

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Council Meeting No 919 – 10th May 2010**

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Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Council Meeting No 919 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 10th May 2010 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman F Campbell, Mayor

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor
J Simpson

Councillors

J Finlay
R Halliday
B Kennedy
M McCamphill
P McGuigan
T McKeown
A Patterson
E Robinson

APOLOGIES: **Councillors**
A Cavlan

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Borough Services
Director of Central & Leisure Services
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Committee Clerk

Press**919.1 CONDOLENCE**

Sympathy was extended to the wife and family of a former Council colleague, Brendan Smyth, who served as a member of Ballymoney Borough Council from 1973 – 1979. Elected as an Alliance member he represented the town electoral area.

Speaking affectionately of his former colleague Alderman Campbell said, “Brendan had a very keen interest in the promotion of sport and leisure. He demonstrated at all times a constructive interest in the welfare of the local community and during his service with the Council proved to be a valued member. I would convey on my behalf and on behalf of the Members, Officers and staff of the Council our deepest sympathy to his wife and the family circle.”

After observing a minute's silence, Alderman Connolly concurred with the Mayor's comments stating that Mr Smyth had been an excellent councillor representative. Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Robinson and Alderman Simpson endorsed the Mayor's remarks and extended their condolences to Mr Smyth's family.

919.2 MINUTES - MEETING NO 918 – 7TH APRIL 2010

Matters Arising:

2.1 Flooding at Riverside Park (918.10)

Councillor Stevenson requested that consideration be given to a meeting of the Flooding Sub Committee to look at flooding issues. This was referred to Development Committee.

2.2 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of meeting No 918 on 7th April 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

919.3 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 49 – 19th APRIL 2010

The minutes of meeting No 49 on 19th April 2010, as circulated, were received.

* **Councillor McGuigan joined the meeting at 7.05 pm.**

919.4 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 214 – 19TH APRIL 2010

Councillor Finlay presented the report. The Head of Corporate & Development Services presented addendums as set out at 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4.

Matters Arising:

4.1 Twinning Association Presentation (214.5)

Councillor Finlay commended the work of the Twinning Association. The Mayor concurred with his remarks.

* **Councillor McKeown joined the meeting at 7.10 pm.**

4.2 London 2012 Torch Relay Route (214.12)

Councillor Robinson advised that NILGA was part of the 2012 committee and it was in this capacity that it inaugurated the questionnaire.

4.3 Peace III, Phase 11 – 2010-2013

Phase II of the PEACE III Programme is currently being planned for the period 2010- 2013 and the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) has issued guidelines on the development of the action plan for Phase II.

The guidelines state that the existing configuration of the PEACE III Clusters will form the basis for bids for Phase II, as such the six Council areas of Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney, Moyle, Ballymena and Larne will remain together as a cluster for the implementation of PEACE III, Phase II.

Within the guidelines Local Authorities will continue to assume a lead role on the basis of the *primus inter pares* principle. The six Councils of Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney, Moyle, Ballymena and Larne must agree on the lead Council to take Phase II forward. Coleraine Borough Council, as lead council under Phase I, has agreed to remain the lead Council for Phase II, subject to the agreement of the other Councils. It requests that each council give their approval to proceeding with Coleraine Borough Council as the lead for the development and implementation of Phase II.

An interim evaluation on Phase I is currently underway and the findings will be discussed at the NE Peace III Partnership Meeting on 12th May.

It is recommended that in order to proceed with the required planning for Phase II, Council confirm its commitment to the six Council cluster and agree that Coleraine Borough Council continue in the role as lead council for the delivery of Phase II of the PEACE III Programme for the period 2010-2013.

4.4 Steps To Success For Small Business Programme – Project Ref Edp10/003521

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive, Alderman Simpson and Alderman Cousley declared an interest in item 4.4 as members of the Board of Acorn the Business Centre, part of the Causeway Coast Business Support Consortium and left the meeting at 7.18 pm.

A total of 3 applications to deliver this collaborative project were received by the deadline of 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 21st April 2010. These were subsequently opened by the Development Committee Chair, Councillor Finlay, and the Head of Corporate and Development Services, Liz Johnston on Friday, 30th April 2010.

The tenders received were as follows:

TENDER SUBMITTED BY:	TENDER AMOUNT
Causeway Enterprise Agency (Causeway Coast Business Support Consortium*)	£40,205.00 +VAT
Full Circle Management Solutions	£43,750.00 +VAT
NORIBIC (Northern Ireland Business and Innovation Centre)	£42,788.00 + VAT

* This is a consortium of the 4 Local Enterprise Agencies based in the 4-Council area, i.e. Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady and Moyle.

