

**COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
28 October 2014**

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<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>23 September 2014 at 7.00pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Council Chamber, Cloonavin
<b>Chair</b>	The Mayor, Councillor G Duddy
<b>Present</b>	The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y Boyle Aldermen S Cole, W Creelman (Items 1 – 11.3), P Fielding, M Hickey and N Hillis Councillors C Alexander, C Archibald, T Clarke, T Craig, M Fielding, B Fitzpatrick, D Harding (Items 1 – 10.1), R Holmes (Items 1 – 12), W King, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus, W McCandless and S Quigley
<b>In Attendance</b>	Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Interim Director of Environmental Services, Assistant Director of Finance and Support Services, Head of Development Services (Items 1 – 11.2.1), Head of Leisure Services (Items 1 – 11.2.1), Head of Estates and Facilities, Tourism Manager (Items 1.0 – 11.2.1) and Administrative Assistant

## 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Barbour and Sugden.

## 2 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting including visitors in the public gallery. A special welcome was extended to the newly appointed Member, Councillor Tracy Craig.

Councillor Craig thanked the Mayor for his warm welcome.

## 3 SYMPATHY

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Rev Dr I R K Paisley (Lord Bannside) and extended condolences to the Paisley family.

The Mayor also referred to the recent death of Alderman Hickey's brother in Canada and extended condolences to Alderman Hickey and her family.

As a mark of respect Members stood to observe a minute's silence.

## 4 PRESENTATION

It was agreed to receive the Hospital presentation at this stage of the Meeting.

The Mayor welcomed Dr Owen Finnegan and Ms Clodhna Rae, members of the Causeway Hospital Campaign Group, who were in attendance to present to Members regarding the future of the Causeway Hospital.

Ms Rae addressed Members and elaborated on the problems facing the Causeway Hospital due to the threat of closure.

Dr Finnegan referred to the Campaign Group's Paper entitled 'Causeway's Future' (circulated to each Member) and during his presentation highlighted the following points:

- Easy and rapid access to local hospital services was essential, providing as a minimum:
  - Acute General Medicine; undifferentiated admissions
  - Accident and Emergency; 24/7 Consultant-led service
  - Intensive Care Unit
  - Radiology including CT scanning 24/7
  - Laboratory services
  - Acute In-patient Surgery
  - Consultant-led Obstetrics with appropriate Paediatric cover
  - Elective Gynaecological and General Surgery
  - On-site senior management
- Evolving changes – Transforming Your Care
- Integration with other Providers as described in the network map
- Challenges with regard to recruitment, financial problems and professional/training recognition

The representatives answered various Members' questions and emphasised the importance of energising others to join the Campaign Group.

**Agreed:**

- i) That a Council workshop be organised and that Dr Tony Stevens, Chief Executive of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, be invited to attend.
- ii) That Council write to the Minister of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety expressing Council's concern regarding the future of Causeway Hospital and request that a delegation be received.

The Mayor thanked Dr Finnegan and Ms Rae for attending and assured them of Council's continued support. The representatives withdrew from the Meeting.

## **5 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Ballyrashane Creamery**

The Mayor had attended the official opening of the new butter plant at Ballyrashane Creamery on Thursday 11 September 2014. This had been a massive event and would be a boost for new jobs in the area.

### **5.2 Edwin May Nissan 5 Mile Classic Road Race**

The above Race in association with Springhill Running Club had been a great event attracting approximately 180 entries. The Mayor expressed thanks to Fred Kane of Edwin May Coleraine, Springwell Running Club, local businesses and everyone involved in the event.

### **5.3 WOMAD**

The Mayor had attended the WOMAD (World of Music Arts and Dance) event at The Diamond, Coleraine on Friday 19 September 2014. The event included a wide selection of music and entertainment including participation by local schools. Thanks were extended to parents and everyone involved in the event.

## **5.4 Congratulations**

The Mayor congratulated Mr Nial McSorley, GIS/WEB Officer, on winning the ESRI Ireland Maps Make Sense for Croatia Challenge which took the form of creating a story map. Nial would be travelling to Croatia to take part in Esri's European User Conference in October 2014.

