

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING
26 August 2014**

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Meeting	Council
Date and Time	22 July at 3.15pm
Location	Council Chamber, Cloonavin
Chair	The Mayor, Councillor G Duddy
Present	Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y Boyle Aldermen P Fielding, M Hickey and N Hillis Councillors C Archibald, D Barbour, T Clarke, S Cole (items 1-7.1, 11-12), M Fielding, B Fitzpatrick R Holmes (items 1-8.1), W King, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus, S Quigley and C Sugden
In Attendance	Town Clerk and Chief Executive (items 1-10.3), Corporate Director of Leisure and Development (items 1-10.3), Interim Director of Environmental Services (items 1-10.3), Assistant Director of Finance and Support Services (items 1-10.3), Head of Central Services (items 1-10.3), Head of Development Services (items 1-10.3), Head of Estates and Facilities (items 1-10.3), Democratic Services Manager and Acting Business Support Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman McClure and Councillor Alexander.

2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

2.1 Visit by HRH Queen Elizabeth II

The Mayor remarked on the success of the event and expressed his gratitude to all involved including Council staff and outside organisations. He paid tribute to members of the Royal British Legion, North and South, including Major General David O'Morchoe, President of The Royal British Legion in the Republic of Ireland and Colonel Mervyn Elder, President of the Royal British Legion in Northern Ireland.

2.2 Somme & Ulster Tower Visits

A brief outline was provided by the Mayor of his visit to the Somme and the Ulster Tower. He noted that Mr Gary Donnelly was present in a personal capacity and had assisted in a wreath laying ceremony on behalf of Council.

2.3 Congratulations

The Mayor extended congratulations to Rory McIlroy on his recent success in the British Open and welcomed the prospect of the competition being held in the Borough within the next 5 to 6 years.

2.4 Request for Presentation

It was noted that Dr Michael F. Ryan, Consultant Chemical Pathologist, Causeway Hospital, had spoken to the Mayor and had made a request to report his findings to Council once completed. The Mayor encouraged Members to participate in the trials.

2.5 Thanks

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Deputy Mayor for work undertaken during his recent absence.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 24 June 2014 were confirmed and signed.

5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Planning Committee

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 24 June 2014 were proposed by the Chairman, Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed.

5.2 Audit and Risk Committee

The Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 25 June 2014 were proposed by the Chairman, Councillor Knight-McQuillan, seconded by Alderman Hickey and agreed.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

The undernoted Motion had been submitted by Councillor Barbour supported by Alderman Hillis and Councillors King and McCandless:

“That this Council in expressing grave concern at a recent statement from Danny Kennedy MLA, Minister for Regional Development, that free travel for the over 60’s is under threat, call on ‘The Minister’ and ‘The Northern Ireland Executive’ to ensure this does not happen. Any reduction in this support will have a considerable negative impact on a growing sector of our community who have to contend with rising costs of living, while depending on pensions that have not increased at the same rate as inflation. Free transport allows the elderly to continue engaging with communities, and enjoy a social life that enhances their mental health. Many are involved in a positive role such as providing family support, and volunteering as well as attending medical appointments and doing essential shopping. We urge ‘The Minister’ and ‘The Executive’ therefore, to commit to ensuring the continuation of this vital lifeline so that older people will have confidence and certainty that we respect the sacrificial and positive roles they play across the time-lines of our history.”

Discussion ensued during which a number of Members voiced their support for the Motion and recognised the benefits that free travel for the over 60s provided.

Agreed:

- i) That Council Support the Motion.
- ii) On the proposal of Alderman Hickey and seconded by Councillor Fielding that Council refer the Motion to the Minister for Regional Development.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Councillor Cole left the Meeting during this item.

7.1 Approval of Products of Animal Origin Establishments Under EC Regulation 853/2004.

Grant for an amendment to the original approval was considered for Lynas Food Service Limited, as detailed in the report.

Agreed: That Council approve the amendment to the existing approval.

