



COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** 25 September 2012 immediately following the Planning Committee Meeting.

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 – 28 August 2012
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Planning Committee – 28 August 2012
 - 2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee – 04 September 2012
(Item 4.2.1) Entertainment Licence – The Atlantis Hotel,
Bushmills Road, Portrush

The applicant and objectors have been given the opportunity to address Council.
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 18 September 2012
3. Transforming Your Care – Response (enclosed)
Presentation by Mr. Colin Stutt
4. Environmental Services Report (enclosed) * **(In Committee)**

5. Correspondence (enclosed):

For information

- i) Letter of thanks from Northern Ireland Milk Cup
- ii) List of Reports available in Members' Library
- iii) List of Consultation Documents

6. Documents for Sealing

*** Recommended for consideration "In Committee".**

To: Each Member of Council

21 September 2012

COUNCIL MEETING

28th August, 2012.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor A. S. Cole, in the Chair

Aldermen

J. M. Bradley
(Items 12.2.1 – 12.4.1)
W. T. Creelman

N. F. Hillis
W. J. McClure
(Items 1.0 - 12.1.1)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.0 – 12.1.1)
C. Archibald
D. D. Barbour
Y. Boyle (Ms.)
G. Duddy
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
M. Fielding
(Items 12.1.1 – 12.4.1)

B. Fitzpatrick
R. J. Holmes
(Items 4.1 - 12.4.1)
W. A. King
R. A. Loftus (Mrs.)
D. McClarty
G. McLaughlin
A. McQuillan
(Items 1.0 – 12.3.1)

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development (Items 1.0 – 12.2.1), Acting Head of Finance, Head of Health and Built Environment, Head of Performance, Policy and Governance, Head of Development Services (Items 1.0 – 12.2.1), Economic Development Manager (Items 12.1.1 – 12.2.1), Regeneration Manager (Item 12.1.1), Head of Operations and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

The Deputy Mayor and Councillor McCandless

1.0 'IN COMMITTEE'

It was agreed that a number of items be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the Meeting.

2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 24th July, 2012 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

2.1 Notice of Motion

The Chief Executive advised that Limavady Borough Council had agreed to meet with the Minister of Justice regarding the closure of Magilligan Prison and sought members' views regarding a joint meeting.

Councillor McClarty informed members that the Prison Officers' Association were organising a campaign to save the Prison and Council would be contacted with regard to the Association making a presentation at a future meeting.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor McClarty and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander that, when contacted, Council accept the offer of a presentation.

2.2 Waste Management Working Group Minutes – 21st June, 2012

2.2.1 Environmental Services Restructuring – Fleet Manager

It had been agreed that the post of Fleet Manager would be a three year fixed term contract which would be reviewed thereafter.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORT

3.1 Planning Committee

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

4.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 North East Region Rural Development Programme – Joint Initiatives

The Head of Development Services outlined the two new co-operation initiatives available from the North East Region Rural Development Programme (NERRDP) as follows:

Village Links Initiative

This project would link directly into the Village Renewal programme and would provide direct benefits to individual council areas. One village from each area would be directly involved and there would be overall benefits to the villages and settlements in the NER area.

The total cost of the programme was £73,000 and 75% funding could be obtained by NERRDP from DARD. Councils could match fund by providing 20% in kind contribution and 5% cash resulting in a cost of £950 per annum over two years.

Basic Services (Innovative Village)

NERRDP had been offered the opportunity to become a partner in a Transnational Co-operation project involving several local action groups from across the European Union territory to collaborate on a project, entitled 'Innovative Village', which would enhance service provision in rural areas.

The total funding applied for was £62,000 and 75% funding could be accessed through DARD. Councils could match fund by providing 20% in kind contribution and 5% cash resulting in a cost of £750 per annum over two years.

Agreed:

That Council provide up to a maximum of 5% towards the Village Links Initiative and the Basic Services (Innovative Village) over a two year period, not exceeding £950 and £750 respectively per annum.

4.2 How to Procure Public Sector Contracts Programme

The Head of Development Services outlined details of the above programme which sought to work with small business owners to make them aware of public sector tendering opportunities, including the increasing move towards e-tendering processes. There would be a number of public sector tendering awareness events before recruiting sixty businesses across the area.

Antrim Council was the lead for this project across the North East Council cluster. The total programme cost was £115,352 with £86,514 having been secured. Sixty businesses would contribute £50 each thus leaving £25,838 match funding to be split between the seven participating Councils from the North East Group. The programme would run for two years thus Council's contribution of £3,691 would be split over two financial years.

Agreed:

That Council support the programme and make £3,691 match funding available over two years.

4.3 Raising Finance for Small Businesses Programme

The Head of Development Services outlined details of the above programme which sought to build the capacity within small firms to attract financial assistance from lenders, venture capitalists and other sources. The programme would benefit up to three hundred businesses throughout the north east region over two years with six Councils taking part.

Antrim Council was the lead for this project across the North East Council cluster. Funding of £105,039 had been secured towards the total programme budget of £140,052 with the six participating Councils expected to contribute £5,336 over two years.

Agreed:

That Council support the programme and make £5,336 match funding available over two years.

4.4 For Information

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

- Presentation from Invest NI
- Digital NI 2020 Event at Flowerfield – 20th September, 2012
- Community Cohesion
- Revitalise Programme

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

5.1 Entertainment Licences

5.1.1 Mussenden Temple

An application for a grant of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. T. Edwards, National Trust, Hezlett House, 107 Sea Road, Castlerock.

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

14 unspecified days in the year
Monday – Sunday 8.00 am – 12 midnight.

Agreed:

That an Entertainment Licence be granted subject to the following special conditions:

- Maximum of 7 seats in row.
- Inform guests that alarm will be by announcement.
- Doors manned during performance and opened if alarm raised.
- Door fasteners on final exit door to be left in the open position when premises are in use.
- Final exit doors to be permanently manned when entertainment is being provided.
- Emergency exit procedures to be announced prior to entertainment taking place.
- Provide emergency lighting when entertainment is being provided.

- Portable fire fighting equipment to be provided when entertainment is being held.
- All door supervisors employed within the licensed premises must be registered with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

5.1.2 Charly's

An application for grant of an Entertainments Licence had been received from Ms. L. Coulter, 34 Newbridge Road, Coleraine.

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

Monday – Saturday 11.30 am – 1.00 am
 Sunday 12.30 pm – midnight

Agreed:

That an Entertainments Licence be granted subject to the following special conditions:

- All requirements as contained in Nightsafe Coleraine Code of Best Practice 2008.
- All door supervisors employed within the licensed premises must be registered with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

5.2 Street Trading

5.2.1 Stationary Street Trading Licences

Agreed:

That Council grant stationary Street Trading Licences to the following that were successful in their application to trade as stationary street traders:

Applicant	Location	Commodity
Mrs T Clifford 16 Knocksandel Drive Coleraine	Lansdowne Road Portrush	Hot food and soft drinks
Mr W Millar 4 Ramsay Park Coleraine	Lay by at Macosquin	Hot food and minerals

Mrs J O'Kane 68 Broomhill Park Coleraine	Lansdowne Road Portrush	Ice cream, sweets or minerals
Mrs E Gibson 29 Timaconway Road, Kilrea	Lansdowne Road Portrush	Hot food, sweets and ice cream
Mr I Dobbin 83E Loughanhill Park Ballysally	Car Park at Ballysally shops	Hot food
Mr R Lavery 108 Ballyrashane Road Coleraine	Car park at Harpur's Hill, Coleraine	Hot food
Mrs D Brown 21 Oldtown Road Ballymoney	Two mile bridge at Newbridge Road, Coleraine	Hot food
Mrs R Pollock 67 Altikeeragh Road Castlerock	CBC car park adjacent to The Promenade, Castlerock	Ice cream

5.2.2 Mobile Street Trading Licences

Agreed:

That Council grant mobile Street Trading Licences to the following that were successful in their application to trade as mobile street traders:

Application	Applicant	Commodity
RENEWAL	Stephen Lavery 9 Royal Terrace Balnamore Ballymoney	Hot food
RENEWAL	Judith O'Kane 68 Broomhill Park Coleraine	Ice cream, minerals, sweets & crisps
RENEWAL	Samuel Stewart 44 Margaret Avenue Ballymoney	Ice cream, sweets, minerals
RENEWAL	Mr B Clifford 38 Damhead Road Coleraine	Ice cream, sweets, minerals

RENEWAL	Nicholas John Lerwill 56 Hopefield Grange Portrush	Ice cream
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5.2.3 Street Trading Committee

Reported that at the Street Trading Committee Meeting held on 9th August, 2012 members unanimously agreed that powers to instigate legal proceedings in the event of non-compliance be delegated from Council to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and/or the Corporate Director of Environmental Services, thus ensuring that there is no delay in processing non-compliance.

Agreed:

That powers to instigate legal proceedings in respect of breaches of Street Trading legislation be delegated to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and the Corporate Director of Environmental Services.

5.3 For Information

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

- The Coleraine to Londonderry Track Renewal Project
- The Health and Personal Social Services (NI) Order 1978 as amended Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) (NI) Order 1991 as amended by the Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc) Regulations (NI) 2008 - Cigarette Test Purchase Exercise August 2012

6.0 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

6.1 **Finance**

6.1.1 For Information

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

- Accounts
- Financial Statement as at 30th June, 2012

6.2 **Transforming Your Care**

Reported that the Health Minister had agreed to meet a deputation from Council in

connection with the proposed changes to A&E services at the Causeway Hospital and a date was currently being organised.

It was agreed that any member interested in being part of the delegation should contact the Chief Executive.

6.3 Members' Services

6.3.1 For Information

Members noted information on the following topic, as detailed in the report:

- Forecast of key Council Events August to September

7.0 Correspondence

Members noted the following letters (previously supplied):

- Letters of thanks from:
 - Prime Minister, David Cameron re visit
 - Secretary of State for NI, Owen Paterson MP re Prime Minister's visit
 - Councillor B. Johnston, Fermanagh District Council re Olympic Games
 - Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Arlene Foster re Irish Open 2012
- Letters of congratulations re Olympic Games from:
 - Ballymena Borough Council
 - Fermanagh District Council
- Letter from Minister of Justice, David Ford re Magilligan Prison
- Letter from Chief Executive of Volunteer Now re Volunteers for World Peace and Fire Games
- Invitation from Firmus Energy re Information Session on 30th August, 2012
- List of Reports available in Members' Library
- List of Consultation Documents

8.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Lease (in duplicate) Council to Mr. M. Elder – Supermarket shops at Carrick Dhu and Juniper Hill Caravan Parks, Portrush
2. Licence (in duplicate) Council and Miss Dawn Allen – Letting of Lands at Camus Picnic Area, Coleraine

3. Cemetery Titles

Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds
Register Nos. 3905 – 3916 inclusive:

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	4
Coleraine	5
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	2

9.0 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor referred to the recent Prime Minister's visit and the homecoming celebrations for the Olympic Games' winners and thanked all staff involved in making the events such a success.

10.0 CAR PARK - STRAND ROAD, COLERAINE

Concern was expressed regarding the recent volume of cars parking all day in the car park at Strand Road, Coleraine. The Chief Executive would have the matter investigated.

11.0 ANDERSON PARK, COLERAINE

A member had received a complaint concerning the work being carried out at Anderson Park, Coleraine (behind St. Patrick's Church). The Chief Executive would have the matter investigated.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

28th August, 2012.

Present: Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman
N. F. Hillis

W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
C. Archibald
(Items 2.2 – 5.0)
D. D. Barbour
Y. Boyle (Ms.)
G. Duddy
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
(Items 2.4 – 5.0)

B. Fitzpatrick
W. A. King
R. A. Loftus (Mrs.)
D. McClarty
A. McQuillan
(Items 2.4 – 5.0)

Also in

Attendance: Representative from the Planning Service – Mr. M. Wilson

Officers in **Attendance:**

Head of Performance, Policy and Governance, Head of Health and Built Environment, Head of Operations and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor McCandless

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Applications Deferred from **Previous Meeting**

2.1 Application No. D1
C/2011/0304/F
Demolition of existing semi-
detached dwelling to provide 1
no. domestic dwelling with
double garage and private
amenity space at

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Amended plans had been received and it was agreed that the application be approved.

17 Heathmount, Portstewart for
Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher

- 2.2 Application No. D2
C/2011/0391/F
Alterations to form new entrance
doorway to front elevation
replacing existing window
opening at 95A Main Street,
Garvagh for Garvagh Sports &
Social Club
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve both applications.
- Amended plans had been received and it was agreed that both applications be approved.
- Application No. D3
C/2011/0392/LBC
Replacing window opening to
form entrance doorway at 95
Main Street, Garvagh for
Garvagh Sports & Social Club
- 2.3 Application No. D4
C/2011/0610/F
Extension to dwelling at
3 Millhaven Park, Portstewart for
Mr. and Mrs. Allely
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

New Applications

- 2.4 Application No. 2
C/2011/0423/O
Site for dwelling and associated
works with access off Strand
View Cottages approximately
100m south-west of No. 9
Strand View Cottages and to the
rear of No. 20 School Lane,
Castlerock for Mr. McKay
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor King, 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.
- 2.5 Application No. 3
C/2012/0033/F
Demolition of existing dwelling
and erection of 2 no. dwellings
at No. 4 Prospect Road,
Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs.
- 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

Matthews

following the receipt of amended plans.

2.6 Application No. 6
C/2012/0227/F
Conversion of derelict ground
floor store into 2 x 1 no.
bedroom apartments at
3b The Promenade, Portstewart
for Mr. A. McLoughlin

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Loftus, seconded by Councillor Barbour 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.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the Office Meetings would be held on Friday, 21st September, 2012.

4.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES

4.1 12/14 Seaview Drive, Portstewart – Electrical Sub-Station

Mr. Wilson advised members that a complaint had been received by the Department which was currently being investigated.

4.2 12 Ballymacrea Road, Portrush – Enforcement Update

It was noted that the Department was still awaiting the outcome of the Planning Appeals Commission's decision.

4.3 Craigvara Cottage, Portrush – Enforcement Update

Mr. Wilson advised that the Department was aware that works were currently ongoing and would continue to monitor the situation.

4.4 Signage - The Doughnut Shop, The Promenade, Portstewart

Following a member's question regarding signage at the above property Mr. Wilson advised that the signage application was also subject to a planning appeal. The Department was not treating it as a priority until the outcome of the two decisions from the Planning Appeals Commission.

4.5 Application C/2011/0477 - Proposed dwelling and garage on a farm adjacent to 40 Craighulliar Road, Portrush – Mr. R. J. Kyle

Reference was made to copy letter dated 1st August, 2012 from the Area

Planning Manager (previously supplied) whereby the Department had assessed further information received but would now issue the decision notice refusing planning permission.

Various members were disappointed with the outcome but Mr. Wilson explained that the application did not meet planning policy requirements. The applicant could exercise his right of appeal if dissatisfied with the Department's decision.

5.0 KIDDIELAND FENCE, PORTRUSH

Consideration was given to the Report (previously supplied) on the Meeting held with the Planning Working Group and Minister Attwood on 15th August, 2012 regarding the current status of the fence at Kiddieland; its impact on the Environmental Improvement Scheme at Station Square; and the overall implications of the structure for Portrush Regeneration proposals.

The Minister reiterated his decision not to issue a Discontinuance Notice in respect of the development, on the basis of cost.

Agreed:

That the matter be closed in planning terms and be referred to the Regeneration Manager for preparation of an options paper in the context of the wider PRS programme for consideration by Council.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

4th September, 2012.

Present: Councillor M. Fielding, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor A. S. Cole
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

J. M. Bradley
(Items 4.1.3 - 7.1)

W. T. Creelman
N. F. Hillis

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) W. A. King
Y. Boyle (Ms.) R. A. Loftus (Mrs.)
G. Duddy W. McCandless
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) (Items 3.1.1 – 7.1)
B. Fitzpatrick D. McClarty
D. Harding G. L. McLaughlin
R. J. Holmes A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Corporate Director of Environmental Services, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Head of Health and Built Environment, Head of Operations, Business Support and Administration Manager (ES) and Administrative Assistant.

Apology: Alderman McClure

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked his party colleagues for appointing him as Chairman.

2.0 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor McClarty:

That Councillor Mrs. Loftus be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick that Councillor Ms. Boyle be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor Ms. Boyle declined the offer and Councillor Fitzpatrick withdrew his proposal.

Recommended:

That Councillor Mrs. Loftus be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

3.0 LEISURE SERVICES' REPORT

The Report of the Corporate Director of Leisure and Development was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 For Information

3.1.1 Northern Ireland International Airshow – 8th and 9th September, 2012

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development presented an overview of the programme and arrangements for the Northern Ireland International Airshow.

The Mayor advised members that this was Jeff Brownhut's last year of organising the event and paid tribute to him. Congratulations and thanks were extended to Council staff for their efforts and contribution to the event.

3.1.2 Causeway Museum Service

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Department of Regional Development Roads Service

4.1.1 Proposed 30mph Speed Limit at Glen Road, Brockagh Road and Curraghmore Road at Glenullin, Rusky Park, Ardreagh Road, Craigmore Terrace, Ringsend and Masteragwee Road, Articlave

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

Recommended:

That Council support Roads Service's proposal to introduce a 30mph speed limit at Glen Road, Brockagh Road and Curraghmore Road at Glenullin, Rusky Park, Ardreagh Road, Craigmore Terrace, Ringsend and Masteragwee Road, Articlave.

Further to a query regarding the widening of the Masteragwee Road and possibility of placing a weight restriction on the road, the Corporate Director of Environmental Services advised he would refer these comments to Roads Service.

4.1.2 Proposed 40mph Speed Limit at Moneybrannon Road (B207) at Clarehill

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

Recommended:

That Council support Roads Service's proposal to introduce a 40mph speed limit at Moneybrannon Road (B207) at Clarehill.

4.1.3 Proposed 50mph Speed Limit at Curragh Road (A54) at Culcrow

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

Recommended:

That Council support Roads Service's proposal to introduce a 50mph speed limit at Curragh Road (A54) at Culcrow.

4.2 Entertainment Licence

4.2.1 The Atlantis Hotel, Bushmills Road, Portrush

An application for a grant of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. Peter Wilson.

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

Lush including Green Room, Synk, Star Bar, Atlantis Bar and Grill, Krugers Outdoor Bar, Wild Inc JK Lounge:

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

Sunday (Lush and Synk) 1.00 a.m. – 2.00 a.m.

Sunday 12.30 p.m. – Midnight

Members noted that letters of objection had been received.

Recommended:

That this application be deferred to the Council meeting on 25th September, 2012 when both the applicant and objector(s) would be given an opportunity to address Council.

4.3 Building Control Plans for Rejection under Building Regulations

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

Recommended:

That Council reject the plans of the thirty-four applications as detailed in the report.

4.4 For Information

4.4.1 Building Control Reports

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

4.4.2 Outcome of Legal Proceedings

Defendant:	The Mercer's Arms
Names:	Terence O'Neill Joseph O'Neill Vera O'Neill
Address:	25 The Diamond Kilrea
Offence:	Breach of Article 9 (1) of The Smoking (NI) Order 2006
Results:	The magistrate imposed a fine of £150.00 on Terence O'Neill and Vera O'Neill and awarded costs in each case of £75.00 plus £28.00 court costs. The case against Joe O'Neill was withdrawn.

4.4.3 Electric Blanket Testing 2012

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

5.0 COUNCIL OWNED FACILITIES - RENT

Further to a query regarding rent for the use of the "Bowl" area in Portrush, the Corporate Director of Leisure and Development advised he would investigate and inform the member.

