

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004 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. Minutes (enclosed):
  - 1.1 Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2004
  - 1.2 Special Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2004
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004  
**(Item No. 2.0)** Northern Ireland Milk Cup 2004 (Report enclosed)  
**(Item No. 5.3.4)** Entertainments Licence – Goldrush Amusements, Portrush
  - 2.2 Planning Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2004
  - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2004
3. The National Trust  

Representatives from the National Trust will be in attendance to present on the work of the Trust.
4. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor J. Dallat:  

“This Council upholds the human rights of all citizens to reside in a neutral living environment, free from the trappings of paramilitary groups and calls on the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the PSNI and other bodies with power and influence to end immediately the present disgraceful displays of murals and other trappings promoting terror groups.”

5. St. Patrick's Day Celebrations (Report enclosed)
6. Coleraine Showgrounds (Report enclosed)
7. Correspondence
8. Documents for Sealing

**Enclosed for Information:**

- (1) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2004
- (2) A Joint Statement by NILGA, LACORS, FSA (N.I.), CIEH (N.I.) and Sustainable N.I. – Food – The Local Vision

To: Each Member of Council.

20<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.

## **COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2004.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan  
(Items 3.0 - 14.0)

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 - 7.0)

W. T. Creelman  
W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
(Items 1.0 - 7.0)

W. A. King  
D. McClarty  
(Items 1.0 - 7.0)

D. D. Barbour

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

G. L. McLaughlin

J. J. Dallat

R. A. McPherson

T. J. Deans

A. McQuillan

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

W. J. Watt

N. F. Hillis

(Items 1.0 - 7.0)

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

**Apology:** Alderman Leonard

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Barbour on his return to the Chamber following his recent illness.

## **2.0 CONGRATULATIONS**

2.1 World Indoor Bowls Pairs Title The Mayor congratulated Mr. Ian McClure and Mr. Jeremy Henry on winning the World Indoor Bowls Pairs Title.

2.2 SOLACE - Chairman The Mayor extended congratulations to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on his appointment as Chairman of SOLACE.

## **3.0 LAUREL HILL POST OFFICE**

Following reference to the possible closure of Laurel Hill Post Office it was agreed that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive write to Post Office Headquarters to

clarify the situation.

#### **4.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 and the Special Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 were confirmed and signed.

#### **5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### 5.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

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

Matters arising:

##### 5.1.1 Planning Workshop - 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2004

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed:

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State expressing Council's concern at the Department of Finance and Personnel not being represented at the Planning Workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2004.

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

##### 5.2 Planning Committee

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

Matters arising:

##### 5.2.1 Site Meetings/Staffing Levels

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

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive write to the Minister for the Environment and the Chief Executive of the Planning Service expressing Council's concern about the situation regarding site meetings and the unacceptable staffing levels in the Coleraine Planning Office.

##### 5.2.2 February Planning Committee Meeting

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that the February Planning Committee would probably require to be held in the afternoon as a result of the continuing industrial action by civil servants.

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

5.3 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 McQuillan.

Matters arising:

5.3.1 Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Masterplan

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that the Special Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 would possibly be held at 5.00 p.m. to facilitate members who had another important engagement that evening.

5.3.3 Land Issues

It was noted that issues raised relating to lands at Strand Road, Portstewart and Ballyreagh Road, Portrush would be included in the Land and Property Report to be brought to Committee in February.

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

**6.0 SYMPATHY**

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Eugene O'Kane, a nephew of Mr. P. J. O'Kane, Haulage Contractor, Garvagh, in an accident in America. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. P. J. O'Kane.

**7.0 ROADS SERVICE REPORT - 2003 - 2004**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. J. Beattie, Principal Engineer, who was in attendance to present the Roads Service Report 2003 - 2004 (previously supplied).

An apology was extended from Mr. M. Glover, Section Engineer, who was unable to attend.

Mr. Beattie updated members on the progress of the current year's work and outlined plans for the forthcoming year.

7.1 Dunhill Road/Drumcroone Road Junction

Following reference to this junction Mr. Beattie intimated that a roundabout would most probably have to be built at this location.

Noted.

Various queries were raised by members and Mr. Beattie agreed to investigate these and report back in due course.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Beattie for an informative and comprehensive report.

**8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - AUTISM**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Deans and, following discussion, unanimously agreed:

"That this Council calls for multi-disciplinary services designed to meet the health, education and social needs of people with autism and will write to the Secretary of State asking him to detail what strategies the Northern Ireland Departments have for the provision of such services in this Council area."

**9.0 HELP THE AGED - "SCRAP AGE DISCRIMINATION FOR EQUALITY" CAMPAIGN**

Following consideration of the resolution and background information (previously supplied) it was agreed that Council offer its support.

**10.0 ROADS SERVICE - TARIFFS**

Read letter from the Roads Service advising members that, following a review of the tariffs applicable to car parks, no changes were proposed for the Coleraine area.

Noted.

**11.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (a) Minutes of the North-Eastern Education and Library Board dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2003;
- (b) Report of the Coleraine District Policing Partnership Public Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2003;
- (c) Northern Ireland Policing Board - Monitoring PSNI Compliance with the Human Rights Act 1998.

**12.0 PORTRUSH RAFT RACE**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that a statement had been issued by the Raft Race organisers advising Council that it had been decided to discontinue the organisation of the event.

Portrush Raft Race had run most successfully for the past twenty-two years and had raised much needed funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Following discussion it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the organising Committee.

The Director of Leisure Services would discuss with other local charities the possibility of taking over the organisation of the Raft Race.

**13.0 ZOMBA VISIT**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive would report on his recent visit to Zomba at the February Meeting of the Policy and Development Committee.

Councillors were welcome to attend the presentation to staff to be held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2004 at 1.00 p.m.

## 14.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Indenture and Counterpart Council and William Verner (Tenant) and Catherine Verner (Guarantor) 21 Main Street, Bushmills - Shop Unit, North Pier, Portrush Harbour.
  
2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial Deeds Register Nos 2946 - 2961 inclusive:

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	1
Coleraine	6
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	9

## SPECIAL MEETING

2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2004.

**Convened:** To consider the Rate Estimates and strike a Borough Rate for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart, in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)                      B. Leonard  
W. T. Creelman                          W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)                      E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
D. D. Barbour                              W. A. King  
J. M. Bradley                                D. McClarty  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                        G. L. McLaughlin  
J. J. Dallat                                  R. A. McPherson  
T. J. Deans                                  W. J. Watt  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Hillis and McQuillan

## **1.0 RATE ESTIMATES 2004/2005**

The Director of Corporate Services presented his report on the Rate Estimates for 2004/2005 (previously supplied) and members noted the main factors which gave rise to the proposed increase viz:

- **Technical Services**
  - provision for landfill site closures and maintenance requirements
  - the impact of new legislation on staffing requirements at Craigahulliar Landfill Site and all civic amenity sites
  - significant additional costs in the areas of recycling arising from the “blue bin” collection service
  - costs of a separate commercial refuse collection
- **Leisure Services**
  - additional staffing costs associated with the first year of operation of Flowerfield Arts Centre
  - the development of tourism and community events including the return of the “Seniors” golfing event to the Borough
  - several new posts, which have been substantially grant aided, have been budgeted for viz:



- an outreach officer for the Causeway Museum Service
- an archiving assistant in respect of Coleraine Museum
- a Community Safety Officer to administer the new Community Safety Partnership

• **Other Major Issues**

- an estimate of 5% has been allowed for the 2004/2005 pay award
- an increase in rate costs at various properties, largely due to revaluation
- items of Capital Expenditure previously approved by Council viz:
  - upgrading of Coleraine Marina
  - commencement of construction of Coleraine Museum
  - refurbishment of Portrush Town Hall
  - coastal protection works at Portballintrae
  - over £1 million of minor works schemes throughout the Borough

Consideration was also given to various additional aspects of Council's income and expenditure programme and, during the ensuing discussion, the following requests from members were noted:

- (i) a report to update members on the current Economic Development Programme;
- (ii) a presentation on the work of Community Development;

1.1 Estimate Summary

The estimate of rates culminated in the following rate requirement:

	£
Net Cost of Services	11,242,884
<u>Less General Grant</u>	<u>613,039</u>
Amount to be raised	10,629,845 =====
Estimated product of 1p rate	658,960

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston, seconded by Alderman McClure and agreed:

That Council strike a Borough Rate for the 2004/2005 year as follows:

- (a) Non-Domestic Rate of 16.13 pence
- (b) Domestic Rate of 122.50 pence

This represented a percentage increase of 6.5% which would be around 0.5% lower than that levied in 2003/04.

1.2 Congratulations

Members congratulated all the staff who had contributed to the extensive estimates exercise.

## LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2004.

**Present:** Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart

### **Aldermen**

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 4.3)	W. T. Creelman
E. T. Black (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 4.3)	B. Leonard
	W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. A. King
D. D. Barbour	D. McClarty
J. M. Bradley	G. L. McLaughlin
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	R. A. McPherson
J. J. Dallat	A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	(Items 1.0 – 3.12)
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 3.0)	W. J. Watt

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities), Leisure Services Officer (Services), Principal Building Control Officer (Items 2.0 – 5.6) and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Hillis

## **1.0 PROPOSED SOMME FESTIVAL**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. T. Doherty, Coleraine Orange Order, who was in attendance to address Committee regarding the proposed Somme Festival.

Mr. Doherty circulated details of the Festival to members which would comprise three main elements:

- Somme Exhibition in Coleraine Town Hall by the Somme Heritage Centre – 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2004;
- Fireworks Display – 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2004
- Ulster Scots Orchestra Concert – 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2004

Council was asked to contribute £4,200.00 towards the total cost of the Festival, estimated at £6,542.00.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which Mr. Doherty answered various members' questions.

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor McQuillan and recommended:

That Council contribute £4,200.00 towards the cost of the Somme Festival in Coleraine.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Doherty for his presentation.

## **2.0 NORTHERN IRELAND MILK CUP 2004 - FUNDING**

The Chairman welcomed Messrs. V. Leonard, J. Weir and J. Stanford from the Northern Ireland Milk Cup Committee who were in attendance regarding funding for the 2004 tournament.

Mr. Stanford gave a resumé of the 2003 tournament and projected expenditure to fund this year's tournament.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which Messrs. Stanford and Leonard answered various members' questions.

It was agreed that Council's already approved contribution of £18,000.00 towards the funding of the 2004 tournament be reviewed and a report thereon be presented to the Council Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance.

## **3.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

### **3.1 Skateboard Park**

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding the Skateboard Park.

To enable the Company to retain potential funding in the future, Council is recommended to extend its offer of capital grant into the 2004/2005 year.

### **3.2 Land at Portballintrae**

Council is recommended to accept the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's offer of a ten year lease on land situated at Darkfort Drive, Portballintrae to develop as open space.

The Director of Leisure Services would consult further with local residents and the Housing Executive regarding the possibility of providing a temporary community facility at this location.

### **3.3 Dunluce Centre, Portrush**

It was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Alderman McClure and recommended to agree to the Turbo Tours Cinema at the Dunluce Centre being upgraded to a four-

dimensional theatre by Iwerks Ltd. The approximate cost would be £115,000.00 with an

additional £10,000.00 being required to alter seating, etc. An allowance had been made in the 2004/2005 Capital Programme.

