

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** the 25th day of November, 2008 at **7.30 p.m.**

R. WILSON,

Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 28th October, 2008
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 21st October, 2008
 - 1.3 Special Meeting – 28th October, 2008
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 4th November, 2008
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 11th November, 2008
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 18th November, 2008
 - (Item No. 9.0)** Establishment of Transition Committee – Nominations
 - (Item No. 17.1)** LSP – Update*
 - (Item No. 17.4)** Industrial Relations Issues - Update*
3. Correspondence, including inter alia:

Reports available in Members' Library (List enclosed)
4. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 8th October, 2008
- (2) NILGA Press Release dated 19th November, 2008 – Press Assembly on Urgent Waste and Planning Issues

*** Recommended for consideration “In Committee”.**

To: Each Member of Council.

21st November, 2008.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 28th October, 2008

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
(Items 2.2 – 13.0)

D. McClarty

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
B. Fitzpatrick

S. Gilkinson
N. F. Hillis
(Items 2.1 – 13.0)
W. A. King
B. Leonard
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman McClure, Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin

1.0 UPDATE ON MEMBERS FOLLOWING RECENT ILLNESS

The Mayor updated Council on the progress of Alderman McClure, Councillor Mrs. Johnston and Councillor McLaughlin, who were all improving but would be unable to attend business for some weeks.

2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23rd September, 2008 the Special Meeting of 23rd September, 2008 and the Special Meeting of 7th October, 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

2.1 Council Meeting

2.1.1 Planning Decisions

This item would be on the agenda for the Planning Working Group on 6th November, 2008 when Ms. M. MacIntyre would be in attendance.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Leisure and Environment
Committee – 7th October, 2008

The Vice Chairman, Alderman Mrs. Black, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

Matters arising:

3.1.1 Freedom of the Borough
Ceremony

Congratulations were extended to all those involved in the operation of this ceremony and, in particular, Ms. Bernadette McGuinness for her organisation of the event.

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

3.2 Planning Committee -
26th August, 2008

The Chairman, Councillor King, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Bradley.

Matters arising:

3.2.1 Non-Determination Appeals

Consideration was given to the Planning Service's draft opinion (previously supplied) in respect of the non-determination appeals previously presented at the Planning Committee meeting on 14th October, 2008.

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:

That Council support the decisions of Planning Service.

3.2.2 Application No. D11
C/2007/1191/F

This item would be on the agenda for the Planning Working Group on 6th November, 2008.

3.2.3 Application No. 6
C/2007/0752/O
Proposed demolition of two
existing properties to provide
lands for the development of 4
no. semi-detached dwellings
and 18 no. apartments for
residential purposes at Nos.
18-22 Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea
for Mrs. N. Doherty

Councillor Dallat asked that it be recorded that, had he been present at the meeting, he would have supported the request for an office meeting on this application.

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

3.3 Policy and Development
Committee

The Deputy Mayor moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McQuillan.

Matters arising:

3.3.1 Notice of Motion

With reference to engagement of professional support, it was agreed that the Terms of Reference would be sent out to members as soon as they became available.

3.3.2 Council Policy on Public Rights of Way

In response to a member's query, the Head of Administrative Services confirmed that the responsible officer would advise the member directly and follow up with advice to Council at a later date.

3.3.3 Street Trading Licences - Council Policy

The Director of Technical Services confirmed Council's current policy on street trading licences viz that no preference was given to local applicants. It was noted that change to the criteria at this stage could be open to legal challenge.

Agreed:

- (a) That Council proceed with the letting of the current two sites under the procedure already commenced ie advertisement and lottery.
- (b) That legal advice be sought on the validity of giving preference to local applicants for future applications.

4.0 LETTER DATED 13TH OCTOBER, 2008 FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Consideration was given to the letter from Caitriona Ruane MLA (previously supplied), in response to Council's letter of 26th September, 2008 to the First Minister.

Noted.

5.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

Council noted the list of documents available in the Members' Library (previously supplied).

6.0 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In response to members' requests, the Head of Administrative Services would provide a report on Remembrance Sunday representation since the beginning of the current Council term, for consideration at the Leisure and Environment Committee meeting on 4th November, 2008.

7.0 TRANSITIONAL COMMITTEES

Council noted a report on Guidance on the Establishment of Transitional Committees and Transition Management Teams provided by the Department of the Environment (circulated).

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that a further briefing session was scheduled for week commencing 3rd November, 2008; a report would be brought to Council in due course.

8.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR AN ULSTER-SCOTS ACADEMY

Read letter from DCAL advising that the results of this consultation were available on the DCAL website.

Noted.

9.0 VISIT BY MR. ALEX MDOOKO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ZOMBA CITY ASSEMBLY

Council noted that a programme of activities had been arranged for Mr. Mdooko's visit on 6th – 18th November, 2008.

10.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION

Read invitation to the LGSC conference 'Promoting Equality for People with Mental Health Disabilities – Learning for Local Government' which would take place in the Long Gallery, Stormont Estate on 19th November, 2008.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

11.0 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING IN NORTHERN IRELAND (CIH) - TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Members noted that the CIH training programme 'Enhancing Knowledge of Housing Policy and Practice' would take place on 21st/22nd November, 2008 in Armagh City Hotel.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

12.0 CONSULTATION LIST

The following consultation papers had been received and were available for members who wished to consider making a response:

1. Department of Education – Consultation with Schools on Potential Changes to the Local Management of Schools Common Funding Formula

Comments due: 12 December 2008

2. Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Consultation on An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Strategic Action Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11

Comments due: 12 December 2008

3. The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland – Consultation on Electoral Office Draft Good Relations Strategy and Call Recording/CCTV Policy

Comments due: 5 January 2009

4. Department of Finance and Personnel – Consultation Paper : Pleural Plaques

Comments due: 12 January 2009

13.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Intermediate Building Contract Council and MSM Contracts Ltd.
Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock
2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register Nos.
3461 – 3472 (inclusive):

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	4
Coleraine	4
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	4

Advanced Deed Register No. 0213

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	-
Portstewart	1

SPECIAL MEETING

21st October, 2008.

