

ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of the **Public Services Committee** of Antrim Borough Council held in The Round Tower Chamber, Antrim Civic Centre, Stiles Way, Antrim on **Thursday 22 July 2010** at **2pm**.

In the Chair : Councillor H J Cushinan

Other Members Present : Aldermen -

S Dunlop
R J Loughran
M Rea

Councillors -

T A Burns
T Clarke
A D Cochrane-Watson
B Graham
O C J Keenan
N Kelly
A A Lawther
P Lewis
A Logue
M Lucas
P Michael
S Nicholl

In Attendance : Chief Executive
Assistant Director - Building Control
Building Control Surveyor (*D Kyle*)
Planning Service Representatives:
Maire Clarke
Emma Mulholland
Committee Secretary (*K Smyth*)

Apologies : Councillors -

A K Brady
D Ritchie
J Smyth

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman, on behalf of Members and staff, extended condolences to Alderman Loughran on the recent death of his brother.

**CONDOLENCES:
ALDERMAN
R J LOUGHRAN**

PLANNING SCHEDULES

The Planning Service representative informed Committee that since the June Committee Meeting 21 streamlined applications had been submitted and a total of 29 approvals had been issued.

**STREAMLINED
CONSULTATION
SCHEME**

In The Planning Service representative referred to the backlog of automatic deferrals related to PPS21 'Sustainable Development in the Countryside' and advised that, if requested, refusals would automatically be granted a Planning Clinic.

**PPS21:
AUTOMATIC
DEFERRALS**

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Clarke.

**T/2007/0079/F
SRB & COMPANY**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Rea and Councillors Burns and Clarke.

**T/2007/0586/O
SEFTON & LORRAINE
THOMPSON**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Rea and Councillor Keenan.

**T/2007/0732/F
MR J McSORLEY**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Nicholl. **T/2007/0742/O
MR W CALDWELL**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Nicholl. **T/2007/0744/O
MR W CALDWELL**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Loughran. **T/2007/0769/O
MR T CLOSE**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Loughran. **T/2007/0781/O
MRS N
McGRENAGHAN**

AGREED: accept approval. **T/2007/0841/F
DASH DEVELOPMENT
LTD**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Clarke. **T/2007/0932/F
MR & MRS R GRAHAM
& FAMILY**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Loughran. **T/2008/0003/O
MRS N COYLE**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Clarke. **T/2008/0037/F
MR R DENNISON**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Burns. **T/2008/0149/F
MR & MRS D & E
BARNES**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2008/0159/F
R CAMPBELL**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Rea and Councillors Burns and Clarke.

**T/2008/0235/O
S & C THOMPSON**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Rea and Councillor Burns.

**T/2008/0286/F
MR W LORIMER**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillors Brady and Cushinan.

**T/2008/0497/O
MR B McCLOSKEY**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2008/0597/O
MAGEE FAMILY**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Keenan.

**T/2008/0606/O
KARL
CONSTRUCTION LTD**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Burns.

**T/2008/0646/F
MR & MRS G
McKAVANAGH**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2008/0768/O
T ANDERSON ESQ**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Burns.

**T/2009/0101/F
W HARKNESS**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Clarke.

**T/2009/0213/O
MR & MRS D & M
DOOLE**

NOTED: to be included on Planning Clinic scheduled for Wednesday 28 July 2010.

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Burns.

**T/2009/0255/F
J McCALLIN**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0273/F
MR S LYNN**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0276/O
MR I ALEXANDER**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0309/O
MISS H ALLISON**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Loughran and Councillor Cushinan.

**T/2009/0325/O
MR P McCANN**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0407/O
B SMYTH**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0416/O
M McDONNELL**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0461/F
MRS M BUCKLEY**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Lawther.

**T/2009/0496/F
MR E McWILLIAMS**

NOTED: to be included on Planning Clinic scheduled for Wednesday 28 July 2010.

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0508/F
MR S DEVLIN**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillors Clarke and Nicholl.

