

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

18 OCTOBER 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, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, D Nicholl (Chair), A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 20 September 2011 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Beattie.

MATTERS ARISING:

Disabled Parking Bays: Alderman Coyle indicated that he would be raising disabled parking at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró with Roads Service during their Autumn consultation with Council.

Derry to Coleraine Rail Track: Members welcomed that funding had been made available for the upgrade of the Derry to Coleraine rail line.

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.

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

D4 – B/2010/0174/F: change of use from storage unit into a commercial unit in a single storey store to the rear of 3 Keldon Court, Linenhall Street (EK Properties) It was agreed that decision on this application would be held for 10 days to allow submission of further information.

D6 - B/2010/0339/F – replacement of existing wind turbine with a single 50 metres high, 250kw wind turbine, 40 metres south west of 59 Magheramore Road, Dungiven (I Buchanan) It was agreed that decision on this application would be held for 10 days to allow submission of further information.

D7 – B/2010/0346/F – erection of a single 50m high 250 kw wind turbine at 35 Straw Road, Dungiven (P Buchanan) It was agreed that decision on this application would be held for 10 days to allow submission of further information.

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/2009/0235/F - Replacement of existing mill race inlet structures, installation of pen stock pipe, replacement of existing hydro-electric turbine unit within the turbine chamber in the power house at Roe Valley Country Park, 41 Dogleap Road, Limavady (NIEA) In response to a member, Ms Mulhern agreed to investigate if a previous application had been refused for this site. After discussion it was agreed that this was a technicality and that the application should be approved.

Office Meetings were agreed for the following applications:

B/2011/0045/O – Mr James Wray
B/2011/0093/O – Mr McDevitt
B/2011/0118/O – Mr & Mrs D McIntyre
B/2011/0196/O – Mr Sean Moore

ROADS:

Proposed Work – Market Street: It was agreed that Mr Austin Montgomery, Roads Service; Mr Martin Quigg, DSD & Mr Fergal McNicholl, Whitemountain Quarries would give a short presentation on proposed works to Market Street, Limavady.

Mr Quigg explained that a public realm scheme for Market Street had been identified within the proposed Master Plan for Limavady. He said that £200k had been secured for the scheme and in conjunction with Roads Service, new paving, lighting, replanting of trees and provision of street furniture would be carried out in Market Street. He added that the scheme would also require an amount of property work and that utility companies had been contacted to ensure that any work they had planned in the area would be completed by the end of November 2011. It was noted that Whitemountain Quarries would instigate the 10 week public realm scheme early in the New Year and after taking into consideration the views of the traders, the work would be carried out Sunday to Thursday when there was less trading activity.

The following points were made:

- A cast iron assurance could not be given that Market Street would not be dug up again in the foreseeable future due to burst pipes etc.
- Councils' Enforcement Officer should be putting down markers regarding the problem of littering and chewing gum in the paved area.

The Chair thanked the deputation for informing Council about the public realm scheme.

Off Street Parking – Main Street: The Chief Executive stated that Roads Service had previously informed Council of proposals to introduce a 20p per hour tariff at the free car park in Main Street, Limavady. He said that Roads Service had confirmed that the charges would discourage long stay parking, attract a broader mix of parkers and would help visitors and shoppers contribute to the economy of the town. He added that in light of this, Roads Service had requested that Council give consideration to withdrawing its objection to the introduction of car park charges at Main Street, Limavady.

Members were of the opinion that Council's objection to the introduction of car parking charges should NOT be withdrawn as elected members had received numerous complaints from local residents, plus the charges would encourage workers to park in housing estates and that this would result in even more complaints.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING:

Work at Drumavalley Housing Estate: A member raised concern at the proposed relocation of existing bollards at the rear of Drumavalley Housing Estate to the front of number 86 to facilitate a turning point. It was noted that a number of residents were opposed to this work due to the potential loss of car parking spaces and requested that an urgent meeting be held with the residents to discuss their concerns prior to the bollards being relocated. It was pointed out that the initial proposal to introduce a loop road around the perimeter of the estate, with the introduction of speed ramps was the preferred option for the residents.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 15 November 2011.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.00 PM.

Chair: _____