

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 50, held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 17th May 2010 at 2.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR Alderman H Connolly

PRESENT

Aldermen
F Campbell
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor
J Simpson

Councillors
J Finlay
R Halliday
M McCamphill
P McGuigan
T McKeown, Vice-Chair
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: A Cavlan
A Patterson

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive
Committee Clerk
Press

Roads Service (Item 1)
M Glover, Principal Engineer
J McKinley, Section Engineer

DoE Planning Service (Item 3)
M McCrystal

50.1 ROADS SERVICE REPORT 2010/2011

The Chair welcomed Mr Glover, Principal Engineer and Mr J McKinley, Section Engineer to present their Annual Report for 2010/2011 to Council, a copy of which had been circulated in advance to Members. The report included proposed work for the forthcoming year, dependent on a final budget yet to be confirmed.

* **Alderman Campbell and Councillor Finlay joined the meeting at 2.04pm.**

Following presentation of each section of the report, Mr Glover and Mr McKinley responded to questions from members:

Network Maintenance

Councillor Finlay and Councillor McGuigan thanked Roads Service staff for their work throughout the year.

* **Councillor McCamphill and Councillor McKeown joined the meeting at 2.07pm.**

Responses were provided to questions on:

- The use of microsurfacing
- Resurfacing on Duneaney Road and Craigs Road, Rasharkin
- Potholes throughout the Borough

In response to Councillor McGuigan, Mr Glover explained there is very good co-operation between Road Service and utility companies. He also explained the statutory rights involved.

Councillor Stevenson welcomed the proposed work on Henry Street. He requested that Roads Service consider lowering the kerb at Ozone Avenue, work on the carriageway at Rectory Avenue and a second footpath on Semicock Road. He also endorsed Councillor McGuigan's comments on the need for resurfacing at Station Road.

Alderman Campbell praised Road Service's work around Ballymoney, in particular Boyland Road, Dunaghy, Greenhill Road and the widened footpath at Stranocum.

Network Development

Councillor Robinson, Alderman Campbell and Alderman Connolly thanked Road Service for the improvements at Kirk Road, Ballyrobin.

At Councillor Robinson's request, Mr Glover advised assessment will be made to extending the footpath to Dervock after Lisconnan Road.

Councillor Robinson thanked the Road Service for the improved safety measures outside William Pinkerton Memorial Primary School.

Responses were provided to questions on:

- Calls from some Dunloy residents for traffic calming measures in the village
- The use of repeated speed limit signs into towns/villages
- Possible intervention on Bann Road

Councillor Stevenson requested that the issue of Bann Road be dealt with urgently. Councillor Halliday felt that the speed limit should be extended further along Bann Road, Ballymoney.

Strategic Road Improvements

Issues discussed included:

- Possibility of roundabouts on A26 at junctions of Kirk Road and Knock Road
- Extended dual carriageway on A26

The Chair thanked Mr Glover and Mr McKinley for the report. Roads Service representatives left the meeting at 2.45pm.

50.2 MINUTES – MEETING NO 49 – 19TH APRIL 2010

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No 49 – 19th April 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

50.3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications 1-17 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Department accepted except where stated otherwise.

Full details of applications can be viewed at:

http://apps.planningni.gov.uk/council_schedules/ballymoney.aspx

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor McKeown declared an interest in item 50.3 Item No 4 as the applicant for the planning permission.

- * **Councillor McKeown left the meeting at 2.49pm and rejoined the meeting at 2.50pm.**

Item No 5 – D/2009/0345/F – Refusal

Proposed side and rear extensions to dwelling roofspace conversion & 2 front dormers for Mr S Beattie.

Objection letter (1): reduced privacy to neighbours

It was **AGREED:** That an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay)

Item No 6 – D/2009/0351/F – Refusal

Proposed dwelling and garage at lands to the rear of 313 Townhill Road, Rasharkin for Mr M McMullan.

The Planning Officer advised that further information has been provided. The application has been removed from the schedule to allow time for consideration and it will be relisted at a later date.

