

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING
16 December 2014**

MINUTES BOOKLET

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Meeting	Council
Date and Time	25 November 2014 at 7.40pm
Location	Council Chamber, Cloonavin
Chair	The Mayor, Councillor G Duddy
Present	The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y Boyle Aldermen S Cole, W Creelman (Items 1-9), P Fielding, M Hickey and N Hillis Councillors C Alexander (Items 1–5.2), D Barbour, T Clarke, T Craig, M Fielding, B Fitzpatrick, D Harding, W King, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus, W McCandless, S Quigley and C Sugden
In Attendance	Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Interim Corporate Director of Environmental Services, Assistant Director of Finance and Support Services, Head of Estates and Facilities, Acting Head of Central Services and Administrative Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Archibald and Holmes.

2 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting and extended a special welcome to Councillor Quigley on her return following her recent injury.

3 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

3.1 Pride of Place 2014 Awards

The Mayor and Chief Executive had attended Co-operation Ireland IPD Pride of Place 2014 Awards in Ennis, Co. Clare, on 15 November 2014 on the occasion of a local community project 'A Shared Space Project – Field of Dreams' being awarded 'First Runner Up'.

The communities of Millburn, Knocklyn and Greenmount had been involved in the project supported by PSNI and Coleraine Football Club.

3.2 Coleraine Sports Awards Ceremony

The Mayor, together with the Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, had attended the Coleraine Sports Awards Ceremony in the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine on 7 November 2014. The Mayor extended thanks to staff involved in the event.

3.3 2014 Special Festival of Pool

The Mayor had attended the official opening ceremony of the 2014 Special Festival of Pool held in the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine on 18 November 2014.

This had been a great event which had attracted many visitors to the area. Thanks were extended to the sponsors.

3.4 Christmas Lights – Switch On

The Mayor highlighted the Christmas Lights Switch On for the various towns as listed in the Forecast of Events. The winners of the Mayor's Christmas Colouring Competition for Primary School children would be assisting the Mayor at the different locations.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillors Clarke, Craig and Quigley declared an interest in the Angel of Hope Garden.

5 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Angel of Hope Garden

The Mayor welcomed Ms Andrea McAleese and Mr Mark Pollock from the Angel of Hope Garden Association who were in attendance to provide a presentation on the proposed Angel of Hope Garden which had been identified on land within the Cloonavin site.

Ms McAleese's daughter Roma had been knocked down and killed in March 2009. Two years ago Ms McAleese had the idea of establishing a memorial garden which would be an everlasting memorial to children who had lost their lives and provide a dignified space for families for thought and reflection.

Mr Mark Pollock advised that the area of land had been identified and fundraising had been ongoing resulting in the sum of £45k being raised to date. A limited company had been formed and also a management team to ensure that the project was managed properly.

The representatives requested that Council support their proposal.

Members paid tribute to the work that Ms McAleese had done in order to provide this memorial.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for attending and advised that the recommendation would be considered 'In Committee' under the Leisure and Development Services' Report.

5.2 TransportNI – Northern Division Interim Report 2014/2015

The Mayor welcomed Ms Deidre Mackle, Divisional Manager and Mr Austin Montgomery, Section Engineer, who were in attendance to present the TransportNI Northern Division Interim Report 2014/2015 (previously supplied). It was noted that a Request/Enquiry form had been provided for each Member to enable any local issues to be raised which were not covered in the Report.

The Divisional Manager summarised the Interim Report which included:

- 4% cut to the Department for Regional Development's budget (£7m) which would affect routine maintenance of the road network;
- A26 Frosses Dualling – The 8km scheme represented an investment of £55m with work due to commence by the end of 2014 with completion expected in early/mid 2017;
- Winter Service 2014/2015 – 33 gritters available with 105 staff on standby;
- Minor Improvements – including extensive work at Lodge Road Roundabout / A29 Ring Road £1m (estimated).

The representatives answered various Members' questions.

The Mayor thanked Ms Mackle and Mr Montgomery for attending after which they withdrew from the Meeting.

6 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 28 October 2014 were confirmed and signed.

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 It was agreed to take a number of items 'In Committee' at the end of the Meeting.

7.2 Planning Committee

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 28 October 2014 were proposed by the Chair, Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed.

7.3 Environmental Services Committee

The Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting of 4 November 2014 were proposed by the Vice Chair, Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Craig and agreed.

7.4 Leisure and Development Committee

The Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting of 11 November 2014 were proposed by the Chair, Alderman Hickey, seconded by Alderman Fielding and agreed.

