

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

18 NOVEMBER 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, S McGlinchey, E Scott and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Committee Clerk and Mr Shane Mathers, DoE Planning Service.

APOLOGY: - Councillor D Nicholl.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

It was felt that a declaration of interest should be expressed as Council had a planning application listed for approval on the schedule. Agreed.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 October 2014 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor E Scott, seconded by Alderman M Coyle.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 1: D2 - B/2013/0271/O: In response to a member, Mr Mathers confirmed that decision on the above application would be brought back to Council.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

(Deferred applications – see appendix)

Mr Mathers answered queries on applications listed on the deferred applications schedule and the recommendations were accepted by members.

(New applications – see appendix)

Mr Mathers answered queries on applications listed on the new applications schedule and the recommendations were accepted to the following:

B/2013/0278/F – farm diversification project involving the erection of wind turbine with 40 metre hub height 58.5m to blade tip and construction of new farm access laneway 1200 metres east of 37 Termain Road (Mr William Loughery) Application withdrawn.

TRANSPORT NI – NORTHERN DIVISION INTERIM REPORT 2014/15:

The Chair welcomed Ms Deidre Mackle, Divisional Manager and Mr Austin Montgomery, Section Engineer Transport NI to the meeting.

Ms Mackle presented the Northern Division Interim Report for the year 2014/15 on Transport NI work in the Limavady Council area. She confirmed that the main purpose of the report was to update members on the progress of delivery of work programmes and to consult with Council about scheme priorities for 2015/16 before they were finalised. She stated that pressures on the resource budget was affecting routine maintenance on the road network, however, Transport NI would continue to monitoring rounds for further capital for structural maintenance to maintain the road network. She said that despite any funding commitment, Transport NI was using its available resources to deliver quality public services, which included resurfacing of roads and pathways, surface dressing, surface treatment, drainage, major utility works, winter gritting service, maintenance of structures and limited repair to street lighting.

The following points were made:

- Ms Mackle confirmed that over 12,000 street lights were not working and a large number of these would not be repaired over the winter months as due to budget constraints, Transport NI was relayed on 1 in-house contractor to repair the lights in 9 council areas. She said priority was given to hazard outages in the first instance. Members highlighted that they had received a number of complaints about street lights and how this left the vulnerable open to attack.
- The decoupling of Dungiven By-pass from the A6 duelling scheme was welcomed.
- Ms Mackle indicated that she would be approaching the CC&GSC with regard to help with gritting of footpaths.
- Mr Montgomery agreed to look at damaged/noisy manhole covers on Priory Road/Chapel Road.
- There was a need to look at Broad Road, Greystone Road junction as this was an accident blackspot. Ms Mackle responded that Transport NI was looking at options to minimise accidents in the area.
- It was disappointing that the proposed footpath on Edenmore Road had been postponed.
- Additional street lighting was needed on Limavady By-pass.
- Request that Kilhoyle Road be resurfaced.
- The vehicle restraint system on Legavallon Road and traffic calming at St Mathews Primary School was welcomed.
- Ms Mackle clarified that Transport NI had looked at access problems at the Gaelscoil Neachtain in Dungiven. She said that the ideal solution to the problem would be the proposed park and ride as this would stop cars parking on the layby.
- Transport NI were praised for their work on grass cutting over the season.
- Ms Mackle agreed to look at the layout of Baranailt Road junction.
- The problem of vehicles parked on the hard should at Owenbeg during events was highlighted. Ms Mackle stated there was a need to talk to the event organisers with regard to event planning and traffic management.

- It was clarified that replacement of faded brown signs pointing to attractions was the responsibility of the attraction owner.
- Transport NI was commended for keeping residents informed on road conditions with regard to ice on the roads via their website and on the radio.

The Chair thanked the representatives of Transport NI for attending the meeting.

ROADS: - None.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 16 December 2014

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8:00 PM.

Chair: _____