

Ballymoney Borough Council

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Minutes of Council Meeting No 896 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 2nd February 2009 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J Finlay, Mayor

PRESENT:

Aldermen
F Campbell
H Connolly
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan
M McCamphill
P McGuigan
T McKeown
A Patterson
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Alderman C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor
Councillor B Kennedy

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Borough Services **(Items 1-11 inc)**
Head of Services **(Items 1- 11 inc)**
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Committee Clerk

Press

896.1 MINUTES - MEETING NO 894 – 5TH JANUARY 2009

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and
AGREED:

that the minutes of Meeting No 894 on 5th January 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

896.2 MINUTES - MEETING NO 895 (RATES) – 14TH JANUARY 2009

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No 895 on 14th January 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

896.3 SEAL DOCUMENTS

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

- a) *that the Seal of the Council be affixed to Grave Registration Certificate numbers 1136, 1137, 1138*
- b) *Drumaheglis Marina Debenture – Ballymoney Borough Council to Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (re transfer of responsibility for the development of the Marina from Ballymoney Regeneration Company to Council and the application for Grant under Sub programme 1 of the Joint Interreg II Programme – Community Economic Development Measure for NI and Ireland 1994-1999).*

896.4 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 34 – 19TH JANUARY 2009

The Mayor presented the report in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

the minutes of meeting No 34 on 19th January 2009, as circulated were received.

896.5 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 200 – 19TH JANUARY 2009

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 200 on 19th January 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

It was noted that a memorandum from the Chief Executive on the Local Government Companies (Best Value) Order (NI) 2006, in response to member's questions regarding participation in new companies, had been circulated.

* **Councillor McGuigan arrived at 7.15 pm.**

896.6 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 356 – 20TH JANUARY 2009

Alderman Campbell presented the report.

Matters Arising

6.1 Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park (356.8)

The Director of Borough Services advised that since the date of the Committee meeting, further discussions had taken place with the Council's software suppliers who can now adhere to the original specification to differentiate between Bank Holidays and normal holiday periods for deposit fee purposes. The Director, having spoken to the Chair of the Committee, the proposer and the seconder of the motion to recommend that Council approve a single rate of 75% deposit for all advanced bookings, requests that this report item be withdrawn and that Council's policy to charge 100% for Bank holiday periods and 50% for all other dates remain.

It was **AGREED:**

that recommendation 356.8 be withdrawn

6.2 Cloughmills Community Facility (356.13)

It was proposed by Councillor McCamphill, seconded by Councillor McGuigan

that Council proceed with the application for planning permission for a Cloughmills Community Facility.

In an ensuing discussion, the Director of Borough Services advised members that new information will be available at the next meeting which will have a bearing on the planning application in relation to support required for a planning application to satisfy Environment and Heritage Service. He requested that the matter be deferred until the next meeting to present the information to members.

Council McCamphill, with the support of Councillor McGuigan agreed to the Director's request to defer this matter to the next meeting.

6.3 Rasharkin Community Centre Management Committee

Councillor McCamphill confirmed, in response to a question from the Mayor that nominations to the Rasharkin Community Centre Management Committee had been agreed and accepted.

6.4 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 356 on 20TH January 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved, with the exception of item 356.8 as set out in 7.1 above.

896.7 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 346 – 27TH JANUARY 2009

Councillor Robinson presented the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor McGuigan and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Health & Environmental Service Meeting No 346 – 27th January 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

896.8 CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 372 – 26TH JANUARY 2009

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No 372 on 26th January 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

896.9 RESOURCES TASK GROUP MEETING – 12TH JANUARY 2009

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Resources Task Group on 12th January 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

896.10 AUDIT COMMITTEE NO 10 – 12TH JANUARY 2009

Alderman Campbell presented the report.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Audit Committee No 10 on 12th January 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

- * **The Director of Borough Services and the Head of Leisure Services left the meeting at 7.30 pm.**

896.11 CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF NEW HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ORGANISATIONS ANNOUNCED

Health Minister, Michael McGimpsey has announced the appointment of the Chief Executives (Designate) who will lead the four new Health and Social Care (HSC) organisations.

They are:-

- John Compton - Regional Health and Social Care Board
- Dr Eddie Rooney – Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being
- Maeve Hully – Patient and Client Council
- David Bingham – Regional Business Services Organisation.

