

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 1 September 2014 at 7 pm, in Magherafelt District Council Offices

Members Present: In the Chair, Councillor Kearney (Chair)

Councillors Bell, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, McEldowney, McPeake, Mallaghan, Mullen, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson and J Shiels

Members in Attendance: Councillors B McGuigan and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr Tohill, Chief Executive
Mrs Grogan, Secretariat (DSTBC)

Others in Attendance: Mr Chris Boomer, Area Planning Officer
Mrs Deirdre McSorley, Area Planning Officer
Mr Martin McCarroll, Senior Planner, Cookstown

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

P6/14 Apologies

Councillors Bateson, Clarke and McKinney.

P7/14 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest.

Matters for Decision

P8/14 Receive and Confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 2014

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 9 July 2014, having been printed and circulated be confirmed.

P9/14 DOE Capacity Building and Training for Elected Members on Planning

The Chief Executive presented a report outlining DoE arrangements to build capacity of new council members on the transferring function of planning. The sessions include: (i) Overview of Planning for Councillors; (ii) Development Plans and Working with the Community; (iii) Practical Planning; and (iv) Propriety and Outcomes dealing with the Code of Conduct and the role of The Planning Appeals Commission. He advised that attendance is strongly recommended at proposed training events.

A SDLP Member stated that all members of the Council should have the opportunity to attend as every Councillor should be aware of the new Planning structure coming into place in April 2015.

The Chief Executive agreed and asked members to liaise with their parties on encouraging attendance.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that all members of the Council attend sessions within the training programme. Names of attendees to be provided to officers.

P10/14 Discuss and Review a Sample of Planning Applications

Mr Chris Boomer, Ms Deirdre McSorley and Mr Martin McCarroll were in attendance and discussed and reviewed a sample of planning applications with members.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 8.05 pm during above discussion.

P11/14 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.25 pm.

CHAIR _____

Date _____