Convened: To receive a presentation on the concert at East Strand, Portrush from Mr. Eddie Rowan, Promoter.

Present: Councillor R. A. McPherson, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman
(Items 2.0 – 3.0)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
(Items 2.0 – 3.0)

Councillors

J. M. Bradley S. Gilkinson
(Items 2.0 – 3.0) W. A. King
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) B. Leonard
(Items 2.0 – 3.0) A. McQuillan
B. Fitzpatrick (Items 2.0 – 3.0)

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services (Items 2.0 – 3.0), Head of Administrative Services, Economic Development Manager (Items 2.0 – 3.0) and Administrative Assistant

1.0 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, it was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:

That Councillor McPherson be elected to Chair the meeting.

2.0 PRESENTATION ON THE CONCERT AT EAST STRAND, PORTRUSH

The Director of Leisure Services introduced Mr. E. Rowan, Mr. C. Hamilton and Mr. F. McKay, PLM Promotions, who were in attendance to update Council on the 2008 concert and present a request to hold a 'Live in Portrush' event in 2009.

Mr. Curry advised Council that the presentation was for information and would be supplemented by copies of reports from PLM Promotions, the Head of Development Services and himself, which would be circulated to members within the week, in order to facilitate full consideration of the issue at a future meeting.

Mr. Rowan gave an overview of the 2008 concert and elaborated on various issues including:

- event planning – in particular the short timespan for organisation;
- problems resulting from the concert – most of which were attributed to external agencies.

The presenters made the point that, whilst the organisation of the concert within the venue was largely trouble free they acknowledged that anti-social behaviour outside the venue was a problem, but one that they felt able to address if permission was granted for a 2009 event.

Mr. Hamilton then presented plans for a 'Live in Portrush' event to take place on 13th June, 2009 and highlighted key themes viz:

- (i) the suitability of the East Strand car park for the event;
- (ii) benefits for the Portrush area which would result from the event;
- (iii) more than adequate time span for event planning including off-site preparation;
- (iv) proposed solutions to the problems which had arisen in 2008.

The representatives requested Council's permission to hold the 2009 event.

An extended period of discussion ensued, during which members' various questions were answered by the representatives, including:

- anti-social behaviour;
- litter collection including the possibility of a contribution to Council for its work outside the event;
- unscheduled disembarkation from buses;
- people causing problems whilst walking between the concert site and the campsites;
- the possibility of organising an event for a more mature audience.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their presentation and their reassurances that the problems which occurred at the 2008 event would not recur in 2009.

3.0 BEST WISHES

The Chairman extended best wishes for a speedy recovery from illness to Alderman McClure and Councillor Mrs. Johnston.

SPECIAL MEETING

28th October, 2008.

Convened: To receive the Building Control Annual Report 2007/08

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) D. McClarty

Councillors

J. M. Bradley	B. Fitzpatrick
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	S. Gilkinson
A. S. Cole	W. A. King
J. J. Dallat	B. Leonard
T. J. Deans	R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Principle Building Control Officer, Head of Administrative Services and Administrative Assistant

The Mayor welcomed Mr. R. White, Chief Building Control Officer, who was in attendance to present his Annual Report 2007/08 (previously supplied).

Mr. White thanked Council members on the Northern Group Building Control Committee and staff involved with the production of the report.

Mr. White then outlined topics within the Plan and elaborated on various issues including:

- building control work loads;
- performance indicators – Mr. White commented that the drop from 2006/07 targets was attributable to an unprecedented increase in workload preceding the introduction of enhanced thermal insulation regulations in November 2006;
- energy conservation and microgeneration;
- energy performance certificates – Mr. White expressed doubt as to the validity of these certificates citing problems with the method of calculation ;
- inter-group and cross-council co-ordination;
- study visit to Freiburg, Germany.

Discussion ensued during which Mr. White answered members' queries on various issues.

It was noted that the current year income generation by the Building Control units in the Northern Group could be down by as much as 40%.

The Mayor thanked Mr. White for his presentation.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

4th November, 2008.

Present: Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) D. McClarty
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) S. Gilkinson
J. M. Bradley N. F. Hillis
O. M. Church (Mrs.) W. A. King
A. S. Cole B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat R. A. McPherson
(Items 1.0 – 3.6) A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) (Items 2.2 – 12.1.3)
B. Fitzpatrick

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Head of Administrative Services, Director of Environmental Health, Head of Development Services, Director of Leisure Services (Items 1.0 – 5.0), Causeway Museum Service Officer (Items 3.1 - 3.6), Leisure Services Officers, Director of Technical Services, Technical and Waste Management Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apology: The Mayor

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended a special welcome to journalism students from the University of Ulster.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The Report of the Director of Environmental Health was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

2.1 Legal Proceedings

It was agreed to discuss these proceedings "In Committee" at the end of the meeting.

2.2 Fuel Poverty Initiative with Citizens' Advice Bureau

Members agreed at the September Leisure and Environment Committee meeting that £5000 be made available to help alleviate fuel poverty to those in acute need

within the Borough. Ms. Angela Welch, Manager of Causeway Citizens' Advice Bureau was in attendance to update members on how the fund would be administered.

