

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

16 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Environmental Services, Committee Clerk and Ms Julie McMath, DoE Planning Service.

APOLOGY: - Councillor S McGlinchey.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: - Nil.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 19 August 2014 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor J McCorkell.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

(Deferred applications – see appendix)

Ms McMath answered queries on applications listed on the deferred applications schedule and the recommendations were accepted by members.

(New applications – see appendix)

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

B/2012/0278/F – erection of 1no 250kw wind turbine with a hub height of 40m, 790 m south west of 85 Glenedra Road (Mr D Taylor) Ms McMath advised that this application had been withdrawn.

B/2013/0120/F – construction of windfarm comprising 14 no wind turbines (tip height not exceeding 125 metres) an electrical substation and control building, construction of internal access tracks, spoil deposition areas, temporary construction compound, formation of passing bays on Gelvin Road and Peter’s Road junction, improvements at Gelvin Road/American Road and Peter’s Road/Legavallon Road and all associated ancillary works on lands 600m south of 175 Gelvin Road and east of American Road in the

townlands of Evishargaran and Dungiven (ABO Wind NI Ltd) Council disagreed with the recommendation to refuse this application.

B/2014/0026/O – proposed dwelling on site approximately 280 metres east north east of no 83 Dogleap Road, Limavady (Mr Richard Dunn) Office meeting agreed.

Addendum - Late Item:

B/2014/0168/F – development of rock armour sea defences required as urgent works for protection of railway from existing storm damage on lands adjacent to Coleraine/Derry-Londonderry railway at Carrickhugh (Ruaire Savage, Translink) Approved.

ROADS: - None.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Donaghy proposed:

‘that this Council is totally opposed to the imposition of Tory welfare cuts, which would have a devastating impact on the most vulnerable in our society, including working families, the poor and people with disabilities, and that this Council writes to the First and Deputy First Ministers to outline our opposition accordingly’

The motion was seconded by Councillor T McCaul.

Alderman Robinson pointed out that the North West Independent Hospital had announced 80 job cuts and that the existing staff would have their hours cut. He proposed the following amendment to the motion:

‘that this council notes with concern the current lack of agreement surrounding welfare reform, believes that the financial penalties of £1 billion that the Executive will face as a result of lack of agreement will have disastrous consequences on public services, business, families, individuals and on the future of Northern Ireland and calls on the Executive to agree to the welfare reform proposals as negotiated by the Executive which will help to mitigate the effects of the Westminster Government’s proposals.’

The motion was seconded by Councillor J McCorkell.

The following points were made:

- It was the fault of the Executive if funds from Westminster was not spent wisely and that there was a need to learn to budget;
- Welfare reform was being used as a political football;

- Political parties in Stormont were not working together for the benefit of the electorate;
- It was queried if the cutbacks had been implemented by the Labour party, would Sinn Féin still have brought in the motion;
- The funds for 2014 was the same that was put forward in 2009.

As the amendment was considered to be a negation of what had been initially proposed, the Chair agreed that the second motion submitted by Alderman Robinson would be considered as a separate motion and debated separately.

Councillor Donaghys' motion was put to the meeting and declared carried, 8 for, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

Alderman Robinsons' motion was put to the meeting and declared carried, with 3 voting for, 0 against, with 11 members abstaining from the vote.

Alderman M Coyle queried if Alderman Robinsons' motion should have been allowed as it was unclear if it was an amendment or not. The Chief Executive said the decision to accept the motion was at the discretion of the Chair.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 21 October 2014

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.45 PM.

Chair: _____