

Ballymoney Borough Council
Council Meeting No 1008 – 2nd March 2015

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting No 1008 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman B Kennedy, Mayor

PRESENT: **Alderman**
F Campbell
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE

Councillors
W Blair
A Cavlan
J Finlay
R McAfee
P McGuigan
T McKeown
C McLaughlin
A McLean
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Councillor R Halliday

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

Press x 1
Public x 1

1008.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1008.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING NO 1007 – 2ND FEBRUARY 2015

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

that the minutes of Council Meeting No 1007 – 2nd February 2015 as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

1008.3 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NO 105 – 16TH FEBRUARY 2015

Councillor McLean presented the report.

the minutes of Consultation Committee Meeting No 104 – 19th January 2015, as circulated, were received.

1008.4 SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

that the Seal of Council be affixed to Grave Registration Certificate numbers 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419.

1008.5 DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2015**5.1 Drumaheglis Café and Outdoor Activity Units**

Applications for letting of café and outdoor activity units at Drumaheglis will be considered by an assessment panel. **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council enter into a lease with the successful applicants.

5.2 Ballymoney Music Centre - confidential

DFPNI Valuer has provided an assessment of market value of leasehold interest in the property at £70,000 (Feb 2015), subject to contract.

The 900 year lease (1905), assigned to NEELB 1988, has 790 years to run.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the valuation be accepted and the Council's Solicitors instructed to review terms of lease, covenants and restrictions with regard to council's proposed use and complete the transaction.

Councillor Finlay welcomed the development.

5.3 Ballymoney Revitalisation WiFi Project

Wayleave agreements with four property owners in Main Street have completed for installation of WiFi outdoor access point. **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that council recoup to the four property owners the cost of energy consumption, est at £60 per year, in retrospect.

5.4 Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Area Partnership (CCGTAP)

Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Area Partnership has reluctantly agreed to cease operating on 31 March 2015 to enable the company to meet its current liabilities and prevent insolvency.

Following on the decision of Causeway Coast & Glens District Council to tender for marketing services CCGTAP has concluded that the tender process placed the partnership in a precarious trading position. If it were to be unsuccessful in the awarding of the tender the company would face the possibility of being insolvent. If the company were to be successful in winning the tender the delivery of the contract and requirements outlined by CCAG Council has the very real potential to impact on continuing funding from Mid & East Antrim Council which would also have the effect of making the company insolvent.

5.5 Adoption of Report

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

that the Development report for February 2015 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

1008.6 AMENITIES REPORT – FEBRUARY 2015

The Director of Borough Services presented the Amenities Report.

AMENITIES

6.1 Riverside Park, Ballymoney: Designation as Local Nature Reserve

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that at its meeting on 30th January the Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside (CNCC) endorsed the declaration of Riverside Park, Ballymoney, by Ballymoney Borough Council as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). It was the unanimous view that the site warranted declaration as an LNR and Council has been congratulated in its initiative.

6.2 Riverside Park, Ballymoney

1) River Restoration Scheme

Rivers Agency has now completed most of its work (including the installation of additional rock armour) at Park Central. Work will get underway shortly to surface the new riverside path (on the river's railway side). In addition remedial and resurfacing work will also be undertaken in respect of the promenade.

2) Park Improvement Scheme

Following the Council's decision, it is hoped to commence the work approved in early March.

It should be noted that with the work envisaged and the timeline to be adhered to that it is inevitable that certain sections of the park will be unavailable to users on a phased basis.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council notes this update.

6.3 Cloughmills Old Mill Building – Heritage Lottery Fund Application

The project applicant – Cloughmills Community Action Team has been advised that the scheme has again successfully negotiated stage one of the HLF application process in that the Space & Place Programme Grant Sub-Committee has agreed to invite CCAT/Council to complete a Stage 2 Application.

This scheme, which has been approved by the Causeway Coast & Glens Council, thus remains on track for grant funding of circa £350,000 against a project estimated cost of £463,047.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note this good news.

