

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007 at **7.00 p.m.**

H. W. T. MOORE,  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,  
66 Portstewart Road,  
COLERAINE.

### A G E N D A

1. Northern Ireland Housing Executive
  - (a) District Housing Plan (enclosed)
  - (b) Affordable/Social Housing

The following representatives from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive will be in attendance:

Mr. P. McIntyre - Chief Executive  
Mr. F. O'Connor – Area Manager  
Ms. M. Conway – Area Planner  
Mr. G. McCloskey – District Manager  
Ms. Y. Montgomery – Information Officer

2. The Crescent, Portstewart – Refurbishment  

R. Robinson & Sons, Architects, will be in attendance to present their proposals.
3. Minutes (enclosed):
  - 3.1 Council Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2007
  - 3.2 Annual Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007
4. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 4.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2007  

**(Item No. 5.4.1)** Entertainments Licence – The Anchor and Anchorage Inn, Portstewart

- 4.2 Planning Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2007
- 4.3 Planning Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2007
- 4.4 Policy and Development Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2007
- 5. European Blue Flag Scheme - Funding (Report enclosed)
- 6. River Bann Navigation Order (N.I.) 2002 (Report enclosed)
- 7. Portrush Regeneration Strategy (Executive Summary enclosed)

The Head of Development Services will be in attendance to present a report on the final strategy.

- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Documents for Sealing
- 10. Environmental Health - Legal Proceedings\* (Report enclosed)

**Enclosed for Information:**

- (i) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2007
- (ii) Northern Health and Social Care Trust – Northern News – Issue 2
- (iii) Housing Executive – Rural Homes and People – Rural Action Plan
- (iv) Help the Aged in Northern Ireland – Impact Report 1986 - 2007
- (v) Amnesty International - Refugee Action Group – Forced to Flee: FAQs on Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Northern Ireland

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

To: Each Member of Council.

22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007.

## COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King, in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 5.4.2)	D. McClarty (Items 1.0 – 5.4.2)
W. T. Creelman	W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) (Items 1.0 – 5.4.2)	T. J. Deans
J. M. Bradley (Items 1.0 – 3.0)	B. Fitzpatrick
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	N. F. Hillis
A. S. Cole	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. J. Dallat	B. Leonard
	G. L. McLaughlin
	R. A. McPherson

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk & Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate Services, Leisure Services Officers, Head of Administrative Services, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.0), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.0) and Administrative Assistant

**Apology:** Councillor Barbour

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special welcome to Councillor McPherson who had suffered a foot injury.

## **2.0 CONGRATULATIONS**

The Mayor congratulated Ms. Hannah Shields from Kilrea who had recently climbed Mount Everest. He informed members that a letter of congratulations had already been forwarded and that a reception in her honour would be held in due course.

## **3.0 ROADS SERVICE - NORTHERN DIVISION** **ROADS REPORT 2007/2008**

Mr. Jim Campbell and Mr. Roy Johnston were in attendance to present the Northern Division Roads Report 2007/2008 (previously supplied).

Mr. Campbell elaborated on the various issues in the report including:

- Maintenance of Roads and Structures;
- Minor Works;
- Traffic Schemes;
- Street Lighting;
- Strategic Road Improvements;
- Development Control.

Members' attention was drawn to the Request/Enquiry form enclosed with the Roads Report which should be used to forward specific queries to the Roads Service.

A period of discussion ensued during which the representatives answered various members' questions and noted comments.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for attending and presenting such a comprehensive and informative report.

#### 4.0 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Special Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 and Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 were confirmed and signed.

#### 5.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### 5.1 North West '200' Committee

Councillor Mrs. Johnston moved the adoption of the North West '200' Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McPherson.

Matters arising:

##### 5.1.1 Apology

Alderman Creelman asked that his apology for missing the meeting be recorded.

The report was adopted subject to this amendment.

##### 5.2 Leisure and Environment Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Deans moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Dallat.

Matters arising:

##### 5.2.1 Financial Contributions

Councillor Deans proposed that Council reject the recommendation in point 4.1 of the Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting minutes and instead defer all four applications for consideration under the following quoted criteria:

##### **“a. Affordability**

- i. Council's normal contribution to projects of this nature is 10% - what is proposed is around 20%;
- ii. Funding will be from our revenue

account and not our capital account, therefore, having a direct impact on our ratepayers.

**b. Prematurity of the Decision**

- i. We should wait until Council comes to a decision regarding its review of disposable assets to fund major capital projects. Council may decide at that stage to provide some of these facilities, therefore, having them in Council ownership.

**c. Community Relations**

- i. Would the funding be in accordance with our Good Relations strategy;
- ii. Would it advance good community relations for all sections of the community.

**d. Absence of a Corporate Policy**

- i. Council should establish a Corporate Policy for all future funding applications.”

The proposal was seconded by Alderman McClure.

Alderman McClarty expressed an interest in this item.

Following a lengthy discussion and subsequent request for a recorded vote, the members voted on Councillor Deans’ proposal as follows:

**For:** The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen McClure and Creelman, Councillors Cole, Deans, Hillis and McPherson (7)

**Against:** The Mayor, Aldermen Mrs. Black, Mrs. Hickey and McClarty, Councillors Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Church, Dallat, Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Johnston, Leonard and McLaughlin (11)

The proposal was, therefore, lost by seven votes for and eleven votes against.

Councillor Leonard then proposed that the Committee Report be adopted and this was seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander.

The motion was then voted on and carried with nine votes for and five against.

The Committee Report was subsequently adopted.

Councillor Deans requested that his disappointment that the second vote was not a recorded vote be noted.

In response to a member's query, the Director of Corporate Services advised that the impact would be spread over up to five financial years under Council's Contributions Policy, but the actual impact each year would be up to £100,000 per annum depending on whether or not the C.A.I. project went ahead.

5.3 Planning Committee

The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed.

5.4 Policy and Development Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Johnston moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Dallat.

Matters arising:

5.4.1 Alderman McClure

Alderman McClure thanked members for attending his sister's funeral.

5.4.2 Annual Meeting

As requested at the Policy and Development Committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2007, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive provided a report (previously supplied) on the party representation for the current year in preparation for the nominations/appointments for the Annual Meeting.

Following discussion it was noted that the decision now facing Council was the procedure for nominations rather than the nominations themselves.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive then asked members which procedure they preferred to use for the 159 nominations:

- Voting for each position individually at the Annual Meeting;
- Application of d'Hondt on a group by group basis (Option 2A) or;
- Application of d'Hondt in a single allocation exercise (Option 2B).

It was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That the application of d'Hondt on a group by group basis be used (i.e. Option 2A).

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey:

That the application of d'Hondt in a single allocation exercise be used (i.e. Option 2B).

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was lost by ten votes against and five votes for.

The proposal was then put to the meeting and was carried with five votes for and none against.

#### Internal Groups

Following discussion on the appointments to these groups which required at least cross-community representation, it was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

That there be an increase in membership of the internal groups so that all parties be included, raising the group size from five to eight.

On being put the meeting, the proposal was lost by six votes for and eight against.

In response to a member's request, a schedule of members' attendance at meetings over the past year would be made available at the Annual Meeting.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION LIST**

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

1. Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
  - (a) Disability Action Plan Consultation Document
  - (b) Report on Screening Policies Consultation Document

Comments due: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007
2. Housing Executive – Draft Children and Young People's Policy Statement  

Comments due: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

3. Department for Regional Development – Proposed Airports (Designation) (Power to Detain and Sell Aircraft) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007

Comments due: 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2007

## **7.0 SOMME REMEMBRANCE PARADE AND SERVICE**

Read letter from Carrickfergus Borough Council inviting members to attend a Parade and Service at the Knockagh War Memorial, Monument Road, Carrickfergus on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at 10.40 a.m.