6.0 LANSDOWNE SHELTER, PORTRUSH – REFURBISHMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Further to a request for an update on this project, the Corporate Director of Leisure and Development advised he would update the member regarding the status of the Lansdowne Shelter refurbishment.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18 September 2012

Present: Councillor N F Hillis in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor A S Cole
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Mrs M Hickey

Aldermen

J M Bradley
W T Creelman

W J McClure

Councillors

C S Alexander (Ms)
C Archibald
D D Barbour
Y Boyle (Ms)
G Duddy
(Items 1.0 - 4.6)
E P Fielding (Mrs)
M Fielding
B Fitzpatrick

D Harding
R J Holmes
W A King
R A Loftus (Mrs)
W McCandless
D McClarty
G L McLaughlin
A McQuillan
(Items 3.0 – 7.0)

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Head of Development Services, Acting Head of Finance, Regeneration Manager, Economic Development Manager and Business Support and Administration Manager (CE)

1.0 IN COMMITTEE

It was agreed to consider a number of items 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

2.0 H M PRISON MAGILLIGAN

The Chairman welcomed representatives from the Prison Officers' Association NI.

Mr Finlay Spratt, Chairman, outlined the background to the recent Prison Estates Review which had recommended that Magilligan Prison should close and a new prison be built closer to Maghaberry by 2018.

Mr Spratt referred to the original review of the Prison and the subsequent announcement by Minister Paul Goggins in 2007 that a new prison would be built at Magilligan. He then detailed the consequent spend on preparations for the redevelopment of the site.

Mr Spratt advised Committee on the campaign being undertaken by the Prison Officers' Association NI to save the Prison and requested members' support for the petition (tabled) and the parade to Parliament Buildings on 21 September 2012 at which the petition would be handed over.

A period of debate ensued during which Mr Spratt answered members' extensive questions.

Committee thanked the representatives for the very informative presentation and assured them of their support for the campaign, following which the representatives withdrew from the meeting.

3.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Consideration was given to the Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 Magilligan Prison

Nominations were sought for up to 4 Members to take part in a delegation to meet the Minister on 24 October 2012.

Recommended:

That the Mayor and Councillors Mrs Loftus, McClarty and McCandless be nominated to the delegation.

3.2 Freedom of the Borough

Committee was asked to consider creating a sub committee to review existing and any additional request for Freedom of the Borough, as agreed in December 1995.

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

That a sub committee of 8 representatives be convened on the basis of D'Hondt.

It was proposed as an amendment by Alderman Mrs Hickey and seconded by Councillor Mrs Loftus:

That the sub committee comprise 1 representative from each party along with 1 Independent.

On being put to a vote, the amendment was lost with 9 members voting in favour and 12 against.

Recommended:

With 11 votes in favour and 8 against, that a sub committee of 8 representatives

be convened on the basis of D'Hondt.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the political membership of the sub committee would therefore be DUP 4; UUP 2; SDLP 1; Alliance 1. Parties would advise their nominations to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Reference was made to the inconsistent use of the D'Hondt mechanism when determining makeup of sub committees and groups.

3.3 For Information

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

- Finance
- Transforming Your Care
- Forecast of Key Council Events for mid-September – 31 October 2012

4.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Development Services (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Causeway Chamber Business Awards 2013

Consideration was given to sponsorship for the 2013 'Commitment to the Borough' Award.

Recommended:

That Council contributes £1,500 to the Award for 2013.

4.2 Draft Response to the Business Improvements Districts Bill (BIDS)

Consideration was given to the draft Bill (previously supplied) along with Council's draft response (previously supplied).

Recommended:

That Council approves the draft response to the BIDS Bill Consultation, as presented.

4.3 Coleraine Town Centre Advisory Group

Committee noted information on the recommended structure for the Town Centre Advisory Group, which had resulted from a review of the Coleraine town management function carried out as part of the Interreg funded BIDS project in 2011/12, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That Council approves the establishment of the new structure for the Coleraine Town Centre Advisory Group.

4.4 Revitalise Programmes – Portrush and Portstewart

Consideration was given to proposals for applications to the Department for Social Development (DSD) for a Revitalise Programme in Portstewart for 2013-14 and an extension of the Programme in Portrush for 2012-13, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That Council leads the Revitalise initiatives for Portrush and Portstewart as presented and subject to funding from DSD.

Members referred to public support for the current Portrush project and thanked staff for their work on the schemes.

4.5 Revitalise Programme – Coleraine

Consideration was given to proposals for a Revitalise Programme for Coleraine. The first phase of work would be the Waterside/Bridge Street area in 2013-14; a further application would be made for a secondary phase of work to focus on the Railway Road area.

