

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 5.00 pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chairperson: Councillor R Mulgrew

Vice Chairperson: Councillor T Andrews

Members:

Councillor C Casey	Councillor G Craig
Councillor V Harte	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor P O’Gribin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Trainor	

Non Committee Members: Councillor P Clarke

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr C O’Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services
Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director of Waste Management
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations
Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/91/2016: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Fitzpatrick, Curran and Tinnelly.

Councillor Mulgrew welcomed everyone to the Meeting and in particular Councillor Macauley and Councillor Trainor as new Members of the Council.

RTS/92/2016: DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

RTS/93/2016: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2016. *(Circulated)*.

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet.

RTS/94/2016: TIMES OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed that the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meetings commence at 5.00 pm for the 2016/2017 term of office.

BUILDING CONTROL

RTS/95/2016: REPORT RE: DILAPIDATED/DANGEROUS STRUCTURES AND NEGLECTED SITES LEGISLATION

Read: Report dated 9 June 2016 from Mr J Birt, Specialist Support Officer, Building Control and Licensing re: Consultation on the Dilapidated/Dangerous Structures and Neglected Sites Legislation. The report recommended approval of the draft response as circulated to the public consultation with the response to be returned to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on behalf of the Council, by 30 June 2016. *(Circulated)*.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to approve the above report and recommendation that the draft response be submitted on behalf of the Council by 30 June 2016.

PLANNING

RTS/96/2016: PLANNING DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – MAY 2016

Read: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Planning Department Performance Indicators – May 2016. *(Circulated)*.

Noted: Mr McKay gave an update on the performance of the Planning Department. He said a new range of measures had been put in place to deal with planning applications including the introduction of speaking rights at Planning Committee Meetings. There was a

significant increase in the number of applications which were now being presented to the Committee and the backlog of live applications had been reduced to 1300 and was heading towards 1200. Currently the Planning Department was issuing in excess of 70 decisions per week and this was a significant uplift on what was being achieved last year. He also added that 30-40 new applications were being received each week.

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Planning Department Performance Indicators report.**

RTS/97/2016: **RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES**

Read: Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives. (*Circulated*).

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Public Representatives report.**

RTS/98/2016: **REPORT OF CURRENT APPEALS – MAY 2016**

Read: Report of Current Appeals – May 2016 (*Circulated*).

Noted: Mr McKay advised that in the 15 months that the Planning Department had been in existence within the Council, 10 decisions which had been taken by the Council, had been taken to appeal. Of these 10 appeals, 7 had been dismissed and 3 upheld.

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Public Representatives report.**

RTS/99/2016: **REPORT RE: DOE CONSULTATION ON PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS**

Read: Report re: DoE consultation on permitted development rights. The report gave details of the changes proposed by DoE which were intended to lighten the regulatory burden on businesses and individuals while still protecting the environment, amenity and public safety. Officers considered that the proposals struck a reasonable balance and invited Members to indicate their general support for the proposals. (*Circulated*).

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to approve the draft response to the DoE in respect of their Consultation on Permitted**

Development Rights, subject to Mr McKay clarifying an issue raised by Councillor Casey, that the extension of permitted development rights for the installation of new or replacement telegraph poles and the installation of new overhead lines would not lead to a proliferation of poles in areas of outstanding natural beauty or areas of special scientific interest.

RTS/100/2016: REPORT RE: EXTENSION TO THE FILE STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL CONTRACT FOR PLANNING FILES

Read: Report dated 22 June 2016 from Mr A McKay re: extension to the file storage and retrieval contract for Planning files. Mr McKay advised that the current contract between DoE and Iron Mountain, which was due to end on 30 June 2016, had been extended for a further 2 year period until 30 June 2018 (contract value approximately £10k per annum). ***(Circulated)***.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor O’Gribin, seconded by Councillor Hyland, it was agreed to approve the extension of the file storage and retrieval contract for Planning files for a further 2 year period until 30 June 2018 at a cost of approximately £10k per annum.**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

RTS/101/2016: REPORT ON BUS SHELTER REQUESTS

Read: Report from Mr K Scullion dated 22 June 2016 on bus shelter requests. ***(Circulated)***.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor O’Gribin, it was agreed to approve the following:-**

Bus shelter requests

- A cantilever type bus shelter be installed at A24 Newcastle Road/Ballinahinch bus stop and to include the provision of a seat subject to meeting TNI site requirements.
- Council to write to Translink requesting that they give consideration to extending the bus shelter at Belfast Road, Saintfield. If this request was turned down the Council to consider asking Translink to transfer ownership of this bus shelter to the Council.

