

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2005 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2005
  - 1.2 Special Council Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2005
  - 1.3 Special Council Meeting\* - 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2005
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2005
  - 2.2 Planning Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005
  - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee - 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2005
3. Correspondence, including inter alia:

Domestic Rates League Table - Financial Year 2005/06 (enclosed)
4. Documents for Sealing

#### **Enclosed for Information:**

- (1) NIE - Managing Customer Calls during Fault Situations
- (2) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2005

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

To: Each Member of Council.

18<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

## COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson, in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
D. D. Barbour	W. A. King
J. M. Bradley	D. McClarty
(Items 4.1 - 13.0)	(Items 1.0 - 4.1)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan
J. J. Dallat	E. M. Mullan
T. J. Deans	R. D. Stewart
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt
N. F. Hillis	

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Senior Environmental Health Officer (Item 4.1) and Administrative Assistant

**Apology:** Alderman Mrs. Armitage

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2.0 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2004 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

2.1 NILGA Annual Conference 2005 - Radisson SAS Hotel, Limavady                      Councillor McClarty advised that he did not require overnight accommodation regarding his attendance at this conference.

Noted.

## **3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

3.1 Leisure and Environment Committee                      The Chairman, Councillor McQuillan, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment

Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed.

### 3.2 Planning Committee

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

Matters arising:

#### 3.2.1 Sewerage Systems

Consideration was given to a letter from the Chairman of Portballintrae Residents' Association regarding Portballintrae Waste Water Treatment (previously supplied).

Following discussion it was agreed that the concerns raised by Portballintrae Residents' Association be incorporated into Council's letter to Ms Angela Smith, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State.

#### 3.2.2 C/2004/0368/LB Demolition of Existing Building on Site Adjacent to Comfort Hotel, 73 Main Street, Portrush

Following a period of discussion on this item it was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by the Mayor and agreed that Council move to the next business.

#### 3.2.3 Social Housing

Reference was made to the need for an inventory of Council land that could be made available for social housing.

It was agreed that the officers investigate the legislation that Government was proposing in Great Britain regarding this topic.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted.

### 3.3 North West '200' Sub-Committee

Councillor Mrs. Johnston moved the adoption of the North West '200' Sub-Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed.

### 3.4 Policy and Development Committee

The Vice Chairman, Councillor Deans, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McQuillan and agreed.

## 4.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS) PROVISIONS (N.I.) ORDER 1985 - CLOSING ORDER - LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2004 (ITEM 9.2)

It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and agreed:

That this item be heard "In Committee".

## **5.0 NORTHERN IRELAND FEDERATION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Chris Williamson, Director of Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations (NIFHA), Ms. Bridie Doherty, Fold Housing Association and Mr. Chris Alexander, Triangle Housing Association who were in attendance to address Council on the role and contribution of housing associations in the area.

Mr. Chris Williamson (NIFHA) addressed Council on the following main themes:

- (a) Definition of a housing association;
- (b) General points about housing associations;
- (c) Registered housing associations;
- (d) Flaws in the recent Housing Report of the Parliamentary N.I. Affairs Sub-Committee;
- (e) Matters that housing associations bring to Councils;
- (f) Matters that housing associations ask of Council.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Williamson for his informative presentation and a full discussion ensued during which Messrs. Williamson and Alexander and Ms. Doherty answered various members' questions.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their attendance.

## **6.0 HOUSING ASSOCIATION RENTAL/PURCHASE SCHEMES**

Consideration was given to a letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2004 from the Private Secretary to John Spellar M.P., in response to Council's letter regarding Housing Association Rental/Purchase Schemes (previously supplied).

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive send a follow-up letter to the Minister regarding the provision of social housing in Portstewart.

## **7.0 DIVISIONAL ROADS MANAGER**

Consideration was given to a letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2004 from the Divisional Roads Manager in response to issues raised at the Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2004 (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

## **8.0 SOCIAL HOUSING IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Consideration was given to a letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 from the Private Secretary to John Spellar M.P. in response to Council's letter regarding the provision of social housing in Northern Ireland and the contents noted.

## **9.0 TRANSLINK**

Read letter from Mr. K. Moffatt, Chief Executive of Translink, in response to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's recent letter on behalf of the Northern Corridor Railways Group.

Mr. Moffatt clarified Translink's intended use of the new C3K trains on the Londonderry

line. Translink anticipated achieving full conversion to new trains by late summer and were presently developing a revamped increased frequency timetable for possible introduction by December 2005. Council noted that Mr. Moffatt would be attending a forthcoming Northern Corridor Railways Group meeting to discuss joint measures to enhance the rail link.