Councillor Ms. Alexander asked to be recorded as dissenting.

3.4 Surfing Tender

A tender had been received from Mr. B. McAuley for £600.00 per annum to provide surfing and body boarding lessons on the beaches at Portrush East and West Strands for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.

Council is recommended to agree.

3.5 Churchlands Ward, Coleraine

Committee congratulated the Local Strategic Partnership in drawing down £230,000.00 from the Department of Social Development's Local Community Fund. These funds would be used to improve the recently acquired open space at Ardbeg Drive and the sports pitch at Coleraine West Community Centre.

3.6 Laurel Hill Lands, Coleraine

Reference was made to the Council owned lands at Laurel Hill, Coleraine.

The Director of Leisure Services would provide an update on this topic at a future meeting of Committee.

3.7 Flowerfield – Open Night

It was noted that an open night at Flowerfield had been arranged for Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 from 7.00 p.m.

3.8 Cashlandoo Park, Portstewart

The Director of Leisure Services would update Alderman Mrs. Armitage on future plans for the park.

3.9 The Crescent, Portstewart

The Director of Leisure Services advised that discussions were ongoing with the current licensee, Mr. Davidson.

3.10 Former Strand Hotel Site, Portstewart

In response to a query the Director of Technical Services advised that further clarification of recent legal advice was being sought.

3.11 Ballysally Football Pitch, Coleraine

The Director of Leisure Services agreed to investigate ongoing drainage problems at this location.

3.12 For Information

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

- (a) Coleraine International Choral Festival – 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2004;
- (b) Irish Museums Association Annual Conference – Ennis, Co. Clare – 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2004

#### **4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

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| 4.1 <u>Northern Ireland Amusement Caterers' Trade Association (NIACTA) – Proposed Three Year Amusement Permit</u> | Recommended:<br><br>That Council write to Northern Ireland Amusement Caterers' Trade Association in support of their proposal to increase the duration of an amusement permit from one year to three years subject to the conditions as detailed in the Director of Environmental Health's report.                           |
| 4.2 <u>Coleraine Home Accident Prevention Committee</u>   | Councillor Bradley asked to be recorded as dissenting.<br><br>Members congratulated the Coleraine Committee who, in conjunction with Ballymoney and Moyle, had secured £30,000.00 of direct grant aid from Causeway Local Health and Social Care Group to provide a Hazard House and Resource Centre situated in Ballymoney. |
| 4.2.1 <u>"Theatre of Fire/Flaming Fables"</u>   | Committee noted that Coleraine Home Accident Prevention Committee would be hosting a forthcoming event at the Riverside Theatre on 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2004 entitled "Theatre of Fire/Flaming Fables".   |
| 4.3 <u>Animal By-Products Regulations (N.I.) 2003 - Disposal of Fallen Animals</u>                                | Committee noted that the Animal By-Products Regulations (N.I.) 2003 had now been implemented. The Regulations would prohibit the on-farm burial of fallen animals.   |
| 4.4 <u>Group Environmental Systems – Funding</u>  | It was agreed that the Group Director be invited to a future meeting of Committee.   |
| 4.5 <u>Environmental Health Activity - Quarter Ending December 2003</u>   | Committee noted information, as detailed in the report regarding Departmental activity for the quarter ending December 2003.   |

#### **5.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

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| 5.1 <u>Northern Ireland Landfill</u> | Consideration was given to the Department |
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Allowance Scheme -  
Consultation Document

of the Environment's consultation paper on the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme as detailed in the report.

The Director of Technical Services would respond to this topic through both the TAG and Regional Waste Management Groups.

Council is recommended to agree to the introduction of a 'fixed penalty' system as a last resort. It was noted that this would require further primary legislation.

5.2 The Landfill Directive -  
Proposals to Implement the  
Requirement of Council  
Decision 2003/EC  
Establishing Criteria and  
Procedures for Acceptance  
of Waste at Landfill

Consideration was given to the Department of the Environment's proposed amendments to the forthcoming Landfill Regulations (N.I.) as detailed in the report. This was required in order to implement the requirements of European Council Decision 2003/EC. The Director of Technical Services would respond to the Department through both the TAG and Regional Waste Management Groups.

5.3 Entertainments Licences

5.3.1 The Anchor Bar and  
Anchorage Inn,  
87/89 The Promenade,  
Portstewart

An application for the transfer of an Entertainments Licence had been received from Mr. I. Madden, 87/89 The Promenade, Portstewart.

Recommended:

That Council grant transfer of the Entertainments Licence.

5.3.2 The Clock Bar, 5 Main  
Street, Garvagh

An application for the grant of an Entertainments Licence had been received from Mr. N. Downey, 17 Sherbourne Park, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt.

Recommended:

That Council grant an Entertainments Licence.

5.3.3 The Farmers Rest,  
20 Maghera Street,  
Kilrea

An application for the grant of an Entertainments Licence had been received from Miss K. A. Mullan, 18 Maghera Street, Kilrea.

Recommended:

That Council grant an Entertainments Licence subject to inspection and compliance with Fire Authority and any other

licensing requirements.