7.5 Corporate Affairs Committee

The Minutes of the Corporate Affairs Committee Meeting of 18 November 2014 were proposed by The Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Fielding and agreed.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following correspondence (previously supplied):

- Letter dated 7 November 2014 from Northern Ireland Electricity Ltd re invitation to Open Days
- Letter dated 17 November 2014 from Belfast City Council re Notice of Motion relating to Circuses involving Animals
- Information from Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment relating to appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair to the Consumer Council
- Forecast of Events
- Documents for Tabling
- Consultation Documents

8.1 Future of Causeway Hospital

Reference was made to letter dated 10 November 2014 (previously supplied) from Mr Jim Wells MLA, Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety with regard to meeting a Council delegation to discuss the future of the Causeway Hospital.

The Chief Executive advised Members of suggested dates for the meeting received from the Minister's office.

It was also noted that the Mayor and Chief Executive had met with Dr Tony Stephens, Chief Executive of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, who was willing to give a presentation to Council.

Agreed: That the delegation of Party Leads or Deputies meet with the Minister on 28 January 2015 at 3pm and that Dr Tony Stephens be invited to attend the Council Meeting to be held on 27 January 2015.

8.2 The Northern Ireland Local Government Draft Code of Conduct for Councillors

The above Draft Code of Conduct for Councillors had been received from the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints (circulated to each Member).

The Chief Executive highlighted the significance of this document and the opportunity available for Members to forward comments on the Draft. Noted.

9 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1	<u>Conditions of Contract</u> (In Duplicate)	CBC and O'Connor Kennedy Turtle – Specialist Services on the valuation of facilities/ properties and lands.
2	<u>Catering Services Licence</u> (in Duplicate)	CBC and Mrs Lynda Coyles – Changing Rooms, Coleraine Rugby Club, Coleraine
3	<u>Deed of Conveyance</u> (In Triplicate)	CBC and Dr William Keith Steele and Olwen Smyth – Land at 16 Seaport Avenue, Portbalintrae
4	<u>Contract and Bill of Quantities</u>	CBC and AMS Ltd – Replacement of Community Hall at Harpurs Hill, Coleraine
5	<u>Cemetery Titles</u>	Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register Nos 4172 - 4188 inclusive: Agherton 1 Ballywillan 3 Coleraine 8 Kilrea 1 Portstewart 4

Meeting Planning Committee

Date and Time 25 November 2014 at 6.30pm

Location Council Chamber, Cloonavin

Chair Councillor W King

Present The Mayor, Councillor G Duddy
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y Boyle
Aldermen S Cole, W Creelman, P Fielding, M Hickey and N Hillis
Councillors C Alexander, D Barbour, T Clarke, T Craig, M Fielding,
B Fitzpatrick, D Harding, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus (Items 4.1-8),
W McCandless, S Quigley and C Sugden (Items 4.2-8)

In attendance Mr M Wilson - Planning Service, Acting Head of Central Services,
Democratic Services Manager and Administrative Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Archibald and Holmes.

2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

2.1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and extended a special welcome to the visitors in the public gallery. A special welcome was also extended to Councillor Quigley on her return following her recent injury.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 PLANNING CONSULTATION

A list of twenty-six applications was presented for consideration (previously supplied).

4.1 Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

Application D1 C/2011/0311/F Construction of 44 no dwellings consisting of 8 no detached and 36 no semi-detached dwellings with alterations to connecting roads at Strandview Avenue, Strandview Drive with associated car parking and landscape open spaces on lands to the rear of 15 Strandview Avenue, Portstewart for B and G Mullan.

The opinion of Planning Service was to approve.

It was noted that Mr L Butcher had withdrawn his request to address Committee on behalf of the objectors. The applicant had not availed of the opportunity to address Committee.

Mr Wilson outlined the background to the application.

Consideration was given to the following:

- i) letters dated 16 and 17 November 2014 from Mr L Butcher on behalf of Strandview Drive residents (previously supplied);
- ii) emails sent direct to Members from Mr Edwin Fleming dated 20 and 21 November 2014;

- iii) correspondence received 25 November 2014 including letter dated 17 November 2014 addressed to Mr Liam Butcher from Department of the Environment – Northern Area Planning Office and letter dated 24 November 2014 from Planning Appeals Commission (circulated to each member).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Fielding that the application be referred to FM Planning for confirmation that it meets the criteria for referral to the Planning Management Board. If the criteria is met the application would then be submitted to the Planning Management Board for decision.

Application D2 C/2012/0465/F Erection of 250kw wind turbine with 32.3m hub height and 32m blade diameter 325m south east of 58 Corbally Road, Coleraine for Mr A Mairs.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D3 C/2013/0464/F 40m tall 250kw wind turbine with 27m diameter blades 288m south east of 50 Ring Road, Coleraine for Mr R Glenn.

Application D4 C/2013/0478/F 40m tall 250kw wind turbine with 27m diameter blades 344m south east of 50 Ring Road, Coleraine for Mr R Glenn.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.

Agreed: That the applications be held for two weeks to facilitate meeting with MLA.

