

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** 23 February 2010 at **7.30 p.m.**

R. WILSON

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Cloonavin
66 Portstewart Road
COLERAINE

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 26 January 2010
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 26 January 2010*
 - 1.3 Special Briefing – 28 January 2010*
 - 1.4 Special Meeting – 2 February 2010
 - 1.5 Special Meeting – 11 February 2010
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 2 February 2010
 - 2.2 North West '200' Committee – 3 February 2010
 - 2.3 Planning Committee – 9 February 2010
 - 2.4 Policy and Development Committee – 16 February 2010
 - (Item No. 10.2.1)** International North West '200'*

3. Notice of Motion

The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor Billy Leonard:

“This Council agrees to, as soon as is possible, host a seminar/workshop on increasing our knowledge of, and potential for attracting investment and jobs to our Borough via Project Kelvin. Council further agrees to invite appropriate stakeholders and those with relevant expertise to inform the event.”

4. Correspondence, including inter alia:

(a) Ballymena Borough Council – regarding a joint deputation to the Minister for Education in relation to a new building for Castle Tower Special School (copy letter dated 10 February 2010 from Mrs A Donaghy, Town Clerk & Chief Executive enclosed). **Nomination of Council representative.**

(b) Reports available in Members’ Library (List enclosed)

5. Coleraine Harbour Commissioners – Appointment of Replacement Members

6. Consultation List (enclosed)

7. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- i) NILGA News – January 2010
- ii) Northern Ireland Policing Service – ‘H’ District E-Brief – January 2010
- iii) The Consumer Council – Press Statement – Best Value Water and Sewerage Services – 3 February 2010
- iv) Letter from Ballymena Borough Council dated 4 February 2010 including the Assembly Agriculture Committee Minutes of 12 January 2010 regarding Rose Energy
- v) Planning Information
- vi) The Housing Executive
 - (a) Newsletter - Rural Matters – Autumn/Winter 2009
 - (b) Rural Action Plan 2009/10 – 2012/13

*** Recommended for consideration “In Committee”**

COUNCIL MEETING

26th January 2010.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson, in the Chair

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman

M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole
J. J. Dallat
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

B. Fitzpatrick
N. F. Hillis
B. Leonard
G. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Performance Policy and Governance and Administrative Assistant

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 15th December, 2009 and the Special Meeting of 19th January, 2010 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

1.1 NW 200 Committee

In response to a member's question regarding practice sessions for the 2010 NW 200, the Director of Environmental Health confirmed that session times were under review. A decision on the timing of practice session(s) would be made at the meeting of the NW 200 Sub-Committee on 3rd February, 2010; individual queries or concerns regarding timings could be referred to Coleraine & District Motor Club.

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Cole, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Creelman and agreed.

2.2 Planning Committee

The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed.

2.3 Policy and Development Committee

Councillor McPherson moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Creelman.

Matters arising:

2.3.1 East Strand Environmental Improvement Scheme

This item would be considered 'in committee' at the end of the meeting.

2.3.2 Administrative Services' Report – Conferences

Consideration was given to this report and the contents noted.

The Committee Report was agreed.

3.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:

“This Council acknowledges the anxiety among parents and teachers of children with special educational needs regarding the future policy outlined in ‘Every School a Good School – the Way Forward for Special Educational Needs’ and calls on the Minister of Education to ensure that the policy brings: clarity around the use of the term ‘inclusion’; no diminution of the present statutory rights of children with special educational needs; early expert diagnosis and effective intervention; a fair balance of responsibility between schools and statutory agencies; and ring-fencing of resources to ensure that children with special educational needs benefit from delegated SEN.”

Agreed:

Following discussion and with unanimous agreement, that Council supports the Motion.

4.0 LETTER FROM BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Read letter dated 6th January, 2010 (previously supplied) in relation to a Notice of Motion passed by Ballymena Borough Council regarding the Autism Bill.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor McPherson, that Council supports Ballymena Borough Council.

5.0 LETTER FROM STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Read letter dated 10th December, 2009 (previously supplied) in relation to a Notice of Motion passed by Strabane District Council regarding EU Regulations on Spreading Slurry.

Agreed:

That Council supports Strabane District Council.

6.0 DERRY CITY COUNCIL - WINTER GRITTING PROGRAMME

Read letter from Derry City Council dated 15th January, 2010 (previously supplied) in conjunction with letter from Derry City Council to the Minister for Regional Development (previously supplied).

Agreed:

That Council supports Derry City Council.

7.0 NILGA - DRAFT RESPONSE TO DRDNI CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT REFORM

Consideration was given to this Draft Response document from NILGA (previously supplied).

Agreed:

That Council endorses the NILGA Draft Response.

8.0 THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION - RE-UNION PARADE AND CHURCH SERVICE

Read letter dated 14th December, 2009 (previously supplied) inviting the Mayor to open the 2010 Annual General Meeting and Re-Union Weekend on 13th/14th March, 2010 and, along with members, to the Re-Union Parade and Church Service.

Agreed:

That the Mayor would attend along with any interested members.

9.0 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPOSALS

Members noted that the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment (DETI) would hold a seminar on this consultation on 4th February, 2010 in the Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast. Any member interested in attending was asked to contact the Head of Performance Policy and Governance.

10.0 MEETING WITH MINISTER POOTS - PLANNING ISSUES

Consideration was given to available dates for this meeting and Council representation.

