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Minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 60, held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 21st March at 2.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman H Connolly

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell

Councillors
A Cavlan
J Finlay
R Halliday
B Kennedy, Mayor
M McCamphill
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: **Councillors**
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Borough Services
Head of Corporate and Development Services
Committee Clerk

Press

Patient & Client Council (Item 2)
Jackie McNeill

Planning Service (Item 3)
P Mc Grogan, Planning Officer

60.1 CONDOLENCES

The Chairman expressed his condolences on the death of Mr William McIlfatrick, father of Councillor Patterson. He advised that an e-mail had been sent to all members regarding the funeral arrangements. The Chief Executive clarified that a letter of condolence and wreath will be sent on behalf of Ballymoney Council.

60.2 PRESENTATION – PATIENT & CLIENT COUNCIL

The representative (Patient & Client Council) began the presentation and explained that the organization has been operational since 1st April 2009.

***Councillor Stevenson arrived at 2.02 p.m.**

***Councillor Cavlan arrived at 2.08 p.m.**

The representative responded to questions on a range of topics including:

Car Parking charges
Braid Valley Hospital closure
Decision making powers
Minister's inattention to complaints regarding Health Care

The representative reiterated the need for the public, through voluntary groups, community groups and constituents to be made aware of the Patient & Client Council and what their work involves.

Further questions were answered by the representative on a range of topics including:

Waiting lists for appointments
Community care resources
Health care budget
Department of Health funding
Lack of provision for young people suffering mental health problems
Patient & Client Council's authority and independent influence

The representative acknowledged Councillor Halliday's concern regarding 2 wards closed in the Royal Victoria Hospital due to financial constraints. She agreed to follow this up - Councillor Halliday to provide more details.

***Councillor Kennedy left the meeting at 2.53 p.m.**

The Chair thanked the representative for her presentation to Council.

***The representative from Patient & Client Council left the meeting at 2.54 p.m.**

60.2 MINUTES - MEETING NO 59 – 21st FEBRUARY 2011

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 59 – 21st February 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

***The Planning Officer arrived at the meeting at 2.55 p.m.**

60.3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1 New Applications

Items 1 – 5 were considered and the opinion of the Planning Service accepted except where stated otherwise.

Full details of applications can be viewed at:

http://apps.planningni.gov.uk/council_schedules/ballymoney.aspx

Applications 1 – 5 were all approved.

3.2 Applications 1 – 2 (Deferred) were considered and the opinion of the Planning Service accepted except where stated otherwise.

Item No 1 – D1/2007/0250/F – Approval
Item No 2 – D/2010/0274/O – Approval

The Planning Officer explained that all applications have been approved, therefore, there will be no office meeting. However, Councillor Finlay and Councillor Cavlan referred to two outstanding applications from the previous month. The Planning Officer advised that he will contact both Councillors separately and organize to have the two meetings held in the planning office.

60.4 RPTI CONFERENCE ‘PLACE MATTERS’

Councillor Finlay advised that the conference was very enjoyable, in particular the Traffic Management Schemes.

The Planning Officer congratulated Ballymoney Borough Council for their attendance and stated that it had been an inspirational conference. Mr Ben Hamilton-Bailey had been one of the key speakers.

***The Director of Borough Services arrived at the meeting at 3.07 p.m.**

A lengthy discussion ensued between the members and the Planning Officer regarding the possibility of Ballymoney becoming a pilot for a model sustainable travel town scheme.

***Councillor Cavlan left the meeting at 3.15 p.m.**

In response to Councillor Finlay, the Chief Executive advised that in order to advance a pilot scheme, DRD's co-operation would be useful.

***Councillor McCamphill left the meeting at 3.20 p.m.**

***Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 3.23 p.m.**

The discussion continued with reference being made to creating a safe cycling environment.

***Councillor McCamphill and Councillor Stevenson returned to the meeting at 3.28 p.m. respectively.**

***The Head of Corporate and Development Services joined the meeting at 3.28 p.m.**

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

that Council write to DOE Minister regarding possible involvement in piloting a model sustainable travel town scheme.

***The Planning Officer left the meeting at 3.38 p.m.**

***Press left the meeting at 3.38 p.m.**

60.5 LANDFILL (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011

Following on from the Environment Minister's letter of 4th February to the Chief Executive, a further letter dated 9th March from the Minister to the relevant Chief

Executives' on the subject of the framework agreement dealing with landfill sites was discussed. The Minister advises that the European Commission has made it clear that they expect the Regulations to be in place by the end of the month and that the Department intends to comply with this deadline to avoid an escalation of infraction proceedings. It is the Minister's intention to proceed to make the regulations as soon as possible.

The Chief Executive informed members that as a representative of Ballymoney Borough Council he had attended the meeting on Friday 11th March held in Lisburn Borough Council. Three of the five affected Councils were represented. The represented Councils were confident that they would now be in a position to sign the finalised Framework Agreement document. Funding will be 50% of the cost of acquiring consultancy support to procure a closure plan up to a limit of £20,000 per site.

The Chief Executive reiterated that the Minister is urging Councils in Northern Ireland to sign up to the Framework Agreement in order to avoid infraction proceedings.

Members were also notified by the Chief Executive that a letter has been drafted by legal representatives, to be sent to the DoE, outlining their previous failure in providing proper guidance to Councils. Due to this, Ballymoney Council will seek to secure future additional costs regarding the landfill closure from the Department.

The Chief Executive advised that an e-mail had been received on Monday 21st March from the Northern Ireland Assembly; Statutory Rule has now been lodged and will be finalized by 23rd March 2011. Council's letter to the DoE was read out to members at this point.

The Director of Borough Services in response to Councillor Stevenson, explained that the difference in cost between closing the Council's landfill site to existing standards and the higher Landfill Directive standards had been estimated by the Council's consultant's back in 2003 to be approximately £500,000.

For Councillor's consideration the Chief Executive read through the finalised Framework Agreement.

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

that Ballymoney Council sign up to the Framework Agreement as outlined and submit to the Department of Environment with covering letter and continue to work collaboratively with the other Councils to procure consultancy support regarding closure plans.

The meeting ended at 4.05 p.m.