

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 10.00am in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor W Clarke

Vice Chair: Councillor J Macauley

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Cllr G Craig	Cllr G Hanna
Cllr V Harte	Cllr M Larkin
Cllr K Loughran	Cllr D McAteer
Cllr M Murnin	Cllr M Ruane
Cllr C Casey	

(Officials)

Mr C O'Rourke	Director of RTS
Mr A McKay	Chief Planning Officer
Mr P Rooney	Principal Planning Officer
Ms A McAlarney	Senior Planning Officer
Mr A Davidson	Senior Planning Officer
Ms N Largy	Legal Advisor
Ms E McParland	Democratic Services Manager
Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Manager
Ms C McAteer	Democratic Services Officer

P/001/2017: APOLOGIES/CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from:

Councillor L Devlin

P/002/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ruane asked for clarification as to whether a Member of the Planning Committee could take part in discussions on an application if they had not been in attendance at the site meeting.

Councillor Clarke said it was his understanding that if a Member was not present at the site meeting then they would not take part in discussions when the Application was being presented at Committee.

It was noted this would be confirmed by the Council's legal staff.

**P/003/2017: MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2016**

Read: Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 December 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 December 2016 as a true and accurate record.

P/004/2016: ADDENDUM LIST

Read: Addendum list of planning applications with no representations received or requests for speaking rights – Wednesday 18 January 2017.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to remove the following Planning Application's from the Addendum List for full presentation at a future Planning Committee Meeting:

**Item 5 – LA07/2015/07474/0 – Niall Brannigan – proposed dwelling on a farm – approximately 88m east of 184 Lacken road, Kilcoo. REFUSAL
(Removed from Addendum List at request of Councillor K Loughran)**

**Item 6 – LA07/2016/0621/0 – Mr & Mrs Rooney – new dwelling and garage – between 4 and 8 Magheralone Road, Ballynahinch. REFUSAL
(Removed from Addendum List at request of Councillor K Loughran)**

**Item 13 – LA07/2016//0973/0 – Mrs M Maw & Mr A Russell – proposed dwelling and garage on a farm – lands 85m east of 26 Claragh Road, Clough, Downpatrick. REFUSAL
(Removed from Addendum List at request of Councillor M Murnin)**

Item 24 – P/2011/0802/F – Mr K Agnew – Erection of wind turbine with a tower height of 40 metres and a rotor diameter of 29 metres (extending to a total height of 56 metres to tip) with a maximum output not exceeding 225kW, associated transformer/control room building (at 230 metres to north-west of turbine, connected by underground cable), site works and access provision. Access via existing agricultural laneway, off Drummond road, from a point 50 metres west of No. 6 Drummond Road with

extended section to serve turbine – Lands approximately 550 metres south-east of No. 9 Drummond Road, Newry. **REFUSAL**
(Removed from Addendum List at the request of Councillor J Macauley)

Item 38 – P/2012/0743/F – Brian Cunningham – part change of use to tourism park, incorporating 47 No. touring caravan pitches, 2 No. log cabins, tent pitching areas, gate house, pump house, toilets and showers and new micro hydropower system – Valley Business park, 48 Newtown Road, Rostrevor. **REFUSAL**
(Removed from Addendum List at the request of Councillor D McAteer)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Macauley, it was agreed to approve the Officer Recommendation, as per the Development Management Officer Report, in respect of the following Planning Applications listed on the Addendum List:

- **Item 7 – LA07/2016/0665/F** – Tony Greenan – change of use from agricultural shed to agricultural and domestic tyre service – 20m north of No. 1 Letalian Road, Kilcoo. **REFUSAL**
- **Item 11 – LA07/2016/0972/F** – Mr S McCormick & Ms Z Thompson – removal of existing garden fence and garage and erection of new garden fence – 1 Loughview, Killyleagh. **REFUSAL**
- **Item 14 – R/2015/0066/F** – James Wilson – erection of a single wind turbine with 30m hub, 33.1m blade diameter, 225kw and associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets – approx. 335m NW of 34 Downpatrick Road, Killough. **REFUSAL**
- **Item 15 – R/2015/0069/F** – Uel Watson – erection of wind turbine, associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets – approximately 522m SE of 30 Castleward Road, Strangford. **REFUSAL**
- **Item 16 – P/2013/0234/F** – William Bethel – erection of 225kw wind turbine with 30.4 hub height and 29.1 metre blade diameter (amended noise assessment received 24-10-2014) – approximately 360m N of 6 Island Road, Newtownhamilton. **REFUSAL**
- **Item 20 – LA07/2016/1042/F** – Mr & Mrs T Hannaway – two storey kitchen and bedroom extension to gable of dwelling – 18 Milltown Road, Lislea. **APPROVAL**
- **Item 23 – LA07/2016/1591/0** – Camlough Community Association – Community Centre – lands accessed immediately south of No. 2 Quarter Road, Camlough including lands to the rear of 2-20 Carrick Meadow to the rear of 17-35 Main Street and to the rear of 3A Chapel Road (site known locally as the 10 acre field Camlough). **APPROVAL**