## **5.5 Launch of Alchemy**

The Mayor referred to the Launch of Alchemy at Cloonavin on Monday 29 September 2014. Members were reminded to respond to the recent invitation.

## **6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **7 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 26 August 2014 were confirmed and signed.

## **8 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8.1 'In Committee'**

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

### **8.2 Planning Committee**

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 26 August 2014 were proposed by the Chair, Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Loftus and agreed.

### **8.3 Environmental Services Committee**

The Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of 2 September 2014 were proposed by the Chair, Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed.

### **8.4 Leisure and Development Committee**

The Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee were proposed by the Vice Chair, Councillor McCandless and seconded by Alderman Fielding.

### **8.5 Corporate Affairs Committee**

The Minutes of the Corporate Affairs Committee were proposed by the Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Harding.

## **9 MOTION**

The undernoted Motion had been submitted by Councillor Quigley:

"That this Council condemns the horrendous crimes of human trafficking and modern day slavery taking place across Northern Ireland; calling on citizens in this Council to be vigilant against perpetrators of these crimes and to be aware of the reality of human trafficking. That the Council fully endorses the approach taken in the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill, which is currently being considered by the Northern Ireland Assembly, to tackling these crimes."

Councillor Quigley spoke on the Motion and sought Members' support. The Deputy Mayor seconded the Motion.

**Agreed:** That Council support the Motion.

## 10 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### 10.1 Air Waves Portrush 2015

The Mayor welcomed Squadron Leader Paul Sall, MSc RAF (Retired) who was in attendance to take part in a brief presentation to Council on Air Waves Portrush 2014. The Director of Leisure and Development and the Head of Leisure Services elaborated on the success of the event.

Squadron Leader Paul Sall provided a short picture slide show of the event and highlighted the following areas which needed further consideration:

- Traffic management
- 12 month marketing plan
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Silver Wings Chalet

The Mayor paid tribute to the work of Squadron Leader Sall and the team involved in the event which had resulted in such a memorable weekend for Portrush.

**Agreed:** That Air Waves Portrush 2015 be held on 5/6 September 2015.

## 12 CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following correspondence (previously supplied):

- Letter from Group 10 of the Royal British Legion re Annual Poppy Ball on 17 October 2014
- Forecast of Events
- Documents for Tabling
- Consultation Documents

## 13 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. | <u>Contract and Bill of Quantities</u><br>(In Duplicate) | Coleraine Borough Council and J S Dunlop Ltd –<br>Relocation of Tourist Information Offices in Coleraine<br>and Portrush |
| 2. | <u>Cemetery Titles</u>                                   | Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register Nos 4150 -<br>4162 inclusive:  |
|    |  | Agherton 1   |
|    |  | Ballywillan -  |
|    |  | Coleraine 6  |
|    |  | Kilrea -   |
|    |  | Portstewart 6  |

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Planning Committee</b>
<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>23 September 2014 at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Council Chamber, Cloonavin
<b>Chair</b>	Councillor W King
<b>Present</b>	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, C Archibald, T Clarke, T Craig, M Fielding, B Fitzpatrick, D Harding, R Holmes, M Knight-McQuillan, R Loftus, W McCandless and S Quigley
<b>In attendance</b>	Mr M Wilson - Planning Service, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Democratic Services Manager and Administrative Assistant

## 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors Barbour and Sugden.

## 2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

### 2.1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Meeting and extended a special welcome to the newly appointed Member, Councillor Tracy Craig.

### 2.2 Sympathy

The Chair extended condolences to Alderman Hickey on the recent death of her brother.

### 2.3 Congratulations

The Chair extended congratulations to Sam Cole on his appointment as Alderman.

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## 4 PLANNING CONSULTATION

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

### 4.1 Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

**Application D1 C/2010/0408/F** Proposed construction of 4 no agricultural sheds, office accommodation, changing facilities and incurtilage turning for HGVs at 115 Carrowreagh Road, Garvagh for Northern Ireland Seed Potatoes (NISP).