- 5.3.4 Goldrush Amusements, 11 Dunluce Avenue, Portrush An application for the grant of an Entertainments Licence had been received from M. & R. Forbes and S. McGuckin, 11 Dunluce Avenue, Portrush.
- In light of the objection it was noted that this application would be deferred to the Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 when the applicants and the objector would be given an opportunity of addressing Council.
- 5.4 Building Control Approval had been granted for fifty-two applications.
- 5.5 Bus Shelters – Update Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding bus shelters.
- 5.5.1 Strand Road, Coleraine The Director of Technical Services agreed to re-consider a suitable location for a bus shelter at Strand Road, Coleraine.
- 5.6 Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy Committee noted information on this topic.
- 6.0 PLANNING COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY**
- It was agreed that this month's meeting be held at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2004. Outstanding site visits from January 2004 would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.
- 7.0 REGISTRY OFFICE - TRANSLATION SERVICES**
- In response to a query the Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to investigate this matter.
- 8.0 BARNSIDE ROAD, KILREA**
- Reference was made to ongoing fly-tipping problems at Barnside Road, Kilrea.
- The Director of Technical Services agreed to investigate this matter and review any remedial action taken by Magherafelt District Council at this location.
- 9.0 MOBILE PHONES - VEHICLES**
- Reference was made to new legislation prohibiting the use of mobile phones whilst driving. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that all staff had been made aware of the proper safety procedures to comply with the law.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

10<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.

**Present:** Councillor W. J. Watt in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)                      B. Leonard  
W. T. Creelman                         W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)                 E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                 W. A. King  
J. J. Dallat                               D. McClarty  
T. J. Deans                               G. L. McLaughlin  
(Item 1.0)                                 R. A. McPherson  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)                 A. McQuillan

**Also in**  
**Attendance:** Representatives from the Planning Service -  
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. G. Walker

**Officers in**  
**Attendance:** Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Barbour and Hillis

#### **1.0 PLANNING APPLICATION NO. C/2003/0374/F** **ERECTION OF 6 NO. DWELLING HOUSES** **AND 3 NO. APARTMENTS AT 11 ST. PATRICK'S** **AVENUE, COLERAINE FOR MR. R. BELL**

The Administrative Officer advised members that a request had been received for a representative from St. Patrick's Avenue to address Committee regarding the local residents' objections to the proposals being misrepresented at the January Planning Committee Meeting (copy of letter previously supplied).

Mrs. J. Sturgeon addressed Committee, outlined the history of the application and expressed concerns relating to the over-development of the site. It was noted that the Divisional Planning Manager was at present investigating a formal complaint from the residents of St. Patrick's Avenue concerning this application.

Following a full discussion it was agreed:

That an office meeting be arranged with the Divisional Planning Manager, Council members, objectors and the developers.

It was noted that the Divisional Planning Manager would be contacted regarding holding a decision on this application.

#### **2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**



A list of ninety-one applications was considered (previously supplied).

**Applications Deferred from  
Previous Meeting**

- 2.1 Application No. D1  
C/2001/0962/F  
Erection of 17 no. apartments at  
Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Bath Terrace,  
Portrush for Mr. A. Stewart
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was agreed:
- That the application be deferred to facilitate referral to BDP Planning for examination before deciding whether it should be forwarded to the Planning Management Board for consideration.
- 2.2 Application No. D2  
C/2003/0152/F  
Demolition of existing buildings and  
erection of two semi-detached  
dwelling - two-and-a-half storey  
with integral garages at 69 Strand  
Road, Portstewart for  
NM Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church:
- That the application be refused.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, twelve members voting in favour and no one voting against.
- 2.3 Application No. D3  
C/2003/0602/F  
Erection of replacement dwelling  
and detached garage (amended  
scheme) at 38 Dunluce Road,  
Bushmills for Mr. and Mrs. D. Purcell
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Satisfactory amended plans had been received and it was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.4 Application No. D4  
C/2003/0738/F  
Erection of dwelling and garage  
adjacent to 31 Agivey Road, Kilrea  
for PRH Construction
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.5 Application No. D5  
C/2003/0739/F  
Proposed replacement dwelling at  
31 Agivey Road, Kilrea for  
PRH Construction
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.6 Application No. D6  
C/2003/0801/F  
Balcony to rear elevation to form fire
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

- escape at 55 Ballintrae Park for Mr. B. Gray It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.7 Application No. D7 C/2003/0837/O Site for dwelling 300m south-west of 46 Glebe Road, Castlerock for Mr. J. Smyth The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  
It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.8 Application No. D8 C/2003/0857/F 2 no. townhouses to replace existing dwelling at 2 High Road, Portstewart for Orianna Investments Ltd. The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  
It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.9 Site Meetings It was noted that site meetings, including deferrals from January, would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.

### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

- 2.10 Application No. 2 C/2002/1127/F Provision of new jetty (access from 7-21 Ardbanna Terrace) for private use only of owners of new apartments to be constructed at 7 - 21 Ardbanna Terrace, Mountsandel Road, Coleraine (section of River Bann, approx. 5m from western boundary) for O'Kane & Devine Construction Ltd. The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  
It was agreed, eight members voting in favour and two members voting against, that the application be approved.
- 2.11 Application No. 4 C/2003/0406/O Site for dwelling and garage adjacent to 109 Craigmore Road, Ringsend, Coleraine for Mr. M. O'Kane 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.
- 2.12 Application No. 8 C/2003/0950/F Installation of low ropes course in fenced off area with floodlighting for outdoor pursuits at Woodhall Residential Centre, 27 Moneygran Road, Kilrea for N.E.E.L.B. The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 2.13 Application No. 9 C/2003/0959/F New Restaurant development at 3b - 3d The Promenade, Portstewart for Portstewart Developments The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.

