

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

20 MAY 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 and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul (chair), J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, R Donaghy, G Mullan, D Nicholl, A Robinson, E Scott and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Committee Clerk and Mr Greame Walker, DoE Planning Service.

APOLOGIES: - None

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 15 April 2014 were approved and signed on the Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor B Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MARCH MEETING:

Dunlade Road: The Chief Executive informed members that Roads Service had confirmed that following assessment of Dunlade Road, the speed limit had been reduced from 40 to 30 mph from December 2013. It was considered that the lower speed limit alongside existing warning lines provided sufficient traffic calming measures to control speed at the location, therefore, Roads Service had no plans to introduce ramps at Dunlade Road.

Request to Remove Hedge at Beech Road, Drumsurn: Roads Service confirmed that the property in which the hedge was located was in the process of being sold and once sold, Roads Service would be interested in speaking to the new landowner with a view to negotiating the acquisition of the land necessary to provide the missing link of footway which would improve the visibility from Beech Road onto Drumsurn Road.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

(Non-Contentious Application – see appendix)

Mr Walker presented the planning schedule which contained one non contentious application for May 2014 and the recommended approval was accepted by Council. The dates of planning appeals were noted by members.

ROADS: - None.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

CONSULTATION LPS – USE OF THE SPATIAL NI VULNERABILITY AND ASSET MAPPING PORTAL:

The Chief Executive stated that Land & Property Services had launched the above consultation in order to make affected groups aware of the benefits of the system. He said that Spatial NI could be utilised to show locations of vulnerable people in times of various emergencies, for example during adverse weather involving severe snow or floods which could cause inaccessibility to areas. During those times food, water, medical supplies or access to power and water would be given priority through organisations working together to develop reports of those in need.

Members agreed that it was in the interests of vulnerable people to share data in emergency situations. It was agreed however, that in responding to the consultation, it should be pointed out that the data should not be misused and a strict eye should be kept on how this was used.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSE FROM CC&G STC – A STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND:

The draft response from the Causeway Coast and Glens Transition Committee to the consultation on a Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland was tabled and noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Rossmar Special School – New Build: Members referred to the prolonged delay in commencing work on the new Rossmar School and requested that the Chief Executive write to the Western Education & Library Board to request an update on when the new build would be progressed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 24 June 2014

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.14 PM.

Chair: _____