6.4 Cloughmills Old Mill Buildings Work

Further preliminary work has been undertaken with regard to the reroofing etc. of two buildings belonging to Council at its Old Mill Site, Cloughmills. Given the estimate for the work envisaged applications are to be invited from contractors to comprise a select list for the scheme.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that it is hoped that –

- 1) the evaluation report on the scheme contractor select list will be before Council on 2nd March for decision: and
- 2) the work will be then tendered with the tender evaluation report brought to the meeting on 23rd March for decision.

Select List

The Director of Borough Services advised that select List questionnaires were sent to 12 no. contractors. By the deadline set – 12 noon, 27th February, 8 no. contractors [as undernoted] had returned questionnaires, which were opened shortly after the deadline set by the Committee Chair: Alderman F. Campbell, together with the Deputy Director of Borough Services –

- JPM Contracts, Dungiven
- Piperhill Construction, Ballymoney

- J A Gamble & Co Ltd., Strabane
- O'Gara Contracts Ltd., Cookstown
- J S Dunlop Ltd., Ballymoney
- Martin & Hamilton Ltd., Ballymena
- Seamus Friel & Sons Ltd., Buncrana
- Wilson & Mawhinney Ltd., Ballymena

The questionnaires were forwarded to the Council's consultants: R Robinson & Sons for evaluation. The consultants have recommended the following 6 no. contractors, who received the highest score, be placed on a list from which tenders for this scheme are invited –

- Piperhill Construction, Ballymoney
- J A Gamble & Co Ltd., Strabane
- J S Dunlop Ltd., Ballymoney
- Martin & Hamilton Ltd., Ballymena
- Seamus Fiel & Sons Ltd., Buncrana
- Wilson & Mawhinney Ltd., Ballymena

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the aforementioned 6 no. contractors be placed on a list and tenders for this scheme be invited.

6.5 Borough Toilet Repair/Redecoration Scheme

Preliminary work has been completed in respect of a scheme to undertake basic repairs and decorate the 5 no. public toilets situated in Ballymoney (3 no.), Cloughmills and Rasharkin which it has been estimated will cost about £30,000. ***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that Council note this project update.

6.6 Play Area & Landscaping Scheme

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council receive the tender evaluation report in respect of this scheme and determine then whether or not to let the contract for the work.

The Director advised that tender documents were furnished to the Council's Select List contractors [6 no.] with a closing date of 16th February. When opened the tenders received, as undernoted, were past to the Council's consultants: R Robinson & Sons for evaluation –

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Tender Price</u>
Crawford Group	£208,500
Hawthorn Heights Ltd	£214,958
Garden Escapes	£224,911

It is the recommendation of the Council's consultants that after assessing all the submissions, together with the additional information sought from

Crawford Group and Hawthorn Heights Limited in relation to their respective tenders, and taking into account the design and value for money, that Council accept the tender from Hawthorn Heights Limited.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accept the tender from Hawthorn Heights Limited in the sum of £214,958 and let the contract for its play area and landscaping scheme.

6.7 Land at Scally Park, Loughgiel

Correspondence dated 19th February has been received from the DSD Minister in respect of representations made concerning the purchase of land from the NIHE for the purpose of providing a toddler play area. The Minister has indicated that whilst NIHE are working on the application, in view of the approval process entailed, it is unlikely that this can be completed by 31st March 2015.

6.8 Glebeside Outdoor Recreation Facilities

As has been reported previously, following the Council's decision of 17th July 2014 a proposal was drawn up as to how the partnership arrangement between the legal entity established by the Community Association and Council might operate in respect of the management and oversight of the new facilities. It is now the case that correspondence has been received on behalf of Glebeside Community Association advising that the CA Committee is satisfied with the proposals and that the Association is therefore willing to take on its responsibilities for an initial period of one year after which the position can be looked at again.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accede to this.

6.9 Countryside Events In and Around Ballymoney – 2015 Programme

The Director of Borough Services circulated a summary of this season's Countryside Access and Biodiversity Officers events programme for member's information (attached as Appendix 1).

6.10 Adoption of Report

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

that the Amenities report, as circulated, for January 2015 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

Members thanked the Director for his work and the work of his officers in taking these projects forward. Councillor McGuigan, referring to Scally Park, expressed his disappointment that obtaining land at Scally Park has been

delayed. The Director advised that the decision to progress the park was taken in October and preliminary work was carried out. The delay in proceeding is mainly due to routine processes to be carried out by the Executive. He advised members that the DSD Minister has been requesting information on the scheme's progress and he believes that the outcome will be positive given the value of the scheme.

- * **Councillor Robinson joined the meeting at 7.15 pm during presentation of the Amenities Report and extended her apologies for her late arrival at the meeting.**

1008.7 CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES REPORT

With the consent of the Chair, it was agreed that the Corporate Services report would be deferred until the end of the meeting and would be discussed 'in Committee'.

CENTRAL SERVICES

The Director of Central & Leisure Services presented the report.

7.1 Redemption of 3½% War Stock

The Council is the registered holder of 3½% War Stock, this is money that was invested in British Government Stocks by Ballymoney Urban District Council or bequeathed to the Council. HM Treasury has announced that 3½% War Stock will be redeemed in its entirety, at par, on 9th March 2015.

The Council has 5 holdings with a total value of £595.04, which will be repaid to the Council together with the final interest payment due on 9th March 2015. The final interest payment will be at the rate of £0.942308 per £100 nominal held.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that its holdings of 3½% War Stock will be redeemed at par on 9th March 2015.

7.2 Councillors Allowances – March 2015

In order to pay all allowances, expenses and severance payments to councillors by 31st March 2015, the end of the Council, ***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that the payment date for March is changed to 31st.

Members are requested to submit all travel and subsistence claims by 20th March 2015.

7.3 Variance Report, Period 8, 2014/15

Variance Report for the period April to November 2014 was circulated together with notes explaining the more material variances. At this stage services overall are within budget and income for the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park and Building Control are in excess of budget.

Councillor Stevenson referred to the low rate set by Ballymoney Borough Council at the time of the rates setting process.

7.4 Chief Officers Pay Agreement 2014-16

The Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers of Local Authorities has advised that agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1st January 2015. The agreement is a 2% increase on Chief Officer salary scales of £99,999 or less from 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2016.

7.5 Ballymoney Cemetery Memorials

The following applications have been received for the erection of memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery –

Section E3 No. 10

Mr Ivor Moore, 121 Moyan Road, Knockahollet
Grey All Polished Headstone and Base

Section I1 No.123

Mr John Peden, 36 Balnamore Road, Ballymoney
Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No. 46

Mrs Sylvia Connor, 1 Toberdoney Road, Liscolman, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No. 17

Mr Trevor Connolly, 6 Thorndale Terrace, Garryduff Road, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

IT IS RECOMMENDED that approval is granted for the erection of the above 4 memorials.

7.6 Adoption of Report

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

that the Central Services Report be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

Members thanked the Director for her work and the work of her officers. Alderman Connolly expressed thanks to all officers and employees for their work during the course of his 42 year service with the Council. He wished those members going forward with the new Council every success for the future.

1008.8 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

8.1 Refund of Rates

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that following representations made by Borough Services to Land & Property Services a refund of rates in the sum of £69,602.52 has been secured from LPS in respect of the Council's facilities at Crosstagherty.

8.2 Waste Haulage Contract Tender 2015-2016

Tenders were invited, by public advertisement, regarding the transport of the Council's municipal waste from its Crosstagherty Waste Handling & Transfer Facility to various specified locations. The closing date for tenders was 12.00 noon, Thursday 19th February 2015. Four tenders were received.

The tenders were opened by the Head of Environmental Services, together with the Chair of Ballymoney Borough Council's Health & Environmental Services Committee on 19th inst. at 5.40pm. The tender prices submitted are detailed in the table below. In order to preserve commercial confidentiality, the lowest price for each site is identified by letters – A, B, C, etc.

1. Transport of Residual Municipal Waste to the Council's Nominated Landfill Site

Contractors	Craigahulliar Landfill Site – price per tonne (£/t)
Brickkiln Waste Ltd., 23 Heather Road, Creevagh, L'DERRY BT48 9XD.	A
Coleraine Skip Hire & Recycling Ltd., 56 Craigmore Road, Ringsend,	A + £1.30

GARVAGH BT51 5HF.	
WM Sports Turf Ltd., 53 Ballymagerny Road, LOUGHGALL BT61 8PL.	A + £1.54
R. Heatrick Ltd., 341 Tandragee Road, PORTADOWN BT62 3RB.	A + £2.30

2. Transport of Household Recycling Centre & Bulky Household Waste to the Council's Nominated Waste Reprocessor Facility

Contractors	RiverRidge Recycling – price per tonne (£/t)
Brickkiln Waste Ltd., 23 Heather Road, Creevagh, L'DERRY BT48 9XD.	B
Coleraine Skip Hire & Recycling Ltd., 56 Craigmore Road, Ringsend, GARVAGH BT51 5HF.	B + £0.10
WM Sports Turf Ltd., 53 Ballymagerny Road, LOUGHGALL BT61 8PL.	B + £3.60
R. Heatrick Ltd., 341 Tandragee Road, PORTADOWN BT62 3RB.	B + £2.10

3. Transport of Organic Waste [Garden Waste only] to the Council's Nominated Composting Facility

Contractors	Letterloan Composting Facility – price per tonne (£/t)
Brickkiln Waste Ltd., 23 Heather Road, Creevagh, L'DERRY BT48 9XD.	C
Coleraine Skip Hire & Recycling Ltd., 56 Craigmore Road, Ringsend, GARVAGH BT51 5HF.	C + £0.30
WM Sports Turf Ltd., 53 Ballymagerny Road, LOUGHGALL BT61 8PL.	C + £1.93

R. Heatrick Ltd., 341 Tandragee Road, PORTADOWN BT62 3RB.	C + £2.30
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4. Other Transport

Contractors	Price per tonne per single journey mile – (£/t/mile)
Brickkiln Waste Ltd., 23 Heather Road, Creevagh, L'DERRY BT48 9XD.	D
Coleraine Skip Hire & Recycling Ltd., 56 Craigmore Road, Ringsend, GARVAGH BT51 5HF.	D + £2.35
WM Sports Turf Ltd., 53 Ballymagerny Road, LOUGHGALL BT61 8PL.	D + £5.85
R. Heatrick Ltd., 341 Tandragee Road, PORTADOWN BT62 3RB.	D + £0.40

BrickKiln Waste Ltd. is the lowest tender as regards the work on offer.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council engage BrickKiln Waste Ltd. to haul its municipal waste during 2015-2016, in accordance with the Council's Specification and Contract Conditions.

The Director of Borough Services responded to a query from Councillor Stevenson on the flexibility and fall-back position for the new Council to make alternative arrangements for waste collection if it wishes to do so.

8.3 Household Door Stepping Campaign

Further to item CM 1007.9.3, the household door stepping campaign is currently underway and will conclude in early March. Funding for the campaign, and delivery of a recycling services leaflet to all households, has been provided by Rethink Waste.

The key aim of the door stepping campaign is to engage with residents on the door step about their recycling service, ensuring that they understand how to correctly recycle and to motivate them to participate as much as they can in order to increase recycling participation levels. Within this aim the objectives are to:-

- raise awareness of all materials which can be recycled at the kerbside
- reduce the instances of contamination in the recycling bin by informing residents of what cannot be recycled
- reduce the amount of waste in the residual waste bin
- seek feedback on the barriers to residents recycling
- seek opinions about encouragement factors to increase recycling

The importance of the campaign has been highlighted recently in respect of mixed dry recyclables collected in Ballymoney which were subjected to an analysis by the Councils processor – ReGen. The analysis reported a contamination rate of approximately 25% (50% of the contamination was attributed to paper and 25% was general waste).