Application D5 C/2013/0482/O Infill outline application for a domestic rural dwelling and associated garage 93m east of 10 Magheramore Road, Garvagh for Mr J Linton.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D6 C/2013/0499/O Dwelling on a farm under PPS21 CTY10 16m south of 96 Dunboe Road, Coleraine for Mr I Cameron.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D7 C/2014/0051/F Erection of 2 no semi-detached dwellings and rear detached railway cottage adjacent to No 5 Circular Road, Castlerock for Messrs F and W Sellar.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be held for two weeks to facilitate meeting with MLA.

Application D8 C/2014/0058/O Proposed single storey dwelling on a farm adjacent to No 125 Moneydig Road, Kilrea for Mr J McAllister.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be refused.

Application D9 C/2014/0081/F Proposed residential development comprising of 3 no dwellings (1 no detached and 2 no semi-detached dwellings) to include demolition of existing garage on site at 8 St Patrick's Avenue, Coleraine for Messrs Porter.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D10 C/2014/0093/F Agricultural shed and small stable block 30m east of No 12 Exorna Lane, Castlerock for Mr D Henry.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be refused.

Application D11 C/2014/0097/F A single wind turbine with a tower height of 37m and a maximum output of 250kw approximately 505m north west of 20 Churchland Lane, Coleraine for Mr O'Donovan.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be held for two weeks to facilitate meeting with MLA.

Application D12 C/2014/0111/F Proposed change of use from private dwelling to 6 no self contained apartments at 3 Antrim Gardens, Portrush for Mr and Mrs C Waterson.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be refused.

Application D13 C/2014/0188/O Proposed site for infill dwelling and garage between 59 and 69b Cashel Road, Coleraine for Mr J Holmes.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be refused.

Application D14 C/2014/0223/F Alterations to roof to form recessed balcony to front and new dormer to the rear of the dwelling at 49 Kerr Street, Portrush for Mr C A Crossie.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D15 C/2014/0251/F Proposed demolition of existing two and half storey hotel building and replacement with 2 no two storey detached dwellings and detached garages at 58 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush for Causeway Homes Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

4.2 New Applications

Mr Wilson enlarged on the new applications listed on the planning schedule and the recommendations were accepted subject to the following:

Application No C/2014/0203/F Demolition of existing 3.5 storey building Nos 13 and 14 Kerr Street, Portrush to provide 3.5 development providing 10 no. apartments, off-street parking and walled gardens for Mr G Fletcher.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: On the proposal of Alderman Hillis and seconded by Councillor Harding 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.

Application No. C/2014/0259/F Amended house types and siting for second phase of housing development – 55 dwellings including 13 detached and 42 semi-detached with garages and associated site works and landscaping east of Greenhall Highway (south of Osborne Park), Coleraine for Mearne Construction Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Consideration was given to letter dated 11 November 2014 from Mr G Campbell, MP MLA (previously supplied).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quigley and seconded by Councillor Clarke 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.

Application C/2014/0306/F Proposed housing development containing 2 no detached (4 bed) two storey dwellings, 3 no detached (3 bed) two storey dwellings, two detached single garages (total 5 units) with associated parking and amenity space at 16 Moneybrannon Road and land to the rear of 18 and 20 Moneybrannon Road, Clarehill, Aghadowey, Coleraine for Mr R McCook.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Loftus and seconded by Alderman Hickey 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.

Application C/2014/0321/O Erection of dwelling and vehicular access to rear of 43 Strand Road, Portstewart for Mr and Mrs B Loughrey.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The Chair welcomed Mr B Robinson, GM Design, Architects, who was in attendance to address Committee on behalf of the applicant. Mr Robinson described the proposal, elaborated on the location and the concept for the proposed dwelling and requested Council's support for the application.

Mr Robinson answered various Members' questions.

The objectors had not availed of the opportunity to address Committee.

Agreed: On the proposal of Alderman Hickey and seconded by Alderman Hillis 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.

Mr Robinson withdrew from the Meeting.

Application C/2014/0336/F Proposed change of use from retail confectionary ice cream shop to hot food gourmet burger takeaway at 42 The Promenade, Portstewart for Mr C McClean.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The application had now been withdrawn.

Application C/2014/0388/O New residential development consisting of 18 no two storey semi-detached dwellings, 2 no two storey detached dwellings and associated roads, car parking and

landscaping between 50 and 'The Mews', Ballyreagh Road, Portrush for PK Murphy Developments Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

The Democratic Services Manager reported that a restrictive covenant existed on this land and that a request for removal of the covenant would be considered by Council in due course.

5 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the Office Meetings would be held on 18 or 19 December 2014. Confirmation of date would be emailed to Members on 26 November 2014.

6 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no general planning issues.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Northern Ireland Environment Agency – War Memorial, Ballydevitt Road, Aghadowey

Consideration was given to letter dated 28 October 2014 from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency regarding proposals to delist the War Memorial at Ballydevitt Road, Aghadowey (previously supplied).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Knight-McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Harding that Council write to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency objecting to the delisting of the War Memorial at Ballydevitt Road, Aghadowey.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.