Ms. Welch briefed members on two separate packages:

The first package, aimed at 100 households for over 65 year olds or those with mobility issues would include:

- One energy efficiency bulb
- A benefits check
- £20 of fuel stamps per household
- Energy saving tips
- Thermal clothing

The second package which would help 100 families, the working poor and singles, would include:

- A benefits check
- £20 of fuel stamps per household
- Energy saving tips

Ms. Welch advised that the Citizens' Advice Bureau would keep a register of those who had received assistance and the information would be forwarded to Council. Those wishing to enquire were advised to contact the Citizens' Advice Bureau at 24 Lodge Road, Coleraine or on 028 7034 4817. Each case would be judged on its merits and it would be on a first come, first served basis. Rather than through public advertisement, other voluntary and community organisations, namely Age Concern, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul and Women's Aid had been consulted and would be referring clients to Citizens Advice Bureau for assessment.

Ms. Welch answered members' various questions and noted comments.

Recommended:

That Council agree to administer the funding package through Coleraine Citizens' Advice Bureau.

2.3 Application for Amusement Permit as per The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985, Article 110

An application for the grant of an Amusement Permit had been received from Mr. Michael McAdam, proprietor of The Jet Centre Complex, Riverside Park, Coleraine. The applicant had applied for use of 30 gaming machines, to be positioned and operated in an area that would be exclusively for use by persons over 18 years of age.

An Amusement Permit had previously been granted for the premises but had expired in 2004.

The department still awaits details regarding character references and necessary certification for the premises, pending a decision, in principle, to issue an Amusement Permit for the premises. Planning approval would not be required as the activity is regarded as incidental to the other services provided on the premises.

Recommended:

That Council agree, in principle, to grant an Amusement Permit for The Jet Centre reflecting the conditions outlined.

2.4 Emergency Planning – Northern Ireland Direct (Flood Incident Line)

The recent flooding in Northern Ireland highlighted the need for a single point of contact for citizens in the event of a major incident which would provide an easy to access focal point for services.

The Department of Finance and Personnel have been working on the establishment of a single, published Northern Ireland wide flooding incident line available to the public to report any incidences of flooding.

Council's Emergency Planning Officer has been working with incident line staff to ensure that appropriate triggers are installed in this new system to allow a representative of the Council to be informed immediately (Council's Emergency telephone) when a major incident has been reported. The Council representative, when notified, will initiate actions they deem appropriate for the incident in question.

The introduction of an incident line service has been endorsed by the Northern Ireland Executive and is included within the scope of the Northern Ireland Direct Phase 1 Programme.

Recommended:

That members endorse Council's participation in this service.

2.5 For Information

2.5.1 Outcome of Legal Proceedings

The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended by The Dangerous Dogs (NI) Order 1991

Members noted the undernoted details on this topic:

Defendant: Mr. Ian Freeman
7C Hall Road
Coleraine

Offence: Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17(1) of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983

Result: Fine £200 (£25 x 8)
Costs £70
Court Cost £16

The Dog Licence is still outstanding and would be followed up by the Department.

3.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Director of Leisure Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 Beach Party 2009

The Director of Leisure Services advised members that Council had received requests from two promoters to hold an event in 2009. He advised members that there was no obligation on Council to grant permission for a Beach Party and it was up to members to make a decision. He also highlighted several factors which required consideration:

- The suitability of East Strand Car Park for a music event
- Types of events that could be held
- The formation of a working group.

It was proposed by Councillor Hillis and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

That Council do not hold future Beach Parties (defined as dancing/ raves) in East Strand Car Park.

An amendment was then proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Bradley:

That a working group be formed so that a consultation process could take place between PSNI, residents, traders and others directly affected by the Beach Party.

A lengthy discussion ensued; several members suggested that Council seek expressions of interest for other types of events.

On a request for a recorded vote the amendment was put to the meeting and the members voted thus:

For: Alderman Mrs. Hickey
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Bradley, Cole,
Dallat, Deans, Leonard and McQuillan (8)

Against: The Deputy Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Black and McClarty
Councillors Mrs. Church, Mrs. Fielding,
Fitzpatrick, Gilkinson, Hillis, King and McPherson (10)

The amendment, therefore, was lost by ten votes to eight.

The proposal was then put to the meeting, and on a request for a recorded vote the members voted thus:

For: The Deputy Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Black and McClarty
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Bradley, Mrs. Church,
Cole, Mrs. Fielding, Fitzpatrick, Gilkinson, Hillis,
King, McPherson and McQuillan (14)

Abstained: Alderman Mrs. Hickey
Councillors Dallat, Deans and Leonard (4)

The proposal was, therefore, carried.

Recommended:

That Council do not hold future Beach Parties in the East Strand Car Park.

It was agreed that the Director of Leisure Services investigate the possibility of other events for the site.

3.2 Market Yard Project

The Chairman welcomed The Causeway Museum Service Officer who was in attendance to give members an update on the Market Yard Project.

The Causeway Museum Service Officer briefed members on the Project and highlighted various issues including:

- The objectives
- The project concepts
- Market Yard Steering Group
- Costs to December 2009; £11,059,389
- Funding; DCAL £4,079,078; Grants £4,170,423; CBC £2,809,888

She also answered members' various questions on the project.

The Chairman thanked the Causeway Museum Service Officer for her interesting presentation.

3.3 Coleraine Museum Collections Access Post

Recommended:

That the annual contract for this post, due to expire in January 2009, be extended for twelve months.

3.4 'Book of Coleraine'

Members noted that Mr. Dan McLaughlin has handed over a very rare book, 'Book of Coleraine', a unique important record of the late 18th/early 19th century townscapes of Coleraine to Coleraine Museum. Council would be informed of a date for the official handover with the Mayor, subject to Mr. McLaughlin's health.

3.5 150th Anniversary of Coleraine Town Hall

Members noted that 2009 marks the 150th anniversary of Coleraine Town Hall and officers were considering a number of ways to mark the anniversary.

