



# 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** 08 April 2014 at **6.30pm**.

KIERAN DOHERTY

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Cloonavin  
66 Portstewart Road  
COLERAINE

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To: Each Member of Council

03 April 2014

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>11 March 2014 at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Council Chamber, Cloonavin
<b>Chair</b>	The Mayor, Councillor D Harding
<b>Present</b>	Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Fielding  Aldermen W Creelman, P Fielding, M Hickey and N Hillis Councillors C Alexander, C Archibald, T Clarke, S Cole, G Duddy, B Fitzpatrick, R Holmes, W King, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus, W McCandless, C Sugden and S Quigley
<b>In Attendance</b>	Acting Chief Executive, Director of Leisure and Development, Head of Development Services, Head of Leisure Services and Administrative Assistant

## 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman McClure, Councillors Barbour and Boyle.

## 2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

### 2.1 Congratulations

The Mayor congratulated Mr Kieran Doherty on his new position as Chief Executive, commencing 01 April 2014, and wished him every success for the forthcoming year.

Mr Doherty thanked the Mayor for his comments.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 PRESENTATION - NORTH COAST EDUCATION VILLAGE

It was agreed that the above presentation be received at this stage of the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed the following representatives to the Meeting:

Mr J Frizelle, Principal and Ms A Passmore, North Coast Integrated School  
Mr J Platt, Principal and Ms S Lamont, Millburn Primary School  
Mr P Reid, Principal, Millstrand Integrated Primary School

Ms Passmore and Mr Frizelle outlined their vision for an Education Village with primary schools from all sectors of the community sharing a campus with North Coast Integrated College. Primary schools would each have their own nursery unit and there would be partnership across all sectors from pre school upwards, with tailored arrangements to assist and develop the Village community. The wider community would also benefit through use of the Education Village facilities.

The Education Village Steering Group had engaged in consultation with the University of Ulster as a first step towards exploring, with the Department of Education, the possibility of developing a

campus-based school with the University. The representatives sought a letter of support from Council for the proposal as Expressions of Interest required to be submitted to the Department of Education by 31 March 2014.

The representatives answered various Members' questions. The Mayor thanked the representatives for attending after which they withdrew from the Meeting.

Following discussion it was decided that there was not enough information or time to form a corporate view on the proposal.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Duddy and seconded by Councillor Sugden that individual Members could indicate their support for the proposal if so desired.

## 5 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 February 2014 were confirmed and signed.

### 5.1 Portrush Harbour Boatsheds

Following Members' questions the Corporate Director of Leisure and Development provided an update on the time schedule for decontamination of the boatsheds and addressing the needs of the fishermen. It was noted that options and costs, with regard to the future of the boatsheds, would be presented to Members at a later date.

## 6 COMMITTEE REPORT

### 6.1 Leisure and Development Committee

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

### 6.2 'In Committee'

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

### 6.3 Proposed Fees and Charges (part only) 2014-2015 Service Area: Harbours and Marina

- **Portballintrae Harbour**

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Alexander and seconded by Councillor Holmes that Council apply an appropriate charge for Portballintrae Harbour.

**Agreed:** On the amendment proposed by Councillor Duddy and seconded by Alderman Fielding that Council defer this matter until costs were provided for Portballintrae Harbour.

## 7 DATE FOR DIARY

The Acting Chief Executive advised Members of the following diary date:

- i) 02 April 2014 – Governance Workshop at 6.30pm

If there were urgent issues the Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting would be held at 6.30pm followed by the Workshop.

**8 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved that the following document be sealed:

Deed of Dedication

Council to Coleraine Rugby Football & Cricket Club  
– Lands at Rugby Road, Coleraine

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Leisure and Development Committee</b>
<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>18 March 2014 at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Bann View Committee Room, Cloonavin
<b>Chair</b>	Councillor W McCandless
<b>Present</b>	Aldermen P Fielding, M Hickey, N Hillis and J McClure Councillors Y Boyle and M Knight-McQuillan
<b>In Attendance</b>	Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Head of Development Services, Head of Leisure Services, Community Development Manager, Regeneration Manager and Administrative Assistant

## 1 APOLOGIES

An apology was recorded for Councillor Barbour.

