

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 April 2010** at **2pm**.

In the Chair : Councillor H J Cushinan

Other Members Present : Aldermen -

S Dunlop
R J Loughran
M Rea

Councillors -

A K Brady
T A Burns
T Clarke
A D Cochrane-Watson
B Graham
A A Lawther
P Lewis
M Lucas
D Ritchie
J Smyth

In Attendance : Assistant Director - Administration
Assistant Director - Building Control
Assistant Director - Environmental Health
Planning Officer
Planning Service Representative:
Mrs Karen Doyle
Committee Secretary (*K Smyth*)

Apologies : Councillors -

D R J Ford
O C J Keenan
A Logue

PLANNING SCHEDULES

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0562/F
MR J MITCHELL**

The Senior Planning Officer referred to a typing error and explained that the opinion should actually reflect approval and not refusal.

**T/2009/0589/F
BALLYNURE
DEVELOPMENTS LTD**

AGREED: accept approval.

AGREED: accept refusal.

**T/2009/0625/F
JAMES McPOLIN**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2010/0011/F
MR L FULLAN**

NOTED: the Senior Planning Officer referred to the Streamlined Consultation process, advised that 29 approvals had been issued and noted the request for the monthly update to include the actual number of applications submitted.

**STREAMLINED
CONSULTATION
PROCESS**

Alderman Dunlop joined the Meeting at this point, 2.03pm.

NEW APPLICATIONS

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic, the material planning reasons outlined and accepted - Councillors Burns, Clarke and Lawther.

**T/2009/0514/F
MR A GRAHAM**

NOTED: the Senior Planning Officer undertook to ensure that a representative from Belfast International Airport was also in attendance.

Alderman Rea joined the Meeting at this point, 2.07pm.

AGREED: defer one month for a Planning Clinic, the material planning reasons outlined and accepted - Councillor Lawther.

**T/2010/0039/F
MRS M FERGUSON**

AGREED: accept approval, the objection having been noted.

**T/2010/0040/O
MR M RAINEY**

The Senior Planning Officer highlighted the approval opinion and explained that the refusal information reflected on the schedule had been in error.

**T/2010/0047/F
MR & MRS WALKER**

AGREED: accept approval.

Councillor Ritchie sought a Planning Clinic deferral on behalf of Councillor Kinahan. Pending receipt of new information the Senior Planning Officer accepted an automatic deferral and gave an assurance that additional information would be addressed upon receipt.

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

AGREED: automatic deferral pending the outcome of Draft Planning Policy PPS21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside, the opportunity for new information to be submitted remaining open - Councillor Kinahan.

Based on the new information submitted, a Planning Clinic request from Councillor Burns was declined by the Senior Planning Officer.

T/2010/0068/O
MR G CARROLL

AGREED: automatic deferral pending the outcome of Draft Planning Policy PPS21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside, the opportunity for new information to be submitted remaining open - Councillor Burns.

The Senior Planning Officer highlighted that a future Planning Clinic would be dependent upon the additional information submitted.

T/2010/0088/F
D THOMPSON

AGREED: pending the outcome of the Planning Appeal, the application be subject to an automatic deferral - Councillor Burns.

NOTED: the Planning Clinic would be held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 commencing 2pm in Meeting Room 2, Antrim Civic Centre.

PLANNING CLINIC

The Senior Planning Officer withdrew from the Meeting at this point.

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Proposed residential (1,500 units), nursing home, churches, village centre including local shopping facilities, primary school, research business park, a local country park, park and ride facility in association with a rail halt, including associated landscaping and infrastructure at Dunadry, Templepatrick.

**T/1999/0376/O
DUNADRY VILLAGE,
TEMPLEPATRICK -
CREATION OF NEW
VILLAGE
SETTLEMENT
7/6/5**

LETTER: No. 3 from Planning Service Headquarters dated 7 April 2010 had been circulated, reflecting a Notice of Opinion to refuse Major Planning Application T/1999/0376/O proposing the creation of a new Village Settlement at Dunadry, Templepatrick.