Any member interested in attending the Parade was requested to contact the Administrative Officer.

## **8.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Licence in Duplicate Council to Coleraine and District Motor Club Ltd.
  
2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial - Deeds Register Nos. 3318 – 3324 (inclusive):

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	1
Coleraine	3
Kilrea	1
Portstewart	2

Advanced Deed Register - No. 0177

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	-
Portstewart	1



## ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King, in the Chair

### Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
W. T. Creelman	W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	

### Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) (Items 1.0 – 7.0)	B. Fitzpatrick
D. D. Barbour	S. Gilkinson
J. M. Bradley	N. F. Hillis
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole	B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat	G. L. McLaughlin
T. J. Deans	R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate Services (Items 1.0 – 7.0), Head of Administrative Services, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistants

## **1.0 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor King, welcomed members to the meeting.

Councillor King reflected on the highlights of his year in office and, in particular, commended those involved in caring roles within the Borough for their hard work and dedication. Councillor King expressed thanks to his party colleagues, the outgoing Deputy Mayor, fellow Councillors, Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Council staff for their help and support during his term of office.

Members paid tribute to Councillor King for the manner in which he had carried out his official duties.

## **2.0 MAYOR**

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and agreed, that Councillor Bradley be appointed Mayor for 2007/2008.

On taking the Chair, Councillor Bradley signed the formal acceptance of office and expressed his thanks to Council for their endorsement of him as Mayor.

Members congratulated Councillor Bradley on his appointment.

### **3.0 DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Barbour and agreed, that Councillor Mrs. Johnston be appointed Deputy Mayor for 2007/2008.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Mrs. Johnston on her appointment to the post of Deputy Mayor.

### **4.0 CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **4.1 Leisure and Environment Committee**

It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed, that Councillor McPherson be appointed Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee for 2007/2008.

#### **4.2 Planning Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Alderman Creelman and agreed, that Alderman McClure be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for 2007/2008.

#### **4.3 Policy and Development Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and agreed, that Councillor Hillis be appointed Chairman of the Policy and Development Committee for 2007/2008.

### **5.0 COMMITTEES - STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE**

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report on Committees - Structure and Timetable (previously supplied).

Following discussion it was agreed that the existing structure and timetable, as detailed, be applied at this time.

### **6.0 REPRESENTATIVES - GROUPS REQUIRING BALANCED REPRESENTATION**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following groups:

- (a) Coleraine Borough Strategic Partnership

*The Mayor*  
*Alderman Mrs. Hickey*  
*Councillor Barbour.*

- (b) Northern Ireland Local Government Association

*Aldermen McClure and Mrs. Hickey*  
*Councillors Deans, Mrs. Johnston and King.*

Members noted that representation on the following groups should reflect party, community and gender representation, as appropriate.

(c) Audit Committee

It was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor Deans:

That the members of the Audit Committee be re-elected.

An amendment proposed by Councillor Leonard was changed, following discussion. The revised amendment was then proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Leonard:

That membership of groups (c) – (f) be increased to ten.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was lost by twelve votes to five.

The proposal was then carried by thirteen votes to four, viz:

***Alderman Creelman  
Councillors Deans, Hillis, Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin***

(d) Community Development Group

Councillor McQuillan agreed to withdraw from this group. Nominations were, therefore, agreed as follows:

***The Mayor  
Aldermen Mrs. Black and Mrs. Hickey  
Councillors Gilkinson and McPherson.***

(e) Equality Working Group

Councillor Dallat asked to withdraw from this group. Nominations were, therefore, agreed as follows:

***Alderman McClure  
Councillors Barbour, Mrs. Fielding, McLaughlin and McPherson.***

(f) Special Events Working Group

***Aldermen Mrs. Hickey and McClarty  
Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and Mrs. Fielding***

## **7.0 REPRESENTATIVES - EXTERNAL AGENCIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded members that they had agreed to use the d'Hondt mechanism, on a group basis, to appoint the remaining groups. Members then withdrew into their party groupings to select their nominees.

At the conclusion of this exercise, the following appointments were confirmed:

(a) Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Ltd.

***Councillor Hillis***

(b) Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Board

***Councillor Hillis***

(c) Causeway Coast AONB Management Group

***Councillors Hillis and Leonard***

(d) Causeway Museum Service

***Aldermen Mrs. Black and Creelman  
Councillors Barbour, Mrs. Church and McQuillan***

(e) Coleraine Arts Committee

***Aldermen Creelman and McClarty  
Councillors Fitzpatrick and King***

(f) Coleraine and District Home Safety Committee

***Councillors Gilkinson and King***

(g) Coleraine and District Local Sports Advisory Council

***The Mayor  
Aldermen Creelman and McClarty  
Councillors Mrs. Fielding and King***

(h) Coleraine and District Road Safety Committee

***Alderman Creelman***

(i) Coleraine Harbour Commission

***Alderman Mrs. Hickey  
Councillors Ms. Alexander and Fitzpatrick***

(j) Coleraine Local Action Group for Enterprise Ltd.

***Councillors Cole, Gilkinson and King***

(k) Coleraine Town Centre Partnership

***Alderman McClure  
Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin***

(l) Coleraine Twinning Association

***Aldermen Mrs. Black and McClarty***

***Councillors Mrs. Fielding and McPherson***

- (m) Irish Society's Local Advisory Committee

***The Mayor***

***Councillors Mrs. Church and Deans***

- (n) Lower Bann Partnership (from date of AGM)

***Councillor King***

- (o) Lower Bann Advisory Committee

***Councillors Cole and McLaughlin***

- (p) Management Committee of Causeway Citizens' Advice Bureau

***Councillors Leonard and McLaughlin***

- (q) North East Partnership

***Alderman McClure***

- (r) Northern Ireland Amenity Council

***Alderman Mrs. Black***

- (s) Northern Ireland Housing Council

***Councillor McQuillan***

- (t) Portrush, Portstewart and District Road Safety Committee

***Alderman Mrs. Hickey***

- (u) Reserve Forces and Cadets' Association for Northern Ireland

***Councillor Gilkinson***

- (v) Riverside Theatre Management Committee

***Alderman Mrs. Hickey***

***Councillor Deans***

- (w) Somme Advisory Committee

***Councillor McLaughlin***

(x) Sperrins Tourism Ltd.

***Councillor Cole***

(y) Tourism Development Taskforce

***Councillor Gilkinson***

(z) Trustees of Garvagh Museum

***Councillor Mrs. Church***

## **REPRESENTATIVES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following local government bodies:

(a) Local Government Partnership on Travellers' Issues

***Alderman Mrs. Hickey  
Councillor King***

(b) National Association of Councillors -  
General Management Committee

***Councillor Hillis***

(c) National Association of Councillors -  
Northern Ireland Region

***Alderman McClure  
Councillors Deans, Hillis and McLaughlin***

(d) Northern Group Building Control Committee

***Councillors Deans and McPherson  
Substitutes: Alderman Creelman and Councillor Mrs. Church***

(e) Northern Group Environmental Health  
Committee

***Alderman Creelman  
Councillor Barbour  
Substitutes: Councillors Mrs. Fielding and Gilkinson***

(f) North West Regional Waste Management  
Group

***The Mayor  
Councillor McPherson***

## **REPRESENTATIVES - MANAGEMENT**

## **COMMITTEES/COMMUNITY GROUPS**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following Management Committees/Community Groups:

- (a) Ballysally Youth and Community Centre  
Joint Management Committee

***The Mayor  
Alderman McClure  
Councillor McPherson***

- (b) Castlerock Community Association

***Councillors King and McQuillan***

- (c) Castlerock Recreation and Youth Hall  
Management Committee

***Councillors King and McQuillan***

- (d) Coleraine Borough 50+ Forum

***Alderman McClure***

- (e) Coleraine West Community Centre  
Management Committee

***Alderman McClarty  
Councillors Leonard and McLaughlin***

- (f) Garvagh Hall Management Committee

***Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and McQuillan***

- (g) Harpur's Hill Community Centre Management  
Committee

***The Mayor  
Councillors McLaughlin and McPherson***

- (h) Kilrea Town Hall Management Committee

***Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and Dallat***

- (i) Portballintrae Residents' Association

***Alderman Mrs. Black  
Councillor McPherson***

- (j) Portstewart Community Association

***Alderman Mrs. Hickey  
Councillors Fitzpatrick and Hillis***

- (k) Windyhall Community Centre Management Committee

*The Mayor  
Alderman McClure  
Councillor Mrs. Johnston*

**.0 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2007/2008**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following Committees:

- (a) Vice Chairman Leisure and Environment Committee

*Councillor Gilkinson*

- (b) Craigahulliar Monitoring Committee

*Alderman Creelman  
Councillors Mrs. Fielding and Leonard*

- (c) Night Safe Coleraine

*The Mayor  
Alderman Creelman  
Councillors Fitzpatrick and McPherson*

- (d) North West '200' Committee

*Alderman Creelman  
Councillors Barbour, Fitzpatrick, Hillis, Mrs. Johnston and McPherson*

- (e) Spanboard Liaison Group

*Councillor King*

- (f) Street Trading Group

*Alderman McClure  
Councillors Cole, Hillis, King and McQuillan*

- (g) Vice Chairman Planning Committee

*Councillor Mrs. Church*

- (h) Balanced Communities Review Group

*Alderman Mrs. Hickey  
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Church and Leonard*



- (i) Planning Services Working Group  
*The Mayor*  
*Councillors Ms. Alexander, Barbour, Deans, King and McLaughlin*
- (j) Vice Chairman Policy and Development Committee  
*Councillor Cole*
- (k) Coleraine Urban Development Project  
*Alderman McClure*  
*Councillors Barbour and Mrs. Johnston*
- (l) Economic Development Committee  
*The Mayor*  
*Councillors Barbour and Deans*
- (m) Gender Action Working Group  
*Alderman Mrs. Hickey*  
*Councillors Deans and Mrs. Johnston*
- (n) Human Resources Group  
*Alderman Mrs. Hickey*  
*Councillors Barbour, Mrs. Church, Cole and McLaughlin*
- (o) Northern Corridor Railways Group  
*Alderman McClure*  
*Councillor Dallat*
- (p) Property Group  
*The Mayor*  
*Alderman McClure*  
*Councillors Deans, Mrs. Johnston, King and McLaughlin*
- (q) Social Committee  
*Aldermen Mrs. Black and Mrs. Hickey*  
*Councillor Mrs. Fielding*
- (r) Zomba Group  
*Alderman McClarty*  
*Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole, Mrs. Fielding and McPherson*

## **11.0 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

Members noted the contents of the following reports (previously supplied):

- General Attendance Record (2006/2007).
- Council/Committee Attendance and Allowances Report – 2006/2007. In response to members' queries the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that, as this information had been requested at such short notice from the relevant bodies, it was expected that there could be some discrepancies; these would, however, be examined with the bodies concerned.
- Ongoing representation from the 2006 Annual Meeting.

# LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

**Present:** Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

## **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
W. T. Creelman	(Items 1.0 – 20.0)
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	

## **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour	S. Gilkinson
(Items 1.0 – 18.0)	N. F. Hillis
J. M. Bradley	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	W. A. King
(Items 1.0 – 5.7.2)	B. Leonard
A. S. Cole	G. L. McLaughlin
J. J. Dallat	R. A. McPherson
B. Fitzpatrick	A. McQuillan

## **Officers in Attendance:**

Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities), Head of Administrative Services, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 4.1 – 17.0) and Administrative Assistant

**Apology:** Councillor Ms. Alexander

## **2.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **3.0 BERTIE PEACOCK MEMORIAL**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Adrian McNeice and Mr. Victor Leonard from the Bertie Peacock Sculpture Committee who were in attendance to address Committee.

Mr. McNeice updated members on the background of the Sculpture Committee and gave a summary of the many sporting achievements of Mr. Bertie Peacock. The Committee had decided on a bronze statue which would be unveiled at the top of Queen Street, Coleraine, at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Milk Cup on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2007.

The total cost of the project would be in the region of £75,000 and funding from events held by various organisations was expected to raise up to £35,000.

A request for Council funding, to make up the balance, was then made by the representatives.

It was then proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Cole and agreed:

That Council fund the balance of up to £45,000 for the memorial.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the Bertie Peacock Sculpture Committee for their presentation, after which they withdrew.

### **3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Contaminated Land in Northern Ireland – Consultation Paper on Options for Implementing a Contaminated Land Regime

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

Recommended:

That Council support the technical conclusions of the working group and lobby for a system to fully compensate local authorities for work done in the implementation of the eventual contaminated land regime in Northern Ireland.

3.2 Removal of Risk Assessment for Small Businesses – Consultation on the EC Proposal to Amend Hygiene Regulation (852/2004)

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

Recommended:

That Council conduct negotiations so that the Proposal is adopted with amendments resulting in legislation fully in line with the proportionate application of the food hygiene rules to ensure public health protection is maintained.

This would allow flexibility to be offered to low risk businesses, such as public houses with no catering, confectioners, chemist shops etc., provided consistency could be ensured.

3.3 Portballintrae Sewage Treatment Works

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

Recommended:

That Council convene a meeting to include representatives of Northern Ireland Water, E.H.S, Portballintrae Residents' Association and elected members of Coleraine Borough Council and Moyle District Council to lobby for a definitive start date for this project and to press for effective enforcement action by E.H.S.

- 3.4 William Johnston Memorial Trust Members noted that Night Safe, Coleraine and the Home Safety Equipment Scheme were both awarded Certificates of Commendation from the William Johnston Memorial Trust.
- The Certificates were received by the Mayor on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.
- The Mayor congratulated the Director of Environmental Health and his Department.
- 3.5 The Dogs (N.I.) Order 1983 as amended by The Dangerous Dogs (N.I.) Order 1991 - Outcome of Legal Proceedings Members noted the undernoted details regarding this topic.
- Defendant: Mr. K. McCrory & Ms. V. Hourican  
9 Glendun Close  
Dhu Varren  
Portrush
- Offences: (i) Having possession of a dog of the type known as a Pit Bull terrier;  
(ii) Keeping a dog without a valid licence;  
(iii) Not having valid identification on a dog.
- Result: £500 fine for keeping a Pit Bull type dog  
£100 for not having a licence  
£50 for not having identification  
£500 legal costs  
£32 for court fees  
£56.40 certificate of pedigree
- A Destruction Order was made in respect of the dog.
- The case was contested and heard in May 2007. At court Mr. K. McCrory took full responsibility for the offence; the case against Ms. V. Hourican was dismissed.
- 3.6 Fido's Dog Show and Family Fun Day – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 Members noted information on this Family Fun Day, as detailed in the report.

#### **4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

##### 4.1 Coleraine Festival

The Director of Leisure Services confirmed that discussions with the Committee had identified an appropriate range of outreach activities for this year's festival and would be a basis for development in future years. He was

confident that this development path would stand up to Local Government Audit scrutiny.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

That Council recommend a grant of up to £10,000 to the Coleraine Festival.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried with eighteen votes for and one against.

4.2 Beach Lifeguard Service

Members noted that the 2007 Beach Lifeguard Service would operate from 30<sup>th</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> August. The first two weekends in September would also be covered. Twenty Lifeguards and five Beach Wardens would be employed to cover the beaches at Downhill, Castlerock, West Strand, East Strand and Whiterocks, Portrush. The service would operate daily from 11.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.

4.3 Summer Sports Programme

Members noted information on this programme, as detailed in the report.

4.4 Kilrea Riverside Pathway

Members were disappointed to learn that one of the riparian landowners confirmed that he would be unwilling to sell the necessary land to Council to make this scheme feasible.

Council Officers had identified a shorter circular route within the vicinity of Portneal Lodge on land owned by Kilrea Enterprise Group (K.E.G.).

The alternative scheme had been costed at approximately £90,000. With upwards of £45,000 funding from B.S.P. and potentially £25,000 - £30,000 'in kind' contribution from D.C.A.L., Council's contribution would be £15,000 - £20,000.

Members noted that an allowance had been made in the capital budget for this amount.

Recommended:

That Council approve the alternative proposal.

4.5 Requests for Financial Assistance

4.5.1 Portrush Summer Theatre

Council is recommended to approve a grant of £2,000 to Portrush Summer Theatre to assist with their summer programme from 4<sup>th</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

A member informed Committee of a sound problem in Portrush Town Hall due to the Promenade Concerts which were held outside. The Leisure Services Officer informed Committee that Portrush Town Hall was a listed building and, therefore, double glazing would not be permitted.

The Director of Leisure Services advised members that a new location for the Promenade Concerts was being sought.

4.5.2 Talks and Tours

Council is recommended to approve a grant of £700 to the Cultural Development Department of the University of Ulster to assist with their Talks and Tours programme.

4.5.3 Portrush Sea Cadets

Council is recommended to approve a grant of £250 to Portrush Sea Cadets to assist with hosting the Northern Ireland Sea Cadets' Pulling Championships at Coleraine Marina on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.

4.6 For Information

Members noted information on the following events as detailed in the report:

- (i) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Causeway Coast Ford Fair – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2007 at 12 noon
- (ii) Riverfest – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2007
- (iii) Guided Walks Programme – Summer 2007

## 5.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

5.1 DRD Roads Service – Weight Limits 2007

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

5.2 Council Enquiries

Members noted information on these enquiries, as detailed in the letters attached to the report.

5.3 Roselick Recycling Centre Portstewart

Recommended:

That Council carry out improvement works to the facilities available to the public at this centre.

The scheme would include a concrete surface to the entire area with new and improved

fencing and access roadway to the site.

#### 5.4 Entertainments Licence

##### 5.4.1 The Anchor Bar and Anchorage Inn, 87-89 The Promenade, Portstewart

Application for an Entertainments Licence had been received from Mr. I. Madden, c/o The Anchor Bar, which requires referral to Council.

Recommended:

That this be deferred to Council on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 when both the applicant and P.S.N.I. would be given the opportunity to address Council.

#### 5.5 Building Control

##### 5.5.1 Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 42 applications.

##### 5.5.2 New Regulations

Members noted that due to additional requirements under the Building Regulations, regarding mainly energy efficiency within buildings and the reduction of the carbon footprint, the workload of existing Building Control staff had increased.

An assessment of the effect on the response times and work levels within the section is being undertaken to establish the adequacy of existing staffing levels and a report would be brought to Council in due course.

#### 5.6 North West Region Waste Management Group

##### 5.6.1 Compost Contracts

Members noted information on these contracts, as detailed in the report.

##### 5.6.2 Regional Landfill

Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report. The Director of Technical Services advised that there had been a request for a debrief since the issue of his report; this debrief was now being organised.

##### 5.6.3 Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) Plant

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

#### 5.7 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

##### 5.7.1 Collection and Processing of WEEE Material from Designated Collection Facilities under Council Control

Recommended:

That Council enter into an agreement with ERP for the provision of the collection and processing of household



WEEE from their Designated Collection Facilities for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007 with the option of 6 monthly extensions until the final period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.

5.7.2 Framework Agreement for Contingency Arrangements for the Collection and Processing of Household WEEE from Designated Collection Facilities

Recommended:

That Avenue Recycling, Natural World Products, Shore Recycling and Tech Rec be awarded inclusion on the framework agreement to supply suitable services associated with contingency arrangements for the collection and processing of household WEEE from Designated Collection Facilities (DCF) operating under the control of the Council. These contingency arrangements will apply in the event that the Council is unable to secure an agreement with a Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) for any of its separately collected household WEEE. It would also apply in cases whereby the PCS has not been able to fulfil its obligations under any agreement duly made. The duration of the framework agreement would be for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007 with the option of 6 monthly extensions until the period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009.

**6.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LEONARD**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

“This Council accepts that we have a corporate responsibility to implement and mainstream actions and policies that discharge our responsibilities for the environment. While fully acknowledging individual actions already taken this Council agrees to review, report on and put into place agreed actions and policies to reduce Coleraine Council’s ‘carbon footprint’. This Council further accepts that we may have to prioritise, set realistic targets and timetable actions in various Departments of Council.”

Councillor Leonard spoke on the Motion and sought Council’s support.

On being put to the meeting, the Motion was carried with nine members voting for and none against.

**7.0 A26 DUALLING – GLARRYFORD TO A44 DRONES ROAD JUNCTION - PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Read letter from Roads Service informing members of a Public Consultation on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 from 3.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June,

2007 from 1.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at The Fort Royal Inn, 147 Crankhill Road, Glarryford.

#### **8.0 RECRUITMENT EXERCISE FOR NEW TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Local Government Staff Commission had advised that it would be possible for a single member of the interview panel to observe one of the exercises at the Assessment Centre testing which would take place in Cloonavin on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

The following member expressed an interest in attending:

Councillor S. Gilkinson

#### **9.0 PLANTING IN PORTSTEWART**

In response to a member's query regarding the lack of plants in Portstewart, the Director of Leisure Services advised that the bedding programme had recently commenced. He would speak to the Parks Department and would report to the member on her concerns.

#### **10.0 PORTSTEWART TOWN HALL**

A member requested that the rent be waived for a Community Group's meetings held in Portstewart Town Hall. The Director of Leisure Services informed members that Council's policy was that all groups using the hall had to pay rent.

#### **11.0 PROMENADE CONCERTS**

A member expressed concern regarding a misunderstanding between Council and a band. The Director of Leisure Services informed Committee that the misunderstanding had been resolved.

#### **12.0 COLERAINE SHOWGROUNDS**

A member requested an update on Council's appraisal of Coleraine Showgrounds. The Director of Leisure Services informed members that he would have a full report for discussion at the Leisure and Environment Committee meeting in September 2007.

#### **13.0 COLERAINE AMENITY SITE**

In response to a member's query regarding the height of the skips at the amenity site, the Director of Technical Services would investigate the matter.

#### **14.0 LODGE ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

In response to a member's query regarding flowerbeds at the Lodge Road roundabout, the Director of Leisure Services informed Committee that more flower boxes were being added and that the summer planting was in progress.

#### **15.0 COLERAINE TOWN HALL**

Several members expressed concern at the amount of litter discarded on the floor during a dance competition in Coleraine Town Hall. The Director of Leisure Services would investigate the matter.

A member suggested that the Caretaker's uniform be updated.

**16.0 NORTHERN IRELAND AIR SHOW**

A member sought clarification regarding the participation of the R.A.F. at this year's Air Show. The Director of Leisure Services informed Committee that fewer aircraft would be available this year because of other commitments.

**17.0 ILLEGAL CONCRETE PLANT**

A member informed Committee of an illegal Concrete Plant at Moneydig Road, Kilrea. The Director of Environmental Health was aware of the situation and stated that Planning Service was the lead body. He would update members on progress in addressing the illegal plant.

**18.0 PORTSTEWART PROMENADE**

A member expressed concern regarding the state of the lighting on Portstewart Promenade. The Director of Technical Services informed members that the lights had been restrung two years ago.

**19.0 KILREA TOWN HALL**

In response to a member's query regarding repairs to Kilrea Town Hall, the Director of Leisure Services advised that the work had been carried out.

**20.0 GRASS CUTTING**

A member requested that Council forward a letter to the D.R.D. Roads Service expressing concern at the lack of grass cutting in the Borough and to ask that the Roads Service review its policy on the number of times the grass is cut.

**21.0 KILREA PITCH**

A member requested that a ball stop be provided.

**22.0 PARKER AVENUE, PORTRUSH**

A member informed Committee that the perimeter fence at Parker Avenue required immediate attention.

**23.0 RECEPTION FOR  
MS. HANNAH SHIELDS**

Members were reminded to reply to the Mayor's Secretary regarding the reception for Ms. Hannah Shields.

**24.0 BEST KEPT AWARDS –  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

A request was made that an Amenity Council book, which marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Best Kept initiative, be made available for purchase at the Tourist Information Centres.

## **25.0 THANKS**

The Chairman, Councillor Deans, thanked members and officers for their support during his term as Chairman of the Leisure and Environment Committee.

**Present:** Alderman W. J. McClure in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

**Aldermen**

W. T. Creelman  
(Items 2.0 – 3.17)

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

**Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
D. D. Barbour  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
(Items 2.0 – 3.17)  
A. S. Cole  
T. J. Deans  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
B. Fitzpatrick

S. Gilkinson  
N. F. Hillis  
(Items 2.0 – 3.17)  
W. A. King  
B. Leonard  
G. L. McLaughlin  
R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
(Items 2.0 – 3.17)

**Also in  
Attendance:**

Representatives from the Planning Service –  
Mrs. M. MacIntyre, Divisional Planning Manager,  
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. R. McGrath

**Officers in  
Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Principal  
Environmental Health Officer, Administrative Officer  
and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** Alderman Mrs. Black and Councillor Dallat

**1.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the Meeting including visitors in the public gallery and the Divisional Planning Manager.

**2.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT - RESPONSE**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive referred to the decision at the April meeting of the Committee to write to the Minister, expressing Council's serious concern at the increasing number of applications within the Borough for high density urban developments and calling for an urgent review of PPS12 to address the issue. He then tabled letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 from the Director of The Department for Regional Development in response which confirmed the recent increase in such applications and outline Planning Service's role in determining the applications against current planning policy.

The Divisional Planning Manager referred to the number of applications on the

Planning Schedule that fell within the category of proposals that gave rise to Council's representation to the Minister. She explained that, whilst planning policy did not preclude redevelopment of existing sites within established residential areas, it was a question of exercising professional judgement in determining such applications. She stated that the thirty recommended refusals on the Schedule did not represent a change of policy but were a result of Planning Service's consideration of the cumulative impact of such developments on established residential areas.

A full discussion ensued during which the Divisional Planning Manager answered members' queries.

### **3.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

#### **Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting**

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| 3.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u><br><u>C/2004/0125/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling and garage</u><br><u>adjacent to 22 Ballyrogan Road,</u><br><u>Garvagh for Mr. F. Smyth</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Cole and unanimously agreed:<br><br>That the application be approved. |
| 3.2 | <u>Application No. D2</u><br><u>C/2006/0028/F</u><br><u>4 no. semi detached houses and</u><br><u>associated garages at 13 and 15</u><br><u>Larkhill Road, Portstewart for</u><br><u>Mr. I. McCollogh</u>  | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused.  |
| 3.3 | <u>Application No. D3</u><br><u>C/2006/0186/F</u><br><u>Demolition of existing dwelling and</u><br><u>erection of new two storey dwelling</u><br><u>and detached garage at 21 Warren</u><br><u>Crescent, Portstewart for</u><br><u>Mr. McIntyre</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused.  |
| 3.4 | <u>Application No. D4</u><br><u>C/2006/0265/F</u><br><u>Demolition of existing sales building</u><br><u>and erection of replacement sales</u><br><u>building at 277 Dunhill Road,</u><br><u>Coleraine for Mr. Wilson</u>                            | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be approved.  |
| 3.5 | <u>Application No. D5</u><br><u>C/2006/0316/O</u><br><u>Site for replacement dwelling 200m</u><br><u>south west of 52 Ballyversal Road,</u><br><u>Coleraine for Mr. Kearney</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be approved.  |

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| 3.6  | <u>Application No. D6</u><br><u>C/2006/0484/F</u><br><u>Demolition of existing house and erection of 4 no. semi detached dwellings at 19 Strand Crescent, Portstewart for NM Developments</u>                 | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused.  |
| 3.7  | <u>Application No. D7</u><br><u>C/2006/0540/O</u><br><u>Outline application to replace existing dwelling with 2 no. semi detached dwellings at 4 Lissadell Gardens, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. McGeough</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused.  |
| 3.8  | <u>Application No. D8</u><br><u>C/2006/0817/F</u><br><u>Demolition of existing detached dwelling and erection of two semi-detached dwellings at No. 20 Seaview Drive North, Portstewart for Dr. R. McCrea</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused.  |
| 3.9  | <u>Application No. D9</u><br><u>C/2006/0828/O</u><br><u>Proposed 4 no. chalet type townhouses at 183 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for Mr. A. Mairs</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.<br><br>It was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:<br><br>That the application be refused.<br><br>On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, eight members voting in favour and five members voting against. |
| 3.10 | <u>Application No. D10</u><br><u>C/2006/0831/F</u><br><u>Erection of three storey dwelling at rear of 13 Coleraine Road, Portstewart for Messrs. Armstrong and Kelly</u>                                      | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused.  |
| 3.11 | <u>Application No. D11</u><br><u>C/2006/0894/F</u><br><u>Proposed development of 7 no. apartments at 71 Eglinton Street, Portrush for GSG Construction Ltd.</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be approved.  |
| 3.12 | <u>Application No. D12</u><br><u>C/2006/0956/F</u><br><u>2 no. proposed dwellings at 17 Gloucester Crescent, Portstewart for AJM Properties</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused.  |

- 3.13 Application No. D13  
C/2006/0959/F  
2 no. dwellings at 18 Seaview Drive  
North, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs.  
D. Currie
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 3.14 Application No. D14  
C/2006/1001/RM  
Proposed house at rear of 9  
Hopefield Avenue, Portrush for  
Mr. R. Martin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved subject to a condition relating to access.
- 3.15 Application No. D15  
C/2006/1024/F  
Apartment development (5 units) at  
Nos. 154 and 156 Lower Main  
Street, Portrush for M. Lyttle
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

- 3.16 Application No. 1  
C/2006/0165/F  
Residential development comprising  
of 17 apartments with 2 self-  
contained retail units at ground floor  
at 5 – 16 Harbour Road, Portstewart  
for Mullaghboy Construction
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be removed from the schedule to facilitate the Planning Service in addressing the P2 challenge which had been received and to proceed with further neighbour notification.
- It was noted that the application would be brought back to Council in due course.
- 3.17 Application No. 3  
C/2006/0498/F  
Demolition of existing dwelling and  
construction of 4 no. semi detached  
dwellings with associated car  
parking at 1 Fenagh Park, Coleraine  
for M & M Construction Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Alderman McClarty:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that the agent could address the particular issues raised by the Planning Service.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, sixteen members voting in favour and two members voting against.
- The Divisional Planning Manager sought



clarification of the Council's corporate view.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor McPherson:

That Council form a corporate view following the office meeting.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, eighteen members voting in favour and one member voting against.

The Divisional Planning Manager advised members that a deferral could not be granted as no corporate view had been expressed.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That Council adjourn until a meeting is arranged between the Planning Working Group, the Minister for Regional Development and the Divisional Planning Manager.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members of Council's statutory responsibility in relation to the Planning consultation process regardless of other considerations. He pointed out also that an early meeting with the Minister was very unlikely.

At this stage in the meeting it was agreed that the meeting be adjourned for twenty minutes and that members go into "Committee" to discuss a possible way forward.

The Mayor asked to be recorded as being against the adjournment of the meeting for twenty minutes.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson:

That the current meeting be adjourned and a meeting

be arranged with the Chief Executive of the Planning Service as soon as possible.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, eleven members voting in favour and two members voting against.

It was agreed that members resolve themselves out of "Committee".

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised the Planning Service representatives and members of the public that:

- (a) The meeting would be adjourned and an urgent meeting would be sought with the Chief Executive of the Planning Service; and
- (b) It was requested that the pending applications be held until the meeting with the Chief Executive takes place.

The Divisional Planning Manager advised members that she would advise the Chief Executive accordingly but would reserve her position regarding the pending applications.

**Present:** Alderman W. J. McClure in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley

**Alderman**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

**Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	S. Gilkinson
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	N. F. Hillis
T. J. Deans	W. A. King
(Items 1.0 – 7.3)	B. Leonard
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 2.13 – 10.0)	R. A. McPherson

**Also in**

**Attendance:** Representatives from the Planning Service –  
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. R. McGrath

**Officers in**

**Attendance:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Administrative  
Officer and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:**

The Deputy Mayor  
Aldermen Creelman, Mrs. Hickey and McClarty  
Councillors Barbour, Cole, Dallat, Fitzpatrick  
and McQuillan

**1.0 UPDATE - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive updated members following the adjournment of the Planning Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2007:

- straightforward approvals had been issued;
- new list to be considered that day comprising approvals and refusals but excluding applications affected by PPS12 ;
- approximately thirty applications affected by PPS12 would be considered at Planning Committee meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at which Mr. David Ferguson, Chief Executive of the Planning Service, would attend.

**2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A list of twenty-nine applications was considered (circulated to each member).

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| 2.1 | <u>Application No. 6</u><br><u>C/2006/0900/F</u><br><u>Demolition of existing semi-</u><br><u>detached and construction of new</u><br><u>detached dwelling at 9 Portrush</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor |
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Road, Portstewart for  
Mr. T. Alderdice

Leonard and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to design.

2.2 Application No. 9  
C/2006/1064/F  
Proposed residential development  
including 12 no. apartments,  
associated car parking and  
amenity space at 41 and 41a  
Castleroe Road, Castleroe for  
Mr. R. Martin

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church:

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.

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

The Mayor requested that he be recorded as agreeing with the recommended refusal.

2.3 Application No. 12  
C/2006/1164/F  
Extension and alteration to two  
front existing balconies  
(retrospective application) at Nos.  
7 and 8 Heathmount, Portstewart  
for Mullan & Cosgrove

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Leonard:

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.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, five members voting in favour and no one voting against.

2.4 Application No. 15  
C/2007/0003/F  
Demolition of former cinema  
building and construction of 27  
apartments at former Palladium  
Cinema, Society Street, Coleraine  
(north of 2 and 4 Newmarket  
Street) for Mr. S. Moore

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church 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.
- 2.5 Application No. 17  
C/2007/0022/F  
Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of one new one and a half storey dwelling with integrated double garage adjacent to 61 Ballymacrea Road, Portrush for Gemini Homes
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black 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.
- 2.6 Application No. 19  
C/2007/0041/F  
2 no. dwelling houses with attached garages in substitution for previous approval C/2005/1181/F at 36 Seafield Park, Portstewart for Maxter Developments Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Gilkinson, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to design.
- 2.7 Application No. 20  
C/2007/0046/O  
Site for detached dwelling and garage 75m south west of 170 Agivey Road, Coleraine for Mr. M. O'Reilly
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that additional information was now available for consideration.
- 2.8 Application No. 21  
C/2007/0067/F  
Storey and a half extension to gable of existing single storey dwelling at 80 Dunboe Road, Caslterock for Mrs. S. McMullan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed:

- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that additional information was now available for consideration.
- 2.9 Application No. 23  
C/2007/0085/F  
Erection of dwelling (change of house type from one and a half storey to two storey dwelling) at Artidillon Road, Castlerock (90 metres north-north-east of 34 Glebe Road, Castlerock) for Mr. and Mrs. O. Hyndman
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Hillis, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to design.
- 2.10 Application No. 24  
C/2007/0094/F  
Extension to existing dwelling to provide large kitchen, master bedroom suite and outside drying room at 14 Carthall Crescent, Coleraine for Mr. W. Tosh
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Consideration was given to letter of objection dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 from Drs. Helen and Christian Holscher (previously supplied).
- It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds that the issue of over-looking would be reassessed.
- 2.11 Application No. 25  
C/2007/0097/F  
Change of driveway layout at 50 Glebe Road, Macosquin, Castlerock for Mr. and Mrs. E. Jorgensen
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that additional information was now available for consideration.

- 2.12 Application No. 26  
C/2007/0099/F  
Conversion of barn with extension/replacement of existing garage to provide additional accommodation to rear of 12/14 Coleraine Street, Kilrea (access via Maghera Street) for Mr. J. Burke
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that additional information was now available for consideration.
- 2.13 Application No. 27  
C/2007/0193/F  
Proposed two storey replacement dwelling with car port and deck over at 4 Craig Vara Terrace, Portrush for Mr. M. Scullion
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to PPS6.
- 2.14 Application No. 28  
C/2007/0195/F  
Proposed re-development of Nos. 62 – 64 Eglinton Street, Portrush to provide 13 no. apartments for residential purposes for Mr. G. Gordon
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church and seconded by Councillor McPherson:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that additional information was now available for consideration.
- On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, seven members voting in favour and three members voting against.
- 2.15 Application No. 29  
C/2007/0244/F  
Development to include 5 no. townhouses, 6 no. apartments and a pair of semi-detached dwellings at 244 Mussenden Road, Articlave for Dolsis Property Ltd. Heights to be one and a half, two and two and a half storey. Two access points on to Mussenden Gardens
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office

meeting on the grounds that revised plans were now available for consideration.