#### **10.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS - NORTHERN IRELAND REGION**

Read letter from the Secretary of the National Association of Councillors - Northern Ireland Region advising of a Special Meeting to be held at the Seagoe Hotel, Portadown on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 to further discuss the Review of Public Administration.

Noted.

#### **11.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (i) Arts Council of Northern Ireland - Annual Report 2003 - 2004
- (ii) Enterprise Ulster - Annual Report 2003/2004
- (iii) Roads Service Annual Report and Accounts 2003-04
- (iv) The Electoral Commission Annual Report 2003-04
- (v) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety - Home Accident Prevention Strategy and Action Plan 2004 - 2009

#### **12.0 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - "IN COMMITTEE"**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that a Special Council Meeting "In Committee" would be held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 at 7.30 p.m. to consider the management of Council's Caravan Parks.

Noted.

#### **13.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

- |    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | <u>Land Registry Transfer Form</u><br>(In Triplicate) | N.I. Housing Executive to Council -<br>Land at Kinard Park, Garvagh        |
| 2. | <u>Cemetery Titles</u>                                | Grant of Right of Burial - Deeds Register<br>Nos. 3070 - 3079 (inclusive): |

Agherton	2
Ballywillan	2
Coleraine	3
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	3

Advanced Deeds - Register Nos. 0100 - 0101  
(inclusive):

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	2
Coleraine	-
Portstewart	-

3. Deed and Counterpart

Council and Kelvin Properties Ltd.,  
c/o King & Gowdy, Solicitors, 298 Upper  
Newtownards Road, Belfast -  
Storm Water Pipe for B&Q Unit, Riverside  
Regional Centre, Coleraine

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**7<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.**

**Convened:** To consider the Rate Estimates and strike a Borough Rate for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006.

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)                      W. T. Creelman

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. A. King
D. D. Barbour	D. McClarty
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	G. L. McLaughlin
J. J. Dallat	A. McQuillan
T. J. Deans	E. M. Mullan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	R. D. Stewart
N. F. Hillis	W. J. Watt
E. A. Johnston (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:** Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and Leonard, Councillors Bradley and King

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2.0 RATE ESTIMATES 2005/2006**

The Director of Corporate Services presented his report on the Rate Estimates for 2005/2006 (previously supplied) and members noted the main factors which gave rise to the proposed increase viz:

- **Payroll Costs**

The overall payroll cost was expected to rise by around £400,000 (5.4%).

The main constituents of this increase were:

- (a) Annual pay awards would add around 3% (£200,000) to the total payroll cost. This was in line with inflation.

- (b) Employers' Pension Contributions would increase from 4.6% of gross pay to 8.5%. This was as a result of an actuarial valuation of the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Scheme. This would cost an additional £183,000 in 2005/2006. Further increases of 2.5% and 2% would occur in the next two financial years. These increases applied to all local authorities.
- (c) Staffing costs at Civic Amenity Sites would rise due to the continued impact of new regulations. This would cost around £48,000.
- (d) Provision had been made for a number of new posts.

- **Loan Charges**

Council continued to expend significant capital sums on both new and re-furbished facilities and infrastructure throughout the Borough. The current four year capital programme contained gross expenditure proposals amounting to £11.3 million. Such an extensive programme continued to have an impact in revenue terms, and in 2005/06, loan charges were budgeted to increase by £290,000 (13.08%). The majority of this significant increase reflected borrowing required to fund expenditure incurred in 2004/05. Projects contributing to the rise, therefore, included:

- Anderson Park Phase 3
- Dunluce Centre Upgrade
- Portrush Town Hall Refurbishment
- Marina Upgrade
- Various new and refurbished Play Areas
- Landfill Site Development and Closure
- Portrush Civic Amenity Site

A number of new projects were scheduled to commence in 2005/06. Amongst these projects were:

- Refurbishment of Peter Thompson Hall and Coleraine West Community Centre
- Crescent, Portstewart
- Landfill Sites - Development and Closure
- Civic Amenity Site Upgrades
- Over £1 million of minor works schemes throughout the Borough

- **Other Expenditure**

This category of expenditure showed an estimated rise of around £174,000 (2.4%). The key issues surround waste management and recycling costs:

- landfill tax payments would rise by around £125,000 reflecting the £3 per tonne rise levied by Central Government. This level of increase could be expected to be maintained for the next number of years
- disposal of recyclable materials to an appropriate contractor would cost around £110,000 more in 2005/06, as the whole Borough would now be covered by the "blue bin" scheme
- composting costs were anticipated to rise from £25,000 to £70,000 as a result of the increased activity carried out in order to divert green waste from landfill

Other matters included within this heading were as follows:



- Increased fuel and oil costs would add around £50,000 to Council's expenditure
- Council's contribution towards CCTV would increase by £33,000 to an estimated £77,000
- An increased commitment to boosting local economic development would cost £102,000
- Council's overall support to the Milk Cup would increase by £42,000
- The cost of Council elections was estimated to be £40,000

- **Income**

Income estimates showed a rise of £144,000 (2.6%). The main material increase was an additional £81,000 allowed for refuse disposal income.