Recommended:

That the Events Working Group, with the support of officers from Leisure and Development Services, progress the plans. It was also recommended that the Caretaker for Coleraine Town Hall be included in this support.

3.6 Plantation (400 years)

Members noted that Causeway Museum Service has been in discussion with other cross sectoral interests such as the Northern Ireland Environment Agency to plan commemorations of the Plantation within the context of Northern Ireland as a whole.

Recommended:

That the Events Working Group take forward appropriate plans and their implementation.

3.7 Caravan Parks – 2008 Season

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

- (1) That site fees be increased by 3.47% for the 2009 season (to £1900 including VAT and rates)
- (2) That there be no increase in the touring fees for the 2009 season.

A member raised concern about a bird fouling problem at Carrick Dhu Caravan Park. The Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) advised that he would report back to Council after investigation.

3.8 Coleraine Leisure Centre – Christmas Opening

Members noted the opening/closing hours for Coleraine Leisure Centre as detailed in the report.

3.9 Requests for Financial Assistance

3.9.1 Canoe Access Signage Strategy

A request had been received from the Countryside Access and Activities Network for financial assistance to provide road signage showing public access to sites which are suitable for paddlers.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £1,025.82 in the 2009/2010 financial year to the work of the Canoe Access Signage Strategy.

3.9.2 Coastal Canoe Trail Project

A request had been received from the Countryside Access and Activities Network for financial assistance for the above project for a series of coastal canoe trails.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £1,573.95 in the 2009/2010 financial year to the work of the Coastal Canoe Trail Project.

A member's concern about the delay in introducing legislation to control jet skis was noted.

3.9.3 Waymarked Way Guides – 2nd Edition

A request had been received from the Countryside Access and Activities Network for financial assistance for the above project to assist with the reprint of guides.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £977.45 in the 2009/2010 financial year to assist

with the reprint of guides.

3.9.4 Northern Ireland Special Festival of Pool

A request had been received from the Northern Ireland Special Festival of Pool for financial assistance towards the costs of staging the Northern Ireland Special Festival of Pool at the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine from 17th – 20th November, 2008.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £1,000 to the Northern Ireland Special Festival of Pool to assist with costs for the Northern Ireland Special Festival of Pool.

3.10 Future Champions Sports Academy

Members noted information on this Academy as detailed in the report.

4.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Director of Technical Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Refuse Crews – Additional Resources

Recommended:

That Council employ a permanent additional full time crew of one driver and two loaders, given that, for health and safety reasons, crews could no longer ride on the back of the lorries.

Members noted that the monies allocated for the introduction of the brown bins, which had been postponed, would be used to finance the additional full time refuse collection crew.

4.2 Recycling (Blue) Bin Charges

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Cole:

That there continue to be no charge for blue bins as an encouragement to householders to recycle.

Councillor Cole failed to find a seconder for his proposal.

It was then proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That the officer's recommendations be accepted.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That the blue bin charges be deferred for a year to allow everyone to receive a free blue bin.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was lost, four members voting in favour and nine members voting against.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, nine members voting in favour and three members voting against.

Recommended:

- (1) That a charge of £35 be levied for all blue bins supplied by Council to new premises or as replacements.
- (2) That if a black bin and a blue bin are both required for the same property the combined charge be £55.

4.3 DRD Roads Service – Disabled Parking Bay

Recommended:

That Council support Roads Service's proposal to provide a disabled parking bay at the undernoted location:

- ♦ Adjacent to 73 The Crescent, Coleraine

4.4 Entertainment Licence

4.4.1 Shenanigans Complex, 78-79 The Promenade, Portstewart

An application for a renewal of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. S. Kher, c/o Shenanigans Complex.

Days and times on which it is intended to provide entertainment:

Monday/Tuesday – Saturday/Sunday 9.00 p.m. – 1.00 a.m.
Sunday 9.00 p.m. – midnight.

Recommended:

That the Entertainment Licence be renewed subject to the following special conditions:

- (1) A Compressor Acoustic Limiter should be fitted to all of the premises where entertainment is provided.
- (2) Special attention is drawn to Section 16 (b) (II) in Schedule 2 regarding inaudibility in neighbouring residential property after 11.00 p.m. Presently this condition is being met through the use of acoustic limiters installed into the sound systems servicing the ground, first and second floors. These limiters should be calibrated in conjunction with advice from the Council's Environmental Health Department and must not be re-calibrated without their approval.
- (3) Any works carried out to the fabric of the building must be in consultation with Council's Licensing Department. When these works are being carried out such steps as are necessary must be taken to ensure that noise due to entertainment does not contravene the inaudibility criteria mentioned above.
- (4) Door Supervisors: All door supervisors employed within the licensed premises must be registered with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

4.5 For Information

Members noted information, as detailed in the report, on the following topics:

- (1) Illegal Waste Activity
- (2) North West Regional Waste Management Group
(an information pack would be available in the library)
- (3) Coastal Biodiversity & Beach Safety – A pack of Facts about the North Coast

4.6 Building Control

4.6.1 Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 39 applications.

5.0 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2008 - ARRANGEMENTS

It was noted that the main Council ceremony for Remembrance Day would be in Kilrea on Sunday, 9th November, 2008. On a request for nominees to represent Council at ceremonies outside Kilrea, the following nominations were agreed:

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| Coleraine | - | The Deputy Mayor |
| Portrush | - | Councillor Ms. Alexander was proposed by Councillor Hillis, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and agreed to represent Portrush. |
| Portstewart | - | Councillor Fitzpatrick was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor King.

Councillor Mrs. Fielding was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Fitzpatrick was nominated to represent Portstewart by 9 votes to 6. |
| Garvagh | - | Councillor Mrs. Church was proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander.