**T/2009/0555/O
MR S CAMERON**

NOTED: to be included on Planning Clinic scheduled for Wednesday 28 July 2010.

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic for the objectors - Alderman Rea and Councillors Burns, Logue and Michael.

**T/2009/0638/F
AQUA
DEVELOPMENTS LTD**

NOTED: Roads Service representative to be in attendance.

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillors Clarke and Nicholl.

**T/2010/0009/O
MR A HANNA**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Nicholl.

**T/2010/0045/F
M GIBB**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Nicholl.

**T/2010/0055/F
MR & MRS I STEWART**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Clarke.

**T/2010/0145/O
MR L WILSON**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0151/F
MR S HOOD**

NEW APPLICATIONS

It was proposed by Alderman Loughran, seconded by Councillor Burns, that the approval opinion be accepted. However, due to objections related to ownership of visibility splays, it was

**T/2009/0373/F
P JOYCE**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic for the objectors - Councillor Clarke.

NOTED: to be included on Planning Clinic scheduled for Wednesday 28 July 2010 and Roads Service representative to be in attendance.

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0578/F
J HINDMAN**

Members queried development access, included within application T/2002/0879/O for outline planning permission, and expiry thereof.

**T/2009/0600/F
SIMPSON
DEVELOPMENTS**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic for the objectors - Alderman Dunlop and Councillors Clarke, Cochrane-Watson and Nicholl.

NOTED: Roads Service representative to be in attendance.

AGREED: accept approval, the detail of the objection letter being noted.

**T/2010/0015/F
P DIAMOND**

AGREED: accept consent.

**T/2010/0066/DC A
MR P DIAMOND**

AGREED: accept approval, the detail of the objection letters being noted.

**T/2010/0139/F
TESCO STORES LTD**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Loughran.

**T/2010/0146/F
MR & MRS J McCANN**

NOTED: the application had been withdrawn by Planning Service to consider the issues raised in a late objection letter.

**T/2010/0159/F
MR J & MR S HAGAN**

AGREED: accept approval, the detail of the objection letter being noted.

**T/2010/0172/O
MR D WILLIAMSON**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic for the objectors - Aldermen Dunlop and Rea.

**T/2010/0194/F
NORTHERN IRELAND
ELECTRICITY**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0202/F
FIRMUS ENERGY**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Alderman Rea and Councillor Burns.

**T/2010/0212/F
MR G McVEIGH**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0213/RM
MR W ERWIN**

The Planning Service representative requested that the roads refusal reason reflected on the schedule be disregarded as this was no longer applicable.

**T/2010/0234/O
MR O CORMICAN**

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillors Burns and Logue.

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic - Councillor Clarke.

**T/2010/0235/O
A GRAY**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0241/F
MR A HANNA**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0251/O
PHILLIPS HOLDINGS
LTD**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0269/F
VODAFONE UK LTD**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0272/O
MR F CORR**

Councillor Burns requested a Planning Clinic deferral.

**T/2010/0279/O
MR R FLEMING**

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Nicholl, that the refusal opinion be accepted.

AGREED: on a vote of 6 in favour, 3 against and 4 abstentions to accept refusal.

NOTED: Planning Clinics would be held on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th August 2010 in Antrim Civic Centre.

PLANNING CLINICS

Also,

NOTED: the Planning Clinic for T/2006/0302/F involving the undernoted Elected Members and Denise Dickson from Planning Service Headquarters would be arranged separate to the above.

Alderman S Dunlop
Councillor T Clarke
Councillor N Kelly
Councillor A Lawther
Councillor A Logue
Councillor S Nicholl

The Planning Service representatives withdrew from the Meeting at this point.

INTERVAL

There was an interval at 2.55pm. The Meeting resumed at 3.22pm and with the exception of Alderman Rea and Councillors Burns, Clarke, Cochrane-Watson and Lawther, all those previously present returned to the seats.

Councillor Lucas joined the Meeting at this point.

