

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE
17 NOVEMBER 2009**

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

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin. Councillors P Butcher (chair), A Brolly, M Carten, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, 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:

Alderman G Robinson

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 20 October 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

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 subject to the following:

B/2009/0104/F – proposed farm dwelling and detached garage on site adjacent to 12 Walworth Road, Ballykelly, Limavady (Mr A Hepburn) It was agreed that this application would be removed from the schedule.

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:

B/2009/0163/F – erection of 2 no single storey replacement dwellings with detached domestic garages on site adjacent to 7 Ballymore Avenue, Limavady (Mr I Riley) It was agreed that decision on this application would be deferred for 1 month.

Office Meetings: Office meetings were arranged for Friday 27 November 2009 for the following applications:

B/2009/0095/O – site for four dwellings with garages located at Old Manse Site, Killane Road (to rear of no 36), Limavady (Mr C Clark);

B/2009/0167/F – external smoking area above rear lounge of Corner Bar, 41 Main Street, Limavady (W & R Holdings);

B/2009/0247/LB – erection of external open smoking area above rear lounge, 41 Main Street, Limavady (W & R Holdings);

B/2009/0337/F – conversion and one and a half storey extension to barn to provide dwelling house, 210 m NW of 428 Seacoast Road, Limavady (Mr C McCracken);

B/2009/0339/O – demolish existing derelict house and replace with new dwelling and detached garage, adjacent to 364 Seacoast Road, Limavady (Mr & Mrs G Moore);

B/2009/0354/O – proposed single storey dwelling, 55 metres North East of 94 Dunlade Road, Greysteel (Mr D Duffy);

B/2009/0373/F – conversion of existing domestic garage with upstairs first floor granny flat to a modest dwelling, 14a Drumbane Road, Dungiven (Mr D White);

B/2009/0374/F – erection of portal frame shed building for storage of straw and hay on lands adjacent to 101 Dunlade Road, Faughanvale (Mr M Duffy);

B/2009/0378/F – erection of 1.5 storey dwelling on land adjacent to the west of no 40 Lackagh Park, Dungiven (Ms P Devine).

ROADS SERVICE – AUTUMN CONSULTATION:

The Chair welcomed Mr Malcolm Glover, Strategic Road Improvements Manager and Mr Austin Montgomery, Section Engineer, Roads Service to the meeting.

Mr Glover presented the Northern Division Roads Service Report which, detailed work completed in 2009, progress on schemes planned for 2009/10, including resurfacing of roads and pathways, surface dressing, drainage, winter gritting service, minor work schemes, traffic schemes, traffic management, maintenance of structures, street lighting and major work schemes.

The following points were made by members in the discussion which followed:

- ✓ The minor works footway scheme at Drumsurn Road and the Gortrorbies climbing lane scheme should be progressed when funding became available.
- ✓ The bus stop lay-by at Chapel Road, Dungiven should be a no parking zone once the Park & Share car park was available.
- ✓ Work on the proposed A6 dualling scheme should commence at the Dungiven end of the route as this would ease traffic congestion and pollution.
- ✓ Members welcomed schemes completed at Drumacarny Bridge, Lislane Bridge, Ballykelly Village, Broad Road and Ringsend Road. Signs at Calhome Road were also welcomed.

- ✓ Flooding from farmland between Roe View Inn and Ardavan caused serious problem for motorists.
- ✓ Additional lighting was needed in Irish Green Street and trees blocked street lighting at Drumachose Park.
- ✓ Kilhoyle Road, Edenmore Road, Craigbrack Road and Dernaflaw loop road should be included in the winter gritting programme.
- ✓ The upgrade of the sewerage system in Limavady was welcomed; however the work could have been better managed.
- ✓ Surface dressing was needed on the Ballyquin Road between Derryork Road and Gelvin Bridge.
- ✓ Gratings needed to be cleared on Calhome Road and opposite Derryork Road.
- ✓ Diversion signs were inadequate during the recent landslide at Downhill.
- ✓ Water ponded on the footway at 24 – 28 Crawford Square and alongside the Drummond Hotel.
- ✓ It was suggested that if Roads Service were unable to provide 110m footpath at Curragh Road, Dungiven, that this requirement be removed as a condition of planning by Planning Service.

Members extended best wishes to Jim Beatie, Divisional Roads Manager on his recent retirement. The Chair thanked the deputation from Roads Service for attending the meeting.

ROADS: - None.

WATER AND SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

ERECTION OF A BIOMASS ENERGY PLANT IN GLENAVY, ANTRIM:

The Chief Executive explained that a planning application had been lodged for the erection of a Biomass Energy Plant in Glenavy, Antrim and concern had been expressed that any decision, less than full planning permission, would have serious negative economic consequences, including loss of jobs in the poultry sector. He said Ballymena Borough Council had forwarded papers outlining the nature of the project; the intended economic outputs of the Poultry Industry and indicators of possible negative consequences if planning permission was not achieved. He added that Ballymena Borough Council were seeking a urgent meeting with the Minister to lobby in favour of the project on economic grounds and had invited Council to nominate members to join the delegation. It was agreed that Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Douglas, Councillor Carten and Councillor Ó hOisín would join the deputation to meet with the Minister.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

PWC 2 Report: Members were reminded that a workshop facilitated by David Jackson would be held at 3 pm on 24 November 2009 to discuss the PWC 2 Report.

Local Democracy Week: Members were informed that two question and answer sessions would be held in Limavady Grammar School to mark local democracy week on 2 December 2009. Individual parties to decide who would attend each session.

Streamlined Planning Applications: It was agreed that Council would accept a letter of explanation from Mary McIntyre, Divisional Planning Manager on changes to applications set out on the streamlined planning application list.

Rural Development Programme: IN COMMITTEE. A member pointed out that additional staff were needed to ensure applications to the Rural Development Programme were assessed before the given deadline. Council gave its support for the need for an additional officer for the programme. The Chief Executive said he would contact Omagh District Council to outline concerns raised. Members of the RDP would also raise the concerns at the next LAG meeting. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 15 December 2009.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)

Chair: _____