They will each take up their appointment as soon as possible in the New Year.

More information is available on the Department's website at <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hss/rpa-home.htm>

896.12 NILGA – DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES FOR A RURAL WHITE PAPER

A delegation of NILGA members and officers took part in a meeting with DARDNI officials on 6th January 2008. The purpose of this meeting was to informally discuss what local government priorities would be for a rural white paper (RWP).

NILGA, with assistance from Omagh DC has developed a document setting out a number of potential issues, which could be addressed by a RWP (copy circulated). Council is invited to consider this paper to establish if the issues included are correct or if any issues should be added/removed. The intention is to develop a robust set of local government priorities to assist in the ongoing RWP work, preferably prior to the next stakeholder group meeting on 16th February 2009. No comments.

896.13 FIRMUS ENERGY

From 1st February Firmus' domestic tariff will increase by 20.7%, equivalent to a rise of less than £1.50 a week for the majority of our domestic customers. The price will be delayed until 1 March for elderly, disabled or chronically ill customers who are living alone and who were registered on our firmuscare scheme as at 1 January 2009. These customers will be credited with £10 worth of free gas.

From 1st February 2009 our small business tariff will also increase by around 31.5% depending on consumption. Further information can be obtained by contacting **028 904 02296**.

896.14 ROADS SERVICE

14.1 Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Tullaghans Road, Dunloy

Following a site meeting on 21st January 2009 with Councillor McCamphill, discussions were held regarding the safety issues on the Tullaghans Road, Dunloy. Agreement has been reached regarding Roads Service's proposals to extend the existing Double Yellow Lines on the northern side of the road as part of the footway improvement scheme. Council's agreement to the proposals is required to process the legislation needed.

The Chief Executive advised that Council has been requested to formalise the proposal because only members' individual views had been put forward to Roads Service at site meetings and in discussions. Councillor McCamphill expressed the view that whilst the proposed waiting restrictions at this location will benefit schoolchildren crossing the road, heavy goods vehicles may experience difficulty in using the restricted roadway.

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED:**

that Council agree the Roads Service proposals to introduce waiting restrictions at Tullaghans Road, Dunloy.

14.2 Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Seymour Street, Ballymoney

At a recent meeting between Roads Service representatives, Councillor Finlay and Translink, concern was expressed with cars parking on the lower section of Seymour Street. Cars parked on the left hand side do not present a problem but cars parked on the opposite side can restrict the movement of larger vehicles. It was agreed that Roads Service should try to introduce double yellow lines to prevent the parking on one side and on a short section at the lower end of the street.

The Mayor thanked Roads Service for their intervention in maintaining traffic flow to and from the businesses in the location of Seymour Street. Council offered no specific comments on the proposal.

14.3 Proposed Waiting Restriction – Robinson Avenue, Ballymoney

At a recent meeting between Traffic Management and Councillor Ian Stevenson and a local resident, safety concerns were raised when vehicles approach the junction of Robinson Avenue and the Newal Road. Roads Service proposes to introduce double yellow lines on the approach to this junction.

Councillor Stevenson welcomed this initiative.

14.4 Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 - Development at Edenmore, Bendooragh, Bendooragh Stage 1 & Stage 2 Developer J G Bradley Limited

The streets at the above development have been adopted by Roads Service.

896.15 ARMAGH CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL WINTER GRITTING SCHEDULE

At its meeting on 22 December 2008 the following Notice of Motion was unanimously agreed by Armagh City and District Council:

“That this Council supports the Minister for Regional Development in reviewing his department’s policy for gritting rural roads to ensure that all roads which are used by a school bus are included in the Winter Gritting Schedule as a matter of policy.”

Members have asked for this to be copied to all other 25 Councils.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor McGuigan

that Council supports the resolution by Armagh City & District Council, as set out above, and writes to the Minister to request that all bus routes are gritted.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

896.16 REPORTS

A list of reports was circulated for members’ information.

896.17 NILGA REPORTS & UPDATES

Councillor Robinson advised members that, at a recent meeting of NILGA, a presentation was given on the way forward for Council's implementation of a waste infrastructure and information was provided on the necessary legal requirements. Councillor Robinson has requested a copy of the presentation for members' information.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm