

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 28 October 2015 at 10.00 am in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor W Clarke (in absence of Councillor J Tinnelly)

In attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Cllr P Brown	Cllr M Larkin
Cllr G Craig	Cllr V Harte
Cllr L Devlin	Cllr K Loughran
Cllr H McKee	Cllr M Ruane

(Officials)

Mr A McKay	Head of Planning
Mr P Green	Legal Officer
Mr P Rooney	Principal Planning Officer
Ms J McParland	Senior Planning Officer
Mr A Davidson	Senior Planning Officer
Ms C McAteer	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer

P/55/2015: APOLOGIES / CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive
Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor M Murnin

P/56/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor L Devlin declared an interest in Planning Application R/2014/0403/O regarding a proposed infill dwelling and garage at site approximately 50m nw of 53 Tullyree Road Kilcoo as she had been involved with this application in the legacy Down District Council.

Councillor W Clarke declared an interest in Planning Application R/2014/0403/O regarding a proposed infill dwelling and garage at site approximately 50m nw of 53 Tullyree Road Kilcoo as he had been involved with this application in the legacy Down District Council.

**P/57/2015: MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Read: Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30 September 2015. (Copy circulated)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor McKee it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30 September 2015 as a true and accurate record.

**P/58/2015: ACTION SHEET
RE: MEMBERS' BRIEFING PANEL MEETING
TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2015**

Read: Action Sheet of Members' Briefing Panel Meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 2015. (Copy enclosed)

AGREED: It was agreed to mark the above Action Sheet noted.

P/59/2015: PLANNING PERFORMANCE FIGURES

Read: Planning Department Performance Indicators. (Copy circulated)

Noted: It was noted the Planning Performance figures showed significant improvement in performance. Additional administrative support staff have been provided and it was envisaged they would all be in place by early November 2015. It was hoped additional planning staff would be in place by December/ 2015/January 2016.

AGREED: It was agreed to note the Planning Performance Figures.

P/60/2015: APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

The following Applications were considered by the Committee:

(1) P/2006/2023/O

Location:

Lands between Crieve Road and Monks Hill Road, Newry (extending eastwards from Crieve Court to No. 37 Crieve Road).

Proposal:

Site for 65 detached dwellings with associated siteworks.

Conclusion and recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal.

Noted: Councillor P Brown joined the meeting at this point. (10.10am)

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to issue a Refusal in respect of Planning Application No. P/2006/2023/O, as per the Development Management Officer Report.

Noted: No abstentions

(2) P/2014/1025/FULL

Location:

50 metres east of No. Drumhariff Road, Whitecross, Newry.

Proposal:

Erection of poultry shed, underground wash water tank, 2 feed silos, sorting/packing area and concrete yard with alterations to access onto public road.

Conclusion and recommendation from Planning Official

Approval.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Devlin it was agreed to issue an Approval in respect of Planning Application P/2014/1025/F, subject to Conditions 1 – 5, and Informatives 1-8, as per the Development Management Officer Report.

**P/61/2015: DRAFT CONDITIONS
RE: PLANNING APPLICATION R/2014/0487
(ALTERNATIVE HEATING KANE HEATING)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Ruane 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 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information which reveals that the Council proposes
(a) to give under any statutory provision a notice by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
(b) to make an order or direction under any statutory provision.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin seconded by Councillor McKee it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that on the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor McKee it had been agreed to defer consideration of draft conditions in respect of Planning Application R/2014/0487 (Alternative Heating Kane Heating) to the Planning Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 25 November 2015, if possible, to allow investigations to continue into the alleged breach of planning controls at the site.

P/62/2015: TRAINING – PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Clarke said it appeared there was a need to provide more clarity within political party structures on how the Planning Committee operated in the new Council and he felt training should be provided on this area.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Larkin it was agreed the Council arrange for appropriate training to be provided for the various political parties on the Council, including MLAs, MPs and relevant office/administrative staff within party structures on how the Planning Committee operates under the new Council.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11.00am.

For adoption at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 25 November 2015.

Signed: _____ Chairperson

Signed: _____ Chief Executive