

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 10.00am in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry and via Microsoft Teams.

Chairperson: Councillor D McAteer

In attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor R Burgess
Councillor C Enright
Councillor L Devlin
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor V Harte
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor L McEvoy
Councillor H McKee
Councillor G O'Hare
Councillor J Trainor

(Officials)

Mr C Mallon	Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism (via Teams)
Mr A McKay	Chief Planning Officer
Mr A Hay	Principal Planning Officer (via Teams)
Ms A McAlarney	Senior Planning Officer (via Teams)
Mr M Keane	Senior Planning Officer (via Teams)
Mr A Davidson	Senior Planning Officer (via Teams)
Ms P Manley	Senior Planning Officer (via Teams))
Ms N Largey	Legal Advisor
Mr F O'Connor	Head of Legal Administration
Ms S Taggart	Democratic Services Manager (Acting)
Ms L O'Hare	Democratic Services Officer
Ms C McAteer	Democratic Services Officer
Ms P McKeever	Democratic Services Officer (via Teams)

P/001/2022: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

No apologies were received.

P/002/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Devlin declared an interest in Planning Application LA07/2021/1203/0 and advised she would not be taking part in the discussion/decision on this application.

Councillor Trainor declared an interest in Planning Application LA07/2021/1290/F and advised he would not be taking part in the discussion/decision on this application.

**P/003/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PLANNING COMMITTEE PROTOCOL- PARAGRAPH 25**

Declarations of Interest in relation to Para.25 of Planning Committee Operating Protocol – Members to be present for entire item.

No declarations were made.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

**P/004/2022: MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER
2021 RE. PRE-DETERMINATION HEARING**

Read: Minutes of Special Meeting of the Planning Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 15 December 2021. **(Copy circulated)**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor
McKee, it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Special
Meeting of the Planning Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 15 December 2021 as a true and accurate record.**

**P/005/2022: MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2021**

Read: Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15
December 2021. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor
McEvoy, it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the e Planning
Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 December 2021 as
a true and accurate record.**

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

P/006/2022: ADDENDUM LIST

Read: Addendum List of Planning Applications with no representations
received or requests for speaking rights – Wednesday 12 January
2022. **(Copy circulated).**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon seconded by Councillor
Devlin, it was agreed to remove the following application
listed on the addendum list for Wednesday 12 January 2022:**

- **LA07/2021/0875/O** - Proposed Replacement Dwelling - Adjacent and
North of 5 Loughkeelan Road Strangford Downpatrick **REFUSAL**

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor
Hanna, it was agreed to approve the Officer recommendation**

in respect of the following application listed on the addendum list for Wednesday 12 January 2022:

- **LA07/2021/1290/F** - Provision of a public car park to provide parking for Knocknashina Play Park - Knocknashina Road Downpatrick **APPROVAL**

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT -
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION**

P/007/2022: PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

**ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF PART 1 OF
SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014**

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Harte it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on Planning Applications LA07/2021/1203/0 and LA07/2020/1756/F which related to exempt information by virtue of para. 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to an individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

(1) LA07/2021/1203/O

(Councillor Devlin withdrew from discussions on Planning Application LA07/2021/1203/0)

Location:

Located between 60 & 62 Drumee Road Castlewellan.

Proposal:

Infill dwelling, with domestic garage plus associated site works

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Ms A McAlarney, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Ms C Maze, agent and Mr O Boden, applicant (via Teams) presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

(Councillor Devlin re-joined the meeting)

(2) LA07/2020/1756/F

Location:

86 Lismore Crossmaglen Newry BT35 9ET

Proposal:

Single storey extension to rear and side of dwelling to allow new kitchen and disabled person accommodation

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Mr A Davidson, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr C O'Callaghan, agent (via Teams) presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

DEA Councillor Finnegan spoke in support of the application.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Devlin seconded by Councillor McEvoy it was agreed to come out of closed session.

The Chairperson advised that whilst the Committee Closed Session the following was agreed:

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/1203/O contrary to officer recommendation based on the reasons put forward by Members during the debate on this application whilst in closed session.

Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any relevant conditions.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Murphy, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/1756/F contrary to officer recommendation based on the reasons put forward by Members during the debate on this application whilst in closed session.

Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any relevant conditions.

(3) LA07/2021/0953/F

Location:

Lands approx. 55m north west of 108 Leitrim Road Hilltown

Proposal:

Erection of 3 no. glamping pods as part of an agri-tourist/farm-diversification scheme

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Mr M Keane, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr C O'Callaghan, agent (via Teams) presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

Issues raised:

- Mr Keane said the pods that had been approved approximately half mile from the proposed application site were located on a site that was low lying, flat and readily available to accommodate the pods, unlike the proposed application site which he said was elevated, open, prominent and would require significant earth works.
- Mr O'Callaghan did not consider significant earth works would be required to accommodate the pods, and he did not agree they would be unduly prominent.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Devlin it was unanimously agreed to defer Planning Application LA07/2021/0953/F for a site visit so Members could assess the site in more detail.