- **Item 26 – P/2010/1212/F** – Edward Markey – 225kw wind turbine on a 30m mast – 40m from 38 Carrivekenny Road, Bessbrook. **REFUSAL**
- **Item 27 – P/2012/0901/F** – Tom Cull – erection of 250kw wind turbine with 29 rotor diameter on 30m mast (noise assessment received) – 620m south of 10 Keady Road, Newtownhamilton. **REFUSAL**
- **Item 33 – LA07/2016/0843/F** – Stephen Boyle – Shop (retail clothing) – 47 The Mall, Newry. **APPROVAL**

P/005/2017: APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

AGREED: On the advice of the Chief Planning Officer it was unanimously agreed to withdraw the following planning applications from the Schedule:-

- **Item 8 – LA07/2016/0847/0** – Mr R Hamilton – infill dwelling – adjoining 80 Teconnaught Road, Crossgar. **REFUSAL**
(Planning Department advised this application has been withdrawn by the Applicant)
- **Item 9 – LA07/2016/0874/F** – Cedar Integrated Primary School – erection of 2.4m high security fence to the partial perimeter – 29 Kilmore Road, Crossgar. **REFUSAL**
(Planning Department have advised this application has been withdrawn as outstanding information has been submitted by the Applicant)
- **Item 19 – LA07/2015/1171/F** – Mr J Hughes – proposed two storey dwelling and detached garage (renewal of current approval P/2010/0629/F) – 30m NE of 6 Main Street, Camlough, Newry. **REFUSAL**
(Planning Department have advised that this application has been withdrawn to allow further consultation with Rivers Agency)
- **Item 10 – LA07/2016/0908/F** – Nuala O'Connor – proposed agricultural shed and access to Shore Road – approximately 130m SW of 97 Shore Road, Kilclief. **REFUSAL**
(A request for speaking rights has been received from Matt Kennedy, Agent, in support of the application)
(An email of support has been received from Councillor Dermot Curran on the basis "that this application has great potential for economic growth within the farming industry. I am forwarding on her email to me in which she has set out clearly her needs in this area. Not alone for her business potential but under animal welfare I think that the decision regarding this application should be reconsidered.")

The following applications were then determined by the Committee:-

(1) LA07/2016/0908/F – Nuala O'Connor

Location:

Approximately 130m SW of 97 Shore Road, Kilclief.

Proposal:

Proposed agricultural shed and access to Shore Road.

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Matt Kennedy Agent, presented in support of the application.

Noted:

An email of support was received from Councillor Dermot Curran stating this application has great potential for economic growth within the farming industry and that on the basis of business potential and animal welfare, the decision regarding this application should be reconsidered.

Councillor Larkin proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded, to issue a refusal in respect of Application LA07/2016/0908/F, for the reasons recommended as per the Development Management Officer Report.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands, and voting was as follows:

For:	6
Against:	4
Abstentions	0

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to issue a refusal in respect of Application LA07/2016/0908/F, for the reasons recommended as per the Development Management Officer Report.

Abstentions 0

(2) LA07/2016/1147/0 – Noel Ross

Location:

Between 1 Drumgiven Road and 37 Creevyargon Road, Ballynahinch

Proposal:

Infill site for 2 dwellings and associated domestic garages

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr David Burgess Agent, presented in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Hana it was agreed to issue a refusal in respect of Application LA07/2016/1147/O, for the reasons recommended as per the Development Management Officer Report.

Abstentions 0

(3) LA07/2015/0725/F – Mr Emmett Watters

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Macauley seconded by Councillor Murnin it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the Meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to any individual.