The campaign sets out to visit 6,000 households with a minimum contact rate of 30%. A final report will be produced, with the findings used to inform future scheme developments and communication.

8.4 Operator's Licence Vehicle Maintenance Agreement (Knock Road Operating Centre)

Suitably qualified contractors were invited to submit quotations with respect to a vehicle maintenance safety inspection regime for Council fleet vehicles kept at Knock Road operating centre. Inspections are to be carried out in accordance with the Guide to Maintaining Road Worthiness issued by the Driver & Vehicle Agency.

Quotation documents were issued to four contractors on 22nd January 2015. Completed quotation documents were received from three contractors by the due date and time on Thursday 29th January 2015 at 12.00 noon.

Additional information on service delivery was sought from the three contractors on 12th February 2015. Returns were received from two contractors by the deadline of Thursday 19th February 2015 at 12.00 noon.

The agreement stipulates that the contractor will conduct 6 weekly and 13 weekly safety inspections as per vehicles in Council fleet. Contractors were also required to confirm availability of Vehicle and Operator Services Agency approved on-line advisory system and dedicated lane. The agreement is for one year, commencing March 2015, with the option of a further six month extension. Price is to be fixed for duration of agreement.

Following the assessment of quotations, along with additional information received on service delivery, the proposal submitted by Hilltop Garage was deemed most economically advantageous. Hilltop Garage has carried out this work previously for Council to a satisfactory standard.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note the intention to appoint Hilltop Garage, Cranagh Road, Coleraine.

FOOD CONTROL

8.5 Application for Extension of Conditional Approval of A Stand-Alone Cold Store under Regulation (EC) Nos. 852/2004, 853/2004, 854/2004 And 882/2004

Premises: Simply Scrumptious, 23 Main St, Ballymoney.

Further to Committee Minute 1004.81, it was agreed to grant conditional approval to Simply Scrumptious under the above legislation. This allowed the premises 3 months from the grant of the conditional approval to provide the documentation necessary to grant full approval.

Following a recent inspection it was determined that the operators require additional time to fulfil the requirements relating to the approval.

Article 31(2)(d) of Regulation 882/2004 allows the conditional approval to be extended for an additional 3 months if it is shown that clear progress has been made, but this is restricted to a maximum of six months from the date of the initial granting of conditional approval.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant an extension to the conditional approval under Article 31(2)(d) of Regulation 882/2004 for Simply Scrumptious. as they have shown clear progress in fulfilling the requirement. In addition both the Food Business Operator and the FSANI shall be notified.

ENTERTAINMENTS LICENSING

8.6 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 - Licence Applications (Full) (Renewal)

Premises

Applicant

Sé Óg's Bar,
15 Main Street,
Rasharkin,
BALLYMENA BT44 8PT.

Ms. Donna Martin

Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC,
17 Lough Road,
Loughgiel,
BALLYMENA BT44 9JN.

Mr. Sean McNaughton

Topp Orange Hall,
161 Gracehill Road,
Stranocum,
BALLYMONEY BT53 8LS.

Mr. Clifford Bellingham

St. Joseph's Parish Centre,
17 Bridge Road,
Dunloy,
BALLYMENA BT44 9AN.