(Break 11.50 – 12.00 noon)

(4) LA07/2021/0306/F**Location:**

Adjacent to No. 08 Chapel Road Meigh Co Armagh

Proposal:

Proposed new domestic infill dwelling house

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Mr A Davidson, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr T Hamill, agent (via Teams) presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

Issues Raised:

- Mr Davidson said the combination of the proposed site together with the design was unacceptable, the access was a narrow track, the proposed dwelling would be shoe-horned between existing development and would result in overlooking and dominance.
- Mr Davidson said the proposed site was not suitable for development due to its size, shape and context.

- Mr Davidson said consideration had been given to the surrounding context but said the proposed application failed, as Planning considered it to be an inappropriate development.
- Mr Davidson said it the Committee should be mindful of setting a precedent if approval was granted for this application.

Councillor Devlin proposed to issue a refusal in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/0306/F as per officer recommendation. Councillor Trainor seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	4
AGAINST:	6
ABSTENTIONS:	2

The proposal was lost.

Councillor Murphy proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/0306/F contrary to officer recommendation on the basis that he considered the location to be an urban setting and as per the planning report, development would generally be acceptable in an urban area and as the proposed design was for 1-2 people he considered the amenity space to be adequate. Councillor Hanna seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	8
AGAINST:	3
ABSTENTIONS:	1

The proposal was carried.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Hanna, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/0306/F contrary to Officer recommendation on the basis that the proposed dwelling would be located in an urban area and the amenity space was adequate for 1 – 2 people.**

Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any relevant conditions.

(5) LA07/2021/0338/O

Location:

105m north west of No. 37 Polkone Road, Mullaghbawn, Newry

Proposal:

Site for dwelling and detached garage

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Mr Andrew Davidson, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr Brendan Quinn, agent presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

Issues Raised:

- The field located behind the farm up the laneway on the right hand side was in the ownership of the applicant.
- The main farm dwelling located 100m up the laneway and the buildings at the road frontage were all part of the farm holding.
- Planning fully assessed the whole site within the red line irrespective of whether the application was for outline or full planning permission.
- Mr Davidson advised a siting condition would not have resolved their concerns.
- Mr Quinn advised the measurement from the corner of the farm buildings to the corner of the house was 45m.
- Mr Davidson said Planning did not consider the proposed dwelling would be visually linked and they only considered sites that complied with policy.
- Mr Davidson said the proposed application would add to ribbon development and would potentially open up the opportunity for an infill site.
- Mr Quinn said he had grouped the proposed application with the buildings along the road frontage and that driving along the Polkone Road, the 45m distance would not be apparent.
- Mr Quinn considered the alternative proposed site as recommended by Planners was not suitable as it could affect any future development of the farm.
- There was nothing in planning policy to indicate a farm dwelling could not be located adjacent and linked with farm dwellings on the opposite side of a laneway.
- Ms Largey emphasised it was not a case of where Planners preferred to locate the proposed dwelling but rather which site complied with policy and she said a site visit may be advisable.

Councillor McKee proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/0338/O on the basis that there was nothing in planning policy to indicate a house could not be sited opposite existing buildings and still be visually linked. Councillor Burgess seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	9
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	3

The proposal was carried.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/0338/O contrary to officer recommendation on the basis that there was nothing in planning policy to indicate a house could not be sited opposite existing buildings and still be visually linked.**

Planning Officers be delegated authority to impose any relevant conditions.

(6) LA07/2021/1252/O

Location:

40m south west of No. 67 Tullyframe Road Attical

Proposal:

Dwelling and garage

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Mr Mark Keane, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr Brendan Quinn, agent presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members

Issues Raised:

- Mr Keane said each application was different and the applications referred to by the agent were not comparable to the proposed application. Planning Department strived to be consistent in all their determinations.
- Mr Keane said the proposed new access would result in two houses being enclosed on three sides by either road or laneway.
- Mr Quinn said the proposed new access would need a short realignment to the wall at the front of No. 63, and the applicant had permission from the owner of No. 63 to undertake this work.
- Neighbour notification was conducted. Owner of neighbouring lands objected advising they owned the lands that were required to provide the splays and to widen the laneway, and consent had not been given to do so.

Councillor Larkin proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/1252/O on the basis that he considered it was an exceptional case, the access to the existing lane could not be used, the ancillary works could be integrated and would not damage the rural character of the area and the amenity of the two dwellings would not be adversely affected.