- **Overall Position**

Council's overall net expenditure was projected to grow by £724,000 (6.4%). However, the rates base in the Borough continues to expand, and this was reflected in a 2.4% rise in the estimated product of a 1p rate (ie how much income Council receives from each penny levied).

The derating element of the General Grant, which compensated Council for loss of rates on derated properties, fell by £65,000 (10.7%) reflecting the commencement of partial rating of such properties from April 2005. This Grant would continue to fall each year until 2011 when it would cease.

A period of discussion ensued during which various members' questions were answered by the Director of Corporate Services and other matters noted by the Directors.

2.1 **Estimate Summary**

The estimate of rates culminated in the following rate requirement:

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Net Cost of Services	11,967,727
<u>Less</u> General Grant	<u>547,573</u>
Amount to be raised	11,420,154 =====
Estimated product of 1p rate	674,900

It was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed:

That Council strike a Borough Rate for the 2005/2006 year as follows:

- (a) Non-Domestic Rate of 16.92 pence  
(b) Domestic Rate of 128.50 pence

This represented a percentage increase of 4.9% which was likely to result in Coleraine being among the lowest-rated Councils in the Province.

## 2.2 Congratulations

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

# LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1<sup>st</sup> February, 2005.

**Present:** Councillor A. McQuillan, in the Chair  
  
The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson  
  
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure  
(Items 1.0 - 8.0)

## **Aldermen**

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. T. Creelman
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	B. Leonard

## **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
D. D. Barbour (Items 1.0 - 3.2)	D. McClarty (Items 1.0 - 2.3)
J. M. Bradley (Items 2.2 - 12.0)	G. L. McLaughlin (Items 2.2 - 12.0)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	E. M. Mullan
J. J. Dallat	R. D. Stewart
T. J. Deans (Items 1.0 - 3.2)	W. J. Watt (Items 2.2 - 8.0)
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	
N. F. Hillis (Items 2.0 - 3.2)	

## **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 1.0 - 2.7), Senior Environmental Health Officer (Items 1.0 - 3.2), Leisure Services Officer (Services) and Administrative Assistant

**Apology:** Councillor King

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

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|--|---|
| 2.1 <u>Tender - Refurbishment of Harbour Hill Viewing Point, Portstewart</u> | Six tenders had been received for the refurbishment of Harbour Hill Viewing Point, Portstewart viz: |
|--|---|

	£
W. G. Killough, 31 Blackrock Road, Kilrea	56,975.00
Conway Bros., 20/25 Glenkeen Road, Aghadowey	60,267.50
T.D. McKane & Son, 35 Ednagee Road, Castlederg	63,417.50
McFadden Ltd., 46 Campsie Road, Omagh	65,285.35
Patrick Bradley Ltd., Craigall Quarry, Kilrea	73,604.00
J.P.M. Contracts Ltd., 79 Main Street, Dungiven	83,700.00

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tender from W.G. Killough for the sum of £56,975.00.

Committee noted that this scheme was approved by Council in September 2004 and was subject to a grant of £50,000.00 from Peace II N.R.R.T.I. funds.

## 2.2 Waste Management - Landfill Site Selection

Consideration was given to two options, as detailed in the report, regarding landfill site selection. Committee noted that following advertisement in the Official European Journal and local press a number of expressions of interest for such provision of possible landfill sites for the North West Region had been received.

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

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Watt:

That Council accept the proposed criteria for the selection of a landfill site (Stage 1 and Stage 2 assessments) as set out in the North West Regional Waste Management Group paper dated January 2005.

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

**For:** The Mayor and Deputy Mayor,  
Aldermen Mrs. Black, Creelman,

Councillors Barbour, Bradley,  
Mrs. Church, Deans,  
Mrs. Fielding, Hillis,  
Mrs. Johnston, McClarty,  
McQuillan, Stewart and Watt  
(15)

**Against:** Councillors Dallat, McLaughlin  
and Mullan (3)

**Abstentions:** Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and  
Leonard and Councillor Ms.  
Alexander (3)

The proposal was, therefore, carried by fifteen  
votes to three.