7.2 Entertainment Licences

Application for grant of an Entertainment Licence was considered for the following applicants, as detailed in the report:

7.2.1 Gig in the Dig

- Zoe Wilson, Moneydig Womens' Group, 7 Culnaman Land, Garvagh

Agreed: That the licence be issued as applied for.

7.2.2 Tom Duffy's Circus

- Mr David Duffy, of Tom Duffy's Circus, 23 Morey Drive, Donaghadee

Agreed: That the licence be issued as applied for.

7.3 Transfer of Licence – The Grove Bar, 19 Waterside Coleraine

The Interim Director of Environmental Services advised that an objection to this application had been received from the PSNI and that Council would hold the matter until September 2014 to allow for further investigation by Council's Licensing Officer.

Members noted that the current licensee had expressed an intention to surrender the licence in August 2014.

Agreed: That entertainment continue to be provided by the current licensee until this matter is brought back to Council in September 2014.

7.4 Department for Regional Development (DRD) – Proposed Speed Restrictions, Disabled Parking and Footpath Alterations

Consideration was given to the DRD's proposals, as contained in the report. During discussion Members voiced their support for the proposals and interest was expressed in the adoption of similar speed restrictions on the Hall Road and Newbridge Road, Coleraine.

Agreed: That Council's comments would be forwarded to DRD.

7.5 Review of Coloured Collar Identification Tag for Dogs

The Interim Director of Environmental Services outlined correspondence received from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) on 17 June 2014 which referred to a review of dual identification systems of micro-chipping and coloured collar dog tagging. Options proposed by DARD were considered, as detailed in the report.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Loftus and seconded by Councillor Archibald that Council abolish the need for coloured identification tags from January 2015 in line with other Council areas.

8 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

8.1 Juniper Hill Caravan Park – Synopsis on Caravan Parks Utility Services Infrastructure Renewal

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development outlined the background to this issue and updated Members on current developments, as detailed in the report.

Council's approval was sought to enter into the Tender and Procurement phase of the project to upgrade drainage and water systems, electricity, security and WiFi systems at the Juniper Hill Caravan Park. Tender reports for the work would be brought back to Council on 23 September 2014.

Members were advised that work would commence on stage 2 in October 2014 if approved.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Holmes that Council progresses to Tender and Procurement phase and that options for upgrading the touring site be explored as part of a Tender report.

Councillor Holmes left the meeting during this item.

8.2 European Territorial Cooperation 2014 – 2020 Consultation

The Head of Development Services gave an overview of this consultation document and highlighted to Members the draft response attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

Agreed: That the draft response on the PEACE and INTERREG programmes 2014 – 2020 be approved.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following correspondence (previously supplied):

- Letter dated 23 April 2014 from The Royal British Legion (Portrush Branch) re Commemoration Parade and Service – 10 August 2014
- Forecast of Events
- Documents for Tabling
- Consultation Documents

11 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Agreement Employee – Advance for Purchase of Car
2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register Nos. 4135 - 4139 inclusive:

Coleraine	3
Ballywillan	1
Agherton	0
Portstewart	1
Kilrea	0

Meeting Planning Committee

Date and Time 22 July 2014 at 2.35pm

Location Council Chamber, Cloonavin

Chair Councillor W King

Present The Mayor, Councillor G Duddy
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y Boyle

Aldermen P Fielding and M Hickey
Councillors C Archibald, D Barbour, T Clarke, M Fielding, B Fitzpatrick, R Holmes, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus, S Quigley and C Sugden

In attendance Mr Michael Wilson, Planning Service, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Democratic Services Manager, Healthy Living and Sport Manager, Head of Estates and Facilities, Administrative Assistant and Acting Business Support Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Aldermen W Creelman, N Hillis, J McClure and Councillor C Alexander.

2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

There was no Chair's business.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 PLANNING CONSULTATION

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

4.1 Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

Application D1 C/2012/0359/F Proposed erection of 250kw Wind Turbine with 32.3m hub height and 32m blade diameter at 710m NE of 31 Ballylagan Road, Coleraine for Mr Stewart Lyons.

The opinion of Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D2 C/2012/0405/O Proposed erection of an individual farm dwelling in relation to an existing farm business at land adjacent to 10 Ballyclough Road, Bushmills for Mr Cochrane.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be refused.

Application D3 C/2013/0162/O Proposed Dwelling and Garage at approximately 40m NE of 19 Mullan Road, Kilrea for Mr Lee Bradley.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be refused.

Application D4 C/2013/0254/O Proposed dwelling on the farm at 100m SW of 48 Glen Road Glenullin, Garvagh for Mr Terence McKeever.

Application D5 C/2013/0339/O Proposed dwelling on the farm at 250m NE of 16 Churchtown Road, Garvagh for Ms Ciara Mullan.

Mr Wilson advised that both applications had been withdrawn.

Application D6 C/2013/0503/A Proposed billboard signage (3.8x 1.95m) at 12-14 The Diamond, Portstewart for Sedar Ltd.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: That the application be held for two weeks.

Application D7 C/2014/0005/F Proposed change of use from former bank to restaurant over two floors, conversion and extension of existing apartment to provide 2 no. 2 bed apartments on second floor (accessed from rear) at no's 27-28 The Promenade, Portstewart for Big Charm Ltd.

It was noted that the 'take away' element of this proposal had been withdrawn.

The opinion of Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D8 C/2014/0036/F Retrospective planning permission for change of use of unit to strengthening and conditioning facility. This will include small class coaching along with personal training and coaching weight lifting an olympic sport at Unit 5c Coleraine Business Park, Loughanhill Industrial Estate, Coleraine for Mr Stephen Hutton.

The opinion of Planning Service was to approve.

Agreed: That the application be approved.

Application D9 C/2014/0096/F Proposed two storey front and rear extension, single storey side extension, change of window style, roof finish, external render and change from flat to pitch roof on existing garage at 12a Downing Place, Portstewart for Mr Richard Godfrey.

Mr Wilson advised that the application had been withdrawn to facilitate a meeting.

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/2013/0282/F Proposed infill site for new dwelling with attached single garage at infill site between 86A and 86B Bishops Road, Castlerock for Mr Kenneth Johnston.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Loftus 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/2014/0058/O Proposed single storey dwelling on a farm at lands adjacent to No. 125 Moneydig Road, Kilrea for Mr James McAllister.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Loftus 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/2014/0097/F proposed single wind turbine with a tower height of 37m and a maximum output of 250kw at approximately 505m NW of 20 Churchland Lane, Coleraine for Mr O'Donovan.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quigley 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 No C/2014/0111/F Proposed change of use from private dwelling to 6 self contained apartments at 3 Antrim Gardens, Portrush for Mr and Mrs Christopher Waterson.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Holmes and seconded by The Mayor 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/2014/0188/O Proposed site for infill dwelling and garage between 59 and 69b Cashel Road, Coleraine for Mr J Holmes.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

Agreed: On the proposal of The Mayor and seconded by Councillor Holmes 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.

5 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the Office Meetings would be held on Friday 15 August 2014.

6 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no general planning issues.

7 NORTHERN IRELAND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (NIEA)

Consideration was given to the report on the NIEA's proposals in relation to buildings of special architectural or historic interest in the Borough.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Loftus and seconded by The Mayor to note the proposed delisting of the following properties:

- 4-8 Lime Market Street, Coleraine
- 1,3,5,7,9 and 11 Kingsgate Street, Coleraine

It was further agreed that any member with an interest in the proposed delistings should correspond directly with the NIEA.

8 EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC INTO OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAFT NORTHERN AREA PLAN 2016 (MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION REPORTS)

It was noted that Mr Peter Fleming, who represented Council throughout the examination process, would attend the Planning Committee Meeting of 26 August 2014 to present the report (previously supplied).

Members requested hard copies of this report be issued.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.