



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** 11 March 2014 at **6.30pm**.

R WILSON

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Cloonavin
66 Portstewart Road
COLERAINE

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Chair's Business
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 Minutes (enclosed):
 - 4.1 Council Meeting – 11 February 2014
- 5 Committee Report (enclosed):
 - 5.1 Leisure and Development Committee – 18 February 2014
- 6 Presentation: Coleraine Education Village
- 7 Correspondence
- 8 Documents for Sealing

To: Each Member of Council

06 March 2014

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING 11 March 2014

MINUTES BOOKLET

CONTENTS

	Page No.
Council Meeting – 11.02.14	2 - 6
Leisure and Development Committee Meeting – 18.02.14	7 - 20

Meeting	Council
Date and Time	11 February 2014 at 6.30pm
Location	Council Chamber, Cloonavin
Chair	The Mayor, Councillor D Harding
Present	Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Fielding Aldermen P Fielding, M Hickey and J McClure Councillors C Alexander, D Barbour, Y Boyle, T Clarke, S Cole, G Duddy, B Fitzpatrick, R Holmes, W King, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus, W McCandless, S Quigley and C Sugden
In Attendance	Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Items 1 – 8.2), Corporate Director of Environmental Services (Items 1 – 6.1), Corporate Director of Leisure and Development (Items 1 – 8.2), Head of Finance (Items 1 – 6.1), Head of Development Services (Items 1 – 8.2), Head of Leisure Services (Items 1 – 4.1.1), Human Resource Manager, Events Assistant (Items 1 – 4.1.3) and Administrative Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Aldermen Creelman and Hillis and Councillor Archibald.

2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

2.1 Town Clerk and Chief Executive – Resignation

The Mayor advised Members that it was with sadness that he had accepted the resignation of Mr Roger Wilson, Town Clerk and Chief Executive, as he had accepted the post of Chief Executive with the new Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council.

It was agreed that the matter of filling this vacancy be taken "In Committee" at the end of the Meeting.

2.2 Confidential Items

The Mayor referred to the confidential items in the Leisure and Development Committee Minutes which required to be taken 'In Committee'.

At this point Alderman Hickey and Councillor Holmes voiced concern regarding recent 'In Committee' items being leaked to the Press.

Following comments it was agreed that the confidential items be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the Meeting.

Councillor Cole joined the Meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT

4.1 Leisure and Development Committee

The Chair, Councillor McCandless, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Fielding.

4.1.1 Northern Ireland International Airshow (NIIA)

Councillor Boyle joined the Meeting during this item.

The Mayor welcomed Squadron Leader Paul Sall, MSc RAF (Retired), Director and Squadron Leader Roger Steele, RAF (Retired). Display Co-ordinator, RAF Waddington International Airshow who were in attendance to provide the Committee presentation to Council.

Sqn Ldr Sall elaborated on the aims and vision for the Portrush Airshow and again outlined the proposed changes.

Members thanked Sqn Ldr Sall for the presentation after which he answered various questions. Thanks were also expressed to Air Vice Marshall Niven for his sterling work.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Cole and seconded by Councillor Duddy that the recommendation of Committee be accepted.

4.1.2 Tree Policy

Councillor Alexander asked if Council had plans to plant trees in conjunction with the proposed tree management and maintenance contained in the Draft Tree Policy.

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development would raise the matter with the Outdoor Recreation Manager and a copy of the Draft Tree Policy would be forwarded to all Members.

Agreed: That the recommendation of Committee be accepted.

4.1.3 North West '200' – Concert

The Mayor thanked Mr Mervyn Whyte and Mr Brian Moore, who were present in the public gallery, for attending the Council Meeting. The Concert would be a great addition to the Festival week.

Agreed: On the proposal of Alderman Hickey and seconded by Councillor Duddy that the recommendation of Committee be accepted.

4.1.4 Coleraine Harbour Commissioners – Representative

It was noted that Councillor Clarke would replace Councillor Bradley on Coleraine Harbour Commissioners.

