

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Thursday 26 October 2023 at 10.00am in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry and via Microsoft Teams.

Chairperson: Councillor D Murphy

In attendance: (Committee Members)

Councillor P Byrne
Councillor C Enright
Councillor A Finnegan
Councillor C King
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor J Tinnelly

(Officials)

Mr J McGilly	Assistant Director of Regeneration
Mr Pat Rooney	Principal Planning Officer
Mr Mark Keane	Senior Planning Officer (Teams)
Ms P Manley	Senior Planning Officer
Ms S Taggart	Democratic Services Manager
Ms S Kieran	Democratic Services Officer

P/069/2023: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apologies were received:

- Councillor P Campbell
- Councillor G Hanna

P/070/2023: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

P/071/2023: 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.

There were no declarations.

The Chairperson reminded those Councillors who were not in attendance at site visits, to be mindful of this when deciding to take part in any voting process in relation to these applications.

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT -
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION (WITH PREVIOUS SITE VISITS)**

P/072/2023: PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

(1) LA07/2023/2587/F

Location:

Land at the Fathom Line (B79), Newry City

Proposal:

Carlingford Lough Greenway connecting Victoria Lock with NI/ROI Border. The proposed Greenway consists of the following: 4m wide timber boardwalk (1025m in length), 3m wide unbound gravel greenway (375m) and 3m wide bound asphalt greenway (110m). Associated infrastructure and works include: fencing, vehicle restraint system (crash barriers), edging kerbs for bound greenway, directional/trail head signage; piling installation for boardwalk and drainage works. Greenway ties in with related planning application LA07/2020/1082/F.

Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official:

Approval

Power-point Presentation:

Councillor Declan Murphy explained this application had been previously presented to Committee and deferred for a site visit which had since taken place.

Note:

Cllrs Byrne, Enright, Finnegan, Hanna, Larkin, D Murphy, S Murphy, McAteer, Rice and Tinnelly attended site visit on 18th October 2023.

Speaking rights:

In objection

In line with the updated Operating Protocol, no further speaking rights were permitted on this application.

Adrian O'Hare, Narrow Water Bridge Community Network Agent was in attendance to provide clarification if required.

Councillor D Murphy said at the meeting held on 18 October both the planners and objector had delivered presentations and the Committee had the opportunity for questions to go to both the Planners and Objector. He said on the back of a proposal from Councillor Enright, the Committee had agreed to visit the site.

Councillor Larkin proposed, seconded by Councillor King to issue an approval in respect of planning application LA07/2023/2587/F, as per the recommendation contained within the Case Officer's Report.

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

FOR:	7
AGAINST:	1
ABSTENTIONS:	0

The proposal was declared carried.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Larkin, seconded by Councillor King, it was agreed to issue an approval in respect of planning application LA07/2023/2587/F, as per recommendation contained in the Case Officer Report.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.20am

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Signed: _____ **Chairperson**

Signed: _____ **Chief Executive**