

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 27th day of February, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 23rd January, 2001
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 12th February, 2001
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 6th February, 2001
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 13th February, 2001
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 20th February, 2001
3. Presentation by The Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations
4. Annual Tenders 2001/02 (Report enclosed)
5. Correspondence
6. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Health and Social Services Council of 3rd January, 2001
- (2) Response from the Water Service arising from presentation to Council on 23rd January, 2001
- (3) Census Briefing Pack – “count me in Census 2001”

To: Each Member of Council.

23rd February, 2001.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.),
in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.0 – 4.0)
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 3.4.1)

W. H. King
W. J. McClure

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
E. T. Black (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 3.4.1)
R. S. Bolton
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman
J. J. Dallat
(Items 3.4.1 – 14.0)

N. F. Hillis
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
W. Mathews
E. M. Mullan
(Items 1.0 – 3.4.1)
E. O'Hara
R. D. Stewart

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Technical Services, Policy Development Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Watt and Councillor McClarty

1.0 BEST WISHES

The Mayor referred to Alderman Watt's recent illness and extended best wishes for a speedy recovery.

2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 28th December, 2000 were confirmed and signed.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

The Chairman, Councillor O'Hara, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by The Deputy Mayor and agreed.

3.2 Planning Committee

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

3.3 Police Liaison Committee

The Chairman, Councillor McPherson, moved the adoption of the Police Liaison Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed.

3.4 Policy and Development Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Barbour, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Ms. Alexander.

Matters arising:

3.4.1 Displaying of Flags

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That the Minute be declared “inaccurate” and be rectified to show that Alderman McClure’s proposal had, in fact, been seconded by Councillor Stewart.

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

It was further proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That Council re-affirm its decision of 28th March, 2000 to display the Union Flag in the Council Chamber and proceed to implement that decision.

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

For: Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and McClure
Councillors Bolton, Creelman, Hillis, McPherson and Stewart
(7)

Against: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Aldermen Ms. Alexander and King
Councillors Barbour, Dallat, McLaughlin, Mathews, Mullan

Abstention: Councillor Mrs. Church

The issue would, therefore, be referred to the Equality Working Group for further consideration.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted subject to this amendment.

4.0 WATER SERVICE - 2000 - 2003 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

The Mayor welcomed Mr. W. J. Duddy, Divisional Water Manager and Mr. J. Little, Networks Manager from the Water Service who were in attendance to present the Capital Works Programme 2000 – 2003.

Mr. Duddy thanked the Mayor for the opportunity of attending the Meeting and elaborated on the capital works which were programmed to be carried out by the Water Service during the period April 2000 to March 2003.

Particular attention was drawn to the following schemes to reinforce water supplies and improve the sewerage systems, including, inter alia:

- (a) The completion of a further stage of sewerage improvement in Portrush and Portstewart;
- (b) The starting of the major North Coast Wastewater Treatment Works Scheme;
- (c) The completion of Dunboe Service Reservoir to ensure security of water supply to Castlerock and Articlave.

Mr. Duddy and Mr. Little answered various questions raised by members.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their attendance.

5.0 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

Read letter from the Minister for Regional Development requesting Council's views on the Department's consultation document on the development of a ten year Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) (circulated to each member).

In order to meet the target of presenting a draft Regional Transportation Strategy to the Assembly in the summer the closing date for responses was 16th March, 2001.

The following members were nominated to serve on a sub-regional working group to prepare a joint submission on this topic from the Northern Corridor Councils:

Alderman King
Alderman McClure
Councillor Barbour
Councillor Bradley
Councillor Mathews

Following a paper vote it was agreed:

That Alderman King and Councillor Barbour be appointed to serve on the working group.

Alderman McClure and Councillors Bradley and Mathews would act as substitutes.

6.0 INVESTING FOR HEALTH

Consideration was given to the Consultation Paper – Investing for Health (previously supplied).

Following discussion it was agreed that this topic be considered at a future meeting.

7.0 TEN PIN BOWLING - WATERWORLD

The Director of Leisure Services' Report on tenders received for the supply, delivery and installation of a ten pin bowling installation at Waterworld, Portrush was considered (previously supplied).

Three tenders had been received as follows:

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Complete Leisure Bowling Services Ltd. | £163,600+ VAT |
| Vollmer UK Ltd. | £155,010 + VAT |
| Brunswick Bowling and Billiards (UK) Ltd. | £148,116 + VAT (\$216,250) |

The three tenders had met the required specification but it had been agreed to evaluate the two lowest price tenders by carrying out site visits to recent installations.

Agreed:

That the tender submitted by Vollmer for the sum of £155,010 be accepted for the reasons as detailed in the Director of Leisure Services' Report.

8.0 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS NORTHERN IRELAND REGION

Read letter from the National Association of Councillors Northern Ireland Region requesting permission to use the Civic Headquarters for its bi-monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, 21st February, 2001.

It was agreed that the Civic Headquarters be granted and that lunch be arranged for those attending the meeting.

9.0 NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Tabled:

Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Board dated 19th October, 2000.