The tenders have been assessed by a panel of Economic Development Officers representing Ballymoney, Limavady and Moyle. The result of the assessment is given below:

1. NORIBIC (Northern Ireland Business and Innovation Centre)
2. Causeway Enterprise Agency (Causeway Coast Business Support Consortium*)
3. Full Circle Management Solutions

It is recommended:

That Council approve the recommendation of the Assessment Panel that the highest scoring tender, i.e. the NORIBIC tender, and NORIBIC's appointment as this programme's delivery body at a cost of £42,788.00 +VAT.

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

that Council 'move into Committee' to discuss the item.

* **Members of the press left the meeting at 7.20 pm.**

At the request of Councillor McGuigan, the Head of Corporate & Development Services clarified the tender selection based on the assessment process against the range of criteria.

The meeting was also advised on the procurement provisions which allowed for a period of standstill before the award of the tender is confirmed.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor McCamphill

that Council approve the recommendation of the Assessment Panel that the highest scoring tender, i.e. the NORIBIC tender, and NORIBIC's appointment as this programme's delivery body at a cost of £42,788.00 +VAT, being the second lowest tender.

The Chair put the motion to the vote

For	AGAINST
4	0

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

that Council 'move out of Committee' to continue its business.

- * **The Chief Executive, Alderman Simpson, Alderman Cousley and members of the press returned to the meeting at 7.45 pm.**

4.5 Draft Tourism Strategy 2020

A report on the consultation on the Draft Tourism Strategy was given at the committees meeting on 19th April (min 214.3 refers). Since that time the Causeway Coast and Glens RTO (CCGRTO) has also hosted a meeting to consult with its board and management committee. Draft responses will be forthcoming from CCGRTO and from NILGA following their consultation event. The deadline for submission of responses is 20th May. **It is recommended** that Council grant committee powers to agree a response on Council's behalf at its meeting on 17th May.

4.6 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and
AGREED:

that the minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 214 on 19th April 2010, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved including the recommendations as set out at 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.

919.5 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 371 – 20TH APRIL 2010

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

Matters Arising:

5.1 Head of Amenities (371.18)

Councillor Stevenson, as Chair of Committee, thanked the Head of Amenities for his hard work and commitment during his 33 years service and wished him a long and happy retirement.

5.2 JDLC – Closure of Bank Holidays during 2010/11 (371.2)

Councillor Robinson extended thanks to the staff at the centre who have agreed to take annual leave to facilitate the closures.

5.3 Boundary Fence at McCamphill Park, Dunloy (371.12)

At the request of Councillor McGuigan, the Director of Borough Services advised that he hoped to report on the matter at an early future Committee meeting.

5.4 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 371 – 20th April, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

919.6 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 359 – 27TH APRIL 2010

Councillor Robinson presented the report.

Matters Arising:**6.1 Operation of Humanitarian Assistance Centres (359.17)**

In response to a question by Councillor Stevenson regarding the condition of the failed electricity poles, the Chief Executive advised that during a meeting with representatives from NIE, it was confirmed that 95% of the poles were of 'A-Standard'.

6.2 Local Partnership Working on Policing & Community Safety (359.16)

The Chief Executive clarified to Councillor McKeown, that the issue in the consultation document, regarding amalgamation of partnerships is a separate issue to that of joint working arrangements for CSP and DPP Managers (dealt with by Corporate and Central Services Committee).

6.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Health & Environmental Services Meeting No 359 on 27th April 2010, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

Councillor Robinson and Councillor Stevenson requested that they be recorded as refraining from agreeing to the recommendation set out at 359.16.

* **Councillor Kennedy left the meeting at 8.07 pm.**

919.7 CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 385 – 26TH APRIL 2010

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

Matters Arising:

7.1 Community Safety & DPP – Joint Working (385.3)

As Chair of the DPP, Councillor McKeown expressed the view of DPP members that the Managers of both partnerships should not share office accommodation. Other members concurred with these remarks.

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

that Council 'move into committee' to discuss this item.

* **Members of the press left the meeting at 8.15 pm.**

In committee the Chief Executive advised members of structural issues addressed, as identified by NIO surveys and workshops and set out in Minister Goggins letter to Councils, all of which were present in the arrangements in Ballymoney i.e. different line management structures, separate administrative support, split accommodation and functions sitting in different Council departments.

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

that the recommendation as set out in 7.1 (min ref 385.3) be referred back to the next meeting of committee.

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

that Council 'move out of committee' to continue its business.

