

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

**PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE
25 JANUARY 2011**

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 P Butcher (chair), A Brolly, M Carten, B Chivers, L Cubitt, M Donaghey, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín, J F McElhinney, G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Chief Executive, Mr Paul McCahill and Mr Adrian Brown, Planning Service.

APOLOGIES: - Alderman Robinson

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 21 December 2010 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

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

Mr Brown answered queries on applications listed on the deferred applications schedule and the decisions were accepted subject to the following.

D9 - B/2009/0457/O – replacement of existing dwelling and outbuilding with a traditional rural dwelling and detached garage/store, 72 Teeavan Road, Dungiven (Mr A Miller) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0182/F – two storey front extension to dwelling ‘Sandylands’ 72 Carrowclare Road, Myroe, Limavady (Mrs C Orr) *Council disagreed with the decision to refuse this application.*

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

Mr Brown answered queries on applications listed on the new applications schedule and outlined the nature of any objections. The recommendations were accepted subject to the following:

B/2009/0435/O – erection of traditional farm dwelling (single storey) on lands adjacent to 134 Seacoast Road, Limavady (Mr Gilfillan) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0292/F – erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear sunroom extension to two storey dwelling, 56 Edenvale, Limavady (Mr Ryan Moore) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0328/O – erection of 1no detached dwelling at site 1, Aughansillagh, Temain Road, Limavady (Mrs Janette Loughrey) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0340/O – site for 4no two storey dwellings on lands between 9 Shackleton Crescent and 12 Shackleton Drive, Loughview Estate, Ballykelly (Merrion Property Group) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0341/O – site for 2no two storey dwellings on lands southwest of lockup garages, Loughview Estate, Ballykelly (Merrion Property Group) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0342/O – site for 2no two storey dwelling on lands adjacent to 8 Neptune Road, Loughview Estate, Ballykelly (Merrion Property Group) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0343/O – site for 8no two storey dwellings on lands north of 31 Lough Crescent and 70 Neptune Crescent, Loughview Estate, Ballykelly (Merrion Property Group) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0344/O – site for 1no two storey dwelling on lands west of 2 Neptune Crescent, Loughview Estate, Ballykelly (Merrion Property Group) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0345/O – site for 2no two storey dwellings on lands east of 104 Shackleton Crescent, Loughview Estate, Ballykelly (Merrion Property Group) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0352/F – erection of two storey dwelling and detached double garage (change of house type from planning approval B/2010/0146/F, 15 Crock-na-brock Road, Foreglen (Mr Jonathan McLaughlin) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0370/O – proposed dwelling and garage, approximately 25m south of 30a Dunlade Road, Greysteel (Pat Cunning) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

B/2010/0409/O – proposed country style single storey cottage with detached domestic garage on land adjacent to 4 Lime Road, Greysteel (Mrs Anne Begley) *It was agreed that an office meeting would be held for this application.*

Comments outside the Schedules:

- Planning Officers were thanked for scheduling additional office meeting for application refused due to PPS21
- Following complaints by elected members, Mr Brown agreed to investigate illegal signs erected in various locations in the Borough.

ROADS:

Complaints about Road Condition: A member proposed that elected members contact Roads Service directly following complaints by members of the public at the number of potholes and other minor roads issues in the Borough. Agreed.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BROLLY:

Councillor Brolly proposed:

‘That this Council calls on the Minister for Employment and Learning to retain the Education and Maintenance Allowance here following the decision to end the payments in England.....’

‘Go nglaoonn an Chomhairle seo ar an Aire Fostaíochta agus Léinn, an Liúntas Oideachais agus Cothabhála a choinneáil anseo i ndiaidh an chinnidh le deireadh a chur leis na híocaíochtaí i Sasana’

Councillor Brolly explained that EML had been introduced to help 16 – 19 year old from low income families remain in education and that boys in particular had been particularly effective in availed of the payment. She said that there had been more opportunities in the education system over 60 years ago and that in the current economic climate, stopping the allowance would be detrimental to society. She called for members to support the motion. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chivers.

Several members spoke for and against the motion, with the main points being:

- 60% of students would not have continued with their education without EML
- many students who continue their education would be better off training for a specific trade
- it was acknowledged that whilst the payment system was open to abuse, members should be encouraging education at whatever level
- the payment of £30 encouraged students to attend college regularly.

The motion was put to the meeting and declared carried, 9 for, 0 against and 4 abstentions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

RTPI – Event Series: It was agreed that Alderman Coyle and the Chief Executive would attend the RTPI Place Matters event to be held 24 February 2011 in Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast at a cost of £85 per person.

NILGA Response to Planning Bill: It was noted that NILGA had circulated to members a response to the Planning Bill.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 15 February 2011.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.55 PM.

Chair: _____