

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

PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

21 MAY 2013

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen M Coyle, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, D Nicholl (Chair), A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive, Committee Clerk, Administration Officer and Ms Rosemarie McMenamin, DoE Planning Service.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor B Douglas.

CONDOLENCES:

It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to Councillor B Douglas on the death of his father.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 23 April 2013 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Alderman J Rankin.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

(Deferred applications – see appendix)

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

D1: B/2013/0026/O – erection of a house on a farm, two storey detached garage 40 metres south of no 117 Carnamuff Road, Ballykelly (Mr Geoff Pearson) Hold for 5 days.

D2: B/2013/0033/O – construction of single storey and part 1 ½ storey dwelling house with detached double garage on lands 110m south of 107 Carrowclare Road, Myroe, Limavady (Mr and Mrs John Dodds) Application withdrawn.

(New applications – see appendix)

Ms McMenamin advised that whilst not outlined on the schedule, items 1 and 3 had also been refused as being contrary to Planning Policy FLD1 of PPS15. Noted.

B/2013/0002/F – proposed single storey shed for agricultural purposes at rear of 162 Seacoast Road, Limavady (Mr Sharma) Deferred for office meeting.

B/2013/0023/O – site for farm building 270m west of 162 Seacoast Road, Crindle, Limavady (Mr Kane) Deferred for office meeting.

B/2013/0075/O – site for farm dwelling on land adjacent to 332 Seacoast Road, Limavady (J Doherty) Deferred for office meeting.

ROADS:

a) Roads Service – Spring Consultation Report:

The Chair welcomed Mr Colin Hutchinson, Strategic Road Improvement Team and Mr Austin Montgomery, Section Engineer Roads Service to the meeting.

Mr Hutchinson presented the Northern Division Annual Roads Service Report for 2013/2014 which dealt with works completed in Limavady Borough Council area during the year 2012/13 and set out initial proposals for schemes to be undertaken in the year 2013/14. He stated that funding available for improvement schemes and road maintenance was greatly reduced this year in line with the four year budget agreed by the Executive. Despite this, Roads Service has used its available resources effectively and continued to deliver quality public services which included resurfacing of roads and pathways, surface dressing, drainage, major utility works, winter gritting service, minor work schemes, traffic schemes, traffic management, maintenance of structures, street lighting and major work schemes.

The following points were made following the presentation:

- A member reported that she had received a complaint about excess water on Catherine Street and queried if the drainage system was blocked. It was highlighted that the exceptional rainfall of the previous weekend had led to ponding/flooding in many areas, including Catherine Street.
- The proposed park & ride for Dungiven was tied in with the A6 scheme.
- Roads Service to investigate what could be done at the accident blackspot near Hasson's Tyres on Legavallon Road.
- Roads Service was commended for clearing the rural roads from snow.
- It was confirmed that a crash barrier and other improvements had been approved at a stretch of road near Legavallon Bridge.
- The importance of progressing the A6 scheme was highlighted, especially on health grounds due to omissions from vehicles.
- Roads Service were delivering a programme designed for 100 year flooding, which included sustainable drainage systems. It was highlighted that farmers had a responsibility in preventing flooding.
- Request for additional street lighting at Kings Lane.
- Any additional funding from the Executive should be used on the A6 or Frosses Road.
- It was queried if the road could be widened at Ballykelly Bridge/Plantation Road for safety reasons.
- It was pointed out costs would be excessive to provide a footpath from Ballarena Station to Swans Bridge. Disappointment was expressed that a

previous commitment to provide an area of footpath year on year had not been carried out.

- Roads Service would look closely at traffic problems in Ballykelly when vehicles started commuting to the former army camp.
- Flooding problems at Dunlade Road was highlighted.
- Roads Service was congratulated on resurfacing at Muldonagh and Altmower Road.
- A complaint had been received regarding lack of gullies and flooding on Foreglen loop road at Dernaflaw.
- Request that Roads Service relook at possibility of erecting ramps at Whitehill Park.
- Roads Service was complimented on work carried out in association with DSD on Market Street and Catherine Street.
- The decision to defer work on the Seacoast Road until September 2013 was welcomed.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Roads Service for their comprehensive presentation.

WATER & SEWERAGE: - None.

HOUSING: - None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

IRRV Northern Ireland Conference 2013: It was agreed that an officer would attend the Institute of Revenues, Rating & Valuation conference 2013 on 3 June 2013 in Belfast City Hall.

Limavady Town Centre Masterplan Development: A briefing paper was tabled from the Development Directorate which outlined that the Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) had undertaken a walk around Limavady Town Centre to look at ways of developing the town beyond the physical infrastructure. Following a tour of the Centre, the function of Drumceatt Square and its relationship with activities in the town centre were discussed at length. Points made included:

It was proposed to take a proactive approach over the next few months to stimulate greater use of increased community and business use to Drumceatt Square. This included markets, maximising opportunities provided by events and festivals and Council to lead and support external initiatives.

It was agreed that officers would progress the suggested list of ideas outlined within the briefing paper. It was also suggested that Council consider using gazebos to protect those performing in the square, similar to what Coleraine was currently doing.

Request from Royal Air Force: The Chief Executive reminded members that decision on request for support by the Royal Air Force Association had been deferred to give members time to consider the details of their letter circulated the previous week.

Alderman G Robinson proposed that Council provide the Dias for the parade by the Association on Sunday 2 June 2013 and for staff to provide assistance in collecting a temporary flag pole from the United Services Club, transporting and erecting it adjacent to the Saluting Dias.

Alderman M Coyle proposed that Council provide the Dias for the parade but for staff not to get involved in the erection of the flag pole. He said he had no problem with the Association holding the 70th Anniversary parade and suggested that Council provide a small financial contribution to help cover the costs associated with the event. The proposal was seconded by Councillor G Mullan.

Councillor J McCorkell seconded Alderman G Robinson proposal at this point in the meeting.

Alderman M Coyle's proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 9 for, 4 against and 1 abstention.

Alderman G Robinson requested that his proposal be put to the meeting and in so doing was declared lost, 5 for and 9 against.

Councillor G Mullan stated that to ask staff to get involved in any flag issues was dangerous and proposed that Council contributed £200 towards the 70 Anniversary celebrations. This was seconded by Councillor O Beattie and agreed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 25 June 2013.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.20 PM.

Chair: _____