

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Council Meeting No 905 – 6th July 2009**

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Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Council Meeting No 905 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 6th July 2009 at 6.30 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman F Campbell, Mayor

PRESENT:

Aldermen
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor
H Connolly
J Simpson

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kennedy
Councillor McKay, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Central & Leisure Services
Director of Borough Services
Corporate Project Officer
Committee Clerk

Unison (Item 1)
Mr S Dorrity

Press
Public x 2

905.1 UNISON PRESENTATION

The Mayor welcomed Mr Dorrity to the meeting to address members on the issue of 0.5% pay offer to Local Government Staff. Mr Dorrity advised members that Council employees' pension provider had increased employees' contributions from 1st April 2009 by 1% to maintain projected returns from the pension scheme. Pay negotiations have

taken place with the Employer's side offering an award of 0.5%. This offer means that Council employees salaries/wages will be reduced by 0.5% in the current period. Referring to Council's provision during its rates setting process of an increase of 2% on salaries and wages budgets, Mr Dorrity requested that Council write to Mr Spratt, the Local Government employer's representative on the National Joint Council, supporting a higher award of up to 2%, particularly in the current economic climate.

The Director of Central & Leisure Services responded to questions from members relating to the recently undertaken job evaluation exercise effective from 2006 and the subsequent cost to Council and that Council had included a budget of 2% during the rates setting process. Members expressed the view that Council should not get directly involved with the negotiations of the Joint Negotiating Committee.

The Mayor thanked Mr Dorrity for his presentation and he left the meeting at 6.55 pm.

- * **The Director of Borough Services joined the meeting at 6.40 pm during the discussion**

905.2 UNISON – PAY OFFER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF

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

that Council 'move into Committee' to continue discussion of the item.

- * **The press left the meeting at 6.56 pm,**

The discussion continued with the Director of Central & Leisure Services clarifying Council's compliance with the terms and conditions of NJC, which is the negotiating mechanism for pay and conditions across 26 councils.

- * **Councillor McGuigan joined the meeting at 7.03 pm.**

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

that Council note Unison's request that Council support a higher pay award.

Councillor Cavlan recorded her disagreement with the motion.

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

that Council 'move out of Committee' to continue the business of the meeting.

* The press returned to the meeting at 7.20 pm.

905.3 JULY PLANNING SCHEDULE

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

that all refusals on the July Planning Schedule be deferred to the August meeting of the Consultation Committee.

905.4 MINUTES - MEETING NO 903 – 1st JUNE 2009

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

that the minutes of meeting No 903 on 1st June 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

905.5 MINUTES - MEETING NO 904 (AGM) – 18TH JUNE 2009

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Cousley and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of meeting No 904 (AGM) on 18th June 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

905.6 SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

that the Seal of the Council be affixed to Grave Registration Certificate numbers 1159, 1160, 1162 and 1163.

905.7 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 39 – 15TH JUNE 2009

Councillor McKeown presented the report.

The minutes of meeting No 39 on 15th June 2009, as circulated, were received.

905.8 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 40 – 22nd JUNE 2009

Councillor McKeown presented the report.

The minutes of meeting No 40 on 22nd June 2009, as circulated, were received.

905.9 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 205 – 15TH JUNE 2009

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 205 on 15th June 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.10 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 206 – 22nd JUNE 2009

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 206 on 22nd June 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.11 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 362 – 16TH JUNE 2009

Alderman Campbell presented the report.

Matters Arising**11.1 12th Demonstrations – Request for Assistance (362.16)**

At the request of Alderman Simpson, the Director of Central & Leisure Services clarified the recommendation to defer the request from Ballymoney District LOL No 16 for the provision of bins to the June meeting of the Health & Environmental Services Committee. Following a query from Councillor McGuigan, the Director of Borough Services confirmed that the matter had not been listed on the June Health & Environmental Services report.

11.2 Ballymoney Community Resource Centre – Correspondence (362.6)

Responding to Councillor Robinson, the Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that Council's response to the Resource Centre would issue following ratification of the recommendation by Council.

11.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 362 on 16th June 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.12 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 363 – 1ST JULY 2009

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 363 on 1st July 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.13 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 351 – 23rd JUNE 2009

Councillor Robinson presented the report

Matters Arising:

13.1 NI Houses in Multiple Occupation Strategy 2009 (351.30)

Councillor Finlay, Council's representative on the Northern Ireland Housing Council, urged that Council ensure compliance of landlords with regulations and encourage licence holders to acknowledge their responsibilities in complying with the legislation.

13.2 Erection of Street Nameplates in a Language other than English (351.14)

Councillor McGuigan expressed concern with regard to documentation of the recommendation in the minute. He stated that the applications met Council policy with regard to street naming and he expressed the view that the recommendation should state that the applications be approved. At his request, the recorded vote was clarified.

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Cavlan

that Council comply with its own policy and erect nameplates as requested by the residents, in accordance with that policy.

The Chair put the motion to the vote with 4 members voting in favour and 8 members voting against the motion.

The Chair declared the motion lost.

At the request of Councillor McGuigan, the Director of Borough Services agreed to provide further information on the recommendation in minute ref 351.14.

13.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Health & Environmental Services Meeting No 351 on 23rd June 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.14 CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 377 – 22nd & 23rd JUNE 2009

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

Matters Arising:

14.1 Timing of Meetings (377.10)

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

that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Corporate & Central Services Committee.

14.2 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No 377 on 22nd & 23rd June 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.15 5TH NOMINATION FOR PEACE III LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND GOOD RELATIONS PROGRAMME FOR CIVIC LEADERS

It was agreed at Corporate & Central Services Committee meeting held on 22nd June 2009 that the following members be nominated to attend the programme with the fifth nomination being agreed at Council's July meeting.

- Councillor Robinson (DUP)
- Alderman Campbell, Mayor (DUP)
- Councillor McCamphill (SDLP)
- Alderman Simpson (UUP)

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

that Councillor Cavlan be nominated as Council's 5th representative to attend the training programme.

905.16 RESOURCES TASK GROUP – 22nd JUNE 2009

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Cousley and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Resources Task Group on 22nd June 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.17 RESOURCES TASK GROUP – 1ST JULY 2009

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Resources Task Group on 1st July 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

At the request of Councillor Finlay, the Director of Central & Leisure Services confirmed that salaries/wages budget was the largest single cost to Council.

* **Councillor McGuigan left the meeting at 8.00 pm.**

905.18 AUDIT COMMITTEE NO 16 – 16TH JUNE 2009

Alderman Cousley presented the report.

It was proposed by Alderman Cousley seconded by Councillor Robinson and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Audit Committee No 16 on 16th June 2009, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

905.19 REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

A copy of the report setting out the Final Recommendations for the boundaries and names of the eleven new local government districts in Northern Ireland, and for the number, boundaries and names of their constituent wards has been received and circulated to each member. The report can also be viewed on the website www.lgbc-ni.org

305.20 ROADS SERVICE

Roads Service has written to inform Council that it has adopted streets at the developments listed below.

Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980
Rosemount, Cloughmills
Developer: Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980
Miller Avenue, Dervock
Developer: Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980
Seacon Park, Ballymoney
Developer: Northern Ireland Housing Executive

905.21 REPORTS

A list of reports was circulated for members' information.

905.22 NILGA REPORTS & UPDATES

A list of reports was circulated for members' information.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm.