

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Council Meeting No 964 – 2nd July 2012**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting No 964 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 2nd July 2012 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E Robinson, Mayor

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

Councillors
A Cavlan
W Blair
J Finlay
R Halliday
B Kennedy
R McAfee
T McKeown
P McGuigan
C McLaughlin
M Storey, MLA

APOLOGIES: **Councillors**
J Atkinson
I Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Borough Services
Director of Central & Leisure Services
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Corporate Project Officer

Press

964.1 MINUTES – MEETING NO 961 – 12TH MAY 2012

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Kennedy and
AGREED:

that the minutes of Meeting No 961 – 12th May 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

964.2 MINUTES – MEETING NO 962 – 6TH JUNE 2012

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 962 – 6th June 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

- Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.05pm.

964.3 MINUTES – MEETING NO 963 – 21st JUNE 2012

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 963 – 21st June 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

964.4 MINUTES OF CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 74 – 18th JUNE 2012

Councillor Cavlan presented the report.

The minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 74 – 18th June 2012, as circulated, were received.

964.5 MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NO 236 – 20TH JUNE 2012

The Head of Corporate & Development Services presented an addendum to the report.

5.1 Addendum – Interreg (236.3.1) & Lower Bann Rural Tourism Project (Drumaheglis Strategic Project) (RDP) (236.3.3)

It is recommended that Council authorise the set aside of its procurement policy and procedures and utilise procurement process required by the funding bodies – EU Rural Development Programme and NEP Interreg Programme.

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

that Council authorise the set aside of its procurement policy and procedures and utilise procurement process required by the funding bodies – EU Rural Development Programme and NEP Interreg Programme.

5.2 Dark Hedges (236.3.11)

Councillor Storey declared an interest as a Director of Dark Hedges Preservation Trust.

He advised that as all legal issues had been completed a meeting with HLF, the Trust and representatives of Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism to progress further would take place in the next few weeks and issues regarding brown signs on A26 were being pursued with the DRD Minister.

5.3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 235 – 20th June 2012, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved including those at 4.1 above.

964.6 MINUTES OF LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO 395 – 19TH JUNE 2012

Alderman Campbell presented the report.

6.1 Amenities Capital Projects Update (395.13)

The Director of Borough Services reported that an offer of £55230 grant had been awarded by the North East Rural Development Programme for a Biodiversity Riverside Park and associated facilities within the Old Mill site Cloughmills.

Applications for funding for the following three projects were being progressed.

1. A proposal for a multi-use games arena (MUGA) at Ballybogey adjacent to Council's new community centre was awaiting confirmation of funding from Rural Development Programme.
2. Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park Multi-Purpose Building and Access Improvements was awaiting confirmation of funding from NEP Interreg Partnership and NITB.
3. Application for proposed improvements at the Council's Drumbolcan Park, Rasharkin, being progressed under Rural Development Programme.

While formal offers had not been received for these three projects, the Director of Borough Services recommended that Council authorize placement of an advertisement for establishment of select lists for the projects.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell seconded by Alderman Kennedy and **AGREED:**

that Council authorize that applications be invited for inclusion on a select list of contractors for the above three amenities capital projects at Ballybogey, Drumaheglis and Rasharkin.

6.2 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 396 – 19th June 2012, as circulated, be adopted.

964.7 MINUTES OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MEETING NO 382 - 26TH JUNE 2012

Alderman Connolly presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 382 – 26th June 2012, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

964.8 MINUTES OF CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES MEETING NO 406 – 25th & 26th JUNE 2012**8.1 2011/12 Annual Accounts (406.13)**

The Director advised that when the final check was being done on the accounts before submission an adjustment to the District Fund was required. This was advised to the Committee Chairman and the adjustment was made before the accounts were signed. She advised that the increase in the District Fund was £483,746 giving a District Fund balance at 31st March 2012 of £857,335.

8.2 Adoption of Minutes

Councillor McKeown presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 406 – 25th & 26th June 2012, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

964.9 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE NO 25 – 22ND JUNE 2012

The Mayor presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 25 – 22nd June 2012, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

964.10 MINUTES OF RESOURCES TASK GROUP MEETING NO 42 – 25TH JUNE 2012

Councillor McKeown presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 42 – 25th June 2012, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

- * **The Director of Central & Leisure Services and the Deputy Director of Borough Services left the meeting at 7.28pm.**

964.11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Minister of the Environment, Alex Attwood, MLA, has written to update Council's on the June Monitoring Round bid, which he presented to the Executive, for funding to support the local government reform programme.

He advises: "I have carefully considered the representations that were made to me by the sector about the need for the provision of Departmental funding to help pump prime the work of the Voluntary Transition Committees (VTCs). As you know, I recognised that there was a need to reinvigorate the work of the VTCs. I, therefore, sought to obtain some £2.3 million in financial assistance, through the June Monitoring Round, to be distributed to the VTCs in this financial year. I proposed that the £2.3 million funding package, in 2012 – 2013, would be distributed on the following basis:-

- overall an equal apportionment of £2.2 million across the VTCs. This would provide each VTC with £200,000 to help fund a change manager to drive convergence within the merging councils and to contribute to other transition costs including the convergence of systems
- and a further overall £100,000 to support the development of community planning capacity to engage communities within local government.

As Minister responsible for managing the implementation of local government reform I argued for the bid. Unfortunately it has not been successful and you like I will be disappointed. This was an opportunity to build capacity and deepen confidence, given the challenging scale of the RPA transition. However, on this basis, I have already advised DFP that I will present a further proposal, developing the case for funding and seeking Executive agreement for funding. This paper will go to DFP before the 12th holidays.

