

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 28 January 2010** at 2pm.

In the Chair : Councillor H J Cushinan

Other Members Present : Aldermen -

S Dunlop
R J Loughran

Councillors -

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

In Attendance : Chief Executive
Assistant Director - Administration
Assistant Director - Building Control
Planning Officer
Planning Service Representative:
Mr Melvin Bowman
Cleaver Fulton Rankin:
Ms Maria O'Loan
Committee Secretary (*K Smyth*)

Apologies : Alderman M Rea

Councillors -

D R J Ford
O C J Keenan

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the Assistant Director (Building Control) who would be in attendance at future Public Services Committee Meetings.

PLANNING

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2007/0575/F
MR P CONVERY**

AGREED: accept approval, the objections having being noted.

**T/2009/0014/F
FIRST ANTRIM
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

AGREED: accept refusal, the objections having been noted.

**T/2009/0340/F
J BROWN**

The Senior Planning Officer confirmed that an Office Meeting had been held with the Divisional Planning Manager and MLA.

**T/2009/0459/F
MS F LAGAN**

AGREED: accept approval, the objections having been noted.

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0473/F
D THOMPSON**

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0567/O
MR JOHNSTON**

Councillor Lewis joined the Meeting at this point.

NEW APPLICATIONS

AGREED: accept approval.

**T/2009/0264/F
THE SELECT VESTRY
OF ST JUDES**

NOTED: road traffic concerns in Newpark from Alderman Dunlop.

AGREED: accept approval, the objections having been noted.

**T/2009/0490/F
J McALISTER**

AGREED: accept refusal.

**T/2009/0590/A
DOOLEY'S CAR
RENTALS**

AGREED: accept refusal.

**T/2009/0591/F
HAGAN HOMES LTD**

Councillor Cochrane-Watson joined the Meeting and Councillor Logue left the Meeting at this point.

AGREED: accept approval, the objection having been noted.

**T/2009/0612/F
MR & MRS B TUMELTY**

NOTED: that there were no deferrals for Planning Clinic this month.

PLANNING CLINICS

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

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Page 140 of the Minutes of the Public Services Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2009 refers.

DRAFT CORPORATE RESPONSES: Nos. 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) as circulated; an extension to the closing date of 22 January 2010 having been granted.

The Planning Officer spoke to the Draft Corporate Responses (comprised by a team of officers - Building Control, Property Services, Operational Services and Environmental Health) outlining relevant background information and welcoming comments from Members for inclusion.

AGREED: unanimously, approval of each of the draft corporate responses as circulated to the three Consultations from Planning Service entitled "*Permitted Development Rights in Northern Ireland - Microgeneration, Householder and Non-Householder*".

**PLANNING SERVICE:
PUBLIC
CONSULTATIONS -
PERMITTED
DEVELOPMENT
RIGHTS IN NORTHERN
IRELAND -
MICROGENERATION;
HOUSEHOLDER;
NON-HOUSEHOLDER
7/6/3**

CONSULTATIONS

REPORT: No. 4 had been circulated; closing date for comments being 9 April 2010.

The Assistant Director (Administration) spoke to the document outlining salient points and key policy changes for Members.

AGREED: to welcome the proposed policy changes contained in the Department for Regional Development Consultation entitled "*Restricted Zone Access Permits (Issue and Management)*", with the inclusion of one comment from Councillor Logue - *that realistically there were not enough disabled parking bays*.

**DEPARTMENT FOR
REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT:
RESTRICTED ZONE
ACCESS PERMITS -
ISSUE AND
MANAGEMENT -
DRAFT EQUALITY
IMPACT ASSESSMENT
6/3/1**

REPORT: No. 5 had been circulated, closing date for comments being 26 February 2010.

The Assistant Director (Administration) spoke to the key proposals set out in the document.

NOTED: the proposals set out in the Consultation Document from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency entitled 'Draft Charging Policy 2010-2013'.

CONSULTATION REPORTS: No. 6(a) and 6(b) had been circulated, closing date for comments being 5 February 2010.

TABLED: Report from Assistant Director (Development).

The Assistant Director (Administration) gave an overview of the key proposals contained in the Consultation Document and highlighted the Draft response from the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) also seeking comments from Members.

AGREED: to corporately endorse NILGA's response to the Public Transport Reform Consultation from the Department for Regional Development.

**NORTHERN IRELAND
ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY:
DRAFT CHARGING
POLICY 2010-2013**

**DEPARTMENT FOR
REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT:
PUBLIC TRANSPORT
REFORM -
(1) NILGA DRAFT
RESPONSE;
(2) CONSULTATION
DOCUMENT**

6/3/1

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTED: receipt of expression of interest in Conference attendance from Councillor Lewis.

AGREED: on the proposal of Councillor Cochrane-Watson, seconded by Councillor Smyth, approval for Councillor Lewis to attend forthcoming one day Conference entitled "The Domestic Abuse Strategy in Scotland: 10 years on - What's been achieved? What's still to be done?" in Edinburgh on Wednesday 28 April 2010.

**CONFERENCE:
THE DOMESTIC
ABUSE STRATEGY IN
SCOTLAND:
10 YEARS ON -
WHAT'S BEEN
ACHIEVED?
WHAT'S STILL TO BE
DONE?
WEDNESDAY 28
APRIL 2010**

Page 123 & 142 of the Minutes of the Public Services Committee Meetings held on 22 October and 26 November 2009 refer.

**PLANNING SERVICE:
DEFERRAL
PROCEDURE
7/6/4**

NOTED: Members were reminded to provide Officers with advance notice of points to be raised with Cynthia Smith (Chief Executive, Planning Service) who was attending the March Monthly Committee Meeting and not February as previously indicated.

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Alderman Loughran, seconded by Councillor Brady, that the remainder of the Meeting be taken 'In-Confidence'.

INTERVAL

There was an interval at 2.35 pm with the Meeting reconvening at 3.10pm. With the exception of Alderman Loughran and Councillors Cochrane-Watson, Logue, Lucas and Ritchie, all Members previously present resumed their seats. Councillors Burns and Clarke joined the Meeting at this point.

IN-CONFIDENCE

- Presentation on matters relevant to Elected Members following the proposed transfer of Planning Powers under RPA.