Agreed:

That parties nominate a delegate and, along with the independent member, agree a date for the meeting to the Head of Performance Policy and Governance by noon on 27th January, 2010.

11.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

Members noted the list of documents which had been made available in the Members' Library (previously supplied).

12.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Details of consultation documents received were noted (previously supplied).

Any member who wished to make a response was asked to contact the Head of Performance Policy and Governance before the due date for comments as detailed in

the report.

13.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Cemetery Titles

Grant of Right of Burial -
Deeds Register Nos. 3590 - 3609
inclusive.

Agherton	3
Ballywillan	6
Coleraine	8
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	3

Advanced Deed Register Nos. 0244 – 0246
inclusive.

Agherton	2
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	1
Portstewart	-

SPECIAL MEETING

2nd February, 2010.

Convened: To receive presentation from Coleraine Twinning Association representative

Present: The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson, in the Chair

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
(Item 2.0)

Councillors

D. D. Barbour E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
O. M. Church (Mrs.) B. Fitzpatrick
A. S. Cole D. Harding
(Item 2.0) (Item 2.0)
J. J. Dallat G. L. McLaughlin
T. J. Deans R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance: Acting Director of Leisure Services, Acting Twinning Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Deputy Mayor

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Acting Director of Leisure Services welcomed the new Chair of Coleraine Twinning Association, Ms. Thana Thammavongsa. He also welcomed Carol Fitzpatrick and Mark Reavey of the Twinning Association and Mrs. Heather Curry, Acting Twinning Officer. He thanked Mrs. Curry for her involvement and congratulated her on her recent marriage.

2.0 COLERAINE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ms. Thammavongsa was in attendance to update members on the work of Coleraine Twinning Association.

Ms. Thammavongsa briefed members on the association and highlighted various issues including:

- Promotion of the Association
- Events
- Exchanges, past and future
- 30th Anniversary
- Future concerns

Ms. Thammavongsa thanked Council for continuing help and financial support and answered members' various questions and noted comments.

In response to a question regarding Twinning and RPA, the Acting Director of Leisure Services updated members on the RPA process and advised that the Arts and Culture group were considering same.

The Acting Director of Leisure Services also advised that it may be useful for the Chairs of the cluster twinning associations to meet to consider the implications of RPA.

A member suggested that Council include an increase to the grant for the Association to help with the 30th Anniversary.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Thammavongsa for her informative presentation.

SPECIAL MEETING

11th February, 2010.

Convened: To consider the Rate Estimates and strike a Borough Rate for the year ended 31st March, 2011

Present: The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) D. McClarty
W. T. Creelman W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

D. D. Barbour B. Fitzpatrick
J. M. Bradley N. F. Hillis
A. S. Cole B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat G. L. McLaughlin
T. J. Deans R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Performance Policy and Governance, Finance Manager and Administrative Assistant.

Apology: Councillor Ms. Alexander

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 2010/2011 ESTIMATE OF RATES

The Director of Corporate Services presented his report on the 2010/2011 Estimate of Rates (previously supplied) and elaborated on the main factors which gave rise to the proposed increase viz:

- increase in employers' pension contributions;
- reduction in government grant aid;
- reduced use of landfill site by third-parties resulting in a drop in income;
- reduced income from Trade Waste collections;
- increase in government-imposed landfill tax and other waste management costs;
- increased cost of loan charges.

Members noted that, following the Rates Workshops which had already taken place,

Officers had continued to seek reductions across service areas, including a reduction in lifeguard costs, which would result in an overall rate increase of 4.98%.

Some concerns were expressed at the removal of the lifeguard service and it was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

That Council retain the lifeguard service.

A request was made for a recorded vote.

In response to Members' questions, the Director of Corporate Services confirmed that to retain the lifeguard service would result in an overall rate increase of 5.73%.

An extensive period of discussion followed during which it was proposed as an amendment by Councillor Hillis and seconded by Alderman McClarty:

That Council strike a rate at 4.98% and that Council Officers are asked to look at ways of achieving it.

In response to concerns regarding the implications of withdrawing the service, including the potential for legal challenge, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that legal advice had been received.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive stated that the provision of lifeguards was not a core service and one that Council could withdraw, however the withdrawal would have consequences. He advised that it should not be removed for purely financial reasons.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive drew members' attention to a number of matters and stated his recommendation would be that the lifeguard service be maintained for the incoming year in advance of reaching agreement with the RNLI.

It was agreed that a short adjournment be taken to allow Members to consider the information received within party groupings.

The meeting adjourned at 7.50 pm.

On resumption of the meeting at 8.45 pm, clarification was sought as to whether Alderman Mrs. Hickey's proposal was to increase the recommended rate. The proposal was then clarified as follows:

That Council retains the lifeguard service and, if necessary, that a further increase of 0.32% be levied to retain the robust service.

A number of Members expressed their opposition to any further increase to the recommended rate rise. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that he would review information previously provided in order to identify other possible areas which Members might make decision on, so that the lifeguard service might be maintained.

The amendment was then put to the Meeting and Members voted thus:

For: The Mayor
The Deputy Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Black, Creelman, McClarty and McClure
Councillors Barbour, Bradley, Cole, Deans, Mrs. Fielding,
Fitzpatrick, Hillis, Leonard, McPherson and McQuillan (16).

Against: Alderman Mrs. Hickey, Councillors Dallat and McLaughlin (3).

Agreed:

That Council strike a rate at 4.98% and that Council Officers are asked to look at ways of achieving it.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2nd February, 2010.

