

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

19 NOVEMBER 2013

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul (chair), J McCorkell, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive, Committee Clerk, Ms A McNee and Mr S Mathers, DoE Planning Service.

APOLOGIES: Councillor S McGlinchey and Alderman G Robinson.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 15 October 2013 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Councillor B Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING: -

Page 2 - Presentation from Translink: The Chief Executive informed members a date of 18 February 2014 had been agreed for Translink to attend Council.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Chair introduced Mr S Mathers the newly appointed Principal Planning Officer for the Causeway Coast and Glens Council.

(Deferred applications – see appendix)

The recommendation to the application listed on the deferred application schedule was accepted by members.

(New applications – see appendix)

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

B/2012/0218/F – Tourist retreat facilities to include Open farm with ARK theme building to house animals, café, kids play area and meditation rooms. Erection of 3no. 3 bed accommodation units, 76 Altagarron Road Dungiven, Mr & Mrs Thoman and Marion Farrell. Office meeting agreed.

B/2013/0173/F – proposed endurance 55KW E3120 wind turbine on tubular tower to support existing farm business, approx. 170m of 80 Broighter Road, Limavady, Mr R J Kane. Office meeting agreed.

B/2013/0181/O – Site for one and a half storey replacement dwelling and garage to replace existing vernacular building, 30m north east of 124a Dunlade Road, Greysteel, Design 3, Strabane. Office meeting agreed.

B/2013/0182/O – Site for 2 storey dwelling and garage to replace existing vernacular building, 130m west of 91 Dunlade Road, Greysteel, Design 3, Strabane. Office meeting agreed.

B/2013/0195/O – Site for single storey dwelling house and domestic garage, 20m south west of 725 Feeny Road, Architectural Services 5, Draperstown. Office meeting agreed.

The list of appeal dates notified was noted by members.

PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION:

The Chief Executive to respond to the Planning Appeals Commission and advise no comments were made by Council regarding the appeals against enforcement notices for reference E022 and reference E023.

ROADS:

a) Roads Service – Autumn Consultation Report:

The Chair welcomed Mr Alan Keys, Network Development Manager and Mr Austin Montgomery, Section Engineer to the meeting.

Mr Keys presented the Northern Division Interim Report for the year 2013/14 on Roads Service work in the Limavady Council Area. He confirmed 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 2014/15 before they were finalised. He stated that while the funding for maintenance activities at the start of the financial year were low the resurfacing programme was significantly increased due to successful in year monitoring bids however funding available for local transport and safety schemes had been greatly reduced. Despite this, Roads Service has used its available resources effectively and they continue to deliver quality public services which include resurfacing of roads and pathways, surface dressing, surface treatment, drainage, major utility works, winter gritting service, maintenance of structures and street lighting.

The following points were made following the presentation:

- ♦ A complaint had been received regarding the drainage problem at Dowland Road, it was highlighted that the existing outlet was not appropriate for the rate of discharge and the issue was hoped to be resolved by end of the financial year.

- ♦ A member welcomed the Disabled Parking Bays located in Dungiven but emphasised the lack of enforcement in place and pleaded to the public to keep them free for disabled road users.
- ♦ Roads Service was complimented on the resurfacing work carried out around the borough.
- ♦ Several complaints had been received regarding the junction at Greystone Road. Members expressed concerns on the numerous accidents that had occurred and the vast amount of traffic build-up at busy periods throughout the day causing people to take risks. It was agreed the issue needed addressed and a solution provided.
- ♦ A member welcomed the installation of drop kerbs located in the borough.
- ♦ Members voiced their disappointment at the lack of progress on the development of the A6 Londonderry to Dungiven Bypass. Mr Keys informed members officials were in the final stages of drafting the Departmental Statement for Minister Kennedy's consideration.
- ♦ A member asked Roads Service to look at the possibility of improved signage at Mill Road, Drumsum, to ensure drivers were made aware of the sharp bend on approach.
- ♦ A member raised the issue of parked cars on the roadside at Bovally Medical Centre causing disruption to passing vehicles.
- ♦ The traffic build-up at school times at Mount Eden and Whitehill Park was raised and it was requested that parked vehicles on the roadside be discouraged.
- ♦ Members raised concerns regarding the reduced number of lamp posts, particularly in residential areas and stated it would heighten concerns in relation to personal safety and had potential health and safety implications in respect of the lighting of alleyways and steps. It was agreed a letter be written to Minister Kennedy, Department of Regional Development to review the street lighting policy.
- ♦ Flooding problems at Grannagh Park were highlighted.

Mr Keys encouraged members to complete request/enquiry forms to raise local issues with Roads Service, or to deal with items outside the report.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Roads Service for their presentation.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: -

Local Government Reform – Proposed Review of Existing Partnership Arrangements: Following the Development meeting on 8 October it was agreed members attend a workshop to allow for discussion on partnership arrangements and express views on the way forward. The Chief Executive confirmed the workshop was arranged for 3 December at 6pm in Limavady Borough Council offices for any member who would like to attend.

Local Government Reform Seminar – Laying the Foundations for Community Planning: It was agreed the Chief Executive, Director of Development, Director of Environmental Services, Councillors A Brolly and D

Nicholl attend the seminar on Tuesday 3 December 2013 at Tullyglass House Hotel, Ballymena.

Limavady Borough Council with Gortnaghey Community Association Formal Legal Charge over Lands in Folio LY106168 Co Londonderry: It was agreed the debenture in relation to Council's contribution of 5% towards Gortnaghey Community Association's project under the Village Renewal Programme would be signed and sealed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor A Brolly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 17 December 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8PM.

Chair: _____
Signature