5 Annual Estimate of Rates

The Chief Executive presented his Report on the 2014/2015 Rate Estimates (previously supplied).

Council was very aware of the ongoing financial situation, both at a national level and local level. The most recent growth figures had encouragingly shown some improvement with growth of 1.6% in the economy for Northern Ireland. The current economic climate was still very difficult and the Northern Ireland budget remained the most challenging to face Government for over a generation.

The Report highlighted some of the key pressures facing Council, including financial issues and some of the measures taken to address the impact.

- **Financial Pressures**

Council continued to face increasing expenditure including:

- Payroll costs – estimated 1% increase in pay;
- Waste management costs (including a further increase in landfill tax of £8 per tonne) and the potential reduction in income levels;
- Increasing energy and fuel costs resulting from a large fleet of vehicles and a considerable property portfolio;
- Assistance in the promotion and marketing of major international events (such as the Giro D'Italia and the International Airshow).

- **Income**

The main issues relating to Council's income for the forthcoming year were:

- A material reduction in landfill site income was forecast for the incoming year due to other Councils reducing the amount of waste they put to landfill and a potential loss of customers;
- The amount Council received from Central Government was estimated to decrease by £41k.

- **Savings and Efficiencies**

Members noted other areas which had produced savings including:

- Management and control of vacant posts
- Fleet efficiencies (eg tracker devices)
- Energy usage and efficient procurement
- Review of operation of facilities/services
- Review of all service budgets on a line by line basis
- Waste Management – increased diversion of co-mingled waste to mixed dry recycling
- Dunluce Centre – savings due to closure in 2013

- **Capital Programme**

Council recognised the key role that it had in regenerating and investing in its local area and accordingly had a significant capital programme which provided for capital expenditure on strategic, operational and community based schemes. Details would continue to be provided to Members on the progress of individual schemes.

- **Estimate Summary**

The estimate of rates culminated in the following to achieve a freeze in the District Rate for 2014/2015:

	£
Net Cost of Services	16,024,278
Financing Expenditure – Loan charges	4,152,932
Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income – General Grant	(582,834)
Application of Reserves	(620,000)
Amount to be raised	18,974,376
Estimated Product of 1p Rate	780,710
Non-Domestic Rate of	24.3040
Domestic Rate of	0.3206

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor McCandless that Council:

- i) Strike a Domestic District Rate of 0.3206 pence and a Non-Domestic Rate of 24.3040 pence for 2014/2015 which made provision for the revenue budget (including contributions) and the capital programme.
- ii) Approve the Authorised Borrowing Limit, Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2014/2015.

Thanks were extended to Members, officers and staff who had contributed to the extensive estimates exercise.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 NILGA Annual Conference 2014

Details of the 2014 NILGA Annual Conference, to be held on 27 February 2014 at the La Mon Hotel, Belfast, were circulated to each Member. Members interested in attending were asked to contact the Chief Executive.

Meeting	Leisure and Development Committee
Date and Time	18 February 2014 at 6.30pm
Location	Bann View Committee Room, Cloonavin
Chair	Councillor W McCandless
Present	Aldermen P Fielding, M Hickey, N Hillis and J McClure Councillors D Barbour, Y Boyle and M Knight-McQuillan
In Attendance	Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Head of Development Services, Head of Leisure Services, Community Development Manager (Items 1 – 5.12.5), Acting Economic Development Manager (Items 1 – 5.12.7), Tourism Manager (Items 5.5 – 5.12.1), Healthy Living and Sport Manager (Items 1 – 5.10), Visitor Information Manager (Items 5.5 – 5.12.1) and Administrative Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

There was no Chair's business.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATIONS

There were no requests for presentations.

5 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT

Consideration was given to the Leisure and Development Services Report (previously supplied).

5.1 Somerset Trees

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development advised that, following numerous complaints relating to the tree belt in the vicinity of Somerset development and subsequent meetings, the desire was to maintain tree cover in the area. It was also reported that the Planning Service had placed a Tree Preservation Order on the entire land at Somerset. In order to address this recent development a meeting had been arranged with Planning Service for Wednesday 19 February 2014.