Councillor McQuillan was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson.

On being put to the meeting, Councillor Mrs. Church was nominated to represent Garvagh by 9 votes to 5. |
| Aghadowey | - | Councillor Cole was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed to represent Aghadowey. |
| Castlerock | - | Alderman McClarty was proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church.

Councillor McQuillan was proposed by Councillor |

Bradley and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson.

On being put to the meeting, Alderman McClarty received 7 votes and Councillor McQuillan received 7 votes. With the casting vote of the Chairman, Councillor McQuillan was nominated.

Following discussion Councillor McQuillan withdrew his nomination and it was agreed that Alderman McClarty represent Castlerock.

6.0 ZOMBA CONCERT

The Zomba Action Project had invited members to a Community Concert featuring a Community Choir (conductor: Miss Roberta Scott, accompanying pianist: Mr. Peter Wilson), Dunloy Accordion Orchestra, Mrs. Hope Gardiner, Compere: Mr. Brian Johnston in The Diamond Hall, University of Ulster at Coleraine on Thursday, 20th November, 2008 at 8.00 p.m. Admission £10.00.

7.0 DOCUMENT TABLED

University of Ulster, Riverside Theatre Management Committee Annual Report 2007/2008.

8.0 NORTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

The Head of Administrative Services advised members that a representative of The Northern Health and Social Care Trust would be attending a meeting at the end of November to discuss the Future of Health and Social Care Services in the Northern Trust - Modernising Health and Social Care Services — Engagement and Consultation Programme. Members noted that this report would be available in the library.

9.0 ICE ARENA PROJECT

A member requested that officers meet with Planning/Roads Service to obtain an update on an apparent roads access problem. It was noted that a report would be brought to a future meeting.

10.0 TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT – CHURCH STREET, COLERAINE

A member enquired when the seating and litter bins would be returned to Church Street, Coleraine. The Director of Technical Services advised that the new street furniture would be put in place shortly.

11.0 SIGNAGE FOR BOAT TRIPS, PORTRUSH HARBOUR

On a request for information on this topic, members were advised that Council's decision had been implemented and that a full report would be brought to Council when subsequent legal queries had been resolved.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

11th November, 2008.

Present: Councillor W. A. King in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman
(Items 2.3 – 7.0)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) B. Fitzpatrick
J. M. Bradley S. Gilkinson
(Items 2.14 – 7.0) N. F. Hillis
O. M. Church (Mrs.) (Items 2.3 – 7.0)
A. S. Cole B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat R. A. McPherson
T. J. Deans
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 5.3)

Also in Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. A. McGreavy

Officers in Attendance: Administrative Officer, Principal Environmental Health
Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Aldermen McClarty and McClure
Councillors Mrs. Johnston, McLaughlin and McQuillan

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the Meeting, including students from the University of Ulster and Mr. Alex Mdooko, Chief Executive, Zomba City Council.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of one hundred and four applications was presented for consideration (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

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| 2.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u>
<u>C/2006/0796/F</u>
<u>Change of use from café to hot</u>
<u>food takeaway at 2 Waterside,</u>
<u>Coleraine for Mr. G. Heaney</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be refused. |
| 2.2 | <u>Application No. D2</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was |

- C/2006/1126/F
Proposed extension of workshop and stores to existing engineering works at 158 Castleroe Road, Coleraine for Roe Engineering
- to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.3 Application No. D3
C/2006/1144/F
Restoration of ice house, improvement of salmon cottage and redevelopment of adjoining outbuildings into three new dwellings at 50 Beach Road, Portballintrae for Mr. S. Sweeney
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Hillis:
- That Council support a refusal.
- On a request for a recorded vote the members voted thus:
- For:** Alderman Mrs. Hickey
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Dallat, Fitzpatrick, Hillis and Leonard (6)
- Against:** The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Councillors Mrs. Church, Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Gilkinson and King (7)
- Abstentions:** Alderman Mrs. Black,
Councillors Cole and McPherson (3)
- The proposal was lost, six members voting in favour and seven members voting against.
- 2.4 Application No. D4
C/2007/0136/F
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of off-site two storey dwelling with loft conversion and garage/ancillary building approx. 443m west of 9 Ballywatt Road, Coleraine for Mr. A. Hutchinson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.5 Application No. D5
C/2007/0484/F
Retrospective planning for access laneway to No. 86 Dunboe Road, Macosquin for Mr. and Mrs. A. McGarvey
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.6 Application No. D6
C/2007/0658/RM
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

	<u>Proposed two storey dwelling and garage adjacent to 45a Greenhill Road, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. A. Abernethy</u>	It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.7	<u>Application No. D7 C/2007/0997/O Site for dwelling and garage to replace old cottage between 15 and 17 Glenkeen Road, Aghadowey for Mr. B. McAuley</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.8	<u>Application No. D8 C/2007/1111/F Amendment to approval ref: C/2004/0723/F to provide 15 no. apartments with associated car-parking and amendments to elevational treatment in lieu of licensed restaurant and 13 no. apartments at 18-23 Portmore Road, Portstewart for PRH Construction</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. Alderman Mrs. Hickey, Councillors Ms. Alexander, Fitzpatrick and Hillis asked to be recorded as dissenting with the decision to approve.
2.9	<u>Application No. D9 C/2008/0258/F 4 no. semi-detached split level dwellings at 2 Ardbeg Drive, Coleraine (with access via shared driveway off Ardbeg Drive) for Mr. A. Adams</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be refused.
2.10	<u>Application No. D10 C/2008/0274/F Retention of change of use of garage to hairdressing salon and store at 2 Ashfield Drive, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. R. Cahoon</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.11	<u>Application No. D11 C/2008/0323/F Extension to provide first floor accommodation on top of existing ground floor side extension at 111 Dunluce Road, Portrush for Mr. R. Henry</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.12	<u>Application No. D12 C/2008/0352/F 20m high Francis & Lewis monopole with 3 radio antennae at centre height 18.7m, 2 by 600mm dia. dishes, 3g radio equipment cabinet and 2g equipment cabinets, 1m cabinet all within compound comprising of 1.8m high</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.

palisade fencing and 1m wide access gate at Coleraine WWTW, Cairn Road, Coleraine for 02 Uk Ltd.

