

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Council Meeting No 979 – 7th May 2013**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting No 979 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 7th May 2013 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E Robinson, Mayor

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor
B Kennedy

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

APOLOGIES: **Alderman**
F Campbell

Councillors
A Cavlan
R McAfee
M Storey, MLA

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

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979.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

979.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO 978 – 3RD APRIL 2013

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 978 – 3rd April 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, with the addition of Councillor Blair to the attendance list.

979.3 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 84 – 15TH APRIL 2013

Alderman Cousley presented the report.

the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 84 – 15th April 2013, as circulated, were received.

At the request of the Mayor, the Chief Executive advised that no comments had been received in relation to consultation documents listed at items 84.8, 84.9 and 84.10.

* **Alderman Kennedy joined the meeting at 7.05 pm.**

979.4 MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NO 246 – 17TH APRIL 2013

Alderman Kennedy presented the report including addendum as set out at 4.1.

4.1 Environmental Improvement Project - Linenhall Street/Charles Street

Arising from the decision at the Development Committee on the building repairs tender the consultants made contact with the lowest tenderer informing them of the arithmetic error and asking them to confirm that they would stand over the revised tender figure.

The contractor advised, with regret, that after internal discussions and further due diligence that they were withdrawing the tender figure and submission from the tendering process as they were unable to stand over the figure submitted.

In accordance with Committee's decision the tender was awarded to the next lowest tenderer, Russell Simpson Construction Limited, Antrim, in the amount of £29,436.80, following consultation with Central Procurement Directorate (CPD).

A licence agreement between Council and the building owners has been prepared by Council's Solicitor, to cover the carrying out of all the said works under the NEC3 engineering and construction short contract and including to indemnify the licensors. The licence will be presented for signing and sealing at item 979.9.

Councillor Finlay welcomed the proposals for Linenhall Street and Charles Street and congratulated the Chair of Committee and the Head of Corporate & Development Services for their work in seeking to improve the standard of the town. Alderman Kennedy thanked Councillor Finlay for his kind remarks.

Matters Arising:

4.2 Magilligan Prison – Work Placement (346.8)

At the request of the Mayor, the Head of Corporate & Development Services advised that a meeting will be arranged in-house to discuss project proposals and report will be brought back to Committee.

4.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 246 – 17th April 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

- * **Councillor Atkinson left the meeting at 7.10 pm during discussion of the Development Minutes.**

979.5 MINUTES OF LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO 405 – 16TH APRIL 2013

Councillor Halliday presented the report. The Head of Environmental Services presented an addendum as set out at 5.1.

5.1 Ballybogey RDP Project (405.12)

The Head of Environmental Services advised that an issue has arisen as regards the timely delivery of this project which may require Council decision. In order to expedite the matter, were this to be necessary, **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Leisure & Amenities Committee at its meeting to be held on 21st May be given Council powers solely to address this particular business.

Matters Arising:**5.2 North West 200 (405.7)**

The Mayor is unable to accept the invitation to the NW200 tour on 17th May due to prior commitments. Alderman Kennedy and Alderman Cousley expressed an interest in attending and will make their own travel arrangements.

5.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 405 – 16th April 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved including the addendum as set out at 5.1.

979.6 MINUTES OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NO 391 – 23RD APRIL 2013

Alderman Connolly presented the report.

Matters Arising:**6.1 Cycle Scheme (391.10)**

Councillor McGuigan welcomed the initiative to promote the scheme and encourage staff and members to purchase and use bicycles for work related journeys.

6.2 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 391 – 23rd April 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

979.7 MINUTES OF CORPORATE AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NO 414 – 22ND APRIL 2013

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No 414 – 22nd April 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

979.8 MINUTES OF RESOURCES TASK GROUP MEETING NO 49 – 22ND APRIL 2013

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Resources Task Group Meeting No 49 – 22nd April 2013 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

- * **The Director of Central & Leisure Services and the Head of Environmental Services left the meeting at 7.25 pm.**
- * **Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.25 pm**

979.9 SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

that the Seal of the Council be affixed to:

- 1. Licence agreement between Council and building owners relating to the Environmental Improvement Project at Linenhall St/ Charles Street.*
- 2. Grave registration certificate numbers 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326.*

- * **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 7.35 pm**

979.10 MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor extended her sincere thanks to all those who had attended her husband's funeral, called to her home and sent letters of condolence.

She also recorded her grateful thanks to the staff of the Robinson Memorial Hospital for their care and consideration during her husband's illness stating that the care he received was exemplary. Councillor Stevenson concurred with the Mayor's remarks about the care provided at the Robinson Memorial Hospital.

The Mayor advised that NILGA are planning to communicate with Councils on a series of events looking at different ways and ideas of re-structuring Councils and how Councils are run.

* **Councillor McKeown left the meeting at 7.43 pm.**

979.11 CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE, INC. FUTURE OF THE RODDENS

At its meeting in January Council considered representations from The Friends of the Roddens, Ballymoney, to the Chief Executive of Northern Health & Social Care Trust and the Health Minister, Mr Edwin Poots, MLA, expressing alarm at sections of the Ministers Health Policy statement on 9th October, in particular that the Roddens, state-run residential home, a long established facility and an invaluable element of the very fabric of society, will be axed under the Minister's proposed overhaul of the Health Service. Council lent its support to the Friends of the Roddens representations to the Trust and the Minister.