- A cantilever type bus shelter be installed at Ballyholland Road, Ballyholland, and to include the provision of a seat subject to meeting TNI site requirements.
- A cantilever type bus shelter be installed at Carrivemaclone, Newry, and to include the provision of a seat subject to meeting TNI site requirements.
- A cantilever type bus shelter be installed at Cloughreagh Park, Bessbrook, and to include the provision of a seat subject to meeting TNI site requirements.
- An enclosed type bus shelter be installed at Drumaroad, Castlewellan.
- A cantilever type bus shelter be installed at 47 Belfast Road, Crossgar, and to include the provision of a seat subject to meeting TNI site requirements.
- Side panels be installed at the bus shelters adjacent to 65 Downpatrick Street, Crossgar and Drumaness/Newcastle Road, Drumaness – Belfast direction.

Bus shelter requests under consideration

Location	Date Request Made
Glassdrumman Road, Annalong– new bus shelter (x2)	August 2014
Sandbank/Hilltown Road, Mayobridge – new bus shelter	October 2014
Turleys Crossroads/Prospect Road, Moneyslane – new bus shelter	February 2015
Clanvaraghan Road, Castlewellan – new bus shelter	June 2015
Roxborough Road, Dorsey – relocate bus shelter	July 2015
Bryansford Road, Newcastle – new bus shelter	September 2015
Castlewellan Road, Clough – new bus shelter	October 2015
Belfast Road, Newry close to Park n Share car park at Sheepbridge – new	January 2016

bus shelter	
Carnaney/Bavan Road Mayobridge – new bus shelter	February 2016

Noted: Mr Scullion said that the erection of any bus shelter would be subject to funding being available. He said there was £30,000 set aside in the Rate Estimates for the 2016/2017 year and he would bring a further report back to the August RTS Committee Meeting on the bus shelters that were proceeding and the remaining budget. It would be a decision for the Members to agree how to allocate the remaining funding.

In response to a query from Councillor Craig, Mr Scullion said an update on the request for a bus shelter at Turley's Crossroads would be tabled at the August RTS Meeting.

In response to a query from Councillor Casey regarding the possibility of a bus shelter being provided at Drummond Road, on the main Armagh Road, Newry, Mr Scullion said he would speak to Councillor Casey about getting the details of residents who had asked for this bus shelter.

FOR NOTING

RTS/102/2016: LIST OF BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST IN THE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Read: Details of the Fourth Addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. ***(Circulated)***.

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the above correspondence.**

RTS/103/2016: arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN MAY 2016

Read: arc21 Joint Committee Members Monthly Bulletin May 2016. ***(Circulated)***.

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/104/2016: arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY 7
APRIL 2016**

Read: arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes held on Thursday 7 April 2016 (*Circulated*).

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Minutes.

RTS/105/2016: ISSUED RAISED BY COUNCILLOR CASEY

Councillor Casey raised the following issues and asked that they be recorded:-

- His disappointment that no representatives from the Council had attended the Carnagat Interagency meeting although they had been invited.
- Complaints from a household on Cabra Road, Hilltown that their bins were not being emptied despite being left out for collection (**Councillor Casey to give details to Mr L Dinsmore**).
- Complaints regarding the cleanliness of the changing rooms/shower rooms at Newry Swimming Pool (**Councillor Casey to contact Mr R Moore about this issue**).
- Damage to a property at 10 Hollywood Gardens, Rathfriland Road, Newry by a bin lorry (**Councillor Casey to contact Mr L Dinsmore about this issue**).

Mr O'Rourke said he would encourage Members who had issues such as these to contact the relevant Assistant Director and if they were not satisfactorily resolved, Members should contact the Director.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 5.50 pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 July 2016.

**Signed: Councillor Roisin Mulgrew
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee**

**Signed: Mr C O Rourke
Director Regulatory & Technical Services**