

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

26 JUNE 2012

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, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, D Nicholl (Chair), A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES: - Alderman G Robinson.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor McCaul that Councillor Nicholl would chair the Planning & Services Committee for the year 2012/13.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 15 May 2012 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

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:

D1 - B/2009/0167/F – external smoking area above rear lounge of Corner Bar, 41 Main Street, Limavady (W & R Holdings) Agreed to hold for 10 days.

D3 – B/2009/0247/LB – erection of external open smoking area above rear lounge at the Corner Bar, 41 Main Street, Limavady (W & R Holdings) Agreed to hold for 10 days.

D6 – B/2011/0149/F – two story rural dwelling with attached garage/store on a farm immediately south of 168 Ballyquin Road, Limavady (Mr & Mrs Robinson) Agreed to hold for 10 days.

D9 – B/2011/0196/O - site for a detached single storey bungalow with detached domestic garage, 170 metres north east of junction of Dunbrock Road and Carnamuff Road, Ballykelly (Mr Sean Moore) Agreed to hold for 10 days.

D11 – B/2011/0291/O - proposed domestic dwelling with detached garage, septic tank and percolation area 50m east from 35 Sheskin Road Greysteel (John McCartney) Agreed to hold for 10 days.

D13 – B/2012/0051/F - part change of use of detached garage/store to a Gun Shop, Firearms Safe and garage store (Brian McGilligan) Agreed to hold 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/2011/0057/F – proposed storage and processing of sludge cake on existing quarry off A37 Broad Road, Limavady (Digit Site Services Ltd) Members welcomed the refusal decision on this application.

B/2011/0188/F – extension of St Patricks RC Church graveyard utilising existing access road & car park, 20 metres southwest of St Patricks RC Church, 21 Chapel Road, Dungiven (Rev Aidan Mullan) The approval decision on this application was welcomed.

B/2011/0289/O – proposed housing development 10 Windyhill Road, Limavady and lands immediately to the rear (Mr Sean Canning) Office meeting agreed.

B/2012/0032/F – proposed one and half storey detached dwelling to infill site between 115 and 119 Muldonagh Road, Claudy (NMF Properties Ltd) Office meeting agreed.

B/2012/0066/F - erection of two new two storey dwellings on land north-northeast of 300 and 302 Drumsurn Road, Drumsurn (Mr J McGowan) Office meeting agreed.

B/2012/0075/O – site for farm dwelling adjacent to and north of 55 Craigbrack Road, Eglinton (Peter Casey) Office meeting agreed.

B/2012/0077/F – proposed change of use from existing agricultural field to storage area opposite 24 Magheramore Road, Dungiven (Mr J Canning) A member indicated that this application was going to be withdrawn.

B/2012/0143/O – infill dwelling and garage adjacent to 55 Glenedra Road, Feeny (Mr Paul McCullagh) Office meeting agreed.

B/2012/0149/O – proposed site for traditional dwelling 350m north east of 16 Magheramore Road, Dungiven (Mr William Canning) Office meeting agreed.

Queries/Comments Outside the Schedule:

- The recent announcement that Rossmar was to be replaced with a new school was welcomed by members. It was suggested that the planning application for the project should be fast tracked by Planning Service.

- Ms Mulhern clarified that the Planning Service office meeting would be held on Friday 6 July 2012 and that non contentious application would be brought to Council for approval by the Mayor and Chair of the Planning & Services Committee on Tuesday 17 July 2012.

PRESENTATION ON REVIEW OF WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST:

The Chair welcomed Ms Donna Allen & Mr Paul Cavanagh, Assistant Directors of the Western Health & Social Care Trust to the meeting

Mr Cavanagh explained that the Western Health & Social Care Trust was being reviewed in light of a growing & ageing population that could cause instability in the health & social care system. He said the key reasons for change were that people were better at preventing ill health; current inequalities in the health of the population; giving children the best start in life; sustainability and quality of hospital services; need to meet the expectation of the people in Northern Ireland; making best use of resources available and supporting the Trust workforce.