Present: Councillor A. S. Cole, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King (Items 2.1.1 – 5.0)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) W. T. Creelman (Items 1.0 – 4.1.1)	M. T. Hickey (Mrs.) W. J. McClure
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Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) (Items 1.0 – 4.7) D. D. Barbour (Items 1.0 - 4.7) J. M. Bradley O. M. Church (Mrs.) J. J. Dallat (Items 1.0 – 2.3.2) T. J. Deans (Items 1.0 – 2.4)	E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 4.7) B. Fitzpatrick D. Harding G. L. McLaughlin R. A. McPherson A. McQuillan
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Officers in Attendance:

Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Acting Head of Leisure Services and Administrative Assistant.

2.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The Report of the Director of Environmental Health was considered (previously supplied).

2.1 Legal Proceedings

2.2 Horses on Beaches Management Policy

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That the draft Horses on Beaches Management Policy be screened as not requiring an Equality Impact Assessment and issued for consultation in its

present form.

2.3 Consultation on Proposals for Changes

2.3.1 Dog Control Legislation

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Following a period of discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Harding, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

That Council approve the consultation response shown on Appendix II attached to the report containing the undernoted key issues:

- (i) Microchipping is recommended as a condition of all dog licences.
- (ii) Dog licences could include conditions such as:
 - Keeping a dog muzzled;
 - Keeping a dog on a leash;
 - A dog being kept in a secure location; or
 - A dog being neutered or re-homed.

in cases where the dog warden feels it is appropriate.

- (iii) The licence fee is increased from £5 to £25 with over 65s entitled to one free licence, a reduced licence fee is available to those on income related benefits.
- (iv) The discretion to deem exempt banned breeds in certain circumstances should rest with the courts.
- (v) All fixed penalty fines for offences would increase to £50 and all proceeds to be retained by Councils for the purposes of enforcement.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding:

That the consultation be approved with the licence fee increased to £10.00.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried, with ten members voting in favour and six members voting against.

Recommended:

That the consultation be approved with the licence fee increased to £10.00.

2.3.2 Consultation on Draft High Hedges Bill

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

The Director of Environmental Health answered members' various questions and noted members' comments.

Recommended:

That Council support the Draft Bill, in principle, and prepare a response for submission through the Environmental Health Department.

2.4 Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006 – Coleraine Showgrounds

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council designate the Director of Environmental Health and the Senior Environmental Health Officer (Health and Safety) to:

- (1) act as the designated persons for the Council;
- (2) represent Council on the safety advisory group;
- (3) issue the safety certificate to the Chief Executive of Coleraine Football Club on behalf of Council.
- (4) Authorise the undernoted officers under The Safety at Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006:

Kieran Doherty	Director of Environmental Health
Jacqueline Barr	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Rory Donnelly	Senior Environmental Health Officer
Pamela Bradley	} District Environmental Health Officer
Peter Kerr	
Peter Coulter	
Olive Dysart	} District Environmental Health Officer
Angela Dillon	
Yvonne Crowe	

2.5 Fuel Stamp Scheme

Consideration was given to this scheme, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That approval be granted for £1,200 financial assistance to St. John's Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Coleraine to assist with the administration involved in the Coleraine Fuel Stamp Scheme.

2.6 For Information

2.6.1 Volatile Substance Abuse Campaign/Lighter Refill Test Purchase Exercise

Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

2.6.2 Outcome of Legal Proceedings

Members noted the undernoted details on this topic.

Defendant:	Miss J. Davies 52 Quickthorn Place Coleraine
Offence:	Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983
Result:	Fine £15 x 5

Cost £70
Court Fees £16

2.6.3 No Smoking Day Award

Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

3.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Acting Director of Leisure Services was considered (previously supplied).

3.1 Review of Charges – Harbour and Marina

Recommended:

That Council adopt the charges for 2010/2011 for Coleraine Marina, Portstewart Harbour and Portrush Harbour, as detailed below:

Coleraine Marina

<i>Boats Up To & Including 7 Metres</i>	<i>Current Charge</i>	<i>Proposed Charge</i>
Summer – April to September	£80.00 per metre	£84.00 per metre
Winter – October to March	£55.00 per metre	£58.00 per metre
Monthly	£160.00	£180.00
Weekly	£63.00	£70.00
Daily	£15.00	£16.00

<i>Boats Over 7 Metres</i>	<i>Current Charge</i>	<i>Proposed Charge</i>
Summer – April to September	£92.00 per metre	£96.00 per metre
Winter – October to March	£61.00 per metre	£64.00 per metre
Monthly	£180.00	£200.00
Weekly	£70.00	£77.00
Daily	£19.00	£20.00

<i>Rowing Boats Up to 5 Metres</i>	<i>Current Charge</i>	<i>Proposed Charge</i>
Summer – April to September	£85.00	No Change
Winter – October to March	£53.00	No Change

<i>Slipping</i>	<i>Current Charge</i>	<i>Proposed Charge</i>
Season Ticket	£40.00	£44.00

<i>Other Charges</i>	<i>Current Charge</i>	<i>Proposed Charge</i>
Boat Park – Sailing Dinghies	£50.00 per annum	£55.00 per annum
Slipping & Changing	£5.00	£6.00
Mast Hoist with Boat Lift	£25.00	£30.00
Mast Hoist – Boats Moored Elsewhere	£35.00	£40.00

