retirement bungalow with detached garage/store, Main Street (60m North of 1-4 Caman Park) (Mr Harold Moore) Office meeting agreed.**

*Queries outside the Schedule:*

- *Ms Mulhern advised that commercial applications for wind turbines were dealt with by Planning Service headquarters and applications for farm wind turbines were dealt with by the local Planning Service office.*
- *Office meetings to be held Friday 9 September 2011.*

### **PRESENTATION BY TRANSLINK:**

The chair welcomed Mal McGreevy, General Manager and Martin Welshman, Planning Manager Translink to the meeting.

Mr McGreevy explained that due to reduced funding for public transport some of Translink routes and services across the network would be changed. He said that funding for the complete track relay between Coleraine and Derry/Londonderry had been deferred until 2014 and this jeopardised a programme of engineering work scheduled for the next 12-24 months to maintain rail safety as without a complete relay, the frequency of rail services operating on this section of the track would need to be reduced.

Mr McGreevy outlined that Translink planned to operate an enhanced hourly train service between Coleraine and Belfast to build on growth in passenger numbers, which had increased by over 130% in the last year. He said that in conjunction with this, Translink would increase the service provision between Coleraine and Derry/Londonderry from 9 to 15 services daily and that these would operate via Limavady bus station.

Mr McGreevy confirmed that Translink were committed to developing the Derry line and wanted to attract more people to use both train and buses in the area.

In the discussion that ensure the following points were made:

- ✓ Alderman Robinson agreed to discuss funding cuts with the Minister for Regional Development.
- ✓ If a half hourly service was to be provided, passing loops would be needed at Eglinton, Cullybackey, Ballymena and Ballymoney.
- ✓ It was unlikely that a halt would be provided in Ballykelly.
- ✓ The extra passengers using Translink meant less congestion and fewer tailbacks into Belfast.
- ✓ There was a need to fight for the retention of rail services to the North West.
- ✓ Translink would be consulting with staff on cutbacks to services.
- ✓ Travel time from Derry to Belfast would be reduced to 2 hours when the line was updated.

The chair thanked the deputation from Translink for attending the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 22 June were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor McCaul.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 6 – Speed Limit – St Aidens School, Magilligan:** Roads Service indicated that there was little development in the stretch of roadway at St Aiden’s School to justify a change to speed limits and that lowering the national speed limit for short periods of the day, such as at schools, was not recommended.

**Page 6 – Concessionary Parking Rates:** Roads Service confirmed that season tickets at reduced rates for pay and display car parks were available through NSL, Lindsay House for residents who lived above shops in Limavady town centre.

**Page 7 – Corporate Plan Workshop:** Members were reminded that the Corporate Plan workshop had been postponed until later in the year.

**Page 7 – Official Council Stamp:** The Chief Executive advised members that an official stamp was now available through his administration office for members to stamp passports.

**MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING - NAP:**

The minutes of special Planning & Services meeting held 26 July were approved on the proposal of Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

A letter was circulated outlining the Draft Programme for Stage 1 & Stage 2 for the NAP 2016 Examination in Public. The Chief Executive explained that he would liaise with Michael Graham on the need to meet with Council to discuss the forthcoming Stage 1 sessions and confirm which Stage 2 Site Specific objections to pursue or now withdraw. It was agreed that if need be, Michael Graham would be asked to attend the 6 September 2011 Monthly meeting of Council.

**APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:**

The notice of appeal against Enforcement Notice in relation to alleged unauthorised wooden structure on land at 16 Village Oaks, Ballykelly was tabled and noted by members.

**DELIVERY OF THE PLANNING ACT AND NI COUNCILS:**

Members were circulated with a memo from NILGA and summary presentation on Delivery of the Planning Act and NI Councils put forward by Planning Service at a recent Planning Forum held in Stormont. It was noted that NILGA and SOLACE were committed to engaging in critical task and finish work on the transfer of functions to local government as part of the ICE programme.

**ROADS:**

**Signage – Newtowne Square Car Park:** A member was of the view that current signage regarding the 1 hour parking restriction on the perimeter of Newtowne Square car park was inadequate and requested that Roads Service enhance the signage to make vehicle users clearly aware of the restriction.

**WATER & SEWERAGE:** - None.

**HOUSING:** - None.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Councillor Douglas proposed, seconded by Councillor McCorkell that the minutes of meetings be discussed directly after apologies and before any presentations.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** - 20 September 2011.

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.20 PM.**

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