The opinion of Planning Service was to approve.

**Agreed:** That the application be approved.

**Application D2 C/2012/0498/F** Proposed two storey replacement dwelling and attached garage at 9 Strand Avenue, Portrush for Mr and Mrs J Moss.

The opinion of Planning Service was to approve.

**Agreed:** That the application be approved.

**Application D3 C/2013/0236/O** Proposed two storey dwelling and detached garage to replace a redundant business premises at rear of 124 Castleroe Road, Coleraine for A Carruthers.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

**Agreed:** That the application be refused.

**Application D4 C/2013/0253/F** Proposed extension to existing holiday homes park to provide 23 no caravan plots at Golf Links Holiday Homes Park, Bushmills Road, Portrush for Cloughorr Investments Ltd.

The opinion of Planning Service was to approve.

It was proposed by Councillor Alexander and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick that Council support a refusal and seek a meeting with the Planning Manager regarding the need to restrict caravan park expansion in Portrush and Portstewart.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman Cole that Council seek clarification with regard to Council's Tourist Development Strategy and report back to Committee in October. Alderman Cole failed to obtain a seconder.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was lost, three Members voting in favour and eleven Members voting against.

**Agreed:** That the application be approved.

**Application D5 C/2013/0454/A** Proposed electronic advertising 85m south west of the Lodge Hotel, Lodge Road, Coleraine for The Lodge Hotel.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

**Agreed:** That the application be refused.

**Application D6 C/2013/0461/F** Proposed retrospective application for domestic garage/fence and concrete yard at 261 Windyhill Road, Coleraine for Mr G Montford.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Holmes and seconded by The Mayor that the application be held for two weeks to facilitate the submission of further information.

## 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/2014/0055/F** Proposed development of a 500kw anaerobic digestion (AD) plant, combined heat and power (CHP) plant, silage clamp (amendment to 150kw AD plant previously approved under C/2011/0425/F) and additional European waste catalogue (EWC) codes on lands 100m south west of 56 Ballinteer Road, Macosquin, Coleraine for Mr J Christie.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Fielding 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 No C/2014/0269/F** Proposed retrospective application to regularise the construction of a domestic store and supercede previous planning approval for a domestic store given under C/2010/0220/F at 4 Mill Lane, 'Collins', Moneybrannon Road, Aghadowey for Mr K Dallas.

The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Holmes 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.

## **5 OFFICE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the Office Meetings would be held on Friday 10 October 2014.

## **6 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no general planning issues.

## **7 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.



<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>7 October 2014 at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	Bann View Committee Room, Cloonavin
<b>Chair</b>	Councillor C Sugden
<b>Present</b>	Alderman S Cole (items 5 - 8), Councillors C Alexander, T Clarke (items 5 -8) , T Craig (items 5.2 – 8), B Fitzpatrick, R Holmes, W King and R Loftus.
<b>In attendance</b>	Interim Director of Environmental Services, Head of Estates and Facilities, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Senior Environmental Health Officer (items 1 – 5.2) and Business Support & Administration Manager (CE)

## **1 APOLOGY**

An apology was recorded for The Mayor.

## **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 presentation.

Alderman Cole and Councillor Clarke joined the meeting.

## **5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Interim Director of Environmental Services (previously supplied).

### **5.1 Kilrea and Garvagh Civic Amenity Sites**

Committee noted information and details on proposed works to these civic amenity sites in accordance with good practice, as contained in the Report.

**Recommended:** On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Alexander, that Council endorse moving to stage 2 of the process for the Kilrea and Garvagh Civic Amenity Site improvements, to include public advertisement, finalising and tendering of the works.

A tender report would be brought back to the Environmental Services Committee for approval.

Councillor Craig joined the meeting.

### **5.2 Dog Control Orders**

Mrs Catherine McNally, Senior Environmental Health Officer, presented the amended Dogs Exclusion (Coleraine Borough Council) Order 2014, which incorporated feedback from the public and interested parties.

Maps detailing the areas subject to the proposed Dog Control Orders were viewed and consideration given to the 4 draft Orders, attached at Annex A of the Report.