NOTED: the applicant had 28 days from the date on the above letter to appeal although Planning Service, to date, had received no further communication.

CONSULTATIONS

Page 31 of the Minutes of the Environment and Borough Services Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2010 refers.

**DOE:
DRAFT CLEAN
NEIGHBOURHOODS
AND ENVIRONMENT
BILL (NI)**

CONSULTATION REPORT: No. 5 and letter had been circulated, closing date for comments being 23 April 2010.

TABLED: Comments from Chief Environmental Health Officers Group (CEHOG).

The Assistant Director - Environmental Health spoke to the consultation exercise, the proposals which aimed to modernise current legislation and recommended adoption of the CEHOG response as Council's response.

Enquiries from Members were clarified as necessary.

AGREED: that, subject to incorporating comments from Members, the CEHOG response be endorsed as Council's corporate response to the DOE Consultation 'Draft Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill'.

The Assistant Director - Environmental Health withdrew from the Meeting at this point.

Page 10 of the Minutes of the Community Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2010 refers.

TABLED: Draft corporate response.

AGREED: approval of the draft corporate response to the Department for Social Development Consultation 'Draft Regeneration and Housing Bill', closing date for comments being 26 April 2010.

**CONSULTATION:
DRAFT
REGENERATION AND
HOUSING BILL**

Councillors Lewis and Lucas left the Meeting at this point.

ROADS

Page 12 of the Minutes of the Public Services Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2010 refers.

LETTER: No. 4 had been circulated.

Members expressed disappointment in the response from Roads Service declining representation at Committee Meetings during consideration of the Monthly Planning Schedules.

AGREED: on the proposal of Alderman Rea, seconded by Alderman Loughran, that a further letter be issued to Roads Service highlighting the disappointment of Members in their response and requesting further consideration of the request.

**ROADS SERVICE:
REPRESENTATION AT
MONTHLY PLANNING
COMMITTEE
MEETINGS
6/3/1**

Councillors Clarke and Smyth left the Meeting at this point.

TENDERS

REPORT: No. 6 had been circulated.

AGREED: approval of the recommendation contained in the report, that -

- having achieved the highest score, Joseph and Mairead McCrea be appointed the franchise for Catering and Bar Services at 'The Old Courthouse', Antrim at the undernoted tendered rates for the period 14 May 2010 to 31 March 2012 (with an option by the Council to extend the contract by a further two years);
- Cathy Busby and Pearl Mitchell be appointed as 1st reserve under this contract in the event that the appointed franchisee holders are unable to satisfactorily operate the franchise.

**TENDER PM/TEN/059:
CATERING AND BAR
SERVICES FOR THE
OLD COURTHOUSE**

Service Provider	Franchise Fee Over 4 Years £ (excl VAT)	Total Score Achieved
Joseph & Mairead McCrea	26,500.00	88.00
Cathy Busby & Pearl Mitchell	10,000.00	78.98

CORRESPONDENCE

NOTED: receipt of letter from Mr Harry McCracken, Managing Director, Northern Ireland Electricity conveying thanks to Council for the recent initiative facilitating and co-ordinating the opening of Neillsbrook Community Centre during the recent snow storm.

**NORTHERN IRELAND
ELECTRICITY**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

NOTED: a report updating Members on Meetings held with Antrim Boxing Club would be presented for information to the May Resources Committee Meeting.

ANTRIM BOXING CLUB

NOTED: Members were reminded of the closing date for submission of nominations for the Antrim Community Excellence Awards, namely - **Friday 23 April 2010**.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2010

Page 50 of the Minutes of the Development and Leisure Committee Meeting held on 22 April 2010 refers.

**NORTHERN IRELAND WATER:
PUMPING STATION - ANTRIM FORUM**

NOTED: Officers had visited the site of the Pumping Station at Antrim Forum to consider the fence, the view being that it should be in keeping with other fences in the area which would restrict people from sitting on it (raised and not flat top). The viewing point overlooking the River was considered a positive addition.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 3.03pm.

Mayor _____

Chief Executive _____

Date _____