

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: PL/DM

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 5 August 2015 at 10.00 am in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor J Tinnelly (10.00am – 10.20am)
Councillor D McAteer (10.20am – 11.55am)
Councillor J Tinnelly (11.55am – 12.05pm)

In attendance: (Committee Members)

Cllr P Brown	Cllr V Harte
Cllr G Craig	Cllr K Loughran
Cllr L Devlin	Cllr D McAteer
Cllr M Murnin	Cllr H McKee
Cllr M Larkin	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway	Chief Executive
Mr A McKay	Head of Planning
Mr C O Rourke	Director Regulatory & Technical Services
Mr P Green	Legal Officer
Ms J McParland	Senior Planning Officer
Mr A Davidson	Senior Planning Officer
Mr M Keane	Acting Senior Planning Officer
Ms C McAteer	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer

P/30/2015: APOLOGIES / CHAIRMANS REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

Councillor W Clarke Vice Chairperson of Planning Committee
Councillor M Ruane
Mr E Curtis Director Strategic Planning & Performance

P/31/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were put forward as follows:

Councillor V Harte declared an interest in Planning Application P/2015/0026/F in respect of the installation of telecommunications equipment at Yellow Road Hilltown on the basis of decisions which were taken in the legacy Newry & Mourne District

Council relating to this application and stated she would be withdrawing from the meeting during discussion on this application.

Councillor L Devlin declared an interest in Planning Application P/2010/1041/F in respect of a proposed motor home site at lands at Ballagh Road Newcastle as she had dealt with the objectors of this application during her full time role working for Mr S Rogers MLA, and she would be withdrawing from the meeting during discussion on this application.

Councillor M Larkin declared an interest in Planning Application P/2015/0026/F in respect of the installation of telecommunications equipment at Yellow Road Hilltown on the basis of decisions which were taken in the legacy Newry & Mourne District which he was involved in.

Councillor J Tinnelly declared an interest in Planning Application P/2015/0026/F in respect of the installation of telecommunications equipment at Yellow Road Hilltown as he had attended a meeting regarding this application and had expressed a view that the applicant look at alternative sites and he would be withdrawing from the meeting during discussion on this application.

Councillor J Tinnelly declared an interest in Planning Application P/2010/1041/F in respect of a proposed motor home site at lands at Ballagh Road Newcastle based on an email he had shared with Planning Officials relating to this application and he would be withdrawing from the meeting during discussion on this application.

**P/32/2015: MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2015**

Read: Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 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 8 July 2015 as a true and accurate record, subject to amending Councillor D McAteer's name.

**P/33/2015: ACTION SHEET
RE: MEMBERS' BRIEFING PANEL MEETING
FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015**

Read: Action Sheet of Members' Briefing Panel held on Friday 10 July 2015. (Copy enclosed)

AGREED: It was agreed to mark the above Report noted.

P/34/2015: APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

The following Applications were considered by the Committee:

(1) LA07/2015/0476/ FULL

Location:

Newry Town Hall Bank Parade Newry BT35 8DJ.

Proposal:

External refurbishment works to Newry Town Hall. Waterproofing of flat roof and of the inner parapet between the Auditorium and stage and repairs /refurbishment works to facades, including brickwork, stonework and windows.

Conclusion and recommendation from Planning Official

Approval.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve Planning Application No. LA07/2015/0476/F as per the Development Management Officer Report.

Abstentions 0

(2) P/2014/0412/ FULL

Location:

80 metres south east of No.54 Blaney Road Newtownhamilton.

Proposal:

Erection of 2 No. additional poultry houses (to contain 6000 free range egg-laying hens each for commercial egg production) with ancillary facilities, 2 No. feed bins, waste collection and treatment facilities and associated site works (with demolition of existing polytunnels and with access via existing laneway to No.54 Blaney Road and existing farm).

Conclusion and recommendation from Planning Official

Approval.

NOTED: It was noted information had been submitted confirming the location address had changed to "No.4 Tullyvallen Hall Road". The site details remain unchanged.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to approve Planning Application No. P/2014/0412/, subject to conditions 1-6 as per the Development Management Officer Report, and subject to the inclusion of an additional condition as follows:

“Prior to the commencement of any development on the site, plans detailing all the site drainage and the proposed wash tank shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Newry Mourn & Down District Council. Reason: To prevent adverse affect on the surface water environment.”

