

**Ballymoney Borough Council  
Council Meeting No 995 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Council Meeting No 995 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 at 7.00 pm.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J Finlay, Mayor

**PRESENT:** **Aldermen**  
F Campbell  
C Cousley, MBE  
B Kennedy

**Councillors**

W Blair  
R Halliday  
R McAfee  
A McLean  
E Robinson, MBE  
I Stevenson, Deputy Mayor

**APOLOGIES:** **Alderman**  
H Connolly

**Councillors**  
A Cavlan  
P McGuigan  
C McLaughlin

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

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**995.1 MAKING CHOICES – MEETING THE CURRENT & FUTURE ACCOMMODATION NEEDS OF OLDER PEOPLE – HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BOARD CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CRITERIA, STAGE 1**

The Mayor requested that an additional item be tabled.

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

***that this additional item be considered.***

The Mayor referred members to “Making Choices”, a consultation document on meeting the current and future accommodation needs of older people. Council has already endorsed NILGA’s response to the consultation and the Chair encouraged all members to personally complete and return the response form to the Health & Social Care Board by the closing date of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

It was proposed by Alderman Kennedy, seconded by Alderman Cousley and **AGREED**

***that Council endorse the response to the consultation document prepared on behalf of the Friends of the Roddens.***

## **995.2 MAYOR’S REMARKS**

### **2.1 Condolences**

The Mayor advised of the death of Mr John Watt, a former member of Council who served Council with distinction and expressed his sympathies and those of Council to Mr Watt’s family. Members stood for one minute’s silence as a mark of respect.

The Mayor also expressed sympathy to Councillor Halliday and his wife on the death of his wife’s brother who passed away at the age of 101. Councillor Halliday thanked the Mayor for his words of condolence.

### **2.2 Congratulations**

The Mayor congratulated Council’s Recycling Education Officer Declan Donnelly on his award for Employee of the Year at the NILGA Local Government Awards ceremony on 27<sup>th</sup> February. The Mayor stated that this was a great achievement.

## **995.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chief Executive declared an interest in Corporate & Central Services Meeting No 423.4 as the post holder.

## **995.4 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO 993 – 3RD FEBRUARY 2014**

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

*that the minutes of Council Meeting No 993 – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**995.5 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO 994 – 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

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

*that the minutes of Council Meeting No 994 – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**995.6 MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NO 256 – 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

Alderman Kennedy presented the report.

**Matters Arising:**

**6.1 Intervention Funding – Virtual Shop Project (256.6)**

The Mayor commended the Head of Corporate & Development Services for delivery of this project and commented on the vast improvement to the appearance of derelict properties and sites in the town. Alderman Campbell concurred with his remarks.

**6.2 Adoption of Minutes**

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

*that the Minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 256 – 19<sup>th</sup> February adopted.*

**995.7 MINUTES OF CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 94 – 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

Alderman Cousley presented the report.

*The minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 94 – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014, as circulated, were received.*

**995.8 MINUTES OF LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO 414 – 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

Alderman Campbell presented the report.

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

***that the Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 414 – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.***

**995.9 MINUTES OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 399 – 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

The report was presented by Councillor Blair in the absence of the Chair of the Committee.

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

***that the Minutes of Health & Environmental Services Meeting No 399 – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved with the exception of item 399.5.***

**Matters Arising:**

**9.1 Bio Waste Service Provision (399.5)**

Members discussed the recommendation at item 399.5, Bio Waste Service Provision. The Director reiterated that during the rates setting process, a number of environmental service enhancements were put in front of Council and it was the decision of Council, at that time, that it would not proceed with any of the enhancements. Councillor Robinson referred to the capital funding available from WRAP and expressed the view that Council should not miss the opportunity to avail of funding to provide a service which other Councils are currently undertaking. Councillor Robinson's view was that *Council enters into a contract with Natural World Products for a bio waste service, the phasing in of food waste collection and that 100% capital funding from WRAP be applied for.* Councillor Stevenson supported this view.

Alderman Kennedy expressed the view that despite the possible availability of capital funding, there may be other staffing and cost implications with the scheme going forward and he wished a full report on all aspects and ongoing cost of such provision to be brought to Committee for consideration.

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

***that item 399.5 be deferred to the next meeting of Committee to enable costings on the long term provision of bio waste collection to be calculated.***

A vote was taken with 5 members voting in favour and 4 members voting against.

**The Mayor declared Alderman Kennedy's motion carried.**

\* **Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 7.35 pm.**

Alderman Campbell requested it be recorded that on her exit from the Chamber, Councillor Robinson had referred to him as a 'turncoat' and he wished this put on the record.

## **995.10 MINUTES OF CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 423 – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

The Mayor presented the report in the absence of the Chair of Committee.

### **Matters Arising:**

#### **10.1 Annual Tenders for Goods & Services 2014-15 (423.12)**

The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that item 7 of Appendix B (min ref 423.12), as circulated, needed to be further investigated. Due to the timescale involved with tenders commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, **it was recommended** that Council powers be granted at the next meeting of Committee to deal with this item. The Director responded to Alderman Campbell's question relating to travel costs to those companies undertaking work on behalf of Council.

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

*that Council powers be granted at the next meeting of Committee to deal with Annual Tenders 2014/15, item 7 of Appendix B (minute ref 423.12).*

#### **10.2 North Antrim Agricultural Association (423.1)**

The Mayor welcomed the decision to increase Council's contribution to the North Antrim Agricultural Show. Alderman Kennedy congratulated the organization on their presentation and stated that the show is a positive event for Ballymoney.

#### **10.3 Adoption of Minutes**

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

*that the Minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee No 423 –24<sup>th</sup> February 2014, as circulated, be adopted and the*

***recommendations therein approved with the exception of item 7 of Appendix B (minute ref 423.12).***

#### **995.11 SEAL DOCUMENTS**

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

***that the Seal of the Council be affixed to Grave Registration certificate numbers 1362, 1363, 1364.***

#### **995.12 STATUTORY TRANSITION COMMITTEE**

The Chief Executive advised that the minutes from the STC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February have been made available in the Member's Room.

#### **995.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

The Chief Executive advised that Causeway Coast & Glens STC has appointed a Chief Executive. David Jackson is currently employed in a senior post in Coleraine Borough Council and will take up his new role from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

#### **995.14 PRESENTATION REQUEST – CAUSEWAY HOSPITAL SUPPORT GROUP**

A request has been received from Causeway Hospital Support Group to make a presentation to Council on its work and current status.

It was **AGREED:**

***that an invitation be extended to Causeway Hospital Support Group to give a presentation to Council on a date to be agreed.***

#### **995.15 REPORTS**

A schedule of reports was circulated for members' information.

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