New Applications

- 2.13 Application No. 1
C/2006/1109/F
Retention of retaining wall and steps as constructed at re-development of 64 Strand Road, Portstewart, including revised boundary wall treatments, for Mr. B. Lockhart
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Consideration was given to letter of objection dated 5th November, 2008 from Mr. Hugh O’Kane (previously supplied).
- It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- 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.
- 2.14 Application No. 3
C/2007/0620/F
Proposed development to provide 4 no. townhouses with discreet parking at 10 Dhu-Varren Park, Portrush for Oakgrange Properties Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and agreed:
- 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.
- 2.15 Application No. 7
C/2007/0879/L
Proposed retrospective change of use from sandwich bar to hot food take away at 2 Waterside, Coleraine for Mr. Khan
Application No. 9
C/2007/0919/F
Proposed retrospective change of use from sandwich bar to hot food take away at The Taj Palace Take Away, 2 Waterside, Coleraine for Muhammed Tasleem Kahn
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed:
- That the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.16 Application No. 13
C/2007/1185/L
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

- Proposed demolition of existing garage and store and erection of proposed townhouse at Killowen Street, Coleraine, adjacent to 18 Waterside, Coleraine for S. W. Holding
- It was agreed, on the request of Mr. Duffy, that the application be deferred to facilitate reassessment with the full application.
- 2.17 Application No. 15
C/2008/0036/F
Demolition of existing 4 no. apartments, 2 no. townhouses and 1 no. bungalow, to construct 7 no. units (to include 4 no. apartments and 3 no. townhouses with 7 no. incurtilage car park spaces and private open space) at Nos. 2, 4, and 4A Old Coach Road and 26 and 28 Harryville, Portstewart for T. & W. Europe
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Gilkinson and agreed:
- 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.
- 2.18 Application No. 21
C/2008/0265/F
Proposed redevelopment of site to 3 no. terraced dwellings and new access to roadway at 12 Dhu Varren Park South, Portrush for BMC Property Development Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 2.19 Application No. 34
C/2008/0575/F
Proposed replacement shop front to existing take away at Fab Kabab, 15 Waterside, Coleraine for Mrs. R. Ali
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Councillor Deans and agreed:
- 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. 35
C/2008/0576/L
Proposed replacement shop front at Fab Kabab, 15 Waterside, Coleraine for Mrs. R. Ali
- 2.20 Application No. 41
C/2008/0608/F
Proposed change of previous approved (C/2003/1298/F) garage to provide a multi purpose domestic garage and store 100m north of 6 Tamneyrankin Road, Swatragh for Mr. D. McGoldrick
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and agreed:
- 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.

- 2.21 Application No. 43
C/2008/0619/F
Proposed 2 no. holiday chalets/fishing lodges – timber cabin style – NITB promotion 1 of/retrospective permission sought (farm diversification) at 63 Ballygawley Road, Garvagh for Mr. D. Kane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Councillor Cole and agreed:
- 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.
- 2.22 Application No. 66
C/2008/0695/O
Proposed new single storey dwelling and detached garage on southern boundary of 91 Killeague Road, Kinnyglass, Coleraine for Mr. R. Tannahill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed:
- 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.
- 2.23 Application No. 78
C/2008/0718/F
Change of use from garage and bedrooms to end of terrace town-house at 28 Cloonavin Green, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. B. J. McMichael
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- 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.

Late applications

- 2.24 C/2007/0650/F
Extension to existing caravan park for static caravans and the designation of a future amenity area with camping facilities at Tullans Caravan Park, Newmills Road, Coleraine
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

- 2.25 C/2007/1122/F
Proposed retention of existing
shed for use as tyre recycling plant
at site opposite 17 Culbane Lane,
Garvagh The opinion of the Planning Service was
to approve.
It was agreed that the application be
approved.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 5th December, 2008.

4.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

4.1 Edgewater Hotel Site, Portstewart

Reference was made to progress regarding the development on the Edgewater Hotel site.

Mr. Duffy reported that the Enforcement Section was dealing with the matter.

4.2 Listed Building – No 1 The Diamond, Portstewart

Concern was expressed regarding the condition of No. 1 The Diamond, Portstewart.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer advised members that Council had no control of the site but she would ask Building Control to ascertain if it was a dangerous structure. It would also be reported to the Construction Section of the Health and Safety Inspectorate.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer would notify members of the outcome.

4.3 Streamlined Consultation Scheme

Reference was made to the commencement date for the streamlined consultation scheme.

Mr. Duffy did not have a commencement date but advised members that they would receive lists on a weekly basis.

4.4 Ulster Seaplane Association Ltd., Causeway Airfield, Rhee Lane, Aghadowey

Reference was made to filling having been delivered to the Airfield to protect against flooding.

Mr. Duffy advised members that if there was unauthorised development taking place to inform the Planning Service.

Councillor Bradley also referred to flooding in that area and requested that Planning Service should revisit the site.

5.0 PLANNING APPEALS INFORMATION

Consideration was given to the Administrative Officer's report on Planning Appeals Information (previously supplied).

