

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Council Meeting No 974 – 4th February 2013**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting No 974 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 4th February 2013 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E Robinson, Mayor

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor

Councillors
W Blair
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
P McGuigan
T McKeown
C McLaughlin
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: **Aldermen:**
B Kennedy
Councillors
J Atkinson
A Cavlan

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

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972.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

972.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO 972 – 7TH JANUARY 2013

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 972 – 7th January 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:**2.1 Flying of the Union Flag (972.10.2)**

Arising from comments by the Mayor in relation to the practice which existed in Council prior to policy review in 2001, and request by Councillor McGuigan for clarification, the Chief Executive explained that in terms of the equality scheme it was recognised that even if a policy is not written down, but demonstrated by doing, it is a policy. All issues regarding the flag policy would be addressed by the working group established.

2.2 Transforming your Care (972.15)

The Mayor said that while accepting the strategic comments in the report from NILGA she wished to ensure that the local health sector in the borough are satisfied with the changes proposed. She suggested that Council meet with representatives of health care providers from the local health centre.

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

to provide an opportunity to health care providers in Ballymoney to meet with members and give their views on the needs of the borough on the transforming your care initiative.

* Alderman Cousley joined the meeting at 7.10 pm.

2.3 Friends of the Roddens – Future of the Roddens (972.11)

The Chief Executive reported that advice had been received from Northern Health & Social Care Trust in response to Council's request for the Chief Executive to give a presentation to Council on its future plans for the Roddens Residential Home. The Trust Chief Executive indicated he would meet with the Chief Executive but that whilst the consultation is on-going it would not be appropriate for him to discuss the matter with Council. He would however be pleased to give a presentation to Council when the consultation period concludes. Councillor McGuigan suggested that the Trust Chief Executive also address members on the wider 'Transforming Your Care' concept.

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

that Council lend its support to the Friends of the Roddens in their opposition to any redefining of the status of the Roddens Residential Home in the Minister's overhaul of the Health Service; and

that the Trust Chief Executive attend Council to discuss the concerns raised by the Friends of the Roddens about the Roddens Residential Home and the wider concept of the Transforming Your Care initiative.

972.3 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO 973 – 14TH JANUARY 2013

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 973 – 14th January 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

972.4 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 81 – 21ST JANUARY 2013

Councillor Finlay presented the report.

that the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 81 – 21st January 2013, as circulated, were received.

972.5 MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NO 243 – 16TH JANUARY 2013

Councillor Blair presented the report.

Matters Arising:

5.1 Magilligan Prison Future Proposals (243.9)

5.1.1 Visit on 12th February

Councillor Stevenson advised that due to other commitments, Councillor Finlay is not now able to attend the visit on 12th February and that he will be attending in his place.

5.1.2 Elected Members' Liaison Group

Councillor McGuigan expressed the view that nominations to the Liaison Group should be decided using the d'Hondt system. The Chief Executive confirmed that the application of d'Hondt would result in four representatives from the DUP, as had been nominated.

5.2 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 243 – 16th January 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

972.6 MINUTES OF LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO 402 – 15TH JANUARY 2013

Alderman Campbell presented the report. Including addendum as set out at 6.1

6.1 Ballymoney Credit Union Schools Quiz

A request for financial assistance to Ballymoney Credit Union towards the cost of the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre facilities to host the local heat of the competition. **Recommended** that £100 is granted, as in previous years.

6.2 Amateur Boxing Match (402.13)

Arising from comments regarding proposed occasional bar licence the Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that although a decision has been taken not to operate bar services at the event, the recommendation for an occasional bar license remains in case of need. Councillor Finlay indicated that the facility was not required.

6.3 Good Relations Sub Committee (402.8)

At the request of Councillor McLaughlin, the Mayor clarified the reason for the sub-committee minutes being seconded by a non-member of the sub-committee was due to no sub-committee members being in attendance at the meeting.

6.4 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 402 – 15th January 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved including recommendation set out at 6.1.

* Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

**972.7 MINUTES OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
NO 388 – 22ND JANUARY 2013**

Alderman Connolly presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 388 – 22nd January 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

**972.8 MINUTES OF CORPORATE AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING NO 411 – 28TH JANUARY 2013**

Councillor Stevenson presented the report including addendum as set out at 8.1.

8.1 Flags Working Group (411.7)

The Chief Executive reported on the allocation of six places on the Working Group by applying the d'Hondt formula to the current make-up of council. The result is 5 places to DUP and one to SF.

Nominations to the group from the DUP will be advised to the Chief Executive in the next few days. Councillor McGuigan advised that he would represent SF on the group.

8.2 N I Waste Conference (411.16)

The Mayor advised that a reduced fee of £125 for this conference was available through NILGA. However she was now unable to attend the conference and her registration had been cancelled at no cost to Council.

8.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No 411 – 28th January 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein.

**972.9 MINUTES OF RESOURCES TASK GROUP MEETING NO 46 – 28TH JANUARY
2013**

The report was presented by Councillor Stevenson.