Location:

40m NW of 6 Old road, Creevekeeran, Crossmaglen

Proposal:

Erection of dwelling

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Colin O'Callaghan, Planning Consultant, presented in support of the application

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Macauley seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

The Chairperson reported the following decision had been taken:

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Macauley it was agreed to issue a refusal in respect of Application LA07/2015/0725/F, for the reasons recommended as per the Development Management Officer Report.

The above proposal had been declared carried following a vote taken by way of a show of hands as follows:

For: 4
Against: 2
Abstentions 4

(4) P/2013/0242/F – Lotus Group and KPMG

Location:

Lands at Watson Road/Dorans Hill, Newry including lands to the east of Watsons Road

Proposal:

Proposed residential housing development of 200 no. units comprising 61 detached, 126 semi-detached, 13 townhouses (some with garages) improvements and widening of existing Watsons Road and Dorans Hill, introduction of new roundabout and distributor road, planting of acoustic barrier along distributor road, planting of acoustic barrier along distributor road, proposed landscaping, open space, car parking, site and access works

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Approval

Speaking rights:

A request for speaking rights had been received from Desmond O’Loan on behalf of the Watsons Road residents group objecting to the application

A request for speaking rights has been received from Barcroft Community Association objecting to the application.

A request for speaking rights has been received from Colin O’Callaghan, Planning Consultant, who will be speaking in support of the proposal and in response to any third party objections.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to withdraw Application P/2013/0242/F as Planning Officers confirmed new information had been received from the objectors which Planning Department would consider further and amend the Case Officer report if necessary. This application will be brought back to the Planning Committee Meeting on in February 2017 for presentation and representatives from Transport NI and NIEA will be invited to attend the meeting for discussion on this application.

(5) LA07/2016/0693/F – Kevin Murphy

Location:

120m NW of No. 105 Blaney road, Tullyard, Crossmaglen

Proposal:

Erection of agricultural shed and slurry tank

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Stephen Hughes Agent, presented in support of the application.

Speaking rights:

DEA Councillor T Hearty presented in support of the application.

NOTED: Planning Department advised that following receipt of additional information, the first bullet point under Refusal Criteria Policy CTY12, ie., *it has not been demonstrated that the development is on an active and established agricultural holding,* had been removed.

(12noon – Councillor G Craig joined the meeting)

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to defer Application LA07/2016/0693/F until all relevant information is available for consideration.**

Abstentions 0

(6) LA07/2016/1045/F – Mr & Mrs A Quinn

Location:

32 Aughanduff Road, Mullaghbawn

Proposal:

Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of new replacement dwelling and detached garage

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Marcus Bingham, Agent, presented in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to defer Application LA07/2016/1045/F to allow further discussion between the applicant and Planning Department regarding the possibility of retaining the existing dwelling.

Abstentions 0

The Chairperson advised that the next 3 No. Applications to be considered were of a similar nature as they involved a breach of Pre Commencement conditions. He acknowledged that legacy issues existed but stated it was important going forward that the Council send out a clear message that Pre Commencement Conditions have to be implemented.

(7) P/2015/0173/F – Don Travers

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Craig it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the Meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to any individual.

Location:

100m south of 51 Ballymoyer Road, Newtownhamilton

Proposal:

Change of house type from that previously approved under planning reference P/2006/1376/RM

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Keith Sommerville Planning Consultant and Mr Don Travers Applicant, presented in support of the applicant.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Macauley seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to come out of Closed Session.

The Chairperson reported the following decision had been taken:

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin seconded by Councillor Macauley it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Application P/2015/0173/F, contrary to Officer recommendation, with a condition that work commences within a 12 month period.

Abstentions 0

NOTED: It was noted that Planning Department are content with design and revised boundary changes.

(8) LA07/2015/1264/F – Malachy Rodgers

Location:

Adjacent to 38 Stewarts Road, Annalong

Proposal:

Reorientation of previously approved dwelling ref: P/2006/2278 which is for dwelling and detached garage in traditional construction with dark tiled roof and white finished walls externally

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

A request for speaking rights has been received from Colin O'Callaghan, Planning Consultant, in support of the application

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Application LA07/2015/1264/F, contrary to Officer recommendation, with a condition that work commences within a 12 month period.

Abstentions 0

NOTED: It was noted that the Senior Planning Officer confirmed that Planning Service were satisfied with the re-orientation of the design.