Item No 7 – D/2009/0360/F – Refusal

Proposed dwelling and garage 50m South of 1 Rosnashane Road, Lisheegan Lane, Kilrea for Mr H Etherson.

It was **AGREED:** That an office meeting be held (Councillor McCamphill)

The Planning Officer advised that further information has not been provided as requested. The design of the proposed building can be discussed at an office meeting.

Item No 10 – D/2009/0397/O – Refusal

Proposed site for new dwelling and garage at rear of 110 Gracehill Road, Ballymoney for Mr J Mooney.

It was **AGREED:** That an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay)

Item No 13 - D/2010/0047/F – Refusal

Proposed farm dwelling adjacent to 147 Drones Road, Ballymoney for Mr S Linton.

It was **AGREED:** That an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay)

Item No 14 – D/2010/0062/F – Refusal

Proposed dwelling at rear of 389 Craigs Road, Junction with Drumack Lane, Rasharkin for Mr I Simpson.

It was **AGREED:** That an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay)

Item No 15 – D/2010/0066/O – Refusal

Site for farm dwelling and detached garage 100m (approx) North East of 43 Ballyportery Road, Dunloy for Mr A Richmond.

It was **AGREED:** That an office meeting be held (Councillor McGuigan)

Item No 17 – D/2010/0077/O – Refusal

Dwelling and garage – infill site at Moneycannon Road, Ballymoney, infill between 83 & 87 Finvoy Road, Ballymoney for Ms I Thompson.

It was **AGREED:** That an office meeting be held (Councillor Finlay)

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

Applications 1-5 (deferred) were considered and the opinion of the Planning Department accepted except where stated otherwise.

Item No 1 – D/2007/0005/F – Approval

Amended plans submitted.

Item No 2 – D/2007/0376/F – Refusal

Layout remains unsatisfactory.

Councillor Finlay recorded his request to defer the decision for one month to allow the applicant time to resubmit plans.

However the Planning Officer advised this was not possible as the planning application could not be brought to Council for a third occasion. He added it can be deferred for two weeks to allow applicant to withdraw the application. A new application could then be submitted.

Item No 3 – D/2008/0452/F – Approval

Concerns have been addressed including car parking issues.

At the request of Alderman Campbell, the Planning Officer advised the original objections were in relation to the risk of flooding which had been addressed by Rivers Agency.

Item No 4 – D/2009/0238/F – Approval

The position of the existing trees has been clarified. The trees will not be removed. Councillor Finlay welcomed the decision.

Item No 5 – D/2009/0338/F - Approval

All issues have been addressed. Roads Service could not defend the application as two drives currently on same access.

Councillor Stevenson raised his concerns regarding safety at the junction and requested that the decision be deferred for two weeks.

The Planning Officer **AGREED** To hold the application for two weeks pending further consultation with Roads Service.

Councillor Stevenson welcomed the deferment.

**Date of Office Meetings: Monday 14th June 2010, (time to be advised)
Dalriada Room, Riada House**

Councillor Finlay thanked the appeal decision on Mr A Millen's application.

- * **Press left the meeting at 3.08pm**
- * **Alderman Simpson joined the meeting at 3.08pm**
- * **The Planning Officer left the meeting at 3.10pm.**

50.4 SCHEDULE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for the Environment has received many responses from councils regarding the schedule of live strategic planning applications.

Members are asked to note that strategic planning applications are dealt with centrally by Planning Service and any indication that delays are within the control of District Planning Offices is invalid.

Because of its concern on this issue, the Committee has asked the Department to provide information on live strategic planning applications every 6 months along with an analysis of the reasons for any delays. The Committee is mindful of the importance of strategic planning applications to the economy in general and to local regions in particular and will continue to monitor progress on a regular basis. This is for members' information.

50.5 HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE

Members were informed of the forthcoming Health & Safety Executive Chair vacancy when the current postholder finishes his term in March 2011. DETI are responsible for the management of this vacancy and the post will be advertised in local press from June 2010. Additional information can be obtained from the website. The letter dated 11 May 2010 from DETI was tabled.

The meeting closed at 3.11pm.