The Trust Chief Executive in response to Council's request for a presentation to Council on Trust's future plans for the Roddens Residential Home advised that whilst the consultation is on-going it would not be appropriate for him to discuss the matter with Council.

The Trust Chief Executive has written further advising that in the statement on Transforming Your Care on 19 March the Minister spoke of the focus to deliver better targeted care for older people close to home, which would enable them to stay at home and remain independent where possible. The Minister said that this will provide better services and will reduce the demand for residential care and he proposes to reduce the number of statutory residential homes by around 50% over the next three to five years. Following this statement the Trust will now be undertaking a process for engagement and consultation around changes that will be required for local services. It has committed to open and transparent communication and a copy of its Consultation and Engagement Plan setting out its approach to a consultation process for changes in older people's services was circulated together with a copy of the Consultation Document "Proposal for Future Statutory Residential Care for Older People".

The closing date for comments is 26th July.

The Office of the Chief Executive is currently in communication with Trust to agree a mutually convenient date for the meeting with Council. At the request of

Councillor McGuigan he advised that the meeting would provide an opportunity for questions to be raised on a number of issues including the future of the Roddens.

979.12 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM PROGRAMME: TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS FROM CENTRAL TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A statement to the NI Assembly by DoE Minister, previously circulated to members, was issued on 17th April 2013.

Functions to Transfer

“A key and significant element of local government reform is the issue of which responsibilities and functions should transfer from central government to local councils. Discussions regarding which functions should transfer have been on-going for a number of months and following the Executive Committee’s decision on 11th April 2013, I am now able to bring some certainty to the process.

The Executive has decided that the following functions should transfer on 1st April 2015:

- **Planning**

- Local development plan functions
- Development control and enforcement.

- **Roads**

- Off street parking (except Park and Ride)

- **Urban regeneration and community development:**

- Functions associated with physical development (e.g. environmental improvement schemes)
- Area based regeneration (such as Neighbourhood Renewal)
- Some community development programmes for the voluntary and community sectors.

- **Housing:**

- Registration of houses in multiple occupation
- Housing unfitness responsibilities, including repair and demolition notices

- **Local Economic Development** (transfer from Invest NI):

- Start a Business Programme and Enterprise Shows
- Youth Entrepreneurship (such as Prince’s Trust and Shell Livewire)
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Investing for Women
- Neighbourhood Renewal funding relating to enterprises initiatives.

- **Local Tourism:**

Small scale tourism accommodation development
 Providing business support including business start-up advice along with training and delivery of customer care schemes
 Providing advice to developers on tourism policies and related issues.

- **Other**

Delivery of the EU Rural Development Programme;
 Authority to Spot List to enable Councils to add a building to the statutory list on a temporary basis, subject to ratification by the DOE;
 Authority to draw up local lists of buildings that are of architectural and/or historic interest;
 Armagh County Museum;
 local water recreational facilities;
 local sports (greater involvement of local government in local sports decisions);
 Donaghadee Harbour

- **Community Planning**

It is also intended to introduce a statute-based system of council-led community planning. Community planning is a process whereby councils, statutory bodies and the community and voluntary sectors work together to develop and implement a shared vision for promoting the well-being of their area and pave the way for the most efficient use of scarce resources.”

979.13 COMMISSIONER FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland, Claire Keatinge, has written to seek support for the development of age friendliness across Northern Ireland. Invitations to Mayors to sign the Dublin Declaration on Age Friendly Cities and Communities in Europe 2013 have been sent. This event is being held as part of the EU Summit on Active and Healthy Ageing: An Action Agenda for European Cities and Communities, which will take place on June 13th-14th 2013 at Dublin's Ballsbridge Hotel. The Summit is being held in association with the Irish Presidency of the EU and in partnership with the Ageing Well Network and the Global Coalition on Ageing. The Commissioner is hoping that a number of mayors from across Northern Ireland will be able to attend the ceremony in Dublin to demonstrate support for the Age Friendly movement. The declaration may also be signed remotely. **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council lends its support to the declaration and the Mayor or representative sign the declaration.

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

that Council lends its support to the declaration and the Mayor or representative sign the declaration.

979.14 ROADS SERVICES – ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS AND TRUNK ROAD DIRECTION & SPECIAL DESIGNATION ORDERS FOR ROADS SCHEMES

Roads Service is reviewing the list of bodies to be consulted about proposed road schemes for which an Environmental Statement and/or draft Direction/Designation Order has been prepared and is considering the most efficient and cost effective means of delivery of the required documents.

Currently hard copies of CDs of the Environmental Statement and hard copies of the draft Orders and or/CDs of the associated maps are mailed recorded delivery. An alternative would be to receive, by email, a message containing a hyperlink to the documents. If the documents are still required in hard copy or no longer required Roads Service can be advised of Council's requirements. Members will be consulted on their preference.

* **Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 7.43pm.**

979.15 ROADS SERVICE – THE PRIVATE STREETS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1980 DEVELOPMENT AT SHELTON MEADOWS, LOUGHGUILLE STAGE 2 DEVELOPER ROCKFIELD DEVELOPMENTS LTD

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

979.16 REPORTS/NILGA REPORTS/ROAD SERVICE LICENCES

A schedule of reports was circulated for members' information.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.