Portstewart Harbour

<i>Boats Up To & Including 7 Metres</i>	<i>Current Charge</i>	<i>Proposed Charge</i>
Season	£56.00 per metre	£60.00 per metre
Monthly	£110.00 per metre	£120.00 per metre
Weekly	£43.00	£45.00
Daily	£13.00	£15.00

Boats Over 7 Metres	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Season	£75.00 per metre	£80.00 per metre
Monthly	£130.00	£140.00
Weekly	£53.00	£55.00
Daily	£13.00	£15.00

Outer Harbour	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
All Boats	£32.00 per metre	£34.00 per metre

Portrush Harbour

Boats Up To & Including 7 Metres	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Season	£62.00 per metre (Minimum Charge £310.00)	£66.00 per metre (Minimum Charge £330.00)
Monthly	£160.00	£170.00
Weekly	£55.00	£60.00
Daily	£13.00	£15.00

Boats Over 7 Metres	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Season	£80.00 per metre	£85.00 per metre
Monthly	£160.00	£170.00
Weekly	£55.00	£60.00
Daily	£13.00	£15.00

Slipping	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Season Ticket	£40.00	£44.00
Casual	£3.00	£4.00

Covered Winter Storage	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
7 Metres and Under	£80.00	£100.00
Over 7 Metres	£100.00	£120.00

3.2 For Information

Members noted information on the undernoted topics, as detailed in the report.

- St. Patrick's Day
- Peace III 7a Cultural Connections Programme

4.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Director of Technical Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 DRD Roads Service

4.1.1 Hanover Cycle Path, Coleraine (Stage 2)

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

In response to a member's query regarding the redevelopment of Tesco in this area, the Director of Technical Services would investigate the matter and report back at the next Council meeting.

4.2 Entertainment Licence

4.2.1 Garvagh Sports and Social Club

An application for renewal of Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. B. Smyth.

Days and times on which it is intended to provide entertainment:

Monday/Tuesday – Saturday/Sunday: 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 a.m.

Sunday: 12.30 p.m. – Midnight

Members noted that an objection had been received from PSNI.

Recommended:

That the decision be deferred until the Council meeting on 23rd February, 2010 when both the applicant and objector would be given an opportunity to address Council.

Members noted that a meeting would be arranged with PSNI and the applicant before the Council meeting.

4.3 North West Regional Waste Management

4.3.1 Collection and Processing of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) – Tender

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council enter into an agreement with ERP/Geodis for the provision of the collection and processing of household WEEE from the designated collection facilities for a period up to 31st March, 2013 with the option of 6 monthly extensions until 31st March, 2015.

4.3.2 Collection and Processing of Waste Batteries and Accumulators - Tender

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council enter into an agreement with ERP/Geodis for the provision of the collection and processing of waste batteries and accumulators from the designated collection facilities for a period up to 31st March, 2013 with the option of 6 monthly extensions until 31st March 2015.

4.4 Bio-Diversity Officer Project

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Under a new initiative the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA), through its Natural Heritage Grant Programme, was offering funding to a maximum of 75% for the employment of a bio-diversity officer shared by Council groupings. An application for funding had been made on behalf of Coleraine, Ballymoney and Limavady with Coleraine acting as lead Council. The NIEA grant would amount to £90,000 over a three year period and the estimated cost to Council would be £5,000 per annum.

Members noted that this amount had been included in the estimates for the 2010/2011 year.

Recommended:

That Council accept the NIEA grant and agreement to acting as employer Council for the project officer.

4.5 Dilapidated Buildings and Sites

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That following the production of the final list and in conjunction with seeking some further legal clarification, the Director of Technical Services would communicate with the relevant owners/occupiers indicating Council's concerns regarding the detrimental effect of the properties on the surrounding area and the image portrayed to locals and visitors to the area. It would also be the intention to advise that legal action was being considered by Council and seek the owners' co-operation in carrying out works of a general nature to enhance the properties concerned to avert this action.

4.6 Building Control

4.6.1 Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 60 applications.

4.6.2 Administration of Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspection) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2009

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council authorise the following officers, employed for the pilot project by Belfast City Council, to act in the Coleraine Borough Council area in any matters arising out of the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations (NI) 2008 and the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2009:

Ms. Fiona Cleland
Mr. Eugene Henry
Mr. Jim Trainor
Mr. Kevin O'Connor

4.7 Annual Citizenship Programme for Young People

Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

A member suggested that Council hold something similar for Upper Sixth pupils to introduce them to the building.

The Director of Technical Services advised that all Primary Schools in the borough were invited to the Annual Citizenship Programme. He would contact Denise McElhone about this matter.

5.0 STATE OF ROADS

Recommended:

That Council write to the Divisional Roads Manager to complain about the condition of roads damaged by the severe frost.

NORTH WEST '200' COMMITTEE

3 February 2010

Present:

Alderman

W T Creelman

Councillors

R A McPherson

D Barbour

Officers in
Attendance:

Director of Environmental Health, Principal
Environmental Health Officer, Head of Development
Services, Refuse and Cleansing Manager, Event
Co-ordinator, Enforcement Officer

Also in
Attendance:

Mr M Whyte, Race Director and Laura McManus,
Business Manager, Coleraine & District Motor Club

Apologies:

Councillors Harding and Hillis

1.0 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 2 December 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising:

1.1 Date of 2010 Event

It was noted that 15 May 2010 had been confirmed as the Race date for this year. Practice races would be held on Tuesday 11th from 5.00pm to 9.30pm and on Thursday 13th from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

1.2 Vacancy

It was noted that Councillor Harding would fill the vacancy on this Committee.

2.0 ROAD CLOSURES

Mr Whyte had received correspondence in response to the proposal to close the roads to facilitate a day practice session on Thursday. He had offered visits to some concerned residents and one meeting had already taken place. Access for essential home help visits and health workers would be facilitated with access at certain times. There was ongoing work regarding road closure concerns.

Cllr McPherson enquired if the difficulties with bin collections on the Thursday morning had been settled. The Refuse and Cleansing Manager confirmed that it was a blue collection week and a mail shot would be required before the event advising affected residents of bin collection times or alternative bin collection arrangements.

Members were in agreement to support the proposal for a day time practice on Thursday 13th.

3.0 TRANSFER OF COUNCIL LANDS

The Club had submitted a formal application for transfer of lands and there were two changes from last year. It was proposed that Car Park 2, opposite the Paddock, would now be used to site a grandstand and Metropole Park, Portrush was proposed for the siting of a continental market. The Club were currently drawing up a business plan for transfer of lands and would present this to Council for consideration and approval at a later date.

4.0 STREET TRADING ARRANGEMENTS

The Enforcement Officer advised that Council issue a limited number of street trading licences and Council officers carry out inspections during the event. The PSNI now have the power to seize vehicles, therefore, traders cannot risk not having a licence. Criminal checks also need to be carried out on all those proposing to trade on council lands.

A discussion then followed debating whether to hold an auction for prospective traders, with reserves being set for each site. The Principal Environmental Health Officer would organise a meeting to further investigate this matter.

5.0 CONTINENTAL MARKET

The Event Co-ordinator advised the Committee that a proposal had been received to bring the continental market to the Metropole Park area during race week from 10am Wednesday to 6pm Sunday. It would be similar to the continental market held in the grounds of the City Hall, Belfast before Christmas. The company running the market have responsibility for set-up, health and safety, clean up and security. Concerns were raised with regard to the sale of alcohol within the market being close to the surrounding prohibited drinking area. It was agreed that further discussion with the PSNI was necessary regarding these issues. Members were also concerned regarding the possible adverse effect on traders in the area. It was noted that security would be provided and would be of a high standard. The organisers were aware that this was a family event and that alcohol must only be consumed within the marquee.

Members agreed, in principle, to the provision of the continental market.

6.0 CAMP SITES/CAR PARKING

Reported that there would be two sites for touring caravans and there would be no camping (tents) on the coast road. The North West '200' Club were advertising the availability of caravan and motor home sites along the coast road and details would be available within the next two weeks. Members enquired what legal liability there was to Council on campsites. It was confirmed that the Environmental Health Department provided guidance only and that health & safety and insurance would be dealt with by the camp site operators. The official North West camp site was currently under review and no decision had yet been made. The Environmental Health Department would have a team out from Wednesday 12th onwards to prevent unauthorised camping on Council lands from White Rocks, Portrush to Harbour Hill, Portstewart.

7. HOSPITALITY

Reported that the catering arrangement had been finalised with Stonebridge Catering and would be basically the same as last year. The ticket price had been reduced to £175 for the hospitality marquee. There was also the possibility of a food village within the paddock area and a charity collection was currently under review. It was noted that there would be no bar area in the paddock or trade village this year.

8. SPONSORSHIP, GRANTS AND TENDERS

Reported that the overall sponsor had been confirmed as Relentless Energy Drink with the associate sponsor being Black Horse. Sponsors had also been secured for each individual race. Press conferences and media coverage would follow with the PR team involved.

Ms. McManus provided an update on work being carried out with regard to grants and tenders.

Ms. McManus confirmed that MX Brand had been selected to proceed with event planning work and Ian Henderson would complete the economic appraisal on the event. No response had been received with regard to event services. DCAL would now be approached in order to obtain a list of companies with relevant terms of reference. It was noted that the event services work may now be divided but this was still under review.

9.0 RACE WEEK FESTIVAL

The Events Co-ordinator outlined the progress regarding the Race week festival, including go-kart racing, stunt shows and other ground based acts confirmed. It was noted that 50,000 flyers would be printed to promote the Race week and these would be distributed around Northern Ireland and to all Trade Shows in Great Britain.

10.0 MATHERS CROSS

Mr Whyte reported that a health and safety issue existed with the new improved road condition at Mathers Cross. DRD had carried out road improvements which would inevitably increase the speed on this section of the road. There was an apex on the corner which was hard to see. The Motor Club had a responsibility to improve safety following the death of a rider last year. The proposal was to alter the course so as to slow riders down which may result in land needing to be acquired. The cost and final arrangements were still to be finalised but all agreed that it would need to be ready this year to ensure the safety of the riders.

11.0 EVENTS' CO-ORDINATOR

Following a question Mr Whyte advised that the arrangement in place, with the Events' Co-ordinator working with the Motor Club on a part-time basis, was very beneficial. It was noted that the Events' Co-ordinator position within Council had been covered.