In response to questions from Members, the Senior Environmental Health Officer provided the following clarification:

- i) Council currently have the manpower to cover the proposals contained in the Report.
- ii) Dogs would be excluded from areas where there was play equipment, whether fenced or not.
- iii) Portnahapple was not an excluded area.
- iv) Dog free zones on beaches would be operated from 1 June – 15 September each year.

**Recommended:** On the proposal of Councillor Alexander and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that Council agree to advertise their intention to make the following Dog Control Orders:

- The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Coleraine Borough Council) Order 2014.
- The Dogs Exclusion (Coleraine Borough Council) Order 2014.
- The Dogs on Leads (Coleraine Borough Council) Order 2014.
- The Dogs on Leads by Direction (Coleraine Borough Council) Order 2014.

### 5.3 Waste Management Plan

Consideration was given to the North West Region Waste Management Group's (NWRWMG) recommendation to member councils to adopt the revised Waste Management Plan (previously circulated).

**Recommended:** On the proposal of Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Loftus, that Council agrees to the recommendation from the Joint Committee of the NWRWMG to adopt the Waste Management Plan.

### 5.4 Department of the Environment Discussion Document – Dilapidated/Dangerous Buildings and Neglected Sites

Consideration was given to the draft response to the Department of the Environment's discussion document, attached at Annex A of the Report.

**Recommended:** On the proposal of Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Holmes, that Council ratify the content of the response.

### 5.5 Diversity Playpark

The Head of Estates and Facilities advised Members that, although there were currently 33 inclusive playparks within the Borough, designed to be both disabled and able-bodied friendly, requests had been received for a dedicated playpark to cater for those with a range of special needs.

Initial research had suggested that such a need existed and it was hoped that grant aid for the project could be secured from the Landfill Community Fund.

During discussion, Members questioned whether a specific playpark or the upgrading of currently available facilities would be more beneficial and where a dedicated playpark would be sited to make it central in the Borough and to the wider Causeway Coast and Glens region.

**Recommended:** That Council agree to proceed to stage one of the process to allow further research and, in conjunction with stakeholders and community, to prepare a proposal for presentation to Council.

## **5.6 For Information**

### **5.6.1 Consumer Protection Act 1987 – Lighter Refill Test Purchase Exercise August 2014**

Committee noted information on this topic, as contained in the Report.

### **5.6.2 Affordable Warmth Update**

Committee noted information on this topic, as contained in the Report.

In response to a question from Councillor Loftus, the Principal Environmental Health Officer advised that this scheme would be fully funded by DSD and that recruitment was being coordinated by Ballymoney Borough Council in line with the current vacancy control procedures.

### **5.6.3 Building Control Report**

Information relating to Building Control activity during the period 15 August – 24 September 2014 was noted including:

- Applications:
  - 97 applications had been received for assessment.
  - 88 applications had been recommended for Building Control approval.
  - 543 inspections had been carried out.

### **5.6.4 Outcome of Legal Proceedings**

#### **The Litter (NI) Order 1994**

Defendant: Ms Anne Templeton, 40 Greenmount Crescent, Coleraine  
Result: Fine: £50, Legal Costs: £100, Court Costs: £19; Offender Levy: £15.

#### **The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended**

Defendant: Trevor White, 14 Ramsay Park, Macosquin, Coleraine  
Result: Fine: £50, Legal Costs: £250, Contest Fee: £100, Offender Levy: £15

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Bus Shelters**

Members raised issues with regard to bus shelter provision within the Borough.

Further to a request by Members regarding usage and possible relocation of existing Council shelters, the Head of Estates and Facilities advised that all Council owned bus shelters were audited in terms of footfall and suggested the need for rationalisation criteria to be decided by Council if relocation of shelters was to be carried out. He advised that DSD/Translink would assume responsibility for bus shelters in November 2015 and, in response to a request from Members, agreed to look into the possibility of DSD/Translink playing an active role in the interim and report feedback to Committee.