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| 5.1 | <u>Housing Development, Knocklynn Road, Coleraine – Mr. and Mrs. McGrath</u> | The Department had withdrawn refusal No. 1 relating to the Joint Ministerial Statement and the identification of the site as a Phase 2 Housing Zoning in the Draft Northern Area Plan. Further discussions were ongoing with the appellant's agent regarding refusal reason 2. Noted. |
| 5.2 | <u>Proposed Cliff Face Dwelling adjacent to 38 Strand Road, Portstewart for Mr. Francis O'Kane</u> | The Department wished to add a new reason for refusal to its decision notice of 10 th January, 2007. Noted. |
| 5.3 | <u>Appeals against Enforcement Notices:</u> | The Planning Appeals Commission had received appeals against these Enforcement Notices and was required to take account of any representations received from Council. Noted. |
| | (a) <u>Alleged unauthorised erection of concrete wall, land opposite 34 Sconce Road, Articlave, Coleraine for Mr. D. Norris</u> | |
| | (b) <u>Alleged unauthorised use of land for the storage of building supplies at McCandless Builder Centre, Loguestown Industrial Estate, Coleraine for Messrs. McNaughton Blair & Co. Ltd.</u> | |

6.0 DECISION NOTICES

Councillor Ms. Alexander had raised the issue regarding decision notices at the recent Planning Working Group Meeting. In the interest of fairness and equitable treatment to applicants Councillor Ms. Alexander had suggested that decision notices for refusals be held for one day following the Planning Committee Meeting to facilitate withdrawal. The Divisional Planning Manager was not in agreement.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Deans and agreed:

That Council write to Planning Headquarters requesting that decision notices for refusals on new and deferred applications be held for five days following the Planning Committee Meeting.

It was also agreed that the letter be forwarded to the other 25 Councils and the Clerk of the Environment Committee, Northern Ireland Assembly.

7.0 NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Reported that a NILGA/Planning Service Away Day would be held on Thursday, 18th December, 2008 in the Armagh City Hotel.

Agreed:

That the Chairman, Councillor Ms. Alexander and the Administrative Officer attend.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18th November, 2008.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

D. McClarty
(Items 2.1 – 17.5)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 2.1 – 17.6)
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole
J. J. Dallat
(Items 2.1 – 4.5)
T. J. Deans

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
B. Fitzpatrick
S. Gilkinson
N. F. Hillis
W. A. King
B. Leonard
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk & Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services, Human Resources Manager (Items 1.0 – 4.5) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Alderman McClure, Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin

1.0 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman due to illness was noted.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Alderman Mrs. Black, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding, that the Mayor be elected to Chair the meeting.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Head of Development Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

2.1 Safer Coleraine Ltd.

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report.

During a period of discussion, concern was expressed at the lack of funding for CCTV provision from the business community and the PSNI. Members also queried the usefulness of CCTV in the light of two serious incidences which had occurred recently in Coleraine and Portrush, neither of which had been captured by the cameras. They also expressed concern at the delay in presenting the business case for the continued support of CCTV by Council.

A proposal made by Councillor Cole was subsequently withdrawn.

Recommended:

On the proposal of Councillor McPherson, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander, that Council approve funding for a further two months at a cost of £6,096.66 per month and invite Safer Coleraine Ltd. to address Council at the December meeting.

In response to a member's request, the Head of Development Services agreed to provide reports on monitoring and detection rates from the use of CCTV cameras for the meeting.

2.2 Portrush Regeneration Programme: Scoping Study for West Bay

The Head of Development Services outlined proposals for a Scoping Study to be undertaken as the next step in the regeneration programme for Portrush. The cost of the study would be in the region £7,500 - £10,000.

In response to a member's query Ms. Mann reported Translink's confirmation that theoretically, at a pre-feasibility study level, the railway station could be moved a short distance down the track. This would, however, be subject to an in-depth study of the work involved.

A period of discussion ensued during which Ms. Mann confirmed that members would receive regular updates on the progress of the work.

Recommended:

That Council's Planning Consultant undertake a Scoping Study for the West Bay area in preparation for the development of a detailed Concept Plan.

2.3 Sperrins Tourism Ltd.

Members noted that Council's community representative on the Board of Sperrins Tourism Ltd., Ms. Ann Clyde, had recently tendered her resignation.

Recommended:

That Collage be requested to nominate a community representative from the Garvagh, Ringsend area to the Board of Sperrins Tourism Ltd.

A letter of thanks would be sent to Ms. Clyde for her valuable work on the Board of the group.

2.4 For Information

Members noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report:

- (i) Money Week 24th – 30th November, 2008 - Ms. Mann would look into a member's suggestion that advice also be provided at benefit offices;
- (ii) North West 200;
- (iii) North Coast Folk festival;
- (iv) Regional Development Strategy – Ms. Mann confirmed that the date for this event would be Thursday 27th November and not Friday, as stated in the report;

- (v) Peace III Update;
- (vi) Large firm event – October 2008;
- (vii) Think BIG, Think Business Development;
- (viii) Go Women Event – 18th November, 2008;
- (ix) Unique Retail Programme;
- (x) Think BIG, Think Rural Retail.

3.0 LSP - UPDATE

This item would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

4.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Draft Capital Programme 2009-14

Recommended:

That Council endorse the Draft Capital Programme 2009-14.

4.2 Budgetary Position

Financial Statement 6 month period ended 30th September, 2008

Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the report.

The Director of Corporate Services reported that a number of higher value domestic properties previously treated as vacant had been discovered to be occupied. This would reflect in rates income for the coming year.

4.3 Staffing – Report on Resourcing the HR Section within Coleraine Borough Council

Mrs. A. Lennon, Human Resources Manager, presented her report on staffing and highlighted the need for an additional Human Resources Officer in the Department.