7.2 Consultation on Agenda (385.12)

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Halliday

that the Committee recommendation which had not been accepted by Committee be put to the meeting i.e. "Consultation should take place between the Chair (Vice Chair in absence) and the officer(s) (deputy(ies) in absence), prior to the agenda going out to the other members of the appropriate committee/subcommittee"

The Mayor put the motion to the vote:

FOR	AGAINST
5	1

The Chair declared the motion carried.

7.3 Accounts for Payment (385.18)

Councillor Finlay referred to the lengthy and time consuming discussion at Committee on the standing item of Accounts for Payment suggesting that details be provided prior to the meeting to enable an opportunity for review prior to the meeting. Alderman Connolly concurred with Councillor Finlay.

7.4 National Association of Councillors NI Region (385.7)

A discussion ensued on the benefits of membership and the Chief Executive responded to a number of questions.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Stevenson:

that the recommendation as set out in 7.4 (min ref 385.7) be referred to the next meeting of committee.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote:

FOR	AGAINST
3	3

The Mayor used his casting vote in favour of the motion and declared the motion carried.

7.5 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman Simpson, Seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Corporate & Central Service Committee Meeting No 385 on 26th April 2010, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved, with the exception of items 7.1 and 7.4 as set out above.

919.8 RESOURCES TASK GROUP NO 29 – 15TH APRIL 2010

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

Matters Arising:**8.1 Review of RTG Role & Activities (29.2)**

Members discussed the revision and frequency of financial reporting.

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

that reports relating to overtime be provided on a quarterly basis.

8.2 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Resources Task Group No 29 on 15th April 2010, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved including the recommendation as set out at 8.1.

919.9 SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

that the Seal of Council be affixed to:

- 1. Grave registration certificate numbers 1196, 1197 & 1198.*
- 2. Lease for a period of 50 years with NIE in respect of substation situated at Greengage, Ballymoney.*

* The Director of Central & Leisure Services and the Director of Borough Services left the meeting at 9.15 pm.

919.10 NORTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD – NOMINATION

Members will recall that the Education Minister invited Council to submit two nominations to the North-Eastern Education & Library Board (NEELB). Council opted to put forward one nomination, its existing representative, Councillor John Finlay.

The Minister has written again reinforcing the point that the Commissioner for Public Appointments regulates Ministerial appointments to the Education and Library Boards (ELBs) and in accordance with the Commissioner's Code of Practice, Departments must

request at least two nominations for each vacancy and encourage nominating bodies to comply with the request, as it upholds the principle of Ministerial choice.

With the exception of Ballymoney, all councils in the NEELB area provided at least two nominees per post. Indeed only one other Council (in a different Board area) has so far not provided at least two nominees. The Minister indicates her wish to make Councillor appointments to each of the ELBs as soon as possible and the importance of following good practice by having a choice available. Delays in the receipt of nominations, she asserts, inevitably hold up the selection and appointment processes.

The Minister asks that Council review its position urgently with a view to providing names and addresses of Councillor nominations for Board membership in accordance with the Commissioner's guidelines.

Council considered the Minister's further request for at least one further nomination.

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

that Councillor Robinson be nominated for consideration for Membership of the North Eastern Education & Library Board.

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

that Councillor McCamphill be nominated for consideration for Membership of the North Eastern Education & Library Board.

It was proposed by Councillor McKeown, seconded by Councillor Halliday and **AGREED:**

that Alderman Simpson be nominated for consideration for Membership of the North Eastern Education & Library Board.

The four nominations, Councillor Finlay, Councillor Robinson, Councillor McCamphill and Alderman Simpson would be forwarded to the Minister.

919.11 PROPOSALS FOR A ROADS (FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT COUNCILS) BILL – A CONSULTATION.

The Department of Regional Development, Roads Service, has issued a consultation paper setting out its proposals for inclusion in a Roads (Functions of District Councils) Bill.

The main aim of the Bill is to contribute to the Executive's vision for the future government of Northern Ireland by providing powers to enable certain functions currently carried out by Roads Service, on behalf of the Department, to be carried out by local councils when the Review of Public Administration is brought into effect. Those functions are:-

- a) The authorisation of road races under the Road Races (NI) Order 1986;
- b) The issue of authorisation to enable vehicles to enter pedestrian zones;
- c) Off-street car parks; and

- d) On and off-street parking enforcement.

The consultation document can be downloaded at www.drdni.gov.uk

Comments on the proposed legislation, with particular regard to the potential impact it may have on equality of opportunity, human rights issues and implementation costs are invited by 23rd July.

