

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE
24 MARCH 2009**

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

PRESENT:

Aldermen G Mullan, J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors P Butcher (chair), M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, C O hOisin, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive, Mrs A McNee and Mr Kenny Donaghy Planning Service.

APOLOGIES: Councillors A Brolly, Councillor Coyle and J McElhinney

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 17 February 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Flooding at Glenroe Park:** Rivers Agency outlined that they had no record of having received flooding reports at properties in Glenroe Park. However, they are aware of flooding incidents in the nearby vicinity and have carried out an investigation to ascertain the cause and confirm that recent incidents appear to have been caused by surface water which was unable to enter an undesignated watercourse.
- **Winter Salting Programme:** Roads Service confirmed that their policy on salting remains unchanged and reiterated that the Department has limited resources which must be targeted at busiest routes. They confirm that the salting of Gortnaghey, Altnagarron and Edenmore Roads are being assessed.
- **Blocked Gullies at Clooney Road:** Roads Service confirmed that the gullies have now been cleared.
- **Request for Disabled Parking in Ballykelly:** Roads Service plan to introduce a disabled parking bay in Main Street Ballykelly but this is dependent on agreement being reached with the frontagers in the area.
- **Planning Appeal:** Members were informed that Planning Service had confirmed that the Enforcement Notice issued to Mr G Conn for alleged unauthorised use of land for the deposit of waste materials on lands at Tirmacory Road, Ballykelly had been withdrawn.
- **Emergency Septic Tank Emptying Service:** Northern Ireland Water confirmed that it does provide an urgent emergency service in which septic tanks will be de-sludged within two working days of request being made.

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

The Chair welcomed Mr Kenny Donaghy, newly appointed Planning Officer for the Limavady area. Several members referred to the good working relationship Council had with Mrs McNee and took the opportunity to wish her well in her new position of Senior Planning Officer within Derry City Council area.

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

B/2001/0401/O – site for 2 dwellings adjacent to 5 Priory Lane, Dungiven (Mr M Coyle) It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.

B/2007/0353/F – erection of housing development to include 8 two storey semi-detached dwellings & 6 two and half storey detached dwellings and 1 detached two and half storey dwelling with associated car parking & entrance on lands adjacent to 297 Foreglen Road, Foreglen (Fernwave Ltd) It was agreed that issue of refusal decision would be deferred for 7 days.

B/2007/0546/F – development of vacant site with a 2 storey building providing 6 two bedroom apartments and basement car parking and a two storey building providing 4 two bedroom apartments on land adjacent to 3 Loughermore Road, Ballykelly (Mr Mullan) It was agreed that issue of refusal decision would be deferred for 7 days.

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

The Chair welcomed members of the public to the viewing gallery who were present at the meeting to object to approval of planning application B/2006/0261/F.

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

B/2008/0108/F – rear extension and alterations to existing retail unit and sub division into 3 retail units with common service access and existing car parking 1 – 3 Market Street, Limavady (Corban Investments Ltd) It was stated by a member that a objector to this application felt that his views had not been taken into consideration in approval decision. Noted.

B/2009/0035/F – 15m Hutchinson Engineering streetworks pole containing O2 antennae, 1 street furniture cabinet on footpath adjacent to 5 Anderson Avenue, Limavady (Telefonica O2 (uk) Ltd) Mrs McNee informed members that this application had been withdrawn.

Office Meetings: It was agreed that office meetings would be held for the following application on 3 April 2009:

B/2006/0261/F – erection of residential development comprising of 164 semi-detached, terraced townhouses, maisonettes & apartments and day care

nursery school with associated car parking and common open spaces (McCloskey & O’Kane) A member stated that he was angry and disappointed at Planning Service decision to approve this application. He said he was opposed to the recommendation as his wife & son were buried in the nearby cemetery and that this development would destroy the quiet, peaceful surroundings and tranquillity of the area. Several other members agreed with this viewpoint and were supportive of the objectors views on traffic build up and pressure on sewerage system if the development went ahead. .

After further debate, Mrs McNee agreed to the request for an office meeting so that the views expressed could be discussed. It was suggested that representatives from Roads Service, Northern Ireland Water and the Rivers Agency be invited to attend the meeting. Agreed

B/2008/0208/F – replacement of existing buildings (public house, vacant function rooms and dwelling) yards and garden with Public House and off licence (2 storey) and 6 apartments (3 storey) at 104 Main Street, Dungiven (Ansa Development Ltd);

B/2008/0348/F – two storey rear extension and window of existing first floor bedroom relocated to side of dwelling at 26 Roeview Park, Limavady (Mr S Devlin);

B/2008/0357/F – retention of existing single storey rear annex with proposed first floor extension to same; re-roofing & conversion of first floor to create open plan office accommodation & one self contained flat (Sherrin Homes Ltd).

ROADS:

Uneven Road Surface: A member requested that Roads Service repair the uneven road surface between Patterson’s chip shop and Tesco Limavady.

WATER & SEWERAGE: None

HOUSING: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

KPL - Planning Appeal: The Chief Executive advised that given that Council had supported appeal by KPL in 2006, he had forwarded an additional letter of support on behalf of Council to the Planning Appeals Commission and sought retrospective approval. A member objected to the approval.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 21 April 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.40 pm)**

Chair: _____