

**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 3 November 2014 at 7 pm, in Magherafelt District Council Offices**

**Members Present:** In the Chair, Councillor Kearney (Chair)  
Councillors Bateson, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Mallaghan, Mullen, T Quinn, Reid and J Shiels

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mr Boomer, Area Planning Manager  
Mr Moffett, Change Management Officer  
Mrs Grogan, Committee Services/Senior Admin Officer (Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council)

**Others in Attendance:** Mr Melvin Bowman, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Phelim Marrion, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Martin McCarroll, Senior Planning Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.05 pm.

**P19/14 Apologies**

Councillors Bell and Robinson.

**P20/14 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility on declarations of interest.

**Matters for Decision**

**P21/14 Receive and Confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 October 2014**

Reference to item, Paper on Accommodating Population and Growth across Mid Ulster - P15/14

- Paragraph 12, first sentence: remove the word “avoid” and replace with “encourage”
- Paragraph 5, second sentence: include the word “Clachan”.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Quinn and

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 6 October 2014 (P12/14 – P18/14) were considered and subject to the foregoing amendments, signed as accurate and correct.

**P22/14      Receive Paper on Arrangements for Transfer of Planning to Mid Ulster District Council**

The Chief Executive presented a report on the transfer of Planning Function to Mid Ulster District Council.

The Chief Executive advised that Mid Ulster District Council has now been confirmed as the third Council on the list for the physical transfer to the Planning Function on the basis of its IT readiness. Early transfer will facilitate an essential bedding-in period and test systems from a Mid Ulster site leading to April 2015.

Councillor Gildernew stated that he was disappointed that there was no mention of a presence in Dungannon or Cookstown.

The Chief Executive advised of the Council decision to initially accommodate Planning Staff in the Magherafelt Office with a view to transferring some staff to Dungannon and Cookstown when the service had bedding in.

Councillor Mallaghan enquired about the recruitment of staff.

The Area Planning Manager advised that there were no specific details that he could update the committee on.

**P23/14      Scenario Based Workshop Discussion on Process of Receiving and Considering Planning Applications**

The Area Planning Manager, Mr Melvin Bowman, Mr Phelim Marrion and Mr Martin McCarroll were in attendance and went through examples of planning applications with members. The examples covered a range of fictitious planning applications and included:

- A Change of Use to ab Amusement Arcade
- Application for a 250kw wind turbine (export to grid)
- Industrial enterprise on land situated adjacent to existing settlement limit of Aughnacloy for the manufacture of quarry machinery
- Replacement Community Centre
- Retention of an agricultural shed
- Dwelling on a farm and domestic garage

Councillor Mallaghan left the meeting at 8.10 pm and returned at 8.15 pm.

Councillor McPeake left the meeting at 8.21 pm during above discussion.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 8.35 pm during above discussion.

**P24/14      Planning Study Visit**

The Change Management Officer advised that itinerary for the planned study visit will be issued to members this week and that Cookstown and Magherafelt would be the two pick up points for members and officers attending.

**P25/14      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.55 pm.

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