## 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 Essential Improvements to Portrush and Portstewart Harbours for Commercial Fishing Interests

The Head of Leisure Services advised Members that, as part of an ongoing improvement programme for Portrush and Portstewart Harbours, discussions had taken place with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) with a view to accessing potential funds to assist in the delivery of essential projects with particular focus in meeting the needs of commercial fishing interests. A funding opportunity was currently available through DARD and the European Fishery Fund.

The capital spend for the eligible work, as detailed in the Report, was estimated to be £240,000. The potential grant allocation would be £173,500 representing a capital outlay for Council of circa £68,500 with spend to be completed by September 2015. If the application was successful a further report would be brought back for Members' consideration.

**Recommended:** That Council submit an application to DARD for the essential improvements to Portrush and Portstewart Harbours.

## 5.2 Good Relations Action Plan 2014-15

Consideration was given to the Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan 2014-15 as contained in Appendix 1 of the Report.

The Community Development Manager introduced Ms Joanne Kinnear, BJM Chartered Accountants, who was in attendance to present the Causeway Coast and Glens Good Relations Audit 2014.

Ms Kinnear highlighted the key issues and detailed the following five programmes:

- 1 Good Relations Youth Programme
- 2 Promotion of a Shared Community Programme
- 3 Promotion of Positive Cultural Citizenship Programme
- 4 Celebration of Cultural Diversity Programme
- 5 Promotion of Positive Dialogue and Action Learning Programme

Following Members' questions the Chair thanked Ms Kinnear for the presentation after which she withdrew from the Meeting.

The total cost of delivery of the Action Plan was £114,947 for Council. It was anticipated that OFMDFM would provide grant of £86,210 resulting in net cost to Council of £28,737.

**Recommended:** That Council approve the Good Relations Plan and associated costs subject to match funding from OFMDFM.

## 5.3 DCAL Community Festivals Fund 2014-15

The Community Development Manager advised Members that a letter had been received from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) offering Council funding of £11,600 for 2014-15 to deliver another tranche of Community Festivals Fund. The total fund towards a small grants programme would be £23,200.

**Recommended:** That Council accept the offer of £11,600 funding from DCAL.

## 5.4 Strategic Development of Council's Caravan Parks

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development provided a short presentation following the Council Workshop held on 12 March 2014 when Members were asked to consider the Strategic Purpose, Strategic Statement and Objectives relevant to the future development of Juniper Hill and Carrick Dhu Caravan Parks.

### Strategic Purpose

Based upon stakeholder prioritisation, the purpose of Council owning and operating caravan sites was deemed to be:

- Income generation for the benefit of the ratepayer
- To directly enhance the local tourism economy
- To indirectly benefit the wider economy in the Borough

### Strategy Statement

To communicate and endorse Council's intention to develop the caravan parks in a manner that achieved the purpose above, the following strategy statement was advocated:

To develop Council's caravan parks to 5\* standard to the satisfaction of the customer, for the benefit of the ratepayer.

## **Strategic Objectives**

To achieve the aforementioned strategic intention, the following objectives were identified:

- Increase the income / profitability.
- Improved customer consultation and engagement.
- Create “future proof” infrastructure.
- Improve the site facilities.
- Develop the aesthetic appeal of the parks.

**Recommended:** That Council approve the Strategic Purpose, Strategy Statement and Objectives detailed above in order to provide corporate direction to Council’s future investment and development strategy for Juniper Hill and Carrick Dhu Caravan Parks.

## **5.5 For Information**

### **5.5.1 Lansdowne Masterplan, Portrush**

It was noted that the final round of public and stakeholder consultations to consider the Lansdowne Masterplan draft proposals had been rescheduled for mid-April 2014. A static exhibition of the draft proposals would be on display in Portrush from 14 – 27 April and a public consultation meeting would be held on 16 April. A Council Workshop was scheduled for Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 5.30pm to consider the draft proposals prior to the public consultations.

### **5.5.2 Portrush Public Perception Research Results 2013**

It was noted that Council had commissioned an annual public perceptions survey monitoring progress in implementing the Portrush Regeneration Strategy since 2010. The 2013 results were now available in the Portrush Regeneration section of the Council’s website.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.