2.16 Remarks

Councillor Leonard asked that it be recorded that this list of applications had been completed without any reference to members agreeing or disagreeing with the Planning Service opinion.

**3.0 LANDS AT LAUREL HILL, COLERAINE**

Mr. Duffy reported that two applications had been received for land at the above location. The first application was for land beside the UDR Camp and the second application relating to Nos. 93/95 Strand Road, Coleraine.

Reference was made to the proposed access and clarification regarding the right of way would be available for the Property Working Group meeting to be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2007.

Various issues would be considered by the Planning Service prior to the applications being brought to Council.

**4.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES**

4.1 Management Agreements for Clintonville Gardens and Mill Court, Garvagh

Reported that these developments would not be the subject of management agreements as planning permission had been granted pre 1990.

4.2 Fence – Skerries Caravan Park

Reported that this matter was being investigated by the Enforcement Section.

4.3 Liaison between Planning Officers and Council's Bio-Diversity Officer regarding tree preservation issues

The Administrative Officer reported that the Council's Bio-Diversity Officer had liaised with the Planning Service Tree Preservation officers and had been provided with maps and full listings of all current Tree Preservation Orders in the Borough.

The Planning Service had agreed to have a meeting with the Bio-Diversity Officer following the Bio-Diversity Steering Group meeting (19<sup>th</sup> June). The meeting would be arranged in the coming weeks and any questions or issues should be forwarded to the Council's Bio-Diversity Officer for discussion at that meeting.

**5.0 OFFICE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2007.

**6.0 MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRALS**



- 6.1 Management Board Referral Process Consideration was given to letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 from the Chief Executive of the Planning Service regarding the Management Board Referral Process and the BDP Advice Note (previously supplied).
- BDP Planning considered that the revised guidance did not depart, in any significant way, from the current guidance. The changes to the Management Board Referral Process were relatively minor and related mainly to the provision of an explanation of what constitutes 'significant development'.
- Noted.
- 6.2 Planning Application No. C/2006/1020/F Installation of 1 no. electrical wind turbine unit and associated underground cabling at Loreto College, Castlerock Road, Coleraine Consideration was given to MBR Screening Note from BDP Planning in respect of this application (previously supplied).
- BDP Planning reported that the application did not meet the criteria contained in the document 'Guidance for Councils on the Operation of the Management Board Referral Procedure'.
- Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 from Planning Service Headquarters advised members that the decision would now be issued.

## **7.0 PLANNING APPEALS INFORMATION**

Consideration was given to the report on Planning Appeals Information (previously supplied).

- 7.1 11 no. townhouses and 9 no. apartments with associated parking court and landscaping south of Nos. 1 – 27 Nursery Avenue, Portstewart for Mr. M. Devine Consideration was given to letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 from the Planning Appeals Commission (previously supplied) advising members that the planning appeal had been dismissed and full planning permission refused.
- The Administrative Officer read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 advising members that the proposal was considered on the basis of the plans originally submitted to the Department and that the usual Commission procedures had been followed. Noted.
- 7.2 4 no. luxury log cabins for selling Consideration was given to letter dated

fishing holidays (farm diversification), Rhee Farm, 138 Curragh Road, Aghadowey for John and Edith Skuce

14<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 from the Planning Service advising members of the Department's amended and additional reasons for refusal (previously supplied). Noted.

7.3 Site for residential development – Castleroe Road, off Lower Paddocks, Coleraine for Maxbro

Consideration was given to letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 from the Planning Service advising members of the withdrawal of the reason for refusal (previously supplied). Noted.

## **8.0 URBAN & RURAL PLANNING ASSOCIATES**

Consideration was given to letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 from Urban & Rural Planning Associates regarding the proposed house attached to Salmon Cottage, Dominican Walk, Berne Road, Portstewart (Planning Ref. C/2007/0282/F) (previously supplied). Noted.

## **9.0 PLANNING SERVICE REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSULTATION PROCEDURES**

Read letter from NILGA advising members that BearingPoint, Management & Technology Consultants, were undertaking an extensive programme of consultation, which included meetings with each of the twenty-six Councils, in relation to the above Planning Service Review. It was noted that a meeting was scheduled to take place in Coleraine on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 which would give members an opportunity to feed into the process.

## **10.0 JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PPS14**

Reported that the Hearing in the High Court for the Judicial Review of PPS 14 'Sustainable Development in the Countryside' had commenced on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 followed by Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2007. Noted.

# POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

**Present:** Councillor N. F. Hillis, in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

## Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)                      D. McClarty  
W. T. Creelman                         (Items 1.0 – 14.1)  
W. J. McClure

## Councillors

D. D. Barbour                            S. Gilkinson  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                    W. A. King  
A. S. Cole                                 B. Leonard  
(Items 1.0 – 14.1)                        G. L. McLaughlin  
J. J. Dallat                                A. McQuillan  
T. J. Deans                                R. McPherson  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

**Officers in Attendance:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Items 1.0 – 14.1), Director of Corporate Services, Director of Leisure Services (Items 1.0 - 8.0), Head of Development Services (Items 1.0 – 14.1), Head of Administrative Services (Items 1.0 – 14.1), Economic Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 14.1) and Administrative Assistant

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. T. McGonigle and Ms. L. Moffett, Coleraine Borough Flags Forum (Items 1.0 – 2.0)

**Apologies:** Alderman Mrs. Hickey and Councillor Fitzpatrick

## **1.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a particular welcome to those seated in the public gallery.

## **2.0 COLERAINE BOROUGH FLAGS FORUM - PRESENTATION**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. T. McGonigle and Ms. L. Moffett, Coleraine Borough Flags Forum, to the meeting. Mr. McGonigle outlined the work of the Flags Forum, highlighting key issues including:

- Rationale of the organisation
- Aims and objectives
- Current situation – funding and representation
- Action plan – particularly those actions already achieved

Mr. McGonigle then encouraged Council to recognise the work of the Flags Forum and its potential to facilitate difficult conversations.

A period of discussion ensued during which the representatives answered members' questions and clarified various issues.

Members commended Coleraine Borough Flags Forum on the work being carried out and thanked the representatives for their informative presentation.

### **3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Ballysally Development Company Ltd. Project

It was agreed that this item be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

3.2 Advice Allocations

Members noted that Age Concern had notified Council that it would no longer be providing an advice service and had asked for funding for advice provision to be withdrawn.

Recommended:

That DSD funding for the provision of grant aid to agencies providing general advice, through Council's Community Support Plans, be allocated as follows:

- Coleraine Citizens' Advice Bureau - £86,479.63
- Causeway Women's Aid - £17,964.37

3.3 Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust

Council is recommended to contribute £10,745 to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust for 2007/08.

3.4 Sperrins Tourism Ltd.

Council is recommended to contribute £3,500 to Sperrins Tourism Ltd. for 2007/08.

3.5 Coleraine Development Sites

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

Recommended:

That a representative of DSD be invited to address an autumn meeting of Council.

Members noted that Roads Service would review its strategy in light of the Minister's decision on which scheme or schemes should be supported by the Department.

