

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE
18 MAY 2010**

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, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín, E Stevenson, J F McElhinney and A Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director Environmental Services and Ms Katrina Hope, Planning Service.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Mullan.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 20 April 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

MATTERS ARISING:

Drumsurn Road/Beech Road Footway: Roads Service confirmed in letter dated 10 May 2010 that they had completed a section of a scheme to improve safety for pedestrians and drivers in Drumsurn. It was intended to complete the remaining portion in the vicinity of Beech Road but this was subject to the availability of finance and successful acquisition of land.

Wood Road, Ballykelly: Members were circulated letter dated 30 April 2010 from NI Water which confirmed that Wood Road, Ballykelly was a private site and had never been adopted by NI Water. As a result, they have no responsibility for the sewers at this location.

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

Items listed on the deferred list as approvals or refusals were noted without comment.

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/2010/0010/RM – erection of two storey replacement dwelling and domestic garage on site at 120 Muldonagh Road, Claudy (Mr N McFeely) Application removed from the schedule.

Office Meetings: It was agreed that office meetings would be held on Friday 28 May 2010 for the following applications:

B/2009/0399/F – construction of new access to approved dwelling (under B/2005/0587/F) including relocation of existing agricultural entrance, 50 metres North of 78 & 80 Highlands Road, Limavady (Mr G Alcorn);

B/2010/0019/O – site for traditional 1 ½ storey traditional rural farm dwelling with detached garage/store, 60 metres S.E. of 219 Drum Road, Drum, Dungiven (Mr & Mrs L McCartney);

B/2010/0031/F – erection of 37m high 130kw wind turbine, 165 metres North of 60 Gelvin Road, Ballyness, Dungiven (Mr D McHenry);

B/2010/0033/O – proposed dwelling and detached garage on a farm on site 38 metres East of 27 Farlow Road, Farlow (Mr S McCloskey);

B/2010/0040/O – site for detached bungalow adjoining no 3 Turmeel Road, Dungiven (Mr P McGilligan);

B/2010/0051/O – site for dwelling & garage on lands 118 metres east of 99 Muldonagh Road, Foreglen (Mr McLaughlin);

B/2010/0056/F – change of use of vacant retail shop unit to hot food carry out unit (fish & chips), 157A Clooney Road, Greysteel (Maharganer Enterprises);

B/2010/0073/F – conversion of existing vacant byre to form self contained living unit with single storey extension to front on redundant byre at Woodview, 195 Drumsurn Road, Drumagosker, Limavady (Mr & Mrs R J Copeland);

B/2010/0104/O – infill site for a detached single storey bungalow for owner occupation, adjacent to no 40 Vale Road, Greysteel (Mr L McKeever).

Appeals lodged were noted by members.

Queries outside the Schedules:

Northern Area Plan: At a member's request, Ms Hope agreed to contact the Principle Planning Officer regarding update on the Northern Area Plan.

ROADS SERVICE – SPRING CONSULTATION:

The Chair welcomed Jim Campbell, Network Planning Manager and Austin Montgomery, Section Engineer Roads Service to the meeting.

Mr Campbell presented the Northern Division Road Service Report which detailed work completed in 2009/10 and proposed schemes to be undertaken in 2010/11, included resurfacing of roads and pathways, surface dressing, drainage, minor works schemes, traffic schemes, traffic management, maintenance of structures, street lighting and strategic road improvements.

The following queries/concerns were highlighted by members in the discussion which followed:

- The northern line should have been chosen as the preferred route for Ballykelly By-Pass.
- Request that Roads Service replace the Limavady Borough Council sign at City of Derry Airport.
- It was reiterated that Dungiven By-Pass should be separate from the A6 dualling scheme.
- Traffic Wardens were needed in Dungiven to enforce rules on parking in disabled bays and on double yellow lines
- Yellow lines were needed on the bus stop lay-by at Chapel Road.
- The proposed park & ride in Dungiven should be based at the old primary school. Members to be updated if the land had been purchased from the WELB.
- Roads Service confirmed that there had been no agreement to close Linenhall Street during pipe laying by Firmus Gas.
- Request for street lighting at Boviel Road.
- A mini roundabout was needed at the Legavallen A6 junction.
- Additional bollards were not needed on Roe Mill Road.
- Lighting was poor in Protestant Street and Massey Avenue.
- Trees at Drummond bend should be cutback and trees in Main Street/Catherine Street obscured street lighting.
- Excess funding should be used in rural areas.
- Flooding at Tartnakilly Road was highlighted.
- Warning signs at schools in the rural area was welcomed.
- Roads Service contractors had left roads at a poor standard in Greysteel.
- Roads Service to continue negotiations with a landowner at Beech Road, Drumsurn.
- Lack of funding and constraints by NEA had delayed the Gortcorbies scheme.
- Ramps were needed at Crossnadonald.
- It was noted that plans for a by-pass at Ballykelly had been deferred.
- Roads Service to forward guidance on criteria for erection of crash barriers.
- A member queried why Road Service had provided a footpath on Baranait Road to Drumrane Road as this was seldom used by the public.
- Given the number of recent road closures, Roads Service should minimise road closures in the Borough for the foreseeable future.

ROADS: - None.

WATER AND SEWERAGE: None.

HOUSING: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 15 June 2010.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)

Chair: _____