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

that the minutes of Resources Task Group Meeting No 46 – 28th January 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved

- * **The Director of Central & Leisure Services and the Deputy Director of Borough Services left the meeting at 7.35 pm.**

972.10 SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

that the Seal of the Council be affixed to Grave Registration certificates 1307, 1308, 1309.

972.11 MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor reported on matters addressed at the last meeting of the Regional Transition Committee on 30th January 2013 including funding options for RPA, rates convergence, district electoral areas boundaries commissioner, RTC working groups progress.

972.12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The Chief Executive reminded members of a series of events being held by DOE Focus Group seeking comments on powers of Statutory Transition Committee. The next event will take place on Tuesday 5th February at 2.30 pm at the Showgrounds in Ballymena. Any member wishing to attend should contact the Office of the Chief Executive.

Councillor Stevenson and Alderman Campbell expressed an interest in attending.

- * **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 7.45 pm.**

972.13 PRESENTATION – CAUSEWAY RURAL AND URBAN NETWORK

A request has been received from Causeway Rural and Urban Network to present to Council on Public Health Agency/DARD funded project aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of rural dwellers by increasing access to services, grants and benefits. The programme covers Rural Coleraine & Ballymoney. (Ballymoney

rural wards are: Benvardin, Kiloquin Lower & Upper, Ballyhoe, Corkey, Stranocum, Knockaholet, Dunloy, Seacon, Dervock, The Vow, Clogh Mills

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

to receive a presentation from Causeway Rural and Urban Network on Public Health Agency/DARD funded project regarding access, benefits etc., in rural areas.

972.14 YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRIORITIES IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

In May 2011 the Patient and Client Council launched a report on the above subject and this was issued extensively to decision makers throughout health and social care.

The key issues raised in the report were:

- A joined up approach to hospital care, out of hours, minor injuries and A&E services;
- Mental health services geared to young people's needs;
- Establishment of short waiting times for attention by professionals;
- Direct involvement of young people in the development of HSC services and their related communications;
- Adequate funding to secure and maintain modern HSC services;
- A focus on health education and promotion.

The report identified a number of significant priorities which should be considered when planning and delivering services in the future. A copy of the conclusions and recommendation is attached. Council has been asked to indicate the potential impact/influence of the report on its decision making and this is being addressed by management.

972.15 PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY – N.I. STRATEGY

Belfast Healthy Cities are hosting a stakeholder engagement event on the NI Strategy for Pharmaceutical Services in the Community on Wednesday 6th February 2013 2 – 4.30 p.m. at Farset International, Belfast.

There are over 500 community pharmacies in Northern Ireland and with over 123,000 people using a community pharmacy every day and 36 million prescriptions dispensed each year it is evident that most people use a pharmacy on a regular basis. In addition pharmacists are increasingly involved in patient care in other settings including GP surgeries.

This gives the opportunity to people to influence how pharmacy in the community in Northern Ireland will develop over the next few years by having their say on a range of issues including:

- Use of and access to medicines;
- How pharmacists could work with other health, voluntary and community sector providers;
- The development of their role in relation to public health, particularly health improvement, tackling health inequalities and working closely with their communities;

972.16 PRIVATE STREETS ORDER

Roads Service has given notice that streets within development at Edenmore, Bendooragh, Stage 3, (Developer J G Bradley Ltd) have now been adopted.

972.17 THE M2/TRUNK ROAD T7 ORDER (NI) 2013

Roads Service has provided for information a copy of the above Order and related maps, together with Statutory Notice, to be advertised in the local and provincial press during week's ending 1st and 8th February. This proposed order represents part of an on-going exercise providing for the designation as trunk road of newly constructed or realigned roads and for the detrunking of roads and lengths of road which have, in consequence, been superseded as main traffic routes. This is an administrative exercise which will involve no works on the ground. Further information on the Order is available from the Office of the Chief Executive on request.

972.18 ROADS SERVICE LICENCE RENEWALS

A schedule of licence applications was circulated.

972.19 REPORTS

The Chief Executive referred to the schedule of reports and NILGA reports, circulated, which are available from the Office of the Chief Executive.

972.20 NORTH WEST REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT GROUP (NWRWGM) – INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECT.

With the consent of the Mayor, the Chief Executive advised members of a letter, 28/1/2013, received from the Chief Executive of the NWRWGM relating to the infrastructure project.

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

***that Council 'move into Committee' to receive a report from the
Chief Executive on the correspondence.***

* **Press left the meeting at 7.50 pm.**

In committee, the Chief Executive referred to the document and CD released to the Councils which are constituent members of the NWRWVG and circulated to all members of Council. He read to members the private and confidential letter dated 28th January 2013 from the Chief Executive of the North Waste Region Waste Management Group (NWRWVG) and stressing the importance of maintaining confidentiality in relation to the procurement of this contract until it is awarded.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.