My argument has not prevailed in June but I am determined it will prevail by the end of the summer. I know that I can rely on your support.

As we all know, the funding position is generally difficult and given the comments by the London Cabinet Secretary last week may yet get more difficult. There could be further cuts to the Northern Ireland block. The funding of RPA will need to come from a range of sources - that is inevitably going to be the case. I will continue nonetheless to argue strongly at a Ministerial level for more resources and Councils will need to work through this with me and with each other in the period ahead."

- * **Alderman Kennedy left the meeting at 7.30pm.**

964.12 ROAD SERVICE LICENCES**12.1 APPLICATION TO RENEW A ROAD SERVICE LICENCE**

- B533 West Belfast Taxi Transport Ltd, 35a King Street, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT1 1 HU
- B497 Sean Patterson T/A Ace Coaches, 2 Windmill Hill Road, Dungannon, Co Tryone, BT71 7BS
- B2063 Patrick John Ward T/A Ward Travel, 104 Gortaclare Road, Dunamanagh, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 0QD
- B1333 Western Education & Library Board, 1 Hospital Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 0AW
- B097 Chambers Coach Hire Ltd (In Administration) T/A Moneymore Coaches Ltd, 27 High Street, Moneymore, Co Londonderry, BT45 7PA
- B476, Patricia Giles, T/A Giles Tours 63 Abbeydale Avenue, Newtownards, Co. Down, BT23 8RT
- B1587, Jack McMullan, T/A Maiden City Travel, 45 Ardanlee, Ballynagard, Co. Londonderry, BT48 8RR
- B491 John & Ann Hogan, T/A Apple Blossom Coach Hire, 4 Coleman Drive, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, Bt66 6rr.
- B2346 Foyle Coaches North West Busways Limited, Sperrin View Business Park, Glen Road, Maghera, Co. Londonderry, Bt49 9lt.
- B183 Paul Mccauley, Elizabeth Mccauley, Gerard Patrick Mccauley T/A Mccauley Coaches, 2 Daly Park, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh, BT93 3FJ.
- B762 Randal Carberry T/A Carberry's Coaches, 72 Annesborough Road, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, BT67 9JD.
- B26 Ulsterbus Limited, 3 Milewater Road, Belfast, BT3 9BG.

The Department has received an application, to renew the Road Service Licence of the above-named operators. The licence details and services have not changed from the previous licence.

In accordance with Section 6 of the Transport Act (NI) 1967 any representations regarding these applications should be made before 12th July 2012.

No comments were offered.

12.2 APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW ROAD SERVICE LICENCE

B2816 MICHAEL QUINN T/A L.S. COACHES, 42 KILLYCANAVAN ROAD, ARDBOE, DUNGANNON, CO TYRONE, BT71 5BP

The Department has received an application, for a new Road Service Licence, from the above-named, who proposes to operate one coach, from the above address, to carry out the following services:

1. Occasional private hire.
2. Excursions or tours.

B2817 REDDINS COACH HIRE LTD, 9 CULMORE SQUARE, LONDONDERRY, CO LONDONDERRY, BT48 8GF

The Department has received an application, for a new Road Service Licence, from the above-named, who proposes to operate one minibus, from 66 Conly Road, Culmore, Co Londonderry, to carry out the following services:

1. Regular Contract Carriage
2. Occasional private hire.
3. Excursions or tours.

B2818 HUGH MCGONAGLE T/A MCGONAGLE COACH HIRE, SITE 26 SPRINGTOWN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BALLINSKA ROAD, LONDONDERRY, CO LONDONDERRY, BT48 ONA

The Department has received an application, for a new Road Service Licence, from the above-named, who proposes to operate one minibus, from the above address, to carry out the following services:

1. Occasional private hire.

B2820 MCCOMB'S COACH TRAVEL LTD, 2 LYNDA MEADOWS, JORDANSTOWN, CO ANTRIM, BT37 OAT

The Department has received an application, for a new Road Service Licence, from the above-named, who proposes to operate 8 coaches, from Corporation Square, Belfast, Co Antrim, to carry out the following services:

1. Occasional Private Hire
2. Excursions or tours.

In accordance with Section 6 of the Transport Act (NI) 1967 any comments regarding these applications should be made before 13th July 2012.

No comments were offered.

12.3 APPLICATION FOR THE AMENDMENT OF A ROAD SERVICE LICENCE CITYBUS, MILEWATER ROAD, BELFAST, BT3 9BG

The Department has received an application for the Amendment of a Road Service Licence from the above-named operator who proposes to alter the route on an existing Stage Carriage service.

In accordance with Section 6 of the Transport Act (NI) 1967 any comments regarding this application should be made before 5 July 2012.

No comments were offered.

964.13 STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Strabane District Council invited Council to support the following motion :

“That in the light of anticipated costs of local government council reform this Council notes with concern the failure of DOE Minister Alex Attwood to submit a business case to the Assembly Executive seeking financial assistance for local government Review of Public Administration and further calls on Minister Atwood to work in partnership and support local government in the submission of an agreed joint business case that will allow for the successful completion of council reform”

A copy of the Council's letter of representation to the Minister was circulated.

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

that Council support the motion.

964.14 RECOGNITION MEDAL FOR VETERANS

Newtownabbey Borough Council seeks Council's support for the campaign for a medal of recognition for Veterans of The Arctic Conveys during World War II. NILGA have also been asked to lend their support.

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

that Council support the campaign by Newtownabbey Borough Council for a medal for the Veterans.

962.14 REPORTS

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

962.15 NILGA REPORTS & UPDATES

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

The meeting closed at 7.33 pm.