10.0 NORTH-EASTERN EDUCATION AND

LIBRARY BOARD

Tabled:

Minutes of the North-Eastern Education and Library Board dated 28th November, 2000.

11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE

Tabled:

Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Quarterly Progress Report for the period October – December, 2000.

12.0 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

Tabled:

Announcement from Education Minister advising that school performance tables would no longer be published.

13.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE

Tabled:

- (a) The Northern Ireland Housing Market – Review and Perspectives 2001 – 2004;
- (b) Home Energy Conservation Report 2000.

14.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. <u>Receipt re Mortgage Deed</u> | 49 Circular Road, Coleraine; Council with Nancy Kane. |
| 2. <u>Car Loan Agreement</u> | Mrs. J. Barr – Senior Environmental Health Officer (Food). |
| 3. <u>Cemetery Titles</u> | Registration Nos. 2673 – 2678 inclusive: |
| | Agherton - |
| | Ballywillan 2 |
| | Coleraine 3 |
| | Portstewart 1 |

Advanced Deed:

Portstewart 1

SPECIAL MEETING

12th February, 2001.

Convened: To consider the Rate Estimates and strike a Borough Rate for the year ending 31st March, 2002.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.), in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) W. H. King
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.) W. J. McClure

Councillors

D. D. Barbour G. L. McLaughlin
E. T. Black (Mrs.) R. A. McPherson
R. S. Bolton E. M. Mullan
W. T. Creelman E. O'Hara
N. F. Hillis R. D. Stewart
D. McClarty

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Corporate Services, Finance Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Watt, Councillors Bradley, Dallat and Mathews

1.0 RATE ESTIMATES 2001/2002

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the Rate Estimates Report to be presented by the Director of Corporate Services (previously supplied) reflected Council's continuing commitment to funding an extensive range of services through careful long term financial planning.

The proposed increase of 2.8% in the Borough Rate represented the lowest rise for eleven years and represented a considerable achievement for Council, especially in the light of the provision of the new civic headquarters.

1.1 **Director of Corporate Services' Report** The Director of Corporate Services presented his report on the Rate Estimates for 2001/2002 and highlighted the main factors which gave rise to the proposed increase, viz:

Salaries and Wages

An annual inflationary increase of 3% had been provided for. As well as enhanced clerical and

administrative posts, provision had been made for additional staffing in relation to:

- (a) enforcement;
- (b) pollution control/air quality;
- (c) litter education/Local Agenda 21;
- (d) grounds maintenance.

Loan Charges

The provision required to cover interest and principal on Council borrowings had risen by 3.7%. This was mainly due to the expanding capital programme.

Other Expenditure

Increased refuse disposal costs, additional running costs of the civic headquarters, costs associated with the refurbishment of the fitness suite at Coleraine Leisure Centre and new ten-pin bowling facility at Waterworld. The latter projects would generate significant income for Council.

Members noted that Council's overall operating income showed a rise of 9.6% due to the various factors detailed in the report.

The Finance Officer further explained various aspects of Council's income and expenditure programme.

Various questions from members were answered by the Director of Corporate Services and other officers.

1.1.1 Estimate Summary

The estimate of rates culminated in the following rate requirement:

| | £ |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Net Cost of Services | 8,626,426 |
| <u>Less:</u> General Grant | 620,050 |
| <u>Less:</u> Credit Balance Applied | <u>83,000</u> |
| Amount to be raised | 7,923,376 |
| | ===== |
| Estimated product of 1p rate | 460,190 |

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor McClarty and unanimously agreed:

That Council strike a Borough Rate for the 2001/2002 year as follows:

- (a) Non-Domestic Rate of 17.22 pence;
- (b) Domestic Rate of 101.50 pence.

This represented a rise of 2.8%.

1.1.2 Congratulations

The Director of Corporate Services and the other officers of all Departments were congratulated in achieving such a moderate rate increase.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

6th February, 2001.

Present: Councillor E. O'Hara, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) W. H. King
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.) W. J. McClure

Councillors

D. D. Barbour N. F. Hillis
E. T. Black (Mrs.) D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 – 4.10) (Items 2.2 – 12.2)
R. S. Bolton G. L. McLaughlin
J. M. Bradley R. A. McPherson
(Items 1.0 – 4.10) W. Mathews
O. M. Church (Mrs.) E. M. Mullan
W. T. Creelman R. D. Stewart
(Items 3.1 – 12.2)

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health,
Director of Technical Services, Director of
Corporate Services, Recreation Officer, Principal
Building Control Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.10), Principal
Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Watt and Councillor Dallat

1.0 ILLNESS

The Chairman extended best wishes to Alderman Watt for a speedy recovery from illness.

2.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Coleraine Sports Council Recommended:

That Council contribute £6,250.00 to Coleraine Sports Council for 2001/2002.

2.2 Capital Programme -
2001 – 2002

The Director of Leisure Services updated members regarding progress on the undernoted capital schemes scheduled for 2001 – 2002:

Portrush Town Hall

Flowerfield Arts Centre – Phase II
Dunluce Centre – Renewal of Attractions
Leisure Centre Fitness Suite
Gaelic Provision – Coleraine
Waterworld – Piazza Area
Anderson Park Refurbishment – Phase II

Discussion ensued on these schemes during which the Director of Leisure Services answered various members' questions.