3.6 Coleraine Harbourlands Report

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

Recommended:

That a Special Meeting of Council be

convened in September to consider presentations for both the Coleraine Development Sites and the Harbourlands Reports.

3.7 Portrush Regeneration Strategy Update Members noted that the final Strategy was almost complete and that a final report would be presented to Council on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

3.8 Community Development Small Grants Programme Forty six applications had been received under this programme; the following grant aid had been approved by the Community Development Sub Group:

Scheme	Applications Received	Applications eligible	Total Project Costs (£)	Total funds levered by scheme (£)	Total eligible grant aid (£)
Capacity Building	21	21	55,273.57	27,174.07	16,209.50
Technical Assistance	19	17	252,053.65	237,112.65	14,941.00
Social Inclusion	6	6	14,485.00	6495.00	7,989.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>321,812.22</b>	<b>270,781.72</b>	<b>39,140.00</b>

3.9 Diary Date: Economic Development Members noted that a half day event would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 to celebrate the success of the recently completed Economic Development Strategy 2001-2006 and to launch the new plan 2007-2009.

#### 4.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Members' Special Responsibility Allowance Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That the recommendation of the National Association of Councillors' representatives (Option C) be adopted with financial allocation as follows:

	£
Mayor	5,000
Deputy Mayor	3,000
Chair – Planning	2,500
Chair – Leisure & Environment	2,000
Chair – Policy & Development	2,000

Amount available to other members	13,600
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## 4.2 Matters for Information

### 4.2.1 Members' Attendance/Travel Allowances

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

### 4.2.2 Accounts

Members noted that accounts for May 2007 had been issued.

### 4.2.3 New Appointments

The following appointments had been made in accordance with the Local Government Staff Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection:

#### Technical Services Department

Joiner (General Works): Mr. A. Forgrave.

Labourers (General Works): Mr. S. J. Connor and Mr. D. M. Nicholl

Cleansing Labourer (Street Cleansing): Mr. C. McKay

Chargehand (General Works): Mr. R. Morrell

#### Leisure Services Department

Caravan Parks Manager/Warden Carrick Dhu: Mr. J. Gilmour

### 4.2.4 Recruitment of Town Clerk and Chief Executive – Update

It was agreed that this item be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

## 5.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Administrative Services on Land and Property (previously supplied).

### 5.1 Cloonavin Repair Costs

The Head of Administrative Services highlighted the key issues of the report, viz:

- (i) Cost to Council of current repairs was expected to be minimal as the major costs would be met by the original building contractor or Council's insurance.
- (ii) As the repair costs since the construction of Cloonavin were a relatively small proportion of overall costs at approximately £1,000 per annum, they had been subsumed into the general ongoing maintenance and service costs.

- (iii) There had been no need for repairs of any significance to Cloonavin to date, at a cost to Council.

Members' questions were answered by the Head of Administrative Services and the information was noted.

5.2 Old Bushmills Distillery -  
Wayleave

Council is recommended to approve a request from Old Buhsmills Distillery for a five metre wide wayleave to lay a 125mm effluent pipe under the Giants' Causeway Railway Track.

5.3 North Coast Wastewater  
Treatment Scheme – Mounting  
of Telemetry Aerial on Council  
Building at Lansdowne

Council is recommended to approve a request from North Coast Wastewater Treatment Scheme for permission to mount a telemetry aerial on the side of the old lifeboat building at Lansdowne Terrace.

Members noted that this aerial would serve the new sewage pumping station, once commissioned and operational. The old pumping station would then be demolished and the footpath reinstated.

## **6.0 BROOK CLINIC - COLERAINE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on this topic (previously supplied).

Recommended:

That Council ask the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to hold a forum where representatives of all sides could engage constructively in a controlled exchange of information on this specific health issue.

## **7.0 COLERAINE SHOWGROUNDS - UPDATE**

The Director of Leisure Services outlined the background to this issue and advised that the Condition Report which had been received from the Consultant had highlighted a number of health and safety issues at the premises. Accordingly, a number of meetings had been held in an attempt to reduce risk to the public and a programme of work had been agreed. This work would cost in the region of £15,000 - £20,000 and the Milk Cup Committee had indicated that it would be responsible for the costs. It was envisaged that all work would be completed by 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 and that the international match to celebrate twenty five years of the Milk Cup and the Milk Cup Final would be held in Coleraine Showgrounds.

A full report would be brought to Council in September on the broader issue of a partnership arrangement for the operation of the facility for wider community use.

A period of discussion ensued during which the Director of Leisure Services answered members' questions.

Members commended the speedy interventions undertaken by the Director of Leisure Services in order to find a positive solution to the difficulties faced in this issue.

## **8.0 NORTHERN CORRIDOR RAILWAYS GROUP - UPDATE**

Following a meeting of the Northern Corridor Railways Group (NCRG) on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 it had been agreed that all constituent Councils would be given an update on the activities of the Group.

The NCRG had been focusing on Government's current and proposed reviews on rail infrastructure and capacity, viz:

- review of the 'lesser-used lines' before 2009;
- the Translink New Trains 2010 Project for submission to the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in 2007;
- the 'Options for future Train Services Steering Group's' review of train replacement, fleet enlargement and the future size of the rail network;
- the proposed Londonderry to Belfast infrastructure Capacity Study to be commissioned shortly by Translink,

Having decided it was time to make a case for an enhanced rail link on the Belfast to Londonderry corridor, the NCRG had commissioned a lobbying document and a comprehensive Northern Corridor Railway Development Study. The lobbying report, to be completed by the end of June 2007, would be submitted to the 'Options' Group. The Study, to be completed in July, would be publicly launched at a one day conference in September, with a political launch to be held in Stormont soon afterwards.

The Chairman and members commended the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on his work with the NCRG and thanked him for his commitment.

## **9.0 NILGA - CONSULTATION - LETTER DATED 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2007**

Read letter from NILGA requesting a meeting to discuss Council's response to the 'Local Government Modernisation and RPA Implementation Consultation on the Way Forward'.

Recommended:

- (i) That Council agree to meet with NILGA in September. A briefing paper would be provided for the meeting.
- (ii) That the NILGA representatives hold an advance meeting to clarify Council's requirements and formulate a checklist.

## **10.0 LETTERS DATED 29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2007 FROM THE WILLIAM KEOWN TRUST - CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES**

Read letters (previously supplied) expressing the Trust's concern at the Minister of State for Trade and Industry's statement regarding his decision to close 2,500 post offices and requesting Council's response to those concerns.

Noted.

## **11.0 LETTER DATED 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2007 FROM ROADS SERVICE - PUBLICATION OF THE SUB-REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN (SRTP)**



Read letter thanking Council for its response to the consultation on the Draft SRTP and advising that the final SRTP would be published on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

Noted.

**12.0 NICO AWARD FOR TWO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS TO TRAVEL TO ZOMBA**

Council had been awarded a NICO grant of £2,000 to cover travel costs for two Environmental Health Officers to visit Zomba in October, to develop the work instigated by Thyme Matita following his working visit to Coleraine.

Members congratulated the staff involved on achieving this award and it was recommended:

That Council make a contribution to cover the costs of accommodation for the two week visit by the Environmental Health Officers.

**13.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (i) Northern Childcare Partnership – Report on Childcare Issues Affecting Families in Rural Areas.
- (ii) The Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland – Corporate Plan 2007/08 – 2008/09 and Business Plan 2007/08.