Mr Cavanagh outlined that the vision was to put patients at the centre of care by working with GP's and to provide an opportunity to meet the demands of the highly dispersed rural population closer to the home. He gave an overview of key principles for the west and how these would be achieved. These included integrated care, promoting independence, safeguarding the most vulnerable, ensuring stability of service & value for money.

In the discussion which following it was highlighted that medical staff working on the ground were already under extreme pressure; additional responsibility to GP's would result in longer lists for appointments; a large percentage of cases presented at A&E involved alcohol; the wait at A&E for a hospital bed was unacceptable and that the decision to provide free prescriptions should be reviewed.

Mr Cavanagh acknowledged that whilst alcohol related cases at A&E were significant; the Trust was being proactive by employing an Alcohol Specialist to give support help and advice to those with an alcohol problem. He said that the Minister for Health had given a commitment to provide Primary Care Centres and for GP's to have a more central role in patient care, with the help of other professionals on the ground such as District Nurses, Occupational Therapists and Diabetic Specialists. Ms Allen added that recent changes made by the Trust included lesser time in hospital and midwife lead home births.

The Chair thanked Ms Allen and Mr Cavanagh for attending the meeting.

ROADS: - None.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None

HOUSING: - None.

Councillor A Robinson joined the meeting at 7.50 pm.

NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY THE DUP:

Councillor McCorkell proposed:

‘That this Council starts the process of the listing and preservation for some of the unique buildings on the former RAF Limavady & associated sites, due to the historical and pivotal role it played during WW2 and in recognition of the global importance of the role it played.’

Councillor McCorkell stated that the DUP members from Limavady wanted to see the sites at the former RAF Limavady protected not just for their history but also for heritage and economic reasons. He said that the control tower and anti-aircraft gunners training dome at Aghanloo should be restored to their former glory as the dome in particular is one of only two that now survive from WW2. He added that the corridor of former airfields and buildings between Limavady and Londonderry should be utilised to bring more visitors into the Borough. The motion was seconded by Councillor Robinson.

In the discussion which followed it was noted that it was not the role of Council to list buildings. The cost to restore the buildings was also highlighted.

Alderman Coyle put forward the following amendment:

‘That this Council writes to the appropriate authorities to start the process of listing and preservation of some of those unique buildings on former RAF site Limavady.’

Councillor McCorkell agreed to withdraw his motion and give his support to the amendment. Alderman Coyle’s motion was put to the meeting and declared carried without comment.

UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2012:

The Head of Finance presented unaudited accounts for year ending 31 March 2012 which had been approved by the Audit Committee at meeting held 20 June 2012. He drew member’s attention to the financial report on page 3 of the explanatory forward which detailed that for the year 31 March 2012 Council had increased its District Fund reserve by £265,805 to £747,517. He said that when the 2011/12 rates were struck there was a positive balance applied of £75,000, this means that a surplus of £75,000 had been forecast for 2011/12.

The Head of Finance outlined the main variances against budget as follows:

- ◆ Waste Disposal Gate Fees - £70,040 favourable
- ◆ Vehicle Costs - £59,997 adverse
- ◆ Energy Costs - £96,804 adverse
- ◆ Loan Charges - £54,141 favourable
- ◆ General Grant - £74,375 favourable
- ◆ District Rates - £150,096 favourable
- ◆ Rates Reserve Clawback - £108,552 adverse
- ◆ Landfill Related - £145,194 adverse

He also gave an overview of capital expenditure, pension liability, significant change in accounting policies, investment plans, sources of finance, provisions,

property revaluation and impact on building control due to current economic climate.

The unaudited accounts were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Somme Anniversary Church Service: It was agreed that the Mace to be taken out and paraded at the Somme Anniversary Church Service. A member requested that a senior officer be in attendance.

NWRCBG: The Chief Executive highlighted problems around the delivery of the programme of the Interreg programme and getting spend on the ground. He said that Derry City Council were covering administration costs but potentially other councils in the group may be asked for funds in the foreseeable future. Following discussion it was agreed that the Director of Development would be asked to update members at the next Development Services meeting.

Use of Microphone During Presentations: Members suggested that a microphone was essential when presentations were heard as some members found it extremely difficult to hear the presentation held earlier in the meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 21 August 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.40 PM.

Chair: _____