2.3 Harpur's Hill Community Centre

Reference was made to recent incidents of vandalism at Harpur's Hill Community Centre.

The Director of Leisure Services had raised this issue with the local R.U.C.

2.4 For Information

The Director of Leisure Services provided information in his report on the following:

- (a) Coleraine Leisure Centre – Spring Programme;
- (b) Kilrea Town Hall – Construction of Sports Centre at Craiglea Gardens, Kilrea.

3.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Arcadia Improvement Scheme

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on this scheme. Committee noted that Portrush Community Development Group (letter circulated) would not be proceeding with the proposal to lease the building.

Committee was asked to consider should the project commence during 2001/2002 and if so whether it be as one contract or phased over two years.

Following a full discussion on this topic it was proposed by Alderman Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Mullan:

That the project commence during 2001/2002 and be carried out as one contract.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman King and seconded by Councillor Barbour:

That the officers further investigate the availability of grant-aid before proceeding

with the scheme.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by twelve votes to seven.

3.2 Department of Regional Development – Roads Service

3.2.1 Proposed Road Abandonment at Lisachrin Road, Garvagh

The Department proposed the abandonment of a portion of roadway on the Lisachrin Road, Garvagh which was no longer required for vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Recommended:

That Council agree.

3.2.2 Members' Queries

Committee noted the response (previously supplied) from Roads Service on members' queries regarding disabled parking bays and wheelchair accessibility within Coleraine.

3.3 Trade Waste – Charging System

Council is recommended to agree to the commencement of the new arrangements for charging for trade waste collection and disposal with effect from 2nd April, 2001.

3.4 Entertainments Licences

3.4.1 Grant of Licence

Applications for the grant of Entertainments Licences had been received in respect of:

Ballyclabber Reformed Presbyterian Church Hall,
Ballyrashane Road, Coleraine

Comfort Hotel, 73 Main Street, Portrush

Recommended:

That Entertainments Licences be granted in each case.

3.4.2 The Central Bar and Loft, 31 Main Street, Portrush

An application had been received for the transfer of the Entertainments Licence in respect of The Central Bar and Loft, 31 Main Street, Portrush.

Council is recommended to agree to the transfer of the Entertainments Licence.

3.5 Building Control

3.5.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for fifty-one applications.

3.6 Waste Management -

Consideration was given to a summary of the

Regional Plan

draft Waste Management Plan, as detailed in the report, for the North West Regional Waste Management Group.

A copy of the draft plan would be distributed to each member for comment prior to finalisation of the document.

Discussion ensued on this topic during which the Director of Technical Services answered various members' questions.

3.7 Civic Amenity Site - Freehall Road, Castlerock

Reference was made to a recent complaint regarding the operation of the civic amenity site at Freehall Road, Castlerock.

The Director of Technical Services advised that the issues raised were being considered.

4.0 REVISION OF CHARGES - COUNCIL FACILITIES

Consideration was given to the Director of Corporate Services' Report on Revision of Charges – Council Facilities (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Burial Grounds

Recommended:

That the existing charges for burial grounds, as detailed in the report, remain unchanged for the 2001/2002 financial year.

The Director of Corporate Services was asked to consider whether Council's existing policy, that those resident outside the Borough pay double the standard charges, complied with recent equality legislation.

4.2 Ballyreagh Golf Course

Recommended:

That the existing charges for Ballyreagh Golf Course, as detailed in the report, remain unchanged at this time.

4.3 Seasonal Facilities

Recommended:

That the existing charges for Seasonal Facilities, as detailed in the report, remain unchanged for the 2001/2002 financial year.

4.4 Coleraine Leisure Centre

Recommended:

That the review of activity charges at

Coleraine Leisure Centre be deferred to coincide with the opening of the fitness suite extension in Autumn 2001.

4.5 Dunluce Centre

Recommended:

That the existing charges for the Dunluce Centre, as detailed in the report, remain unchanged at this time.

4.6 Waterworld

Recommended:

That the existing charges for Waterworld, as detailed in the report, remain unchanged at this time.

Proposed charges for the new ten-pin bowling attraction would be considered at the March meeting of Committee.

4.7 Playing Fields

Recommended:

That the review of the charges for these facilities be deferred to the commencement of the new season in September 2001.