Members considered the 'SWOT' Analysis contained in Appendix 1 of the Report detailing various options.

Recommended: On the proposal of Councillor Barbour and seconded by Alderman Fielding that Council:

- i) approve the operation, as specified in Option 5 of the Report, at a cost of £17,750; and
- ii) ratify the recommendation at the Council Meeting to be held on 25 February 2014.

5.2 Coleraine Football Club and Pitch Maintenance

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development reported that Coleraine Football Club were experiencing difficulties in maintaining the playing surface of the pitch at the Showgrounds and had approached Council for assistance.

Members considered the Service Level Agreement contained in Appendix 2 of the Report and noted that the detailed 'Schedule of Operations – Appendix 1' referred to was not included but the summary of commitment to Council was 92 hours labour and total cost was £2,275 per annum.

Any similar agreement during the life of this Council would not exceed £2,500.

Recommended: On the proposal of Alderman Hickey and seconded by Alderman Fielding that Council approve the signing of the Service Level Agreement as specified.

5.3 Harry Gregg Statue

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development reported that a site had been identified as a potential location for the Harry Gregg Statue which had been approved by the Sub Committee and the Gregg family. As described in Appendix 3 of the Report the location was in the Coleraine Diamond area in front of the First Trust Bank within the footprint of the existing planter. It was noted that any Council support for the project would be in the form of facilitating the location of the Statue and associated permissions.

Recommended: On the proposal of Councillor Barbour and seconded by Alderman Hickey that Council agree, in principle, to progress the project at The Diamond location.

5.4 Community Rescue Service

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development reported that due to The Cranagh Marina complex being recently placed on the market, the Bann Community Rescue Service had requested to relocate their operations to Coleraine Marina. The requirements would be two berths for three rapid response ribs and space for a small portacabin in the Marina yard.

A formal licence would be drawn up for a one-year period and, subject to annual review, the possibility of an option to extend for a further two years. Costs incurred would be met by the Community Rescue Service in lieu of berthing fees.

Recommended: On the proposal of Alderman Fielding and seconded by Alderman Hickey that Council facilitate the requirements of the Bann Community Rescue Service at Coleraine Marina.

5.5 Proposed Fees and Charges (part only) 2014-2015

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development presented the schedule of proposed fees and charges for 2014/2015 as detailed in the Report. The proposed charges depicted a basic inflation increase of 2.7% to be applied from April 2014.

Service Area: Ballyreagh Golf Course

Service	Current £	Proposed £	Comments
Yearly Ticket – Adult	135.00	145.00*	Benone £160
Weekly Ticket – Adult	-	40.00	New category; Benone £55
Yearly Ticket - Juv/S.Citizen	80.00	90.00*	Benone £90
Weekly Ticket - Juv/S.Citizen	-	30.00	New category; Benone £35
Weekday Par 3 - Adult / <i>Twilight</i>	6.90	6.95 / 3.80	Benone £10
Weekday Par 3 - Juv/S.Citizen / <i>Twilight</i>	5.20	5.30 / 2.70	Benone £7
Weekend Par 3 – Adult / <i>Twilight</i>	8.00	8.30 / 5.30	Benone £11
Weekend Par 3 - Juv/S.Citizen / <i>Twilight</i>	6.90	6.95 / 3.70	Benone £8
Pitch & Putt -Adult	4.00	4.50	
Pitch & Putt - Juv/S.Citizen	2.90	3.50	
Pitch & Putt -Family (2A,2J)	-	13.00	New category
Putting	1.00	1.00	

* Some members only renewed their membership in the Spring/Summer each year and as all memberships would cease on 31 December 2014 a reduction in the yearly ticket by the following amounts was proposed:

Purchase Date of Yearly Ticket:	% Reduction	Adult: Proposed / Reduced £	Juv/ S.Citizen: Proposed / Reduced £
Up to 31/3/14	0%	145 / 145	90 / 90
1/4/14 – 31/5/14	15%	145 / 124	90 / 77
1/6/14 – 31/7/14	35%	145 / 95	90 / 59
1/8/14 – 31/12/14	60%	145 / 58	90 / 36

Recommended: That Council agree the proposed charges for 2014/2015 for Ballyreagh Golf Course.

Service Area: Harbours and Marina

Service	Proposed (Existing) £	Comments
Coleraine Marina		
Summer (April – September) Boats up to 7m Boats over 7m	98.00 (95.00) 112.50 (109.50)	Prices per metre
<i>Winter (October – March) Boats up to 7m Boats over 7m</i>	<i>66.00 (66.00) 72.50 (72.50)</i>	<i>No increase proposed, in an attempt to remain competitive and attract custom back following acquisition of replacement 2nd hand crane</i>
Monthly	220.00 (213.50)	
Weekly	85.00 (82.50)	
Daily	22.00 (21.50)	
Rowing Boats up to 5m Summer (April – September) Winter (October – March)	97.50 (95.00) 62.00 (60.00)	
Use of Crane **	12.50 (12.00)	Prices per metre
Sailing Dinghies	64.00 (62.00)	Per annum
Electric Meter Hire	22.50 (22.00)	Per annum – plus consumption charges
Slipping & Changing	7.00 (6.50)	
Annual Slipping	51.00 (49.50)	
Mast Hoist with Boat Lift	35.00 (34.00)	
Mast Hoist – Boats Moored Elsewhere	47.00 (45.50)	
Short Stay Charge	6.00 (5.50)	
Jet Wash	12.50 (12.00)	
Diesel*	TBC	Per litre
Petrol*	TBC	Per litre
Portballintrae Harbour		
<i>No charges applied</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Historically, no charges have been applied at Portballintrae Harbour due to Council's inability to feasibly provide consistently suitable moorings due to ongoing sedimentation problems in and around the harbour.</i>
Portrush Harbour		
Season Ticket Boats up to 7m Boats over 7m Minimum Charge	77.00 (75.00) 98.00 (96.00) 383.00 (373.00)	Prices per metre
Monthly Ticket Boats up to 7m Boats over 7m	197.00 (192.00) 220.00 (213.50)	
Weekly Ticket Boats up to 7m Boats over 7m	70.00 (68.00) 80.00 (78.00)	

Daily Ticket		
Boats up to 7m	18.00 (17.00)	
Boats over 7m	20.00 (18.50)	
Rowing Boats (season)	70.00 (67.50)	
Tenders	7.00 (6.50)	
Slipping & Changing	7.00 (6.50)	
Annual Slipping	50.00 (49.50)	
Short Stay Charge	6.00 (5.50)	
Diesel*	TBC	Per litre
Portstewart Harbour		
Season Ticket		Prices per metre
Boats up to 7m	70.50 (68.50)	
Boats over 7m	93.50 (91.00)	
All Boats – Outer Harbour	39.50 (38.50)	
Monthly Ticket		
Boats up to 7m	140.00 (136.00)	
Boats over 7m	163.00 (158.50)	
Weekly Ticket		
Boats up to 7m	52.50 (51.00)	
Boats over 7m	64.00 (62.00)	
Daily Ticket		
Boats up to 7m	17.50 (17.00)	
Boats over 7m	19.50 (17.00)	

* Management pricing flexibility required to reflect and respond to fuel price changes.

** Commercial berth holders at Portrush and Portstewart Harbours, paying for dry storage at Coleraine Marina yard over winter period, would be entitled to 50% reduction in crane fees.

To align charging regimes at the Harbours and Marina it was proposed to levy a fee of 5% against any late payment of the full amount. Payments were, therefore, proposed as:

1) Full Payment Fee, according to category, would be by 17:00hrs on 11/04/2014.

OR:

- 2) Two payments of equal amounts, the first instalment by 17:00hrs on 11/04/2014 and the second by 17:00hrs on 06/06/2014: total amount payable would be the Full Payment Fee, according to category, plus 5% of this fee amount.
- 3) Any late payment of the Full Payment Fee amount after 11/04/2014 would not be accepted at any Council Office, and the amount payable would be the total of the first and second instalments as outlined in paragraph 2 above.
- 4) Any late payment of either the first or second instalment after their respective appointed dates would be subject to a 5% late payment fee on the total of paragraph 2 above.
- 5) Failure to comply with the payment schedule would result in the mooring being re-allocated.

Recommended: That Council agree the proposed charges for 2014/2015 for Harbours and Marina.

Service Area: Cemeteries

Service	Current £		Proposed £		Other Councils figures Residents: L = Limavady; B = Ballymoney
	Resident	Non-res	Resident	Non-res	
Purchase of a plot	160.00	320.00	165.00	329.00	B: £150; L: £120
Up to 3 openings (per opening)	160.00	320.00	165.00	329.00	B: £168; L: £235-£185
Burials on Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays (per opening)	220.00	370.00	226.00	380.00	B: £168; L: £250-£180
Ashes	55.00	110.00	57.00	113.00	B: £48; L: £80
Stillborn / Children under 2 years	45.00	90.00	46.00	92.00	B: £48; L: zero
Permission to erect a memorial	55.00	65.00	57.00	67.00	B: £37; L: £50
Duplicate Certificate	11.00	22.00	12.00	23.00	B: £21; L: £25
Tree for Garden of Remembrance	90.00	110.00	92.00	113.00	n/a
Plaque for Garden of Remembrance	80.00	85.00	82.00	88.00	B: £47; L: n/a

It was proposed by Alderman Hickey and seconded by Councillor Boyle, that the service for stillborn/children under 2 yrs be free of charge.

Following further discussion Alderman Hickey and Councillor Boyle agreed to withdraw the proposal.

Recommended: On the proposal of Alderman McClure and seconded by Alderman Hillis that Council agree the proposed charges for 2014/2015 for the Cemeteries.

5.6 Proposed Fees and Charges 2014/2015 – Flowerfield Arts Centre

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development presented the proposed 2014/2015 fees and charges for Flowerfield Arts Centre as contained in Appendix 4 of the Report as follows:

Service	Current £	Proposed £	Comments
Arts & Voluntary Rates			
Conference Room			
1 Hour	26.00	27.00	
3 Hours	62.00	64.00	

Auditorium - Hall Only			
1 Hour	36.00	37.00	
3 Hours	88.00	91.00	
Auditorium Seated			
1 Hour	41.00	42.00	
3 Hours	108.00	115.00	
Media Training Room			
1 Hour	41.00	42.00	
3 Hours	108.00	111.00	
Pottery Studio			
1 Hour	26.00	30.00	
3 Hours	60.00	65.00	
Classrooms 1.2.3			
1 Hour	26.00	27.00	
3 Hours	60.00	62.00	
Media Workshop			
1 Hour	26.00	27.00	
3 Hours	62.00	64.00	
Foyer (3 Hours)	88.00	95.00	
Kitchen (3 Hours)	46.00	47.00	
Private / Commercial Rates			
Conference Room			
1 Hour	41.00	42.00	
3 Hours	113.00	116.00	
Auditorium-Hall Only			
1 Hour	62.00	64.00	
3 Hours	165.00	170.00	
Auditorium Seated			
1 Hour	77.00	79.00	
3 Hours	216.00	222.00	
Media Training Room			
1 Hour	72.00	75.00	
3 Hour	196.00	205.00	
Pottery Studio			
1 Hour	41.00	45.00	
3 Hours	113.00	120.00	
Classrooms 1.2.3			
1 Hour	36.00	37.00	
3 Hours	93.00	96.00	

Media Workshop			
1 Hour	36.00	37.00	
3 Hours	93.00	96.00	
Foyer (3 Hours)	113.00	120.00	
Kitchen (3 Hours)	62.00	64.00	
“Friends of Flowerfield” Scheme			
Concession Rate	10.00	10.00	
Individual	12.00	12.00	
Family	20.00	20.00	
“Friends” Room Hire Sessions	5.00	7.00	
Kiln Hire			
Ceramics Large Kiln	21.00	22.00	
Ceramics Small Kiln	15.00	15.00	
Glass Kilns	15.00	15.00	
Technical Support Services	80.00	80.00	
In-House Technical Support Services	15.00	20.00	[Per Hour]
Performance Ticket Prices		10.00	
All Workshops & Course Fees (minimum charge)	6.00	6.00	
Artist / Makers Studio Rental	93.00	96.00	per month
Reprographic Charges			
Photocopy B/W	0.20 -0.75	0.21-0.77	
Photocopy Colour	1.00	1.03	
Laminating	2.00	2.06	
Café Charges			
Biscuits	0.60		
Drinks - Vending			Reflective of Machine Supplies Costs

Recommended: That Council agree the proposed schedule of fees and charges for 2014/2015 for Flowerfield Arts Centre.

5.7 Kilrea Sports Complex – Amendment to Opening Hours

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development advised Members that in order to act upon the audit recommendation it was proposed to re-align the opening hours of the Kilrea Sports Complex with those of the Jim Watt Sports Centre. It was noted that the Management Team would continue to accommodate all groups through applying 'opening and closing' as per bookings during daytime/weekdays.

Recommended: On the proposal of Alderman Hickey and seconded by Alderman McClure that Council approve an amendment to the opening hours of Kilrea Sports Complex and re-align them with those of the Jim Watt Sports Centre; 3pm – 10pm weekdays and 10am – 5.30pm Saturdays.

5.8 Community Support Plan – Action Plan 2014/2015

The Community Development Manager provided a short presentation outlining the cost of services provided through the Community Support Plan for 2014/2015. The total cost for the delivery of the Plan was £298,380.00 less possible DSD grant of £115,187.00 resulting in a total net cost to Council of £183,193.00. Members noted the action plan provided in Appendix 5 of the Report.

Recommended: That Council approve the Community Support Plan 2014/2015 and associated costs subject to match funding from DSD.

5.9 Rugby Avenue

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development reported that a request had been received from former Councillor and member of the Project Board, Mr Adrian McQuillan MLA, seeking permission to continue as a member of the Board.

Members were given an overview of the composition of the Project Board and the existing membership.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Hillis and seconded by Councillor Boyle, that the request be marked 'read and discussed', as it would not be good practice to set a precedent.

A proposal put forward by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and seconded by Alderman Fielding, that Mr Adrian McQuillan be permitted to continue as a member of the Project Board, was deemed as being a direct negative to the original motion.

On the proposal being put to the Meeting four Members voted in favour and three Members voted against.

Recommended: That Council mark the request as 'read and discussed'.

5.10 Land Use Policy

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development reported that there was the need for a Land Use Policy for regulating the ever increasing number of requests to use Council lands for events and recreational activities. The Draft Land Use Policy was described in Appendix 6 of the Report providing regulation for granting permission, applying commercial charges and cost recovery and the responsibility for liability and safety.

Recommended: That Council agree the Draft Land Use Policy.

5.11 For Information

5.11.1 Causeway Museum Service

On The Brink 1914-1916

Members noted that this was a three year Heritage Lottery Fund project being developed by the Causeway Museum Service in partnership with Mid Antrim Museum Service to encourage participation and new perspectives through local museums and heritage. A programme would be delivered in March as appropriate to levels of funding available.

Coleraine 1914

It was noted that Causeway Museum Service and Coleraine Museum would provide a panel based exhibition to support the proposed civic programme in July and August to commemorate the beginning of WW1 in 1914.