**Recommended:** On the proposal of Alderman Cole and seconded by Councillor King, that officers liaise with Translink to resolve the issue of shelter need in built up areas of the Borough, particularly Macosquin and Carneybaun, and that this be carried out with urgency prior to April 2015.

Councillor Loftus asked that the positioning of a shelter in Garvagh be re-considered, following objection to the original previously identified position. The Head of Estates and Facilities would look into this.

**Meeting** **Leisure and Development Committee**

**Date and Time** **14 October 2014 at 6.30pm**

**Location** Bann View Committee Room, Cloonavin

**Chair** Alderman M Hickey

**Present** The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y Boyle  
Alderman N Hillis  
Councillors T Clarke, M Knight-McQuillan, W McCandless and  
S Quigley

**In Attendance** Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Head of  
Development Services, Regeneration Manager and Administrative  
Assistant

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Fielding, Councillors Barbour, Fielding, Loftus and Sugden.

**2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

There was no Chair's business.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**4 REQUEST FOR PRESENTATION**

It was noted that this item would be addressed later in the Meeting.

**5 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

**5.1 Lansdowne Area, Portrush – Masterplanning Project**

The Chair welcomed Mr James Hennessey, Associate Director, The Paul Hogarth Company, who was in attendance to provide a brief presentation regarding the Lansdowne Masterplan Portrush (copy circulated to each Member).

The Regeneration Manager advised that a multi-agency public sector Steering Group had met regularly to guide the development of the Masterplan and ensure its successful integration within the Portrush Regeneration Strategy. Extensive consultation was complemented with a series of key stakeholder consultations. The Masterplan would provide guidance to any potential future developments in the area providing context thereby reducing both risk and uncertainty. Funding of the project was shared equally with the Department for Social Development.

Mr Hennessey elaborated on the Masterplan and highlighted the following areas:

- Reviggerly Point
- Natural Habitat
- Promenade
- Public Art and Interpretation
- Lifeboat Shelter

- Portandoo Harbour
- Traffic circulation and parking
- Lansdowne Crescent
- Antrim Gardens
- Maze
- Upper Gardens
- Walled Garden
- Coastal Zone
- The Blue Pool Area
- Former Leander House Site

A full discussion ensued during which Mr Hennessey and Officers answered various Members' questions.

Reference was made to the possibility of including the historic interest within the Antrim Gardens site. Concern was expressed about the maintenance of the Maze.

It was noted that a meeting would be held with Portrush Regeneration Group on Wednesday 22 October 2014 after which the Group's views could be relayed via the Skerries Councillors at the Council Meeting on 28 October 2014.

Members were advised that a request to make a presentation had been received from the Sailing Club and had been deferred until the Masterplan had been progressed.

**Recommended:** On the proposal of Councillor Quigley and seconded by the Deputy Mayor that:

- i) The Lansdowne Masterplan be referred to Council in October for consideration;
- ii) Council considers the preparation of a process to invite expressions of interest for the use of Lansdowne Boathouse;
- iii) The Sailing Club makes a presentation to the Leisure and Development Committee on 11 November 2014.

## **5.2 Causeway Speciality Market**

Members noted the detailed information regarding the Causeway Speciality Market and welcomed the business benefits to the town.

## **5.3 Journey to Market Programme Update**

Members noted that The Mayor had officially launched the thirty new market stalls on Saturday 14 June 2014. The mentoring programme being provided by Lara Goodall Consulting, the appointed specialist provider, had commenced in April 2014 and was still ongoing.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Lack of ATM Facilities – Portrush**

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of ATM facilities in Portrush town centre due to the recent closure of the machine located at the former Danske Bank premises on Main Street.

Officers would investigate the matter.

## **7.2 Toilet Facilities – Portrush**

Concern was again raised about the lack of toilet facilities in Portrush.

The matter would be raised with the Interim Corporate Director of Environmental Services.

## **7.3 East Strand, Portrush – Reconstruction Work**

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development advised Members that the reconstruction work at the East Strand was now complete. Noted.

## **7.4 Boulders – Portrush Harbour Wall**

Concern was expressed regarding the movement of boulders at Portrush Harbour Wall.

Officers would investigate the matter.