- 2.3 Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) A period of discussion ensued during which Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding a meeting in Ballymena on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2005 at which the Department of the Environment presented information regarding the development of the Best Practicable Environmental Option process and detailed issues with relation to timetables and planning regarding waste management infrastructure.
- 2.4 End of Life Vehicles (ELV) Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding End of Life Vehicles (ELV). Committee noted that the Department of Trade and Industry were making funding available to local authorities in Northern Ireland for additional costs in dealing with abandoned vehicles as a consequence of the proposed transposition of this directive.
- Following discussion it was recommended that the Director of Technical Services advise the Environment and Heritage Service that Council would wish to proceed cautiously regarding the transfer of DVNI power for the removal of unlicensed vehicles situated on public roads.
- 2.5 Best Kept Town Competition Recommended:
- That Portrush be entered in Ireland's Best Kept Town 2005 Competition.
- The Director of Technical Services would consider how more publicity and community support could be generated in relation to the entry.
- 2.6 Building Control

2.6.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for fifty-one applications.

2.6.2 Plans for Rejection Under Building Regulations

Recommended:

That nine applications, as detailed in the report, be rejected under Building Regulations due to insufficient information having been submitted.

2.7 Portstewart

In response to a member's question the Director of Technical Services agreed to investigate whether two locations in Portstewart were established rights of way.

### **3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Mr. R. Donnelly, Senior Environmental Health Officer, who was attending his first meeting of Committee.

3.2 Progress on Emergency Planning

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding progress on emergency planning.

Following a period of discussion it was recommended that members continue to support the work of the Department in preparing Council's role for a major emergency.

Committee noted that new legislation on this topic would give an enhanced role to Council.

3.3 Noise Awareness Campaign

Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding a noise awareness campaign by the Environment and Heritage Service. The campaign would run for a four week period from 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 utilising television and newspaper media.

The Environmental Health Department were making arrangements to resource the anticipated increase in the number of noise related complaints during this period.

3.4 Good Dog Campaign - Local Authority Awards 2004

Committee noted that the Department had been informed that it had reached the final of this competition. The Department had been invited to be represented at the award ceremony to be held at the House of Lords on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

Council is recommended to agree to two members of the dog warden service attending the award ceremony.

3.5 Water Service Discharges Report

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding the Environment and Heritage Service's Water Service Discharges Report for the year 2002/2003.

A period of discussion ensued during which the Director of Environmental Health answered various members' questions. He agreed to seek information from the Water Service regarding discharges to the River Bann.

It was recommended:

That the Director of Environmental Health write to Water Service urging them to incorporate all areas of the Borough in the North Coast Waste Water Treatment Works.

3.6 Environmental Health - Quarter - October - December 2004

Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding the main elements of work achieved by the Department for the third quarter of the 2004/2005 year.

3.7 Dog Related Issues

The Director of Environmental Health agreed to provide further information to Councillor Mrs. Johnston regarding this topic.

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

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Irish Room, Coleraine

Committee expressed its concern that the North Eastern Education and Library Board had closed the Irish Room situated in County Hall, Coleraine. The Board had transferred all of the local Coleraine material to the branch library in the town. The remaining stock of general Irish items would be stored in Ballymena.

Following a period of discussion it was agreed that the Director of Leisure Services take up with the North Eastern Education and Library Board both the short and medium term future of the Irish Room exhibits.

4.2 Coleraine International Choral Festival

Committee welcomed the news that for the first time three overseas choirs would be

participating in this year's International Choral Festival (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2005).

4.3 Juniper Hill Caravan Park

Recommended:

That Council accept an offer from Mrs. J. Johnston, Ballymena to provide a small retail service at Juniper Hill Caravan Park for the 2005 season.

Mrs. Johnston would pay Council £250.00 and be responsible for the appropriate rates.

4.4 Coleraine Sports Council

Council is recommended to contribute £7,750.00 to Coleraine Sports Council for 2005.

4.5 The Ulster Sports and Recreation Trust

Council is recommended to contribute £1,000.00 to The Ulster Sports and Recreation Trust for 2005.

4.6 The Crescent, Portstewart

Committee noted that the Director of Leisure Services would be reporting to a future meeting regarding planned work at The Crescent, Portstewart after September 2005.

4.7 Port-an-Doo, Portrush

In response to a member's question the Director of Technical Services advised that he was considering work at Port-an-Doo in the short term in conjunction with the Water Service project at this location.