4.8 Coleraine Marina

Recommended:

That the following revised charges be applied for the 2001/2002 financial year:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| <u>April – September:</u> | £ |
| Boats up to 25 ft | 15.00 per ft |
| Minimum charge | 230.00 |
| Boats over 25 ft | 18.00 per ft |
| <u>October – March:</u> | |
| Boats up to 25 ft | 10.50 per ft |
| Boats over 25 ft | 13.00 per ft |
| <u>Monthly:</u> | |
| Boats up to 25 ft | 100.00 |
| Boats over 25 ft | 125.00 |
| <u>Rowing Boats up to 15 ft moored at stone jetty:</u> | £ |
| April – September | 60.00 |
| October – March | 40.00 |
| <u>Other Charges:</u> | |
| Use of crane | 2.50 per ft |

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|---|----------|
| Boat Park – Sailing Dinghies | 50.00 pa |
| Electricity : Hire of meter | 20.00 pa |
| Charge per unit used | 0.10 |
| Slipping (unassisted and using own trailer) | 2.00 |
| Slipping – Season Ticket | 20.00 |
| Slipping plus changing, showers, etc. | 4.00 |
| Mast Hoist – With Boat Lift | 10.00 |
| Mast Hoist – Boats moored elsewhere | 25.00 |
| Short Stay Charge | 3.00 |

4.9 Portstewart Harbour

Recommended:

That the following revised charges be applied for the 2001/2002 financial year:

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| <u>Season:</u> | £ |
| Boats up to 25 ft | 11.50 per ft |
| Boats over 25 ft | 16.50 per ft |
| All boats in outer Harbour | 5.00 per ft |

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|------------------------|--------|
| <u>Monthly:</u> | |
| Boats up to 25 ft | 80.00 |
| Boats over 25 ft | 100.00 |

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|-----------------------|-------|
| <u>Weekly:</u> | |
| Boats up to 25 ft | 30.00 |
| Boats over 25 ft | 35.00 |

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|-----------------------------|------|
| <u>Daily Charge:</u> | 7.00 |
|-----------------------------|------|

4.10 Portrush Harbour

Recommended:

That the following revised charges be applied for the 2001/2002 financial year:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <u>Season:</u> | |
| Boats up to 25 ft | £13.00 per ft |
| | Minimum charge |
| | £195.00 |

Boats over 25 ft £18.00 per ft

Monthly:

Boats up to 25 ft £80.00

Boats over 25 ft £100.00

Weekly:

Boats up to 25 ft £30.00

Boats over 25 ft £35.00

Daily Charge: £7.00

Rowing Boats: £50.00

Other Charges: No change

Tenders £6.00

Covered Winter Storage £60.00

(Boats over 25 ft) £70.00

Slipping Charges – Casual £2.00

Slipping Charges – Season £20.00

Commercial Shipping

Pilotage £40.00

Tonnage Charge (GRT) £0.60 per ton

Loading dues £0.60 per ton

Passenger dues £0.30

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

5.1 Legal Proceedings -
The Pollution Control and
Local Government (N.I.) Order
1978 - Domestic Noise
Pollution

It was proposed by Councillor McClarty,
seconded by Councillor Barbour and agreed:

That this item be considered “In Committee”
at the end of the meeting.

5.2 Radioactive Discharges To
The Sea – BNFL Sellafield -
Technetium 1999

Consideration was given to a consultation paper,
as detailed in the report, from The Environment
Agency.

The paper outlined proposals for the future
regulation of Technetium 99 discharges from BNFL
Sellafield.

Following discussion it was recommended that
Council support the Northern Ireland Radiation

Monitoring Group's recommendations regarding this topic.

5.3 Food Safety – Frozen Chicken Products

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding a statement from the Food Standards Agency following a UK wide survey of frozen chicken products.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council make direct representation to the Northern Ireland Food Standards Agency requesting that consideration of this matter be expedited.

5.4 The Shops (Sunday Trading etc.) (N.I.) Order 1997

5.4.1 Jingles, 15/17 Main Street, Portrush

Committee noted the outcome of the successful prosecution of the proprietor of Jingles, 15/17 Main Street, Portrush regarding the operation of a stall from the front of the shop premises on Easter Sunday 2000.

A fine of £2,000.00 had been imposed together with legal costs of £513.00.

5.5 For Information

The Director of Environmental Health provided information in his report on the following:

Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership – National Canine Defence League Initiative.

6.0 ROADS SERVICE

6.1 Speed Camera Signing

Read letter from Mr. D. Orr, Divisional Roads Manager, advising that speed camera signs would shortly be erected on the following routes in the Borough:

A54 Agivey Road (Glenkeen Road to Kilrea)
B62 Ballybogey Road (Dunluce Road to Portrush Road Roundabout, Ballymoney)

Traffic Police would be targeting these routes with speed cameras.

Noted.

6.2 Divisional Roads Manager

Reported that Mr. Orr had been seconded to Roads Service Headquarters. Mr. W. McIlrath would be acting as temporary Divisional Roads Manager.

Noted.

7.0 FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

**CEREMONY - 6TH FEBRUARY,
2001**

Congratulations were extended to the Chief Executive and staff on the success of the conferment of the Freedom of the Borough Ceremony to Professor G. McKenna on 6th February, 2001.

8.0 DISABLED DRIVERS' ASSOCIATION

In response to a query the Director of Technical Services reported that a representative from the Disabled Drivers' Association had been invited to address the March meeting of Committee.

Noted.

9.0 TOUR GUIDES

Congratulations were extended to those members of staff who had acted as tour guides at the open day on 27th January, 2001.