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| 2.14 | <u>Application No. 14</u><br><u>C/2003/1027/F</u><br><u>Change of house type at Site Nos.</u><br><u>17, 18, 19, 32 and 34 Hopefield</u><br><u>Development (opposite Cormanagh</u><br><u>Court/Hopefield Park), Portrush for</u><br><u>Tara Homes</u>  | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the Developers be requested to cease work until the ground levels are clarified.</p> |
| 2.15 | <u>Application No. 16</u><br><u>C/2003/1070/O</u><br><u>Site for retirement dwelling 200m</u><br><u>north of 17 Craigahulliar Road,</u><br><u>Portrush for Mr. R. McCaughern</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>   |
| 2.16 | <u>Application No. 18</u><br><u>C/2003/1079/F</u><br><u>Proposed 6 no. apartments at</u><br><u>87/89 Strand Road, Portstewart for</u><br><u>Mr. S. Forde</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 an office meeting.</p>  |
| 2.17 | <u>Application No. 19</u><br><u>C/2003/1092/O</u><br><u>Proposed housing development</u><br><u>incorporating detached, semi-</u><br><u>detached, terraced blocks and</u><br><u>apartments adjacent to and to the</u><br><u>rear of No. 1 Atlantic Road,</u><br><u>Coleraine for Mr. G. Mullan</u>   | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved subject to a condition restricting the Shellbridge Park access to pedestrians and cyclists only.</p>   |
| 2.18 | <u>Application No. 23</u><br><u>C/2003/1121/F</u><br><u>Erection of 22 no. detached</u><br><u>dwelling, 6 no. semi-detached</u><br><u>dwelling, 7 no. town houses, 4 no.</u><br><u>apartments on lands with outline</u><br><u>approval (C/1998/0169) including</u><br><u>amendment to approved roads and</u><br><u>drainage details south of Rockland</u><br><u>Gardens and Rockland Drive,</u><br><u>Portstewart for Seahaven</u><br><u>Developments</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 an office meeting.</p>  |
| 2.19 | <u>Application No. 27</u><br><u>C/2003/1156/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling at Glenkeen Road</u><br><u>(adjacent to No. 58), Aghadowey for</u><br><u>Mrs. E. Allen</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>   |
| 2.20 | <u>Application No. 38</u><br><u>C/2003/1239/O</u>   | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p>   |

- New dwelling to rear of 45 Bridge Street, Kilrea for J. and M. McAllister It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 2.21 Application No. 40  
C/2003/1242/O  
Site for dwelling at rear of 135 Carrowreagh Road, Garvagh for Mr. H. McFetridge 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.
- 2.22 Application No. 51  
C/2003/1270/O  
Dwelling and garage adjacent to 17 Ballymenagh Road, Garvagh for Mr. G. Boyce 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.
- 2.23 Application No. 52  
C/2003/1274/O  
Site for dwelling and garage to the rear of 3 Ballystrone Road, Macosquin for Mr. T. Cochrane 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.
- 2.24 Application No. 53  
C/2003/1275/O  
Site for dwelling and garage opposite 47 Drumeil Road, Aghadowey for Mr. McAfee 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.
- 2.25 Application No. 57  
C/2003/1282/F  
Alterations/additions to house (first floor side extension) at 15 Portrush Road, North Mullaghacall, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. C. Warwick The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.26 Application No. 58  
C/2003/1284/O  
Site for dwelling adjacent to 24 Kilmoyle Road, Ballybogey for Mr. K. Brogan 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.
- 2.27 Application No. 61  
C/2003/1289/F  
Two detached dwellings, one with detached garage and access to Kurin Road, adjacent to 54 Kurin Road, Garvagh for Mr. E. Holmes The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 2.28 Application No. 62 The opinion of the Planning Service was

- C/2003/1292/F  
Erection of dwelling with detached garage at Fort Road, Garvagh (opposite No. 31) for Mr. B. Turner
- 2.29 Application No. 66  
C/2003/1312/O  
Dwelling and garage adjacent to 130 Craigmore Road, Ringsend for Mr. H. Henry
- 2.30 Application No. 67  
C/2003/1313/O  
Dwelling and garage west of 125 Craigmore Road, Ringsend for Mr. H. Henry
- 2.31 Application No. 69  
C/2003/1318/O  
Proposed dwelling at Killyvalley Road, Garvagh for Mr. Henry
- 2.32 Application No. 70  
C/2003/1321/O  
Site for two-storey dwelling with detached garage at Dunboe Road, 250m south-east of Sconce Road/Dunboe Road junction, Coleraine for Mr. D. Norris
- 2.33 Application No. 73  
C/2003/1328/O  
Site for dwelling opposite 18 Ballyhome Road, Coleraine for Mr. S. McClure
- 2.34 Application No. 78  
C/2003/1339/O  
Site for dwelling and garage to rear of 88 Mullaghinch Road, Aghadowey for Mr. G. McAuley
- Application No. 79  
C/2003/1340/O  
Site for dwelling and garage adjacent to 88 Mullaghinch Road, Aghadowey for Mr. G. McAuley
- Application No. 80  
C/2003/1341/O
- to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
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- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse the three applications.
- It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.

Site for dwelling and garage to rear of 88 Mullaghinch Road, Aghadowey for Mr. G. McAuley

2.35 Application No. 83 C/2003/1350/O

Site for dwelling north-west of No. 33 Ballytober Road, Bushmills for Mr. J. Cochrane

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.

### **3.0 PLANNING SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Paul Duffy on his promotion and welcomed Mr. Graham Walker to his first meeting of Committee.

### **4.0 BALANCED COMMUNITIES - FORMATION OF REVIEW GROUP**

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report on Balanced Communities - Formation of Review Group (previously supplied).

The Review Group would be specifically charged with identifying and examining a range of potential mechanisms to seek to moderate and manage the development of second/investment homes in the Borough.