(9) LA07/2016/0075/F – Mr D Haughian

Location:

120m SE of No. 7 Grove Road, Moneydarragh, Annalong

Proposal:

Proposed change of house type to that previously approved under P/2007/0530/RM

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Brian Fearon Agent, presented in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Application LA07/2016/0075/F, contrary to Officer recommendation, with a condition that work commences within a 12 month period.

(1.05pm – The meeting adjourned)

(1.55pm – The meeting resumed)

(10) LA07/2016/0091/F – Mr Peter Clarke

Location:

To the front of No. 14 Upper Dromore Road, Warrenpoint

Proposal:

Proposed dwelling with amendments to access for No. 14 & 14A

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Conor Hughes Agent, presented on behalf of Mr Aiden Cole Agent, in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to defer Application LA07/2016/0091/F to allow a Members site visit. Planning Department Officials to meet with the Agent in advance of the site visit.

Abstentions 0

(11) P/2014/0214 – McKinley Contracts

Location:

Lands to the rear of Nos 13, 15 and 17 Forth Road and 10m NW of Nos 7-13 Rathmore, Clonallon Road, Warrenpoint

Proposal:

Erection of 7 No. dwellings – 3 blocks of semi detached and 1 detached dwelling (amended drawings)

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Approval

Speaking rights:

Mr Conor Hughes, Planning Consultant, presented in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed to issue an Approval in respect of Application P/2014/0214/F, as per the Management Development Officer Report.

(12) LA07/2016/0401/O – Margaret Kane

Location:

135 ESE of 42 Levallyreagh Road, Rostrevor

Proposal:

Farm building without underground tanks

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Glyn Mitchel Agent, presented in support of the application.

Councillor Craig proposed and Councillor Hanna seconded to issue an Approval in respect of Application LA07/2016/0401/O, contrary to Officer recommendation pending the satisfactory receipt all necessary information from the Agent.

The Chief Planning Officer reminded the Committee of the advice given by the Senior Planning Officer regarding information received relating to this application on which clarification was required and strongly advised the Committee against committing on an outcome until such times as Planning Department consideration of this application had reached a conclusion.

Councillor Craig withdrew his proposal.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to defer Application LA07/2016/0401/O and await the submission of additional information. If the opinion of Planning Department changes following consideration of the additional information, then this Application will be determined and approved under Delegated Decisions, but should the opinion of Planning Department remain unchanged, this Application to be submitted back to the next available Planning Committee Meeting.

(13) LA07/2016/1486/O – Mr & Mrs Jonathan Matthews

Location:

Lands immediately south of No. 24 Lower Carrogs Road, Newry

Proposal:

Proposed corner infill site for a new dwelling and garage

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Damian Morris Architect//Agent, presented in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to defer Application LAO7/2016/1486/O to allow for a Members site visit.

Abstentions 0

(14) P/2014/0071/F – Mr John Perry**Location:**

Lands south east of of No. 54 Newcastle Street, Kilkeel

Proposal:

Change of use to part of commercial (pre-cast concrete works) yard to a waste management facility for the depollution and dismantling of End of Life Vehicles (ELVs) and the sorting and bulking of scrap metal. Works will include the use of existing vehicle workshop for the ELV depollution process, external storage of ELVs (unpolluted and polluted) and erection of walled enclosure for storage of non-ferrous scrap metal, roofing of existing enclosure for the storage of ferrous metals, banded fuel storage, and associated boundary treatments

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Approval

The Chairperson advised that any Member who was not present at the site visit in respect of Application P/2014/0071/F should withdraw from the Meeting at this point.

(3.05pm – Councillor G Hanna and Councillor M Ruane withdrew from the Meeting)

Speaking rights:

Gordon Bell & Son, Solicitor in objection to the application.

Michelle McCready presented in objection to the application.

Wesley McMurray presented in objection to the application.

The Chief Planning Officer confirmed the Planning Department had received anonymous correspondence which set out objections to Application P/2014/0071/F and questioned the integrity of the Planning Department and its Officers, NIEA and its Officers and other individuals associated with this application.

The Chief Planning Officer further confirmed the Planning Department were awaiting further legal advices regarding addressing the references made to the non-planning issues raised in this correspondence.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin seconded by Councillor Craig it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Application P/2014/0071/F, subject to Conditions 1 – 4 as per the Management Development Officer Report, and subject to additional conditions related to baler which is to be used once per month and limit tonnage to amount applied for in the planning application.