Rev. Liam Blayney

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above and in the case of St. Joseph's Parish Centre subject to the provision of satisfactory electrical test certificates. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

**8.7 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland)
Order 1985 - Licence Applications (Fourteen Unspecified Days)
(Renewal)**

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
Ballymoney High School, (Assembly Hall), 17 Garryduff Road, BALLYMONEY BT53 7AN.	Mr. R. Scott NEELB
First Ballymoney Presbyterian Church Hall, 65 Meetinghouse Street, BALLYMONEY BT53 6JN.	Mrs. Trudy Pollock (Church Secretary)
Bushvale Presbyterian Church Hall, 118 Fivay Road, Stranocum, BALLYMONEY BT53 8JB.	Mr. Robert Patton
Roseyards Presbyterian Church Hall, 115 Kirk Road, BALLYMONEY BT53 8HN.	Mr. David Ramsay
Drumreagh Presbyterian Church Hall, 104 Bann Road, BALLYMONEY BT53 7NA.	Ms. Cindy Craig

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above and in the cases of

Ballymoney High School, First Ballymoney Presbyterian Church Hall and Roseyards Pres. Church Hall, subject to the provision of satisfactory electrical test certificates. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7th October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985

8.8 Renewal of Registration of Bingo Club Licence Notification

Premises

Ballymoney Bingo Club,
27-29 Castle Street,
BALLYMONEY BT53 6JT.

Applicant

Sperrin Bingo Limited

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note the application.

STREET TRADING

8.9 Street Trading Act (NI) 2001 – Mobile Street Trading Licence

Application for the renewal of a Mobile Street Trading Licence has been made to this Directorate as follows:-

Purpose

Hot Food Takeaway (Mobile Kitchen)Mr. J. V. McCook

Applicant

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Mobile Street Trading Licence as applied for be renewed.

LICENSING

8.9 Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mr. Martin Doyle, The Diamond Bar, 2 High Street, BALLYMONEY BT53 6AG.	Occasional Licence at Our Lady & St. Patricks Hall, Castle Street, Ballymoney on 14/2/15 - 8pm – 1.00am	6/2/15
Mr. Seamus McMullan, The Village Inn, 2 Bellaghy Road,	Occasional Licence on 7 th March 2015 at St. Joseph's Parish Centre,	13/2/15

Dunloy, BALLYMENA BT44 9AE.	Dunloy 7pm – 1am	
Ms. Pauline Gallagher, Ma Kelly's, 21 Church Street, BALLYMONEY BT53 6HS.	Occasional Licence on 3/3/15, 4/3/15, 5/3/15, 6/3/15 at Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Town Hall 7pm – 11.30pm and 7/3/15 7pm – 1.30am	16/2/15

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Members note the above application.

FUEL POVERTY

8.10 Ballymoney Affordable Fuel Scheme Audit

Following an audit of registered outlets it is the case that in one instance money is owed to Council in respect of stamps sold and redeemed and stamps not sold but unaccounted for. ***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that Council note that the matter is now being pursued in accordance with its debt management policy.

8.11 Adoption of Report

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

that the Health & Environmental Services Report be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

The Chair thanked members of the press for the work they have done on behalf of this Council since 1973. He stated that they have made a significant contribution to the ratepayers of Ballymoney in keeping them informed on the work of the Council. He also thanked all officers, past and present, for their commitment and hard work over the years stating that projects undertaken have left Ballymoney in good shape with facilities for young and old alike. He extended his best wishes to the Chief Executive, those members who are retiring from their duties and those members going forward with the new Causeway Coast & Glens Council.

- * **Members of the press left the meeting at 7.50 pm.**
- * **Councillor McGuigan and Councillor McLaughlin left the meeting at 7.50 pm.**

1008.9 CORPORATE SERVICES

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

that Council move 'into Committee' to receive the Corporate Services report.

In Committee, the Director of Borough Services provided Councillor Finlay with a rationale for Council's decision on accepting the tender for the play area and landscaping scheme (item 1008.6.6).

The Corporate Report was presented by the Chief Executive.

9.1 Honorarium

A recommendation from the Director of Borough Services has been considered by CMT and agreed to be put before Council, that an honorarium is paid to Employee No. 05039. The honorarium is for additional work in relation to Causeway Coast and Glens council and involved the analysis of codes from the legacy councils for dog licensing and creation of one list of codes for the new council. Work was done over a three month period and took approximately 25 hours. Based on one increment for three months, the value of the honorarium is estimated at £189.25.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that a payment of one increment is awarded for 3 months: September to December 2014 to Employee No. 05039.

