LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

20 MARCH 2012

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

PRESENT:

Aldermen G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul (Chair), J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

CHAIR OF MEETING:

As the Chair of the Planning & Services Committee was unable to attend the meeting, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey, that Councillor McCaul would Chair the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Alderman M Coyle and Councillor D Nicholl.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 February 2012 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McCaul.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 1 – Archaeological Evaluation on application for Extension to the Graveyard in Dungiven: In response to a member, Ms Mulhern said that she would enquire if the results of the archaeological evaluation for the above application were now available.

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

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

D3/Refusal – B/2011/0093/O: farm dwelling with detached garage and septic tank adjacent to 132 Glenhead Road, Ballykelly (Stephen McDevitt) Ms Mulhern advised that the Department had omitted to include CTY8 as an additional reason for refusal of this application. Noted.

D4/Refusal – B/2011/0169/F: erection of Vesta V27 wind turbine with 40m hub height, 301 m north of 32 Coolnasallagh Road (Dominic O'Kane) Ms Mulhern agreed to defer issue of refusal decision on this application for 10 days.

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

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

B/2011/0022/F - ground floor extension to existing restaurant with 1st floor smoking area, 48 Main Street, Limavady (Classic Wine Bar and Restaurant) Ms Mulhern agreed to defer issue of refusal decision on this application for 10 days.

B/2011/0192/F – erection of 2no traditional storey and a half detached dwellings with integral garages and construction of necessary accesses to Scroggy Road to the rear and side of 43 Scroggy Road, Limavady (Mr Robert Jeffers) Ms Mulhern answered a number of queries around the approval of this application and to concerns made by objectors. Following discussion, it was agreed that an office meeting would be held before the decision to approve the application would be issued.

B/2011/0236/O – proposed dwelling and garage on a farm 570m North East of 56 Altagarron Road, Dungiven (Mr Michael Bradley) Agreed that an office meeting would be held on this application.

B/2012/0012/O – site for farm dwelling with detached garage, store, 110m east of 219 Drum Road, Dungiven (Mr Alex Moore) Agreed that an office meeting would be held on this application.

Ms Mulhern confirmed that the office meeting would be held on Friday 30 March 2012. The Chair thanked Ms Mulhern for attending the meeting.

ROADS: - None.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE SDLP:

Councillor Beattie proposed:

'That this Council noted the excellent Language and Communications service provided by the Woodland Language Unit and calls on the Minister of Education to intervene and secure the Centre of Excellence on the integrated Belmont House Campus.'

Councillor Beattie highlighted that the Woodlands Unit currently provides intensive intervention for 40 children who had specific language impairments and that they were taught in a language enriched environment, with intensive speech & language therapy. She said that experts from a number of statutory agencies had agreed that the Woodlands Unit provides the best approach to meet the needs of each specific child being educated in this setting.

Councillor Beattie pointed out that if the current proposals by the WELB to shut the unit by the end of the year went ahead, parents and staff working in the unit feared that the highly specialised skills provided would be lost and that it would be the children who would be most affected. She said that it was important that Council support the children from the Borough who attended the unit as these were our most vulnerable children.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mullan and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 24 April 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.30 PM.

Chair: _____