10.0 GLENKEEN ROAD, AGHADOWEY

In response to a query the Director of Technical Services reported that a reply was awaited from the Divisional Roads Manager to Council's letter expressing concern at the decision to remove Glenkeen Road from the schedule of roads for re-surfacing.

Noted.

**11.0 BUSINESS REVIEW - 27TH JANUARY,
2001**

Reference was made to the Minister for the Environment's recent meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as referred to in the Weekly Business Review for 27th January, 2001 (previously supplied).

It was noted that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive was preparing a report on topics discussed at this meeting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

13th February, 2001.

Present:

Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.10)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.25)
W. H. King

W. J. McClure
W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 – 2.10)

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
(Items 1.0 – 2.26)
E. T. Black (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.10)
R. S. Bolton
J. M. Bradley
(Items 2.6 – 4.0)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman
(Items 2.1 – 4.0)

J. J. Dallat
D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 – 2.10)
R. A. McPherson
W. Mathews
(Items 1.0 – 3.0)
E. M. Mullan
(Items 2.9 – 4.0)
R. D. Stewart
(Items 2.7 – 4.0)

Also in

Attendance:

Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. A. Meenagh, Miss H. Clements and Mr. P. Duffy

Officers in

Attendance:

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

Apology:

Councillor O'Hara

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Paul Duffy from the Planning Service to his first Planning Committee Meeting.

A warm welcome was also extended to Alderman Watt after his recent illness.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of seventy-four applications was considered (previously supplied).

**Applications Deferred from
Previous Meeting**

- 2.1 Application No. D1
C/2000/0482/O
Development of Site for Static
Caravan Park (with area reserved
for 6 no. tourers) adjacent to 41
Ballyhackett Road, Castlerock for
Mr. W. Purcell
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
- 2.2 Application No. D2
C/2000/0706/O
Site for dwelling opposite 58
Ballyrogan Road, Garvagh for
Mr. J. Doherty
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.3 Application No. D3
C/2000/0763/F
Alterations and extensions to
dwelling at 34 Agherton Road,
Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. T.
O'Neill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.4 Application No. D4
C/2000/0807/A
Erection of externally illuminated
fascia signs and an internally
illuminated projecting sign at
Northern Counties, Main
Street/Mark Street, Portrush for
North Coast Hotels Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.5 Application No. D5
C/2000/0897/O
Proposed retirement dwelling 200m
east of 22 Tamnyrankin Road,
Swatragh for Mr. J. P. Tohill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that if the application was not withdrawn within two weeks it would be refused.
- 2.6 Application No. D6
C/2000/0929/F
Alteration to existing approval (ref.
C/1999/0858/F) – Amendments to
internal layout including minor
increase to floor area (23.47 sq m);
increase in ridge height (1.4 m) and
minor amendments to front and rear
elevations at Bayview Hotel,
Bayhead Road, Portballintrae for
Paracin Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Armitage:
- That the application be referred to the Planning Service Management Board for decision with a recommendation to refuse.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, nine members voting in favour and four members voting against.
- 2.7 Application No. D7
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to

C/2000/0936/O
Site for dwelling and garage
adjacent to 56 Knocknogher Road,
Castlerock for Agrolon (N.Ireland)
Ltd.

refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.

If agreement could be reached the application would be approved otherwise the application would be refused.

NEW APPLICATIONS

2.8

Application No. 3
C/2000/0757/O
Site for dwelling and detached
garage adjacent to 19 Hillhead
Road, Kilrea for Mr. R. G. Macauley

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The application had now been withdrawn.

2.9

Application No. 6
C/2000/0832/F
Erection of 6 no. apartments (three-
storey) – amended scheme at
45 Lodge Road, Coleraine for Tara
Developments

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period.

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor Creelman and agreed:

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to enable a representative from Gordonville, Lodge Road, Coleraine to address Committee.

The representative declined the opportunity to address Committee.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McClarty and seconded by Councillor Barbour:

That the application be referred to the Planning Service Management Board for decision.

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

2.10

Application No. 37
C/2000/0969/F
Erection of 1 no. block comprising 3

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

no. apartments at 14 Heathmount,
Portstewart for Alsan Properties

No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period.

Mr. D. Bacon, 14A Heathmount, Portstewart, who objected to the application, was in attendance to address Committee. He thanked members for the opportunity to address Committee and advised that he was satisfied with the opinion to refuse.

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed:

That the application be refused.

2.11

Application No. 7
C/2000/0845/F

Erection of single storey rear extension and renovations to existing public house at 15-17 Church Street, Kilrea for Mr. W. Kelso

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved subject to conditions as contained in the acoustic report.

2.12

Application No. 9
C/2000/0868/F

Erection of 12.5 m slimline Monopole mast with integrated trisector antenna, 1 no. 0.18 m microwave dish, associated equipment cabinet and ancillary development thereto at site adjacent to car park opposite No. 84 Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart for One 2 One Personal

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.

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

2.13

Application No. 14
C/2000/0893/F

Demolition of existing dwellings and shop and erection of 12 no. apartments (3-4 storey building with parking at ground floor level) at No. 9 Royal Avenue and No. 54 Prospect Road, Portstewart for Mr. P. Trolan

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The application had now been withdrawn.