Councillor Hanna seconded the proposal and asked if Councillor Larkin would accept an amendment to include a Mourne dry stone wall be built to the upper side of the site to the east side of the lane. Councillor Larkin accepted the amendment to the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

FOR:	11
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	1

The proposal was carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/1252/O contrary to officer recommendation on the basis that it was an exceptional case, the access to the existing lane could not be used, the ancillary works could be integrated and would not damage the rural character of the area and the amenity of the two dwellings would not be adversely affected.

A Mourn dry stone wall be built to the upper side of the site to the east side of the lane.

Planning officers be granted authority to impose any relevant conditions.

(7) LA07/2020/1584/F

Location:

Lands between Nos 228 and 230 Kilkeel Road Annalong

Proposal:

Proposed infill dwelling and attached garage with associated site works

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Mr Mark Keane, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr Eamon Larkin, agent presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

Ms Jen Firth spoke on behalf of DAERA.

Issues Raised:

- Mr Keane acknowledged there were several planning permission approvals granted along the same stretch of road as the application site, all of which had been considered in assessing the proposed application but said these would have predated current information on coastal erosion, and each were justified in their own right.
- Mr Keane said in the absence of detailed scientific data, Planning had taken a precautionary approach. They had sought advice from NIEA and issued a refusal solely based on a precautionary approach.
- Mr Larkin said the application site was 11m above sea level, 40m from the coast and on a rocky outcrop and the applicant was fully aware of and prepared to accept any potential risks of building on the site.
- Planning were fully aware the newly constructed unauthorised wall to the rear of the site was outside the red line of the application site and therefore not under consideration.
- Ms Firth said the fact the site was elevated was immaterial in that rising sea levels and coastal erosion could undermine the land below the site and the property would

then have to be protected. Any sea wall or sea defences were contrary to policy because of the effect on the environment.

- Ms Firth said climate change was a natural occurrence that was exacerbated by human behaviour and would continue to occur, even allowing for a change in human behaviour, albeit at a slower pace.
- Ms Firth said the Coastal Forum had contracted a detailed survey of the coast that would provide a lot more data and which would greatly improve the advice they currently give to Planning, however, she said this would not be completed for a few years, and in the interim, DAERA considered it irresponsible to allow people to build in coastal areas that could be impacted by climate change within the lifetime of the development.
- Ms Largey said the Committee should note planning permission went with the land and not the applicant and it was immaterial whether the applicant was prepared to accept any potential future risk of coastal erosion.
- Ms Largey said the role of the Planning Committee was to determine if the application was acceptable in planning policy terms and particularly in circumstances where DAERA were advising a potential risk and where policy presumption was quite strong against granting planning permission for areas of the coast known to be a risk of coastal erosion and in the absence of definitive data, Planners advice was to exercise caution.

Councillor Hanna proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2020/1584/F on the basis that he was very familiar with the area and said the road ran along the top of a cliff and there was almost zero coastal erosion. He accepted the precautionary risk highlighted by Planners and the potential risk in terms of rising sea levels and but he said several other developments close by had been granted permission and he considered it would be extremely unfair to issue a refusal on a precautionary risk only in the absence of any detailed scientific data. Councillor McKee seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	10
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	1

The proposal was carried.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor McKee, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2020/1584/F contrary to officer recommendation on the basis that there was almost zero coastal erosion at the site, several other neighbouring properties had received planning permission, and there was no scientific data to evidence coastal erosion.**

Planning officers be granted authority to impose any relevant conditions.

(8) LA07/2021/0650/F

Location:

30m NWE of 11 Glen Road Downpatrick

Proposal:

Proposed off site replacement dwelling and domestic garage

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Ms Annette McAlarney Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr Brendan Starkey, agent presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

Issues raised:-

- Ms McAlarney stated the proposed development would create a ribbon of development irrespective of whether the building to be replaced was demolished.

Councillor McKee proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/0650/F on the basis that he considered it would not create a ribbon of development in replacing the dwelling adjacent to the farm.

Councillor Hanna seconded the proposal saying he believed the original foot print was too restricted and it would not be practical to site the dwelling at that location.

Ms Largey expressed concern at the reason given by Councillor McKee in his proposal in lieu of the clear advice given by Planning and advised the reasoning given by Councillor Hanna in seconding the proposal would be a safer stance to take.

Councillor McKee took on board Ms Largey's advice and the following was agreed:

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/0650/F contrary to officer recommendation on the basis that the curtilage of the existing dwelling would not be large enough to accommodate the proposed replacement dwelling and garage, the off-site replacement location would visually cluster with the houses on the opposite site of the road and there were health and safety issues with siting the dwelling so close to the farm buildings.**

Planning officers be granted authority to impose any relevant conditions.