12.0 NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held during April. Details would be confirmed at a later date.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

9 February 2010

Present: Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King
(Items 1.0 – 7.0)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

D. McClarty
W. J. McClure

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole
(Items 2.2 – 9.0)
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)

B. Fitzpatrick
D. Harding
(Items 2.2 – 9.0)
N. F. Hillis
B. Leonard
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan
(Items 1.0 – 7.0)

Also in Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. W. McIlmoyle

Officers in Attendance: Administrative Officer, Principal Environmental Health
Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Ms. Alexander and Mrs. Fielding

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of fifty applications was presented for consideration (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Application No. 1
C/2004/1149/F
Demolition of existing disused
dwelling and outhousing to provide
15 bed hotel, restaurant and bar
with new entrance and car parking
facilities at Cappaghmore, 180-182
Coleraine Road, Portstewart for
Messrs. Mullan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

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| 2.2 | <u>Application No. 2</u>
<u>C/2006/1088/F</u>
<u>Variation of condition No. 6 of</u>
<u>planning application</u>
<u>C/2004/0859/F which reads:</u>
<u>“within one month of the date of</u>
<u>this planning permission, a spray</u>
<u>type wheel wash facility shall be</u>
<u>installed in accordance with details</u>
<u>and plans submitted to and</u>
<u>approved in writing by the</u>
<u>Department” to a bath type wheel</u>
<u>wash at Crocknamolt Quarry,</u>
<u>Ballyhome Road, Portrush for</u>
<u>Armoy Homes Ltd.</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be refused.</p> |
| 2.3 | <u>Application No. 3</u>
<u>C/2008/0007/F</u>
<u>Proposed retention of 3 no.</u>
<u>relocated earth-mounded bin</u>
<u>stores to serve existing housing</u>
<u>development and associated site</u>
<u>works at Rinagree, West Bay, Dhu</u>
<u>Varren, Portrush for Seaport (NI)</u>
<u>Ltd.</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p> |
| 2.4 | <u>Application No. 4</u>
<u>C/2009/0234/F</u>
<u>Existing dwelling to be demolished</u>
<u>and 2 no. dwellings erected at 29</u>
<u>Hopefield Avenue, Portrush for</u>
<u>Mr. B. Thompson</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p> |
| 2.5 | <u>Application No. 5</u>
<u>C/2009/0276/F</u>
<u>Proposed 4 no. apartments at 36</u>
<u>Causeway Street and 16 Victoria</u>
<u>Street, Portrush for Mr. H. Mullan</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p> |
| 2.6 | <u>Application No. 6</u>
<u>C/2009/0292/F</u>
<u>One and a half storey farm</u>
<u>dwelling on lands approx. 35m</u>
<u>north east of 34 Brone Road,</u>
<u>Garvagh for Mr. M. Holmes</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p> |
| 2.7 | <u>Application No. 7</u>
<u>C/2009/0322/F</u>
<u>Proposed replacement of an</u>
<u>existing 1980s bungalow with a</u>
<u>semi-detached chalet bungalow at</u>
<u>32 Bushfoot Drive, Portballintrae</u>
<u>for Mr. and Mrs. A. Reilly</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p> |
| 2.8 | <u>Application No. 8</u>
<u>C/2009/0354/F</u>
<u>New livestock shed and livestock</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> |

- handling/farmyard area at Kinnyglass Road, 150m SWW of 106 Kinnyglass Road, Macosquin, Coleraine for Mr. A. McCafferty
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.9 Application No. 9
C/2009/0425/F
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 85 bedroom nursing home at 9-12 Lansdowne Crescent, Portrush for Ashmore Developments Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be removed from the schedule to facilitate reassessment by the Planning Service.
- 2.10 Application No. 10
C/2009/0506/F
Proposed retention of change of use of domestic garage to hobby workshop at 54 Newmills Road, Coleraine for Mr. M. Currid
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor McQuillan and agreed:
- That Council support an approval.
- 2.11 Application No. 11
C/2009/0537/F
Re-siting and change of house type from that approved under C/2006/0016/F to multi accessibility bungalow and associated access roadway to adoptable standards at Knocktarna Manor (adjacent to 6 Knocktarna Manor), Coleraine for Landbank Homes Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

New Applications

- 2.12 Application No. 3
C/2009/0092/F
Change of use from vacant retail unit to hot food takeaway (retrospective) at Unit 2, 171-173 Coleraine Road, Portstewart for Larkhill Neighbourhood Centre
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Consideration was given to letters of objection dated 15 December 2009 and 4 February 2010 from John Offer and Janet Mackle, 175 Coleraine Road, Portstewart and Wesley Marshall, 177 Coleraine Road, Portstewart (previously supplied).
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor McPherson:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not

been assessed.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, eleven members voting in favour and five members voting against.

- 2.13 Application No. 8
C/2009/0582/A
Temporary signage/hoarding at
38a Bayhead Road, Portballintrae
for Mr. S. Sweeney
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was noted that this was a retrospective application.
- Mr. Duffy reported that satisfactory amended plans had been received. It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.14 Application No. 12
C/2009/0611/F
Application under Article 28 to
remove conditions 2-5 of approval
C/2005/1253/F for Tesco Stores
Ltd., Beresford Place, Coleraine
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Consideration was given to letter of objection dated 18 November 2009 from Mr. D. Buchanan, Chairman, Sandelford Management Co. (No. 2) Ltd.
- Reported that amendments had been received. It was agreed that the application be removed from the schedule to facilitate reassessment by the Planning Service.
- Mr. Duffy noted members' concerns regarding the proposed change in the floor space ratio for food/non-food products.
- 2.15 Application No. 13
C/2009/0619/F
Alteration to site layout approved
under C/2006/0159/F to upgrade
private road 6 to an adoptable
standard including larger turning
area, minor amendments to road
geometry and site frontage only off
Swilly Road, Portstewart for Colum
McAuley Builders Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- It was requested that a representative from Roads Service attend.
- 2.16 Application No. 15
C/2009/0683/F
Amendments to design of
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

approved dwelling 340m south of
15 Lisnamuck Road, Aghadowey,
Coleriane for Mr. and Mrs. Farley

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan,
seconded by Alderman McClure and
agreed:

That the application be
deferred for one month
to facilitate an office
meeting on the grounds
that all material planning
considerations had not
been assessed.