2.14

Application No. 18
C/2000/0928/O

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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| | <u>Site for 3 no. dwellings at 169 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for The Kennedy Group</u> | The application had now been withdrawn. |
| 2.15 | <u>Application No. 21</u> <u>C/2000/0935/F</u> <u>Erection of 82 units (houses and apartments) and associated roads and sewers on land adjacent to Millstrone Court, Lissadell Avenue, Portstewart for O’Kane & Devine Construction Ltd.</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. The application had now been withdrawn. |
| 2.16 | <u>Application No. 24</u> <u>C/2000/0945/F</u> <u>Site for Caravan Park (touring and static) on land adjacent to No. 55 Green Road, Coleraine for Mr. R. Moody</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications. It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant. |
| | <u>Application No. 25</u> <u>C/2000/0946/O</u> <u>Site for two holiday apartments on land to rear of No. 55 Green Road, Coleraine for Mr. R. Moody</u> | |
| 2.17 | <u>Application No. 44</u> <u>C/2000/0979/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling on site at Craigmore Road, Blackhill, Coleraine for Mr. E. Heggarty</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit. |
| 2.18 | <u>Application No. 49</u> <u>C/2001/0002/F</u> <u>Erection of replacement dwelling at 35 Main Street, Castlerock for Mr. Mennie</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant. |
| 2.19 | <u>Application No. 51</u> <u>C/2001/0008/RM</u> <u>New domestic dwelling and garage at Isle Road, Macosquin for M & A Builders</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved. |
| 2.20 | <u>Application No. 54</u> <u>C/2001/0014/F</u> <u>Erection of dwelling opposite 41 Ballystrone Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. J. Jeffers</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved. |

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| 2.21 | <u>Application No. 58</u> <u>C/2001/0023/F</u> <u>Conversion of garage to living accommodation, erection of single storey rear extension and front elevation porch at 47 Cappagh Grove, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. V. Moloney</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p> |
| 2.22 | <u>Application No. 59</u> <u>C/2001/0024/F</u> <u>Proposed new dwelling at Site 8 Greystone Park, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. T. Stewart</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p> |
| 2.23 | <u>Application No. 60</u> <u>C/2001/0026/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling to rear of 51 and 53 Ballygawley Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine for Ms. J. McCafferty</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p> |
| 2.24 | <u>Application No. 61</u> <u>C/2001/0027/F</u> <u>Proposed dwelling and double garage at Site 2 Kinneyglass Road, Macosquin, Coleraine for Harcourt Developments</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p> |
| 2.25 | <u>Application No. 63</u> <u>C/2001/0030/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling on site at Moneybrannon Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine for Mr. J. Arthur</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p> |
| 2.26 | <u>Application No. 64</u> <u>C/2001/0031/F</u> <u>Boarding Kennels for accommodation of dogs and cats adjacent to 215a Loughan Road, Coleraine for Mr. D. McCrum</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p> |
| 2.27 | <u>General Matters</u> | <p>(a) Apartments – Ramore Avenue, Portrush – ridge height/building line;</p> <p>(b) Replacement dwelling – Strand Road, Portstewart.</p> |

3.0 MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS
APPLICATION NOS. C/00/937 AND C/00/938

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (ERECTION OF 111 NO. APARTMENTS AND 21 NO. TOWNHOUSES) ON LANDS AT WEST BAY, DHU VARREN, PORTRUSH BOUNDED BY PORTSTEWART ROAD, WEST STRAND ROAD, THE PROMENADE, CARRICK-DHU BUNGALOW AND THE RAILWAY EMBANKMENT FOR SEAPORT INVESTMENTS LTD.

Read letter from the Planning Service Headquarters advising Council that the Department had applied Article 31 of the Planning (NI) Order 1991 to the above planning applications, designating them as of major importance as it considered the developments would, if permitted:

- (i) involve a substantial departure from the development plan for the area to which it relates;
- (ii) affect the whole of a neighbourhood.

Before the applications were determined the Department would either cause a public local inquiry to be held before the Planning Appeals Commission or issue to the applicant a Notice of Opinion indicating how it considered the applications should be decided.

Council's views on the applications were sought as soon as possible.

A letter had been received from ARCUS, Architects and Project Managers, Belfast requesting permission to make a short visual presentation of the scheme to Council on behalf of the applicant.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Mathews and agreed:

That the Planning Committee meeting to be held on 13th March, 2001 commence at 6.00 p.m. in order to consider these major planning applications. Both the applicant and any objectors should be invited to make a presentation to Council.

It was further proposed by Alderman Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That Council request that the Department hold a Public Inquiry on these planning applications.

On being put to the Meeting this proposal was carried, six members voting in favour and two members voting against.

4.0 MEMBERS' LOUNGE

Reference was made to the use of the Members' Lounge and the Town Clerk explained the current arrangements which had been approved by members.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20th February, 2001.

