

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE
20 APRIL 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, M Donaghy, G Mullan and A Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Chief Executive. Ms Katrina Hope, Planning Service.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor L Cubitt, B Douglas, J F McElhinney, C Ó hOisín and E Stevenson.

BEST WISHES:

It was agreed that best wishes from Council would be forwarded to Councillor Cubitt's wife Maureen who was currently in hospital following a hip replacement operation.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 16 March 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Mullan.

MATTERS ARISING:

- A letter from Northern Ireland Water was circulated to members, which confirmed that the current planning application for WWTW at Point Road had been withdrawn at the request of Planning Service due to relocation of the proposed discharge point at Magilligan Road. A new planning application would be submitted based on the proposed Defence Estates Site and that full planning approval was expected in the autumn of 2010. Noted.

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

Items listed on the deferred as approvals were tabled and noted.

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:

Office Meetings: It was agreed that office meetings would be held on Friday 30 April 2010 for the following applications:

B/2009/0308/O – site for a dwelling on a farm approximately 50 metres south east of 869 Glenshane Road, Dungiven (Mr D O’Kane);

B/2010/0009/F – erection of detached dwelling (6m ridge height) with detached garage store and new entrance onto public road immediately west of 214 Baranailt Road, Tartnakilly, Limavady (Mr & Mrs Brady);

B/2010/0016/O – erection of traditional rural dwelling with detached garage/store immediately south of 133 Dunlade Road, Greysteel (Mr M Bond);

B/2010/0020/O – site for traditional rural dwelling with detached garage/store (for farmer) adjacent to 141 Altmover Road, Carnmoney, Dungiven (Mr J Moore);

B/2010/0029/F – proposed infill dwelling and detached domestic garage on site 75m East of 144 Tartnakilly Road, Limavady (Mr J O’Connor);

B/2010/0036/F – replacement of stone buildings with detached dwelling and garage approximately 15 metres North of 85 Ringsend Road, Limavady (Mr & Mrs J Simpson);

B/2010/0041/F – relocation of existing previously approved two storey dwelling house 25 m south of no 68 Gortnacross Road, Drumsurn (Mr S O’Kane);

B/2010/0044/O – replacement of former dwelling and including the restoration of same all to form a new modern living unit, Bovevagh Road, Glenconway, Dungiven (450m west of the junction between Bovevagh & Glenconway Roads) (Mr J Smyth);

B/2010/0064/F – erection of two storey farm dwelling and garage 100 metres east of 26 Bolea Road, Limavady (Mr J Grant).

Appeals dates and decisions notified were noted by members.

ROADS:

- A member referred to the ongoing danger facing pedestrians and motorists exiting at Beech Road, Drumsurn. It was suggested that Roads Service continue with negotiations and resolve issues with the landowner at the Drumsurn Road junction so that the footpath could be completed.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

- A member requested that Northern Ireland Water upgrade the drainage system at Wood Road, Ballykelly to an acceptable standard for adoption by Roads Service.

HOUSING: - None.

PRESENTATION BY FIRMUS ENERGY:

The Chair welcomed Mr Ray Cummins, Construction Manager and Ms Alison Moore, Commercial Development Manager, Firmus Energy to the meeting.

Ms Moore outlined that Firmus Energy provided live gas to over 4000 customers in the North West and to over 3,000 customers on their South North line. She said the reasons why many choose to move to natural gas included renovating of homes, businesses & heating systems; reduction in carbon footprint; oil boilers getting old and landlords renting residential properties.

Ms Moore confirmed that Firmus Energy was the first company to give a price guarantee against the cost of oil and that based on average oil prices, customers saved over £140 for 3 bedroom house by choosing gas compared to other types of fuel.

Mr Cummins informed members that Firmus were working on several estates in Limavady and that a number of customers were looking to avail of the benefits of natural gas in Limvady Town Centre. He said these included businesses in Linenhall Street, Catherine Street, Irish Green Street and the new built in Protestant Street. He added that planned work on these locations had been split into two phases to meet customer requirements and potential disruption to the general public.

It was noted that Linenhall Street would be closed to traffic for approximately one week on work scheduled to take place during the school holidays when gas pipes were being laid. At member's request Firmus Energy agreed to keep disruption to businesses and traffic at a minimum.

The Chair thanked Firmus Energy for attending the meeting.

POLICY SCREENING DOCUMENT:

The Chief Executive reminded members that it had been agreed at the Planning & Services Committee held 16 March 2010 that the name of the new Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre would be used in English and in Irish. He said that the Policy Screening document had been circulated to members and it had been agreed that this would be discussed after being reviewed by members.

The Chief Executive explained that the Policy Screening exercise was to determine if a full EQIA was required on a policy decision in line with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. He said that the Policy Screening exercise had recommended that the Council decision be 'screened out' for this purpose given the full policy context on this subject, including the EU Charter for Regional and Minority Languages placing a duty on local authorities to promote and develop the Irish language, and given that Council had previously carried out a full EQIA on the similar issue of use of Council name bilingually. The recommendation was on the basis of a similar approach being taken to the treatment of personal uniforms & clothing in the earlier EQIA.

After discussion Councillor Brolly proposed, seconded by Councillor Donaghy that the recommendation be accepted. A recorded vote was requested on the

proposal and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, 7 for, namely Councillor Carten, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Mullan, Councillor Chivers, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Donaghy and Councillor Brolly. Voting against were 3, Alderman Rankin, Alderman Robinson and Councillor Robinson.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 18 May 2010.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.55 pm)

Chair: _____