CONSULTATIONS

Deferred from previous Committee Meeting, pages 58 & 59 of the Minutes refer.

CONSULTATION REPORT: No. 4 had been re-circulated together with additional Translink Policy information requested by Members, closing date for comments being 24 August 2010.

The Assistant Director spoke to the documentation clarifying policy issues as necessary.

Alderman Rea and Councillors Burns and Cochrane-Watson returned to the Meeting at this point.

AGREED: to welcome the DOE Consultation "The Future of Bus Operator Licensing in Northern Ireland", the corporate response reflecting the undernoted comments from Members -

- the impounding of illegal buses was welcomed;
- the financial implications for small nursery or pre-school groups was a cause for concern;
- with reference to the 'preferred option - Option 3' there were concerns regarding Voluntary Groups who provide a valuable transport service to the community being able to comply with legislation for commercial operators and the potential adverse affects which may result;
- some concern was expressed regarding school children utilising standard service buses rather than school buses due to overloading including a suggestion for improvement route signage on buses.

**DOE:
THE FUTURE OF BUS
OPERATOR
LICENSING IN
NORTHERN IRELAND
6/3/1**

CONSULTATION REPORT: No. 5 had been circulated, closing date for comments being 17 September 2010.

The Assistant Director spoke to the document, the legislation proposing to bring Northern Ireland in line with England and Scotland.

AGREED: to welcome the DHSSPS Draft Fire and Rescue Services (Emergencies) (NI) Order. Members were requested to submit any further comments to Officers in advance of the closing date.

CONSULTATION REPORT: No. 6 had been circulated, closing date for comments being 2 July 2010 (*an extension having been granted to accommodate Council's Committee structures*).

The Assistant Director spoke to the report from the Regulatory Services Manager outlining specification recommendations on key provisions for Members' consideration.

AGREED: approval of the recommendations contained in the report to the consultation entitled "Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment Bill), the corporate response to include the undernoted additional comment -

- There was general concern about policing the scheme especially with regard to the extension from 52 to 120 late licences per year. It was felt that a return to pre-1997 which would result in opening hours extended to 11.30pm would distinguish Public Houses from licensed Clubs and would be adequate.
- Another concern included short-staffed police officers being re-routed to remove late licences or close premises.

**DHSSPS:
DRAFT FIRE AND
RESCUE SERVICES
(EMERGENCIES) (NI)
ORDER**

**NI ASSEMBLY:
LICENSING AND
REGISTRATION OF
CLUBS (AMENDMENT
BILL)**

CONSULTATION REPORT: No. 7 had been circulated, closing date for comments being 16 August 2010.

**NI ASSEMBLY:
TRANSPORT BILL**

The Assistant Director reminded Members that this Bill, previously consulted upon in January (Public Transport Reform), had now reach Committee Stage. At that time Council had corporately endorsed the submission from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA).

The purpose of the proposed Bill and the necessary powers relating to the regulation of public transport service delivery in Northern Ireland were summarised.

AGREED: comments from Members for inclusion in the corporate response to the Northern Ireland Assembly "Transport Bill" Consultation to be directed to officers in advance of the closing date.

TENDERS

NOTED: Alderman Dunlop and Councillor Cochrane-Watson to open Tenders for Stiles Way Road Widening on Monday 9 August 2010 at 12.30pm.

**OPENING OF
TENDERS:
STILES WAY ROAD
WIDENING
(PM/TEN/064)**

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Alderman Rea, seconded by Alderman Dunlop, that the remainder of Committee business be taken 'In-Confidence'.

ITEMS IN-CONFIDENCE

- Pilot Area Plan - Update.
- Review of Public Administration / Transition Committee.
- Department for Regional Development: Consultation Papers - Proposals for City of Derry and Belfast International Airport (Control over Land) Order (Northern Ireland).
- T/2009/0283/F - Energy from Waste Power Plant, 51 Ballyutoag Road, Belfast.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 4.45pm.

Mayor _____

Chief Executive _____

Date _____