Present:

Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 4.1 – 18.0)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
W. H. King

W. J. McClure
W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 – 7.0)

Councillors

R. S. Bolton
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman
J. J. Dallat
(Items 1.0 – 7.0)
N. F. Hillis

D. McClarty
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
W. Mathews
E. M. Mullan
E. O'Hara
(Items 1.0 – 7.0)
R. D. Stewart

**Officers in
Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services (Items 1.0 – 2.5), Community Development Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.5), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.5), Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.5) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Alderman Mrs. Armitage and Councillor Mrs. Black

1.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Tender for the Provision
of Insurances and Associated
Broking Services

Tenders had been received for the provision of insurances for the three year period from 1st April, 2001:

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| Willis Harris Marrian Ltd. | £226,224.00 |
| Marsh (UK) Ltd. | £258,181.98 |

Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest tender from Willis Harris Marrian Ltd. (the holding broker) at £226,224.00 for a period of one year from 1st April, 2001 subject to satisfactory annual renewal terms thereafter.

1.2 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

Revenue A/C - £976,027.60
Capital A/C - £695,245.66

1.3 Computers – Members' Room

Computers and fax machines would shortly be installed in each of the four rooms within the Members' area. Training would be provided for members.

Noted.

1.4 Council's Sickness Absence Policy

A copy of Council's Sickness Absence Policy had been circulated to each member.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Coleraine Town Partnership (CTP)

The Chairman welcomed Mr. I. Donaghey (Chairman), Mrs. S. Scott (Town Centre Manager) and Ms. A. Dalton (Researcher) of the Coleraine Town Partnership, who were in attendance to make a presentation on the progress to date of the Partnership.

Mrs. Scott outlined the work of the six sub-committees that comprised the Partnership viz environment, access, promotion, development, tourism and safety. Mrs. Scott and Mr. Donaghey highlighted how the Partnership structure operated and its role in addressing key issues in Coleraine Town Centre.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which the Partnership representatives and the Head of Development Services answered various members' questions.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending after which they withdrew.

2.2 INTERREG III – Regional Proposal

Committee noted that the CORE region of Local Authorities had begun a collective bid for

INTERREG III in order to attract some of the £25 million available from this mainstream EU fund. It was envisaged that the North East bid would serve as a focal point for all organisations seeking to work with cross border partners within the region.

2.3 LiveWIRE – Request for Assistance

LiveWIRE, the youth enterprise support agency, had requested financial assistance from Council for their youth programmes.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £1,500 to LiveWIRE for 2001.

2.4 Advice Centre Funding

Alderman King and Councillor Mathews declared an interest in this matter.

Development Officer's review of current Advice Centre Funding, as detailed in the report. Consideration was given to the Community Advice Centre Funding, as detailed in the report. The review had been carried out in collaboration with the existing beneficiaries of the funding viz Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB), Women's Aid and Age Concern.

Council had allocated £55,293 towards Advice Centre Funding for 2001/2002.

Committee was recommended to endorse the proposal to enter negotiations with CAB to take a lead in the provision of such advice services under a service level agreement that would encourage greater co-ordination and partnership between CAB, Women's Aid and Age Concern.

Following a full discussion it was agreed that consideration of this topic be deferred for one month to facilitate discussions with each of the three agencies on the proposed recommendation.

The members' Community Development Sub-Group would be involved in these discussions.

A report on the outcome of the meeting would be considered at the March meeting of Committee.

2.5 For Information

The Head of Development Services provided information in his report on the following:

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**3.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR COMMISSION -
REPORT ON OUTCOME OF
INTERPRETATION PROCEEDINGS**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. A. Millar of Macaulay Wray, Council's Solicitors, who was in attendance to report on the outcome of the recent court case regarding interpretation proceedings in relation to the appointment of Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. Justice Girvan had found in favour of Council on all the various issues contested by Coleraine Harbour Commissioners. Both sides were to bear their own legal costs.

Council's authority to nominate up to eleven elected members to the Commission had been confirmed.

Committee welcomed the outcome of these proceedings and it was agreed that a copy of the written judgement be circulated for members' information when this becomes available.

4.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive's report on Land and Property was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Sweeney/Seaport Investments Limited – Lands at West Bay, Portrush

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church:

That this item be considered "In Committee".

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was lost by ten votes to seven.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive referred to the background to this case which involved a disputed claim of title in respect of a small portion of land at West Bay, Portrush.

Mrs. A. Millar, Macaulay Wray, was in attendance and elaborated on the complex title issues involved.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which Mrs. Millar and the Town Clerk and Chief Executive answered various members' questions.

It was agreed that Mrs. Millar request the solicitors acting for Seaport Investments Ltd. to provide sight of their title to the disputed small portion of land to facilitate an assessment of how the matter could be best resolved.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Millar for attending after which she withdrew.

4.2 Boathouse – Portstewart Harbour

The Valuation and Lands Agency had assessed a rent of £650 per annum plus rates for Portstewart Sub-Aqua Club's continued use of the boathouse/compressor room at Portstewart

Harbour for the five year period from 1st April, 2001.

Council is recommended to agree.