Membership would be sought on the following basis with perhaps no more than two members from each organisation:

- Causeway Coast Communities Consortium
- Portstewart Community Vision
- Planning Service - Department of the Environment
- Department for Regional Development
- Department for Social Development/Northern Ireland Housing Executive/ appropriate Housing Associations
- Department of Finance and Personnel
- University of Ulster
- Elected Members - Coleraine Borough Council

Following discussion it was agreed, eight members voting in favour and seven members voting against, that the following members be appointed to the Review Group:

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Watt and Councillor McQuillan) and Councillors Ms. Alexander and Dallat.

### **5.0 MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL - SITE FOR LOCAL RETAIL CENTRE, ACCESS ROAD AND ASSOCIATED PARKING AT BALLAGHMORE ROAD, PORTBALLINTRAIE - MR. S. SWEENEY**

Read letter from the Planning Service advising members that The Management Board had reviewed the above referral and had concluded that planning permission for the proposed development should not be granted.

Noted.

**6.0 THE PLANNING (NORTHERN IRELAND)  
ORDER 1991 - APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT  
NOTICE - ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED ERECTION  
OF A BUILDING AT 11 ASHBOURNE PARK,  
COLERAINE - MRS. J. TOSH**

Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising members that an appeal had been received against the above enforcement notice and invited comments.

Following discussion it was agreed:

That Council support the enforcement action.

**7.0 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE -  
SALMON LEAP INN AND RESTAURANT,  
COLERAINE**

Read letter from the Environment and Heritage Service in reply to Council's request with regard to the 'spot listing' of the old part of the Salmon Leap Inn and Restaurant.

It was noted that the Environment and Heritage Service had commissioned an adhoc second survey of the building.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Administrative Officer write to the Environment and Heritage Service stressing the urgency of the matter.

**8.0 RAIL 21**

Read letter from Rail 21 advising members of a meeting to be held at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 in the Council Offices, Ardeevin, Ballymena.

The main purpose of the meeting would be to express Rail 21's views and concerns about the future of the "non-core" railway lines which are currently subject to review by the DRD.

It was agreed that the following members attend:

Alderman McClure  
Councillors Dallat and McClarty

**9.0 FIREMEN - INJURED**

Reference was made to the recent incident whereby two firemen were injured when fighting a fire at Dhu Varren, Portrush.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive write to the firemen expressing Council's regret at the incident and convey best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**17<sup>th</sup> February, 2004**

**Present:**

Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.), in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

**Aldermen**

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

W. T. Creelman

B. Leonard

W. J. McClure

**Councillors**



C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
D. D. Barbour  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
J. J. Dallat  
T. J. Deans  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

W. A. King  
G. L. McLaughlin  
(Items 1.0 – 14.0)  
R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
W. J. Watt

**Officers in**

**Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Services Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Economic Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Tourism Manager (Items 1.0 – 7.0), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Policy Development Officer, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:**

Councillors Bradley and Hillis

**1.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Marketing Plan for the Coleraine Borough

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. Peter Thompson, Tourism Manager, who was in attendance to present an overview of the Draft Marketing Plan for 2004-2006 (previously supplied).

During the ensuing discussion the Tourism Manager answered members' questions and it was noted that the Special Meeting being held on 19<sup>th</sup> February to consider the Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Masterplan would address many of members' concerns.

1.2 Coleraine CCTV Scheme

Committee noted information on the running costs and contributions towards this scheme for 2001–2003, as detailed in the report.

Estimated costs for 2003-2004 supplied by Safer Coleraine, including a proposal to install four new cameras, would amount to a total of £61,408 and it was proposed that these costs would be met on a 50:50 basis between Council and the private sector.

It was therefore recommended:

That Council contribute £30,704 to Safer Coleraine towards the running costs of Coleraine CCTV Scheme for the period December 2003 – November 2004.

One abstention from the recommendation was recorded for Alderman Leonard.

- 1.3 Expansion of CCTV Recommended:
- That the following members be nominated to comprise a group from the Bann and Skerries wards, to discuss the possible expansion of CCTV into Portstewart, Kilrea and Garvagh:
- The Mayor  
The Deputy Mayor  
Alderman Mrs. Armitage  
Councillors Ms. Alexander, King and McQuillan
- 1.4 Coleraine Tourist Information Centre Members noted that Council had been given notice to relocate by the owner of the Tourist Office at Railway Road and new premises were currently being sought.
- 1.5 Neighbourhood Renewal A Consultation Workshop on the draft implementation plan of the DSD for Neighbourhood Renewal in Regional Towns and Cities – ‘People & Place’ (previously supplied), would be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 in the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. The document and a draft response would then be considered at the meeting of the Policy and Development Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.
- Members interested in attending the workshop were asked to advise the Head of Development Services.
- 1.6 Pathways for Change The closing date for comment on this document had been extended and a seminar to consider the document would be held by NILGA on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 at Craigavon Civic Centre from 9.15am to 1.45pm.
- Recommended:
- That Councillors Dallat and Mrs. Johnston attend the NILGA seminar.
- 1.7 Broadband Update The Economic Development Manager was in attendance to present an update on the development of Broadband in the Borough.

During the ensuing discussion members expressed their dismay at the high target levels set by BT for rural areas with low populations. They also congratulated the Economic Development Manager on the success of this initiative to date.

1.8 Economic Development Update

Members noted that a report on the outcomes of the Building Sustainable Prosperity Programme would be presented at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.

1.8.1 Mid-term review of advice

An update prepared by Venture International was circulated. A review and recommendations on the way forward would be presented at the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.

Noted.

1.8.2 Tourism Masterplan

Members were reminded of the Special Meeting being held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm to consider this document.

Noted.