(9) LA07/2021/1162/F

Location:

190m SW of No. 46 Moneyslane Road, Ballyward, Castlewellan

Proposal:

Proposed agricultural shed, secure store, yard and paddock (to replace existing agricultural shed)

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Ms Annette McAlarney, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr Martin Bailie, agent presented in support of the application, (via Teams) detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

Issues raised:

- The agent said the current proposal would enhance and improve the farm and allow for farm diversification.
- The existing farm yard was located at the crossroads in the village of Dechomet.
- The agent said that extending the existing farm yard would affect land that had been zoned for housing – Ms McAlarney could not confirm the land was zoned for housing but said it was within the settlement of Dechomet.
- The agent said all potential sites had been explored and it was decided the proposed site was the most suitable as it was the site of an existing shed, it gave access to the fields on the opposite side of the road and the proposed design would ensure it would integrate well into the surrounding landscape.

(Councillor Trainor left the meeting at this point).

Councillor Hanna proposed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/1162/F on the basis that the proposed application was replacing an existing building, it would improve and enhance the farm and allow for farm diversification, the design would integrate into the landscape, it complied with CTY1 in that there was a provision within the policy for re-siting where it was considered essential for the efficient running of the farm and the proposed site was on the lower part of the field and if required screening could be used.

Councillor Murphy seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

FOR:	10
AGAINST:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was carried.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Murphy it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of Planning Application LA07/2021/1162/F contrary to officer recommendation on the basis that the proposed application was replacing an existing building, it would improve and enhance the farm and allow for farm diversification, the design would integrate into the landscape, it complied with CTY1 and the proposed site was on the lower part of the field.**

Planning officers be granted authority to impose any relevant conditions.

(10) LA07/2021/0329/O

Location:

To the rear of No.30 Grove Road Annalong

Proposal:

Proposed replacement of redundant non residential building with new storey and half dwelling on former industrial ground to the rear of No. 30 Grove Road, and improvement accesses to Nos 28, 30 & 30A Grove Road

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Refusal

Power-point presentation:

Mr Mark Keane, Senior Planning Officer gave a power point presentation via Teams on the application with supporting information including a site location plan, an aerial view of the site and photographs from various critical views of the site.

Speaking rights:

Mr John Cole, agent and Mr Ryan Newell, applicant, presented in support of the application, detailing and expanding upon a written statement that had been circulated to Committee Members.

Issues raised:

- The agent stated the height of the ridge of the proposed building would be approximately 6.57m compared to the height of the ridge of No. 30 Grove Road which was 8.53m, the proposed dwelling would be located to the rear of No. 30 and Planning did not have any concerns regarding dominance with the proposal.
- Mr Keane said there wasn't a planning policy to support the removal of concrete hardstanding and replace it with a dwelling.
- Planning considered the building to be replaced had been used for agricultural purposes and therefore contravened planning policy, and was not eligible for replacement.
- Ms Largey stated the case officer had interpreted the policy correctly in that the buildings on site that had been used as office space, toilets and a canteen were ancillary to the agricultural business and therefore not eligible for replacement.
- Mr Keane said in assessing the application, Planning had looked at appeals history and he referred to one case whereby it had been ruled that an ancillary building that had been used to house a heating system, changing/toilet facilities and a canteen had been used for the purposes of agriculture.
- Ms Largey said planning policy did not use the term 'agricultural building' but rather 'buildings designed and used for agricultural purposes'.

AGREED:

On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor McKee it was unanimously agreed defer Planning Application LA07/2021/00329/O for a site visit so Members could assess the site in more detail.

FOR NOTING

P/008/2022:

HISTORIC ACTION SHEET

Read:

Planning historic action sheet. **(Copy circulated)**

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Planning Historic Action Sheet.

P/009/2022: **PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021**

Read: Planning Committee Performance Report for December 2021.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Planning Committee Performance Report December 2021.

P/010/2022: **CURRENT APPEALS AND DECISIONS -DECEMBER 2021**

Read: Planning Appeals and Decisions Report for December 2021.
(Copy circulated)

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed to note the Report on Planning Appeals and Decisions for December 2021.

P/011/2022: **UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS LA07/2020/0788/F AND la07/2020/0843/LBC**

Mr McKay gave the Committee a verbal update on Planning Applications LA07/2020/0788/F and LA07/2020/0843/LBC – Mourne Park House, Kilkeel, saying following the applications being referred to DfI for consideration at the March 2021 Planning Committee Meeting, the Department had advised it would be making the final decision. Mr McKay said this was likely to feature in local media.

Councillors expressed their disappointment at this decision. Mr McKay said this had never happened before and Planning would be handing over all relevant files to the Department in the coming week.

The meeting concluded at 15.06.

For confirmation at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 9 February 2022.

Signed: _____ **Chairperson**

Signed: _____ **Chief Executive**