Abstentions 0

(3) P/2015/0026/ FULL

Location:

Lands at NI Water Compound 670m east of No.20 Yellow Road Hilltown.

Proposal:

Installation of a 15m high lattice mast with 6 no. antenna and 2 no. dishes, 4 no.dishes equipment cabinets at ground level and all ancillary equipment surrounded by a 2.2m high timber closed boarded fencing. Proposed 3.0m wide x 115m long permanent type 1 access track c/w turning head.

Conclusion and recommendation from Planning Official

Approval.

NOTED: Councillor J Tinnelly vacated the Chair and left the Chamber at this point (10.20am) and therefore was not present during discussion on this application.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor McKee it was agreed to appoint Councillor D McAteer to Chair the Meeting from this point.**

NOTED: Councillor V Harte and Councillor M Larkin left the Chamber at this point (10.22am) and therefore were not present during discussion on this application.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor Devlin it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to give Councillors the opportunity to examine ICNIRP Certificate in respect of Planning Application No. P/2015/0026/F.**

NOTED: The meeting resumed at 11.00am.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor Brown it was agreed to approve Planning Application No.P/2015/0026/F, as per the Development Management Officer Report.**

NOTED: **Councillor McKee confirmed his objection to granting approval to Planning Application P/2015/0026/F.**

(4) P/2010/1041/ FULL

NOTED: Councillor Devlin left the Chamber at this point (11.05am) Chamber at and therefore was not present during discussion on this application.

NOTED: Councillor V Harte and Councillor M Larkin joined the meeting at 11.05am.

Location:

Lands to the rear of 35 Ballagh Road Ballaghanery Newcastle Co Down BT33 0LA.

Proposal:

Proposed motor home site (amended P2 form)

Conclusion and recommendation from Planning Official

Approval.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Murnin seconded by Councillor Loughran 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.

NOTED: Members of the public and press left the Chamber at this point (11.15am).

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

NOTED: Members of the public and press returned to the meeting at this point (11.30am).

NOTED: When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported that Members were briefed on ongoing enforcement issues.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig seconded by Councillor Murnin it was agreed:

- (a) To defer consideration of Planning Application No. P/2010/1041/F to allow for a site visit be arranged for Members of the Planning Committee to further consider the impact of the proposed development in terms of compatibility with neighbouring property and locality which is difficult to visualise from the plans and other material available. Representatives from Transport NI and Building Control to be requested to attend at this site visit.**

- (b) **The Development Management Officer Report in respect of Planning Application No. P/2010/1041/F to be restructured to clarify the planning policies in effect on the date of Planning Service's previous recommendation to issue a Refusal determination and to confirm the planning policies in effect and upon which the Planning Officer has made their current recommendation."**

Abstentions 0

NOTED: Councillor Tinnelly resumed the Chair at this point (11.55am)

**P/35/2015: SHAPING PLACE – CHANGING LIVES
A PLACEMAKING SYMPOSIUM FOR COUNCILS
NEWTOWNABBEY – THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015**

Read: Correspondence dated 30 July 2015 from Department of Culture Arts and Leisure giving details of a symposium – “Shaping Place – Changing Lives – A Placemaking Symposium for Councils to be held on Thursday 22 October 2015. (Copy circulated)

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to appoint the following Councillors to attend “Shaping Place – Changing Lives – A Placemaking Symposium for Councils to be held on Thursday 22 October 2015:**
- Councillor D McAteer
- Councillor G Craig

It was also agreed to include an item on the Agenda for the Council Meeting on Monday 7 September 2015 to consider the appointment of Councillors to attend the above event.

P/36/2015: UPDATE RE: PLANNING APPLICATION

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer 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 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information in relation to which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.**

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

NOTED: When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairman reported the Council had received information in respect of a Planning Application which had previously been considered by the Members' Briefing Panel.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.05pm.

For adoption at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 2
September 2015.

Signed:_____

Chairperson

Signed:_____

Chief Executive