1.8.3 Funding for Farmers and Farm Families

Members noted that DARD would be hosting a workshop on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 from 7.00pm - 10.00pm in the Bann Gallery.

**2.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Tender for the Provision of Insurances and Associated Broking Services

Tenders had been received for the three year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2004 from the following brokers:

Willis Ltd	£393,286.84
Marsh (UK) Ltd	£421,605.62

Recommended:

That the lowest tender from Willis Ltd be accepted in the sum of £393,286.84.

2.2 Matters for Information

2.2.1 Members' Expenses Claims

Members noted a reminder that claims for expenses must be submitted within

three months from the date on which an approved duty was performed.

2.2.2 Seasonal Employment

Riada Recruitment had been appointed to carry out recruitment for the 2004 season.

Noted.

2.2.3 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments for January 2004, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

Revenue A/C	-	£ 289,738.26
Capital A/C	-	£ 482,886.20
Petty Cash A/C	-	£ 225,002.29

**3.0 ANNUAL TENDERS**

Annual tenders for 2004/05 had been received as follows:

3.1 Tender No 1 – Small Tools:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Total (£)</u>
*J McLaughlin Ltd, Armagh	245.28
Jamison & Green Ltd, Belfast	614.40
*Christies Ltd, Coleraine	782.04
*M J Toland Enterprises Ltd, Londonderry	907.56

\*Incomplete tenders

Recommended:

That the tender from Jamison & Green be accepted for the supply of bulk orders and the tender from Christies Ltd for smaller orders.

3.2 Tender No 2 – Timber:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Total (£)</u>
H & T Bellas Ltd, Coleraine	746.52

Recommended:

That the tender from H & T Bellas be accepted.

3.3 Tender No 3 – Electrical Work:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>			
	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Electrician</u>	<u>Apprentice</u>	<u>+ %</u>
A Maybin, Garvagh		10.50	6.75	3
Nevin Electrics, Coleraine		12.50	6.50	5
RHK Davidson, Coleraine		13.00	5.50	5

P&L Electrics, Limavady	14.50	9.85	5
CMM Electrics, Toomebridge	16.60	7.00	5

Recommended:

That tenders from A Maybin, Nevin Electrics and RHK Davidson be accepted for different aspects of work and that the remaining tenders be included to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

3.4 Tender No 4 – Plumbing Work:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>			
	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Plumber</u>	<u>Apprentice</u>	+ %
P&H Services, Coleraine		11.50	6.00	

Recommended:

That the tender from P&H Services be accepted.

3.5 Tender No 5 – Mechanical Work:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>			
	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Fitter</u>	<u>Machinist</u>	+ %
Mettican Engineering, Garvagh		10.00	15.00	
A Farlow (Engineering), Garvagh		13.00	15.00	12
BB Engineering, Coleraine		13.50	15.50	25
Roe Engineering, Coleraine		15.00	15.00	30
Scott & Stinson Engineering, Coleraine		15.00	18.00	10

Recommended:

That all five tenders be accepted for work as appropriate and that tenders also be used to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

3.6 Tender No 6 – Tyres:

This tender is still being evaluated.

3.7 Tender No 7 – Paint:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Total (£)</u>
Kalon Decorative Products, Carrickfergus	2,743.45
Akzo Nobel Decorative Coatings, Belfast	2,894.75

Recommended:

That the tender from Kalon Decorative Products be accepted.

3.8 Tender No 8 – Slurry Tanker Service:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Hourly Rate (£)</u>
N Callaghan, Articlave	9.00
M Farlow, Coleraine	10.00
T Cochrane, Macosquin	18.00
C Lynch, Bushmills	30.00

Recommended:

That the tender from N Callaghan be accepted.

### 3.9 Tender No 9 – Painting Work:

<u>Tenderer</u> <u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>			+ %
	<u>Painter</u>	<u>Apprentice</u>		
Northwest Decorators, Portstewart	12.50	6.00		20
S Nicholl, Coleraine	13.00	6.00		10
N Campbell, Portstewart	13.28	8.00		5

Recommended:

That all three tenders be accepted and that the tenders also be used to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

### 3.10 Building Work:

<u>Tenderer</u> <u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>				+ %
	<u>Joiner</u>	<u>Bricklayer</u>	<u>Plasterer</u>	<u>Labourer</u>	
SM Oliver, Coleraine (apprentice)	14.50 10.00	14.50	14.50	13.50	15
Jim Boyd Services, Ballybogy	-	-	15.00	10.00	-
J Arthur Joinery, Coleraine (apprentice)	19.50 10.00	19.50 10.00	19.50 10.00	15.00	10

Recommended:

That all three tenders be accepted and that the tenders also be used to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

## 4.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by The Mayor, seconded by Alderman McClure and unanimously recommended to Council:

“That Coleraine Borough Council, which is proud to host Portrush Lifeboat Station, grants the Freedom of the Borough to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in recognition of the outstanding public service which it provides and the devotion to duty of its members and crew in saving lives and vessels, often in situations of great personal danger.”

## **5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

“This Council regrets that only 8 homes are programmed by housing associations to start in the Portstewart area in 2004/2005 and calls on the Secretary of State to identify this area as one of special need for social housing.”

An amendment to the motion was then proposed by Alderman Leonard and seconded by Councillor Barbour viz:

“This Council regrets the limited 2004/2005 programme of social housing to meet the needs in The Heights and Newmills Estate in Coleraine and also in Portstewart.

Council therefore calls on the Minister responsible for Social Development to recommend to the Secretary of State that they are identified as areas of special need for social housing.”