A period of discussion ensued during which members' questions were answered by the Director of Corporate Services and the Human Resources Manager.

Recommended:

On the proposal of Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Bradley and carried by twelve votes to none, that a new Human Resources Officer post be created, as outlined in the report.

4.4 Accounts

Members noted that Accounts for October 2008 had been circulated.

4.5 Appointments

The following appointments had been made in accordance with the Local

Government Staff Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection:

Leisure Services Department: P/T Playgroup Leader - Mrs. A. Keeley

Environmental Health Department: Departmental Environmental Health Officer - Mr. D. Allen

4.6 Retirement of Director of Leisure Services and Head of Administrative Services

This issue would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting

4.7 Industrial Relations Issues

This issue would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

5.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

The Report of the Head of Administrative Services on Land and Property was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

5.1 The Hermit's Cottage

This issue would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

5.2 9 Blackrock Park, Portrush

This issue would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

5.3 Craig Vara Cottage, Portrush

A request had been received from the owner of this cottage for permission to transport materials for the redevelopment of the property across the Arcadia site, with an area set aside for temporary storage. It was noted that the cottage had no vehicular access and that the developer had been unable to secure other access.

The Head of Administrative Services highlighted the need for any work to be complete before the start of the summer season and for the developer to effect full reinstatement of the grass and hardstanding of the area at the end of the lease.

Discussion ensued during which, in response to a member's query, Mr. Snelling confirmed that the stone wall along the sea front should not be affected by the work.

Recommended:

That Council agree to the request with the proviso that the imposition of financial penalties be included in the lease, in the event that the work is not finished by the required date.

5.4 2 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush

Council had received a request from the owner of this house for permission to move his boundary wall 600mm onto Council land.

Recommended:

- (i) That Council offer the 600mm strip of land at a commercial rate
- (ii) That the wall be built at the owner's cost with the design to be agreed by both parties.

5.5 Bushmills Distillery, Portballintrae

A request had been received from Bushmills Distillery for provision of a 15 metre length of wayleave at a point off the Bayhead Road, overlooking the beach (a map of the area was viewed at the meeting).

Recommended:

That Council offer the wayleave at a commercial price.

5.6 Land off Roundabout at Station Road, Portstewart

Members noted that most of the land at this area is owned by Roads Service, with a small portion (200 sq metres) being in Council ownership (a map of the area was viewed at the meeting). Roads Service had now proposed to offer its land for sale and had asked that Council include its portion of land in the sale.

Recommended:

That the piece of land in Council ownership be included in the offer of sale.

5.7 Council's Asset Register

Members noted that a further seven maps had been provided, making a total of thirty two maps to date.

6.0 COLERAINE DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Recommended:

That Councillor McQuillan be appointed as Chairman for 2008-09.

7.0 NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS TO ATTEND NILGA MEETINGS

Members noted that NILGA's revised constitution (available in the Members' library) required that substitutes be nominated, from the same party, for each of the five Council representatives on NILGA.

Recommended:

That Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Deans as representative and that

Councillor Deans be nominated as substitute; also that parties would provide Mr. Snelling with nominations for the remaining posts.

8.0 ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Recommended:

- (i) That December's Council and Policy and Development meetings be combined and held on 16th December, 2008.
- (ii) That items for the January meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee be subsumed into other Committee agendae and that the next meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee be held on 3rd February, 2009.

9.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive presented his report on this topic (previously supplied) and highlighted the four points which had arisen from the meeting of Chief Executives in the Causeway Cluster, as contained in the report.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive had since been advised that the Department was currently considering the composition of the Joint Committee for the Causeway Cluster, given that this was the only cluster comprising four Council areas, and that formal confirmation on the composition was imminent.

Recommended:

- (i) That Council resolves to form a Joint Committee to carry out the functions of the Transition Committee and apply to the Department to have the Transition Committee established as a body corporate.
- (ii) That nominations to the Joint Committee be deferred to the Council Meeting on 25th November, 2008.
- (iii) That the term of the appointment be for the duration of the Transition Committee i.e. until the fourth day after the election in May 2011 to the new Councils.

In response to members' concerns, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the four Chief Executives in the Causeway Cluster were in the process of preparing a schedule of issues for clarification by the Department.

10.0 INTERNATIONAL SHORT MAT BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Members noted the thanks of the organisers of these championships for the help, co-operation and courteousness of the staff at Coleraine Leisure Centre during this competition.

11.0 SPORTS COUNCIL AWARDS DINNER

Members noted the thanks of the Chairman of Coleraine Sports Council for the support and cooperation of staff and Councillors for this event.

12.0 LETTER DATED 7TH NOVEMBER, 2008 FROM THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Read letter from the Minister, Michael McGimpsey MLA, in response to Council's letter of 24th October, 2008 in relation to measures to address underage and binge drinking through Council's Code of Practice.

Members noted this positive response.

13.0 NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE & RESCUE - PORTSTEWART CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Members noted that the Union representing the NIFRS would not have time to organise a deputation to present views on this document to Council before the closing date for response of 24th December, 2008. The Union had, therefore, offered to submit a paper which could be incorporated into Council's response to the consultation document.

14.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

The following documents would be available in the Members' Library:

- (i) Help the Aged - Impact Report 2008.
- (ii) Utility Regulator - Report - Firmus Energy: Distribution PC02 (2009-2013) - Price Control Consultation.

15.0 CONFERENCE: AGENDA NI

Read invitation to the 'How Government Works' conference to be held in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on 10th December, 2008.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

16.0 CONFERENCE: DEVELOPING NORTHERN IRELAND'S WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE

Read invitation to this conference, supported by the Department of the Environment and the Strategic Investment Board, to be held in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on 3rd December, 2008.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.