

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE  
17 FEBRUARY 2009**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Alderman G Robinson and Councillor Donaghy. .

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 20 January 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Planning Applications:** A member passed on congratulations to Mrs McNee from a member of the public as she had been more than helpful in advising on a planning application.

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

Mrs McNee answered queries on the applications listed on the deferred schedule and the recommendations were accepted.

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

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

**Office Meetings:** It was agreed that an office meetings would be held for the following application on 27 February 2009:

**B/2007/0540/F – demolition of existing dwellings and redevelopment with a mixed use development of 2 no. shops and 14 apartments, in two three storey buildings & associated car parking and landscaping 128 & 130 Main Street, Dungiven (Ansa Developments Ltd);**

**B/2008/0358/F – erection of 3 storey side extension to north east gable, 28 Catherine Street, Limavady (LPC Ltd);**

**B/2008/0372/LB – erection of 3 storey side extension to north east gable, 28 Catherine Street (LPC Ltd);**

**B/2008/0374/F – demolition of no. 5 & 7 and associated out-buildings. Proposed development to construct 12 no. 2 bedroom apartments with associated car parking, perimeter walling and landscaping. (3 apartment blocks – one 3 storey and two 2 ½ storey) (McCloskey & O’Kane);**

**B/2008/0473/F – retention of front boundary wall, site access, rear and side boundary fencing and retaining wall to rear and side of dwelling, 238 Drum Road, Dungiven (Mr M McLaughlin).**

It was noted that 39 applications had been approved from 1 – 31 January 2009 under the streamlined planning application process.

#### **ROADS:**

**Disabled Car Parking – Ballykelly:** A member requested that Roads Service designate a parking space outside Ballykelly Post Office for disabled users.

**Resurfacing Roadway – Ballykelly:** A member requested that Roads Service consult with the traders in Ballykelly on resurfacing of the roadway.

#### **WATER & SEWERAGE:**

**Emergency Service:** Dissatisfaction was expressed that Northern Ireland Water were no longer providing an emergency service for emptying of septic tanks. It was highlighted that Precision Cleaning had provided an excellent emergency service when they had been contracted by Northern Ireland Water.

**Application for Consent to Discharge Effluent to Waterway under Water (Northern Ireland Order 1999:** Members were tabled with application from Mr Charlie McCauley for consent to discharge effluent to a waterway under Water (NI) Order 1999. It was agreed that comments to the request would be forwarded to the Chief Executives department for submission to Northern Ireland Environment Agency by 27 February 2009.

**HOUSING:** - None.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY ALDERMAN RANKIN:**

Alderman Rankin proposed:

‘That this Council petition the Prime Minister to provide similar governmental guarantees to UK Mutual Societies as for Banks.

Investors in the Presbyterian Mutual Society have found their funds frozen and the society placed in administration. Since most individuals affected are small investors who have trusted their life savings in a society previously deemed secure, they should therefore be treated as bank customers. One Mutual Society can fail and more may do due to lack of Government guarantees enjoyed by banks.’

Alderman Rankin pointed out that the hardship of the investors were well publicised, especially the elderly who were disappointed at the loss of their hard earned savings. He said that a number of petitions were in circulation which received cross party support and requested that Council also give its support to the motion. The motion was seconded by Councillor Robinson who confirmed that the DUP office had received numerous calls on the matter.

Several members spoke in support of the motion and to the plight of investors both in the Presbyterian Mutual and other societies. The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

**TABLED FOR INFORMATION:**

- ◆ Letter from Planning Appeals Commission advising that appeal by Vale Fuels would be held on 23 April 2009
- ◆ Letter from Planning Appeals Commission advising that an informal hearing to appeal by KPL Contracts Ltd would be held on 25 March 2009.
- ◆ Letter from Planning Service advising that the new Planning Service website would be launched on 18 February 2009.
- ◆ Letter from Department of Environment requesting nominations for the New Years Honours 2010.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** - None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** - 24 March 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 7.25 pm)**

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