2.17 Application No. 16
C/2009/0685/O
Demolition of existing dwelling and
erection of 3 no. townhouses and
associated parking at 17 Lissadell
Avenue, Portstewart for McDonald

The opinion of the Planning Service was
to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick,
seconded by Alderman McClure and
agreed:

That the application be
deferred for one month
to facilitate an office
meeting on the grounds
that all material planning
considerations had not
been assessed.

2.18 Application No. 18
C/2009/0700/F
New access position to dwelling
previously approved under
C/2007/1094/RM 550m west of
120 Edenbane Road, Kilrea for
Mr. W. Bradley

The opinion of the Planning Service was
to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan,
seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and
agreed:

That the application be
deferred for one month
to facilitate an office
meeting on the grounds
that all material planning
considerations had not
been assessed.

2.19 Application No. 20
C/2009/0727/O
New dwelling on a farm 60m north
east of 204 Ballycairn Road,
Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. A.
McCollum

The opinion of the Planning Service was
to refuse.

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor,
seconded by Councillor McPherson and
agreed:

That the application be
deferred for one month
to facilitate an office
meeting on the grounds
that all material planning
considerations had not
been assessed.

- 2.20 Application No. 23
C/2009/0736/F
Proposed extension to dwelling
(raising roof of dwelling from single
to two storey) at 5 Millford Avenue,
Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. S.
Wilson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.21 Application No. 24
C/2009/0743/O
Proposed site for dwelling and
garage 220m south west of 54
Burrenmore Road, Castlerock for
Mr. P. Cunning
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman Creelman, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.22 Application No. 25
C/2009/0744/O
Site for farm dwelling and garage
55m west of No.12 Drumbane
Road, Garvagh for Mr. D. Rafferty
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.23 Application No. 27
C/2009/0755/F
Retrospective planning for change
of use of building from carpet sales
to garage for maintenance of
cars/vehicles at 14 Portstewart
Road, Coleraine for
Mr. R. Alaviveh
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning

considerations had not been assessed.

2.24 Application No. 31
C/2009/0773/F
Proposed demolition of existing
guest house to provide 6 no. 2 bed
apartments and 1 no. 1 bed
apartment at 50 Eglinton Street,
Portrush for Halliday Homes Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Alderman Mrs Hickey and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

2.25 Application No. 32
C/2009/0776/F
Erection of dwelling and garage on
a farm adjacent to 57 Newmills
Road, Coleraine for Mr. E. Irwin

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

2.26 Application No. 39
C/2009/0817/O
Proposed agricultural farm building
for agricultural purposes 250m
west of Aghadowey Presbyterian
Church, Ardreagh Road,
Aghadowey for Mr. J. Gaston

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Consideration was given to letter of objection dated 11 January 2010 from Mr. and Mrs. W. Montgomery, 75 Lisnamuck Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine (circulated to each member).

It was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor McQuillan:

That Council support the refusal.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black and seconded by Alderman McClarty:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning

considerations had not been assessed.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried, thirteen members voting in favour and four members voting against.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday 5 March 2010.

4.0 PLANNING ISSUE RAISED BY MEMBER

4.1 Applications Pending

Following a query, regarding older applications, Mr. Duffy agreed to provide a list of live applications for members' information.

5.0 PLANNING APPEALS INFORMATION

Consideration was given to the Planning Appeals Report detailing the following (previously supplied):

5.1 Appeal against Enforcement Notice: Alleged unauthorised erection of a log cabin/dwelling and associated hardstanding and lane on land 40m north east of 12 Movanager Road, Kilrea for Ms. Belinda Quigg

The Planning Appeals Commission had received an appeal against the above Enforcement Notice and was required to take account of any representations received from Council thereon (copy letter dated 11 January 2010 previously supplied).

Following discussion it was agreed:

That Council support an approval.

5.2 Appeal against Enforcement Notices: Alleged unauthorised access and lane on land at 89A Mettican Road, Garvagh for Mr. Norman McFarlane Alleged unauthorised use of land for a vehicular access, laneway and garden, making a material change in the use of the said lands on land at 89A Mettican Road, Garvagh for Mr. Norman McFarlane

The above appeals would be heard by Informal Hearing procedure on 1 April 2010 at 11.00 am. Noted.

6.0 PROPOSED 6 TURBINE DEVELOPMENT AT 920M NNW OF 33 CRAIGMORE ROAD, BLACKHILL, COLERAINE

Consideration was given to letter dated 26 January 2010 from TCI Renewables Ltd. informing members about the above proposal and seeking comments (previously supplied).

Members noted that an extensive Environmental Impact Assessment of the project was currently being prepared and that a formal planning application would be submitted. It

was agreed that comments be reserved on the proposal pending the completion of the EIA and the formal planning consultation exercise.

7.0 CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT AT 45 CRAIGAHULLIAR ROAD, PORTRUSH

Consideration was given to letter dated 25 January 2010 from Planning Service Headquarters regarding the above application (previously supplied).