4.3 Shop at Juniper Hill
Caravan Park, Portstewart

The Valuation and Lands Agency had advised that agreement had been reached with the tenant, Mr. D. Platt, for a further lease of the shop at Juniper Hill Caravan Park, Portstewart for the three year period from 1st April, 2001 at the current rent of £1,300 per annum.

Council is recommended to agree.

5.0 **CONSULTATION PAPER - "BUILDING
THE WAY FORWARD IN PRIMARY
CARE"**

Consideration was given to the consultation paper "Building the Way Forward in Primary Care" issued by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (previously supplied).

It was agreed to defer consideration of this topic to the March meeting of Committee.

6.0 **2001 SOMME ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE -
29TH JUNE - 3RD JULY, 2001**

Read letter from The Somme Association Ltd. inviting Council to be represented on the 2001 Somme Pilgrimage – 29th June – 3rd July to commemorate the 85th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

Following discussion it was recommended that Alderman Watt, Councillors Mrs. Johnston, McLaughlin and McPherson attend the pilgrimage.

7.0 **SEARCH AND RESCUE HELICOPTER
FACILITIES FOR NORTHERN
IRELAND - PROPOSED CHANGES
FROM 2002**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive updated Committee on proposed changes to search and rescue helicopter facilities for Northern Ireland as a result of the proposed withdrawal of the current Wessex helicopters based at RAF Aldergrove from 31st March, 2002.

An assurance had been received from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that there would be no diminution of search and rescue capacity as a result, with cover being provided from Scotland and Wales. MRS Coastguard N.I. had been requested to formally comment on the proposed changes.

A further report would be provided for Committee once a reply was received.

Noted.

8.0 **ANNUAL TENDERS**

Committee noted that a report on Annual Tenders would be considered at the Council meeting on 27th February, 2001.

9.0 PORTRUSH TRAFFIC SCHEME

Consideration was given to a letter (previously supplied) from the Acting Divisional Roads Manager in response to Council's letter supporting the re-opening of the access from Metropole roundabout to Eglinton Street, Portrush for a twelve month trial period.

Roads Service were prepared to put in place an experimental traffic scheme where, under Road Traffic Regulations, it would be possible to introduce two experimental periods of six months.

It was unlikely that the experimental scheme could be introduced before July 2001 although this timetable would be considerably extended if there were significant objections.

Noted.

10.0 GLENKEEN ROAD, AGHADOWEY

Read letter from the Divisional Roads Manager in response to Council's letter regarding the condition of the carriageway at Glenkeen Road, Aghadowey.

Roads Service shared Council's concern about the condition of Glenkeen Road and the delays in completing the Water Service contract. Roads Service planned to carry out a re-surfacing contract once Water Service vacated the site.

Noted.

11.0 DUNBOE/CASTLEROCK BRANCH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Reported that Dunboe/Castlerock Branch of The Royal British Legion had expressed an interest in erecting a War Memorial in Castlerock.

It was agreed that Council should co-operate with the Branch in its efforts and that the officers have discussions with the Branch with a view to agreeing a site for the War Memorial.

12.0 N.I. HOUSING EXECUTIVE - PRIVATE SECTOR GRANTS AWARENESS SEMINAR

Reported that Council had been invited by the Housing Executive to nominate three members to attend a Private Sector Grants Awareness Seminar to be held on Wednesday, 7th March, 2001 at the Adair Arms Hotel, Ballymena.

Recommended:

That Councillors Mrs. Church, McPherson and Stewart attend the Seminar.

13.0 MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - 24TH JANUARY, 2001

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported on the meeting with the Minister for the Environment, Mr. S. Foster, on 24th January, 2001 attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and himself.

Representatives from Cookstown, Limavady and Magherafelt Councils had also attended.

General issues regarding public service review, waste management, planning, best value, general grant/penny rate products had been discussed.

Noted.

14.0 WILLIAM JOHNSTON MEMORIAL TRUST - EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that Gillian Hoare (Sports Development Officer) and Tony McGonigle (Community Development Officer) had received Certificates of Commendation at the 2001 Employee of the Year Awards. Council's Sport and Leisure Together Scheme had also been awarded a Certificate of Commendation.

Committee congratulated the two officers on their success.

15.0 OFFICIAL OPENING - CIVIC HEADQUARTERS

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the official opening of the civic headquarters had been arranged for 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 9th March, 2001.

Noted.

16.0 CIVIC HEADQUARTERS - MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING - 17TH JANUARY, 2001

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Steering Group Meeting of 17th January, 2001 (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

16.1 Skateboarding

It was agreed that the question of facilities for skateboarding be considered at a future meeting of Leisure and Environment Committee.

17.0 DOMESTIC RATES LEAGUE TABLE - FINANCIAL YEAR 2001/2002

A copy of the Domestic Rates League Table – Financial Year 2001/2002 had been circulated for members' information.

Council was now in 21st place with only five Councils having a lower rate.

**18.0 CYCLE PATH - WEST BAY,
PORTRUSH**

Reference was made, by Councillor Hillis, to the reinstatement of car parking provision in the vicinity of part of the cycle path at West Bay, Portrush.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive would ask the Director of Leisure Services to advise Councillor Hillis of the plans.