Heritage Lottery Fund – Community Engagement Initiative

It was noted that the Causeway Museum Service and Coleraine Museum had successfully secured one of five traineeships through this accredited scheme. The trainee would spend eighteen months learning community engagement skills and would complete a museum based project working with visually impaired people. The traineeship was fully funded and administered by the Northern Ireland Museums Council.

5.11.2 Portrush Harbour – Port Status and Cruise Ship Destination

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development advised Members that during the 2013 season Portrush Harbour had achieved 'Port Status' and had accommodated twelve cruise ships which had anchored in West Bay.

In order to comply with International Ship and Port Facility Security Code requirements, the harbour management staff had to produce a Port Facility Security Plan for the harbours which would be approved by the Department for Transport and would remain valid for a five-year period subject to inspection verification.

In order to offset associated costs and increase revenue a landing charge of £2/passenger, based on the ships' total passenger capacity, was proposed for the coming season which was in keeping with that of other ports and marinas throughout the Province.

5.11.3 Mountain-Biking at Garvagh Forest

Members noted that following a recent meeting with Forest Service and Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland the next stage would be the completion of the full Licence Agreement to establish Council as the body responsible for the delivery of all outdoor pursuits in Garvagh Forest. Funding was still being actively pursued from NI Tourist Board, Sport NI and RDP sources and when this was secured the facility should be completed within eleven to twelve months.

5.11.4 Coleraine Policing and Community Safety Partnership Plan 2013-2015

Members noted that the Coleraine Policing and Community Safety Partnership had developed a Strategy and Action Plan 2013-2015 which focused on the work of the PCSP over the next two years and set out actions to address the priorities identified. The executive summary of the Plan for 2013-2015, approved by the PCSP Board, was contained in Appendix 7 of the Report.

5.11.5 Giro D'Italia

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development provided an update on the Giro D'Italia and the proposed events to be held as follows:

Wednesday 07 May 2014

Short circuit "Criterium" race for 49 invited riders preceded by a children's cycle ride around Coleraine Town Centre – start 6.30pm and finish 8.30pm at the Town Hall. This event would be organised by the Bann Wheelers' Cycle Club.

Thursday 08 May 2014

Portrush and Portstewart Primary Schools based morning cycling event for P7 pupils departing from each town and meeting up at Juniper Hill Caravan Site for some events and road safety information from PSNI. This event would be sponsored by Morellis.

Friday 09 May 2014

A "Sunset Port to Port Pedal" family cycling event targeting the "leisure" cyclist, concluding with some Italian themed food (sponsored by Morellis) and cycling-based events/festival in Portrush. Start Portstewart 7pm and end Portrush, using Sustrans route, then back to Portstewart 9.30pm.

Saturday 10 May 2014

Giro D'Italia – Belfast/Causeway Coastal Route (approximately lunch-time)/Belfast.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Coleraine Arts Committee

Councillor Boyle referred to a letter Members had received from the Chair of Coleraine Arts Committee (CAC).

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the Chair of CAC had received the draft report produced by KPMG to review the content from the context of accuracy. The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development stated that it was unfortunate that the Chair of CAC had progressed further at this stage by making a recommendation to Members before they had received the presentation from KPMG and considered all options.

7.2 Portrush Harbour Boatsheds

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development updated Members on the present position with regard to Portrush Harbour Boatsheds. Legal advice was being sought regarding fishermen's equipment remaining in two of the sheds as this was crucial to their livelihoods. It was noted that contractual work would be commencing soon and containers would be placed on site as alternative premises.

7.3 Dates for Diary

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development advised Members of the following diary dates:

- i) 06 March 2014 – Arts/Cultural/Heritage Service Workshop (Review conducted by KPMG);
- ii) 14 March 2014 – Caravan Sites' Workshop 10am – 12noon.

Alderman Fielding submitted an apology for 14 March 2014.

7.4 Coleraine Education Village

The Head of Development Services requested Members' approval for a presentation to be provided at the Council Meeting on 11 March 2014 relating to the development of A Shared Campus – Coleraine Education Village. Agreed.