A full discussion ensued following which a request was made for a recorded vote. On being put to the meeting, members voted on the amended motion thus:

**For:** Alderman Leonard (1)

**Against:** The Mayor  
The Deputy Mayor  
Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Black, Creelman and McClure  
Councillors Mrs. Church, Dallat, Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston, King, McLaughlin, McPherson, McQuillan and Watt  
(16)

**Abstentions:** Councillors Ms. Alexander and Barbour (2)

The amended motion was, therefore, lost with one vote for and sixteen votes against.

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and members voted thus:

**For:** The Mayor  
The Deputy Mayor  
Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Black, Creelman, Leonard and McClure  
Councillors Mrs. Church, Dallat, Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston, King, McLaughlin, McPherson, McQuillan and Watt  
(17)

**Against:** -

**Abstentions:** Councillors Ms. Alexander and Barbour (2)

The motion was, therefore, carried with seventeen votes for and none against.

## **6.0 DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on the District Policing Partnership (previously supplied).



Recommended:

- (i) That Alderman McClure be appointed to the position of Chairman for the year 2004/2005.
- (ii) That Councillor McLaughlin be appointed to fill the vacancy following the resignation of Alderman Leonard.

On a proposal by Councillor Watt, seconded by Alderman McClure, it was further recommended:

That Councillor McLaughlin be appointed to the position of Vice Chairman for the year 2004/2005.

An abstention from the recommendations was recorded for Alderman Leonard.

## **7.0 ZOMBA VISIT**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive presented his Report of Study Visit to develop an Action Plan for partnership working between Coleraine Borough Council and Zomba Municipal Assembly (previously supplied).

During the discussion which followed members commended the charity and officers involved for the work carried out over the past year. It was then recommended:

That Council grant permission for the offering of a facility to allow staff to make voluntary donations to the charity directly from their earnings.

## **8.0 REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (previously supplied). Council is recommended to adopt the proposals, as contained in the report.

## **9.0 CIVIL PARTNERSHIP - A LEGAL STATUS FOR COMMITTED SAME-SEX COUPLES IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive outlined the proposals within the Consultation Paper issued by the Department of Finance and Personnel (previously supplied).

Noted.

## **10.0 SOMME PILGRIMAGE 2004**

Read letter from the Somme Association Limited regarding the 2004 Somme Pilgrimage and it was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and recommended:

That Councillor King be nominated as a Council representative on this pilgrimage.

It was then proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Watt and recommended:

That Councillor Barbour be nominated as a Council representative on this pilgrimage.

A proposal was then made by Councillor Deans, seconded by Alderman McClure and recommended:

That Councillor McQuillan attend the pilgrimage, subject to his attendance being counted as his mainstream conference for the year.

#### **11.0 CONSULTATION PAPER**

The contents of the Consultation Document, "Measures to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in Northern Ireland" issued by the NIO (previously supplied) were noted. This document would be considered at the meeting of Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.

#### **12.0 NILGA NEWS**

Members noted the contents of this report (previously supplied).

#### **13.0 LAUREL HILL POST OFFICE**

Read letters from the Post Office dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 in response to Council's letter of 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 requesting clarification on the status of Laurel Hill Post Office.

Whilst it had finally been clarified that there was no proposal for relocating the Laurel Hill branch, it was agreed that the petition against relocation should be forwarded to the Post Office to reinforce the strength of public feeling on this issue.

#### **14.0 RINGSEND POST OFFICE**

Read letter from the Post Office regarding the temporary closure of the Ringsend branch and asking for information on any material changes in the circumstances within Ringsend which would help to identify a prospective candidate to restore the service.

A copy of this letter would be forwarded to The Deputy Mayor.

#### **15.0 COLERAINE DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP**

Tabled:

Public Consultation Report on Policing in Coleraine 2003-2004

#### **16.0 THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST AND DEPUTY FIRST PRIME MINISTER**

Tabled:

New TSN Annual Report 2003

#### **17.0 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE**

Read letter advising that the Environment and Heritage Service would be holding a one day workshop for all the constituent councils of the North West Region Waste Management Group on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2004 at the Everglades Hotel, Prehen

Road, Londonderry, commencing at 9.30am.

Recommended:

That the following members be nominated to attend the workshop:  
Councillors Dallat, McPherson, McQuillan and Watt.

#### **18.0 PLANNING SERVICE**

Site and office meetings arranged for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February had been cancelled by the Planning Service due to industrial action and staff shortages.

As there had been no change in the circumstances of the Coleraine office of the Planning Service since the meetings had been arranged on 10<sup>th</sup> February, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive had contacted Mr. David Ferguson, Chief Executive of the Planning Service, to register Council's concerns at the cancellations.

Members noted that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive would continue to press for the meetings to be arranged as soon as possible, and that a letter regarding the lack of planning resources in Coleraine was presently with the Minister.

#### **20.0 SUMMER RECESS**

On the request of a member, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to draw up a report on the arrangements for recess made by other councils.

#### **21.0 CHINESE WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

In response to a member's query the Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that:

- (i) where the services of an interpreter were required in respect of a marriage service, this was the responsibility of the individuals involved;
- (ii) where the services of an interpreter were required in respect of registration of a birth or death, although there was no statutory requirement on Council, every effort was made to facilitate the public.

A letter would be sent to the Chinese Welfare Association confirming these arrangements.

#### **22.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the post of Community Safety Officer would come under the control of the Local Strategic Partnership which had agreed to undertake the CSP role.

#### **23.0 LAND ADJACENT TO THE FORMER CAUSEWAY COAST HOTEL, PORTRUSH**

In response to a member's request, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to examine and confirm the terms of the Restrictive Covenant covering land previously sold by Council at this location.

## 24.0 **COLERAINE MARKET YARD**

A report on developments with Coleraine Market Yard would be presented at Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.