Abstentions 1

(3.35pm – Councillor Hanna and Councillor Ruane re-joined the meeting)

(15) P/2014/0276/0 – Robert Francis Spence

Location:

Approximately 275m NW of 79 Aughnahoory Road, Kilkeel

Proposal:

Site for dwelling and detached garage

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Colin O’Callaghan Planning Consultant, presented in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor Macauley it was agreed to defer Application P/2014/0276/O for further discussions with the agent/applicant regarding opportunities to cluster with existing buildings and for the Planning Officer to give consideration to the health and safety report which had been submitted.

(16) P/2014/1041/0 – Matthew Mallon

Location:

20m NE of 30a Edentrumely Road, Mayobridge

Proposal:

Site for dwelling and detached garage

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Speaking rights:

Mr Brendan Quinn Agent, presented in support of the application.

Noted:

Mr Quinn Agent, confirmed Application P/2014/1041/O had initially been submitted as a 'farm dwelling' but that a submission had later been sent to Planning Department to clarify this was not a 'farm dwelling' but was a 'dwelling' only.

Councillor McAteer proposed and Councillor Murnin seconded to issue an approval in respect of Application P/2014/1041/O, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that substantial ribboning already exists and this is seen as an infill opportunity, and given the nature of this application and the photographic evidence presented, a small gap already exists between buildings on an elongated road.

The above proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands, and voting was as follows:

For	4
Against	2
Abstentions	4

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Murnin it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Application P/2014/1041/O, contrary to Officer recommendation, on the basis that substantial ribboning already exists and this is seen as an infill opportunity, and given the nature of this application and the photographic evidence presented, a small gap already exists between buildings on an elongated road.

CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**P/006/2017: CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION**

Read: Letter dated 8 December 2016 from the Department of Infrastructure re: Consultation Paper on proposals to amend permitted development rights in respect of mineral exploration **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed a response to the Department of Infrastructure Consultation Paper on proposals to amend permitted development rights in respect of mineral exploration will be brought to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

**P/007/2017: CONSULTATION PAPER ON PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE
PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS (NI) 2015**

Read: Letter dated 15 December 2016 from the Department of Infrastructure re: Consultation Paper on proposals to amend the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (NI) 2015 **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed a response to the Department of Infrastructure Consultation Paper on proposals to amend the Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (NI) 2015, will be brought to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

FOR NOTING

**P/008/2017: PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT
DECEMBER 2016**

Read: Planning Committee Performance Report for December 2016.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note Planning Committee Performance Report for December 2016.

**P/009/2017: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN
PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES**

Read: Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives. (Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was agreed to note report on Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives.

**P/010/2017: CONTACT FROM PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES
- 1 OCTOBER – 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Read: Report on contact from Public Representatives from 1 October to 31 December 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report on contact from Public Representatives dated 1 October to 31 December 2016.

P/011/2017: DECEMBER 2016 APPEALS AND DECISIONS

Read: Appeals and Decisions Report dated December 2016. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note Report on Appeals and Decisions for December 2016.

**P/012/2017: DATES FOR FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- JANUARY 2017 – MAY 2018**

Read: Report on dates for future Planning Committee Meetings from January 2017 to May 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Report on dates for future Planning Committee Meeting from January 2017 to May 2018

**P/013/2017: OPERATING PROTOCOL AND
SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Craig it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the Meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

Read: Planning Committee Operating Protocol (revised 19 December 2016). **(Copy circulated)**

Read: Scheme of Delegation: Delegation of Planning Applications, Enforcement and other Planning Matters. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to come out of closed session.

AGREED: On the proposal of Ruane seconded by Hanna it was agreed to approve the changes to the Planning Scheme of Delegation and Operating Protocol without the need to convene a workshop. The revised documents to be added to the updated Action Sheet of the SPR Committee Meeting of 15 December 2016, for consideration by the SPR Committee at their meeting on 19 January 2017.

To convene a workshop to discuss other issues raised by Members such as adding additional reasons for refusal after the publication of the Case Officer report and the receipt of written submissions from agents; the running order of speakers at the meeting; the perception

of Councillors and Planning Officers sitting together as a unit and other issues which Members may wish to raise.

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

For adoption at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 2 February 2017.

Signed: ----- **Chairperson**

Signed: ----- **Chief Executive**