919.12 PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – MARKET STREET, BALLYMONEY

Roads Service have been made aware that vehicles parking on the left hand side of Market Street, Ballymoney, heading out of town, are causing problems for people exiting from the various commercial premises. As a preliminary step, Roads Service provided a small section of hatching at the entrances of these premises to deter parking so close. This worked for a short time, however now there are vehicles parking on top of the hatching and creating further difficulties exiting. Roads Service now propose to introduce a short section of double yellow lines at the entrance of No. 22 – 26 Market Street as this seems to be the one causing problems. This will allow better site splays and create better visibility for vehicles wishing to exit on to Market Street.

A map of the proposal is exhibited in the Members' Room.

Council's comments are invited. It was **AGREED** to support the proposals.

919.13 PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL – COUNCILLOR D. McKAY, MLA – INTRODUCTION OF LEVY ON PLASTIC BAGS – A CONSULTATION

Councillor McKay has advised of his plan to bring to the floor of the Assembly a Private Members Bill relating to the introduction of a levy on plastic bags.

The Bill would have three key objectives: -

- a) Protecting the environment both by the reduction in the number of plastic bags and by investing the money raised by the levy in local environmental projects;
- b) To assist with waste reduction by encouraging the reduction of plastic bags in circulation and the reuse of those that are; and
- c) Raising awareness of environmental issues such as recycling and litter.

A copy of the explanatory note on the proposal was circulated.

Comments are invited by Friday 14th May. While there was support for the principle objectives of the bill there were concerns about the difficulties the extent of bureaucracy for small shopkeepers would cause. No specific comments were offered.

* **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 9.30 pm.**

919.14 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CENTRES – NIE POWER CUTS, APRIL 2010

NIE has written conveying thanks to Council for their initiative in opening the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on the occasion of the recent power cuts. It states that the assistance centres played a crucial role in minimising the hardship experienced by its customers in places where the damage was most severe and it took several days to reconnect all those affected.

Commenting on the emergency NIE explained that the snow storm caused widespread damage to the NIE network mainly due to a phenomenon known as ice accretion which is the build up of wind driven snow which freezes on

poles and conductors to the extent they collapse under the extra weight. Fortunately the conditions giving rise to the ice accretion are relatively rare; the last such experience was some ten years ago affecting much of County Down. Unfortunately there is no real remedy for this sort of occurrence; ice storms (as they are often known) cause similar damage throughout the world.

NIE assured Council that its staff and colleagues from other companies did everything possible to repair the damage and reconnect customers as quickly as possible. At the height of the event it had 830 people involved in the restoration effort including 600 staff in the field working in often very difficult conditions. The support it received from electricity colleagues in ROI and GB and other companies and contractors was invaluable in getting everyone back on supply as quickly as possible.

The opening of the Leisure Centre was a terrific help to beleaguered customers and bringing relief to those worst affected, many of whom had not had electricity for several days. The centres were an excellent example of the community and essential services working together in extreme circumstances.

NIE will be carrying out a thorough analysis of the storm and the widespread damage it caused and would be happy to present its report to Council and take any views of public representatives.

Council has already agreed to receive a report from NIE on this matter.

919.15 RATES DEFERMENT SCHEME FOR OWNER OCCUPIER PENSIONERS

Members are aware that one of the key outcomes of the Executive's review of rating was the decision to introduce a rates deferment scheme for owner-occupier pensioners. Following on from the consultation exercise the Department of Finance & Personnel has written to update Council on progress.

Following passage of new enabling legislation through the Rates (Amendment) Act (NI) 2009, new subordinate legislation giving effect to the policy was passed by the Assembly on Tuesday 2 March. As a result of this the policy came into operation on 1 April 2010.

A memorandum has issued to members giving website access details for the regulations and associated explanatory memorandum and the Land and Property Services factsheet on the scheme.

919.16 RATES INFORMATION BOOKLET

Land and Property Services have published a "Guide to Rates" which has been sent out with rate bills to all ratepayers. The Guide contains information on how bills are calculated, methods of payment, how to get help with paying rates and answers to a number of frequently asked questions. A copy will be placed on members' desks. Copies are also available in the members' room and at Riada House reception.

919.17 POLICE (NI) ACT 2000 (RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ORDER 2010

A review of the effectiveness of the temporary provisions contained in the Police (NI) Act 2000 was conducted from 30 October 2009 – 22 January 2010. The Northern Ireland Office (NIO) consultation document provided an opportunity for people to comment on the effectiveness of the provisions and give their views on extending the provisions for a final year.

In the document the Government set out its proposal to renew the provision for a further year to March 2011, to enable the target 30% Catholic composition to be achieved and to ensure that appointments from the most recent recruitment campaign, which began in January 2010, are made on the same basis and under the same provisions as any remaining appointments from earlier campaigns.