Recommended:

That Council agrees to lead on the Revitalise Programme for the Waterside/Bridge Street area of Coleraine for 2013-14, as detailed in the report and pending an offer of funding from DSD.

Reference was made to the continued need for additional car parking in Coleraine. In response to a member's question, the Head of Development Services would investigate previous spend on the Waterside area.

4.6 Campervan Facility and Air de Service, Portrush

A Letter of Offer had been received from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) for the provision of an overnight campervan facility and Air de Service at the Fire Station car park in Portrush. The offer of grant was for £35,000 of a total project cost of £70,000.

Recommended:

That Council accepts the offer of funding and approves the procurement of a design team and contractor with a view to completion prior to May 2013.

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development answered a number of members' questions and advised that provision of £35,000 had been made in the Environmental Services' budget for this scheme.

4.7 Funding Applications for Whiterocks Amenity Area, Portballintrae Environment Improvements and Castlerock Promenade

Letters of Offer had now been received from NITB for 50% funding for the schemes at Castlerock and Whiterocks, in the sum of £354,775 and £123,625 respectively.

Recommended:

That Council accepts the Letters of Offer for the Castlerock and Whiterocks Environmental Improvement Schemes with a view to obtaining match funding from the North East Region Rural Development Partnership (NERRDP).

In response to a member's question the Head of Development Services advised that the issue would be brought back to Council if match funding was not provided by NERRDP.

4.8 North East Region Rural Development Programme – Offers of Funding: Basic Services and Village Renewal Applications

Committee noted information on Offers of Funding, as contained in the report, for:

- a) Articlave Recreation Area
- b) Kilrea Play Park and Recreation Area
- c) Articlave Village Renewal
- d) Kilrea Village Renewal

In response to a member's question the Economic Development Manager advised that the upgrade of the playing pitch at Articlave had not been eligible for inclusion in the application under the funding criteria.

Reference was made to the proposed site for Kilrea Play Park not being a shared space and a picture of the area was tabled. It was then proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor M Fielding:

That Council approves offers a, c and d but not offer b for Kilrea Play Park.

A full discussion ensued during which the legality of policy which would result from agreeing the proposal was queried. In response to this Councillor McQuillan offered to defer his proposal until this could be investigated.

It was then proposed as an amendment by Councillor Mrs Loftus and seconded by Alderman Mrs Hickey:

That Council approves all funding offers.

On being put to a recorded vote, members voted on the amendment thus:

For: Aldermen Mrs Hickey and Hillis, Councillors Ms Alexander, Archibald, Barbour, Ms Boyle, Fitzpatrick, Harding, Holmes, King, Mrs Loftus, McCandless, McClarty and McLaughlin (14)

Against: Councillors M Fielding and McQuillan (2)

Abstained: The Mayor, Aldermen Creelman and McClure, Councillors Bradley, and Mrs Fielding (5)

Recommended:

With 14 votes in favour and 2 against, that Council accepts all offers of funding (a, b, c and d) from NERRDP and provides the match funding at a rate of 25%.

4.9 For Information

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

- Think Big Think Innovate;
- Think Big Think Online Marketing;
- Digital NI 2020 Event at Flowerfield Arts Centre;
- Coleraine Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Annual Report 2011/12
- Neighbourhood Renewal: Ballysally Working Group
- Diary Date – Councillor Workshop – 9 October 2012.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted for information (previously supplied):

- ❖ Department of Environment – Reform Inform.

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Translink Ulster in Bloom Awards 2012

The Mayor congratulated the staff of Council’s Parks Department for success achieved in the 2012 Translink Ulster in Bloom Awards viz:

Coleraine	-	1 st prize in the Town Category
Portrush	-	Most Improved Small Town and 2 nd prize in the Small Town Category

6.2 Project Kelvin

In response to a member’s question, the Head of Development Services would bring a report on this issue to a future meeting. Ms Mann also highlighted the Digital NI 2020 event which would take place on 20 September 2012 in Flowerfield.

6.3 Mr McCarter –v- Fergus McIntosh

Reported that this court case had been adjourned for 4 weeks and that Mr McIntosh had now issued a Notice to Quit on Mr McCarter.