It was noted that Planning Service would undertake additional consultations as part of the re-consideration of the application.

Following discussion it was agreed that an office meeting be facilitated, as suggested by Fleming Mounstephen, prior to re-consideration of the application.

Mr. Duffy would clarify with Planning Service Headquarters and facilitate an office meeting.

8.0 OFFICE BUILDING WITH ASSOCIATED MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK (PHASE 1) AT 2 GATESIDE ROAD, COLERAINE

Consideration was given to letter dated 15 January 2010 from the Sub Divisional Planning Office (previously supplied).

It was noted that the outstanding Roads Service issues had now been satisfactorily resolved and the Department was now in a position to issue the decision as an approval.

9.0 MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Administrative Officer referred to the meeting which had taken place with the Minister for the Environment on 2 February 2010 regarding housing within urban areas (Summary Briefing Note prepared by Fleming Mounstephen previously supplied). Following on from this meeting a draft letter to the Minister, regarding planning application C/2009/0159/F (Ballycairn Road, Coleraine), was tabled for agreement.

It was agreed that this letter be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

16th February, 2010.

Present: Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) B. Fitzpatrick
(Items 1.0 – 7.1.1) D. Harding
O. M. Church (Mrs.) G. McLaughlin
A. S. Cole B. Leonard
(Items 1.0 – 7.2.1) (Items 1.0 – 7.2.1)
T. J. Deans J. J. Dallat
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Performance Policy and Governance, Services Manager, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman McClarty and Councillor Hillis

1.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT

The Report of the Head of Development Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

1.1 Community Support Plan – Action Plan 2010-11

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report.

In response to a member's questions regarding the source of funding for the Twelfth Festival, the Acting Director of Leisure Services confirmed that he would recommend an application be made to the Community Festivals Programme. In the event that this was not approved, a funding request could be brought back to Council. Members noted that other sources of funding were also being looked at for this event.

During the ensuing discussion, Members' comments were noted by the Head of Development Services.

Recommended:

That Council approves the Community Support Plan for the period 2010-2011

subject to possible slight amendments to budgets.

1.2 Coleraine District Policing Partnership (DPP) Report

Four Members were sought to participate in a panel for the recruitment of an Independent Member of Coleraine DPP, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That the DPP Chairman be appointed to the recruitment panel along with Aldermen Mrs. Black, Mrs. Hickey and McClure.

In response to Members' comments regarding conflict of dates for recruitment panel meetings, the Head of Development Services would contact Northern Ireland Policing Board on the possibility of changing these and advise the panellists. The Head of Performance Policy and Governance would, meanwhile, investigate whether conflicting meetings could be rearranged to more suitable dates.

1.3 For Information

Members noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report:

- Provisional Regeneration Exhibition dates.
- Invest NI Event in partnership with Coleraine Borough Council - the Head of Development Services would bring an update on Invest NI events in the Borough to a future meeting.

2.0 CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

The Report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

2.1 Requests for Donations

Consideration was given to requests for funding, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

On the proposal of the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Deans, that Council makes the following contributions for the financial year 2009/10:

- (i) William Keown Trust - £350.
- (ii) Royal National Lifeboat Institution - £500.
- (iii) Northern Ireland Hospice – Coleraine Support Group - £5,000.

2.2 For Information

Members noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report.

- Budgetary Report at 31st December, 2009.
- Review of Non-Domestic Vacant Rating and Exclusion of Companies in Administration.
- Accounts for January 2010.

2.3 Appointment

The following appointment had been made in accordance with the Local Government Staff Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection.

Chief Executive's Department

Caretaker Attendant: Philip Cardy

3.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES' REPORT

It was agreed that this item be held 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

4.1 Forecast of Key Council Events March - April 2010

Members noted information on key Council events and activities, as contained in the report (previously supplied).

4.2 Land & Property

It was noted that this item would be held 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

5.0 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that no formal updates had been provided on RPA; official guidance was that a May 2011 implementation date was being worked towards.

No movement had taken place on the boundaries issue as yet.

6.0 NILGA

6.1 Update from Full Members' Meeting

Read letter dated 4th February, 2010 from Councillor John Mathews in relation to:

- Facilitating voluntary collaboration as an alternative to a Business Services Organisation (BSO)
- Funding the RPA Process.

The contents were noted.

6.2 Consultation event for the High Hedges Legislation

A half-day seminar on this issue would be held in the Burnavon Centre, Cookstown on 23rd February, 2010.

It was noted that Council's comments on this consultation had already been provided to NILGA.

7.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

In response to a member's query, the Director of Corporate Services outlined the selection process for appointment of members as Coleraine Harbour Commissioners. He confirmed that a process was currently underway for appointment to two vacant positions.

Members noted that a consultation process was currently ongoing in relation to the future of Harbour Commissioners. Councillor Dallat would forward available information to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

8.0 LOWER BANN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reference was made to arrangements for funding of the Lower Bann Advisory Committee for the forthcoming year. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that, whilst £5,000 was available within Council's contributions schedule, decision on funding for the Lower Bann Advisory Committee had not yet been taken by Council. Members noted that Minister Poots had requested councils' positions on funding and suggested that if this was forthcoming, then funding would also be provided by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

9.0 LETTER FROM SIR REG EMPEY MP MLA

Read letter inviting Members and Officers to a seminar on Economic Development to be held in the Ecos Centre, Ballymena on 24th February, 2010 commencing at 11.30 am.

Any Members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.