NIO has considered the responses and had regard to the progress made towards securing that membership of the Police and Police support staff is representative of the NI community. A renewal order which will continue the temporary provisions in force for a further, final year (to 28 March 2011) was laid before Parliament on 3 February 2010. The order was debated in Delegated Legislation Committee in the House of Commons on 3 March, receiving approval on 8 March 2010. The House of Lords approved the Order on 9 March 2010, following debate on the floor of the House.

A copy of the Government's response to the consultation document, the renewal order and explanatory memorandum are available from the Office of the Chief Executive.

919.18 PRIVATE STREETS – ADOPTION

The Department of Regional Development, Roads Service, has given notice that the streets within development at St. James's Park, Coleraine Road, Ballymoney, Stage 1 (Developer J F, H, VM & B Dowds, T/A Fairview Developments) have been adopted by Roads Service under the Private Streets (N()) Order 1980.

919.19 A PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – "LIVING MATTERS: DYING MATTERS"

On 18th March 2010 the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety launched "Living Matters: Dying Matters – A Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy for Northern Ireland".

The Strategy provides a policy framework for the planning and delivery of palliative and end of life care across the public, independent, community and voluntary sectors and aims to ensure that any person with an advanced, non-curative condition lives well and dies well irrespective of their condition or care setting.

The strategy is available on the Department's website:
www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/8555_palliative_final.pdf

919.20 ROYAL MAIL MODERNISATION & RATIONALISATION PROGRAMME – PAY DEAL

Royal Mail has written to advise that it has reached an agreement with the postal executive of the Communication Workers Union (CWU) on how they will work together to get on with the modernisation of the business. The deal will shortly be put to a ballot of CWU Workers. It provides for a pay increase totalling 6.9% over three years as well as lump sums – dependent on the introduction and delivery of the planned changes – totalling £1,000 for each full-time individual with pro-rata payments for part-time employees. The agreement, called “Business Transformation 2010 and Beyond” sets out how Royal Mail will achieve a strong thriving and competitive Royal Mail – a vision which is shared by the Union and the company. Covering all aspects of Royal Mail's operations, services and industrial relations Royal Mail considers it is a good deal for the business, its people and its customers. It is noted that the number of jobs will continue to decline at a similar rate as presently but Royal Mail is determined to do all it can to ensure any job losses are through voluntary redundancy or natural turnover.

It points out that huge challenges remain including tackling the pension fund deficit which stands at almost £10B, how best to secure the future funding of the Post Office Network and the completion of the vital modernisation of the Letters business. The company remains dedicated to continuing its process of much-needed change and to serve its customers, small and large, in NI and across the UK.

A summary of the details of the deal was circulated.

919.21 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CORPORATE & BUSINESS PLAN 2010-2011

The Department of Regional Development has published its Corporate and Business Plan 2010-2011. The plans can be viewed on their website www.drdni.gov.uk.

The Corporate Plan takes account of the fact that the Department will be facing constraints in public expenditure in the coming year. While this is a major challenge it will continue to have a significant budget to spend in laying the foundations for the type of economy and society all in NI want to see. Its important work will continue on building, improving and maintaining roads, public transport arrangements and water and sewerage services. During 2010-11 the Department will spend almost £1.1B on roads, public transport and water programmes.

The Business Plan, which incorporates the balanced scorecard details targets for 2010-11 working towards delivering the longer-term public service agreement targets and other commitments set out in the Programme for Government 2008-11.

919.22 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING ON POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY – CONSULTATION

This consultation document seeks views on the best way to deliver the functions of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) in the future through single partnerships. The subject matter is addressed in Health & Environmental Services Committee Minutes (min ref. 359.16). NILGA have produced a paper which was circulated for members' information.

919.23 STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

“At a meeting of Strabane District Council held on 23rd March 2010, it was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the First and Deputy First Minister calling for the instigation of a regulatory framework for oil, solid fuel and liquefied petroleum gas.

It was further agreed that the support of all Councils in Northern Ireland would be sought on this matter. I would therefore appreciate if you could bring this matter to the attention of your Council and if support is agreed, that you write accordingly to the First and Deputy First Minister.”

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

that Council support Strabane District Council in writing to the First and Deputy First Ministers calling for the instigation of a regulatory framework for oil, solid fuel and liquefied petroleum gas.

919.24 REPORTS

A list of reports was circulated for members' information.

919.25 NILGA REPORTS/UPDATES

A list of reports was circulated for members' information.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.