9.2 Honorarium

The following request has been received from the Director of Borough Services:

In accordance with the precedent Council has established, application is made for an additional salary increment for 2013/14 and 2014/15 in respect of the extra responsibility imposed in relation to the delivery of the Council's extensive capital programme within the DBS remit against taxing deadlines. This demanding and onerous workload, which has in the main been successfully delivered, has in effect prevented the undertaking of RPA work at regional level and has in fact led to financial detriment and loss of parity.

Based on one increment for two years the value of the honorarium is estimated at £2908.

IT IS RECOMMEND that an additional salary increment is paid to Employee No. 05062 for 2013/14 and 2014/15 in respect of the extra

responsibility imposed in relation to the delivery of the Council's extensive capital programme within the DBS remit.

9.3 Adoption of Report

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

That the Corporate Report be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

The Council resolved itself out of committee on the proposal of Councillor Finlay seconded by Councillor Stevenson

1008.10 CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS SHADOW COUNCIL

No report.

1008.11 REPORTS

Schedule of reports were tabled.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Appendices listed

Appendix 1 Countryside Events programme 2015

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COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS IN AND AROUND BALLYMONEY
2015 PROGRAMME

Below is a summary of this season's Countryside Access and Biodiversity Officers events programme:

GO BIRDING – Saturday 18 April, Garvagh, 9am-12pm. £2 per person

Introduction to bird ringing, get up close and personal with our garden birds. Light refreshments will be provided. **Booking required.**

BIRD SONG ON THE FARM – Saturday 2 May, Kilrea, 5.30 -8am. £3 per person

Experience a dawn chorus on a wildlife friendly farm, followed by a short talk and a warm breakfast. **Booking required.**

LISSANOURE CASTLE ESTATE WALK – Friday 22 May, 7-9pm. £3 per person

Unique opportunity to stroll through this magnificent country estate, guided by the landowner. Light refreshments will be provided. **Booking required.**

GRUIG WIND FARM WALK, LOUGHGUILLE – Saturday 6 June, 1-5pm. FREE

Celebrate global wind week with this guided walk to Gruig Wind Farm, led by owners RES Ltd. **Booking required.**

CRAIGS WOOD/BROAD STONE WALK – Tuesday 30 June, 7-9.30pm. FREE

Come along and enjoy this circular walk to two of Ballymoney's finest examples of Neolithic tombs, the Broad Stone and Craigs Dolmen, both in State Care.

GO NORDIC ON BENONE BEACH – Thursday 23 July, 6.45-9pm. £2 per person

This is a unique opportunity to learn the basics of Nordic walking on Benone Strand. During the walk participants will visit The Umbra, to learn more about the biodiversity of this special place. Light refreshments will be provided. **Booking required.**

GO FISHING, ALTNAHINCH DAM – Saturday 1 August, 10-4pm. FREE

Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust in association with Causeway Coast & Glens District Council and DCAL invite you to a fun family angling event. Light refreshments will be provided. **Booking required – contact tierna@ccght.org or call 028 20752100.**

GO BATTY ON THE BUSH – Tuesday 25 August, 7-10pm. £2 per person

Whether you're nuts about bats or just want to find out more, then come along on this family fun bat talk and walk at the Bush Salmon station. Light refreshments will be provided. **Booking required**

SLIEVEANORRA HALF-DAY RAMBLE – Saturday 19 September, 11am-4pm. FREE

This longer event, for 'Get Outdoors Weekend', offers the enthusiastic Rambler an opportunity to undertake some 6-8 miles of hill walking within the Antrim Coast and Glens Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Bring along a packed lunch.

For further details, a leaflet, or to book on an event please contact 028 2766 0227

Please note alternative booking information for the 'Go. Fishing' Event.