4.8 For Information

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

- (a) Causeway Skills4Sport;
- (b) Flowerfield Arts Centre Courses - February - April 2005;
- (c) Causeway Museum Service - Activity Report 2003 - 2004;
- (d) Irish Museums Association - Annual Conference, Cork - 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

**5.0 NORTHERN IRELAND WATER COUNCIL**

Read letter from the Rt. Hon. John Spellar M.P. (Department for Regional Development), Minister of State for Northern Ireland advising that the Department was proposing to abolish the Northern Ireland Water Council following expiry of the existing Council's term of office in March 2006.

Noted.

**6.0 COLERAINE SPORTS COUNCIL**

Read letter from the Hon. Secretary of Coleraine Sports Council enquiring if



Council, in partnership with the Local Sports Council and interested others, would participate in a Working Group to examine how best to perpetuate the achievements and memory of the late Bertie Peacock.

Recommended:

That the Director of Leisure Services represent Council on the Working Group.

## **7.0 POLLING STATION SCHEME**

A copy of the Polling Station Scheme for all forthcoming elections, including the District Council elections, in May 2005 was circulated to each member. Any comments in relation to the scheme were to be forwarded directly to the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, 15 Church Street, Belfast.

Noted.

## **8.0 THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

Read letter from the Electoral Commission advising that in conjunction with the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland and Royal Mail they would be holding three information seminars ahead of the forthcoming elections viz:

- |                                   |                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| • 21 <sup>st</sup> February, 2005 | Royal Mail, Mallusk     | 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm |
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2005     | City Hotel, Londonderry | 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm |
| • 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2005    | Royal Mail, Mallusk     | 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm |

Members interested in attending any of these information seminars should contact the Electoral Commission, 28 - 32 Alfred Street, Belfast (Tel: 9089 4020) by 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

Noted.

## **9.0 BALLOT REFORM**

Reference was made to ballot reform in relation to elections. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that such reform related to ballots in Great Britain.

## **10.0 COLERAINE CEMETERY**

### 10.1 Vandalism

Reference was made to ongoing incidences of vandalism at Coleraine Cemetery.

The Director of Leisure Services advised that staff were currently monitoring this situation. If the problem increased he would report back to Committee.

### 10.2 Car Park

Reference was made to increased usage of the Car Park at Coleraine Cemetery by University of Ulster staff.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that Council was aware of this situation and had

made representation to the University; monitoring of the usage would continue.

**11.0 KILREA CEMETERY**

The Director of Leisure Services was congratulated regarding recent work carried out at Kilrea Cemetery.

**12.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTION -  
"AWAY DAY"**

Congratulations were extended to the officers regarding the Economic Development Section "Away Day" held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2005.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

8<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.

**Present:** Councillor R. D. Stewart in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson  
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure

### **Aldermen**

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)                      W. T. Creelman  
E. T. Black (Mrs.)                                B. Leonard

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)                          E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
D. D. Barbour                                    N. F. Hillis  
J. M. Bradley  
(Items 2.25 – 12.0)                              G. L. McLaughlin  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                            A. McQuillan  
J. J. Dallat                                        E. M. Mullan  
T. J. Deans                                        (Items 2.24 – 12.0)  
W. J. Watt

### **Also in**

**Attendance:** Representatives from the Planning Service –  
Ms. J. McMath and Mr. G. Walker

### **Officers in**

**Attendance:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Administrative  
Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.44) and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. Johnston, King and McClarty

## **1.0 BALANCED COMMUNITIES IN COASTAL SETTLEMENTS REVIEW GROUP**

Consideration was given to the Administrative Officer's Report on Balanced Communities in Coastal Settlements Review Group which had been referred back for further consideration.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive referred to the deputation to the Minister on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 and the news that the draft Area Plan would be published during May, 2005. The update and action listed in the report would now proceed as both were dependent on the Area Plan.

A joint ministerial statement regarding Development Plans and Implementation of the Regional Development Strategy was circulated to each member.

It was noted that the Review Group would meet in March, 2005.

## **2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A list of one hundred and sixty-eight applications was considered (previously supplied).

**Applications Deferred from  
Previous Meeting**

- 2.1      Application No. D1  
C/2003/1022/O  
Site for dwelling 360m south-east  
of 230 Windyhill Road, Coleraine  
for Dr. and Mrs. Burns
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.2      Application No. D2  
C/2003/1079/F  
Proposed 6 no. apartments at  
87/89 Strand Road, Portstewart  
for Mr. S. Forde
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.3      Application No. D3  
C/2003/1348/O  
Site for dwelling east of 25  
Shinney Road, Coleraine for  
Mr. J. Henry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- A request for an office meeting would be referred to the Divisional Planning Manager.
- 2.4      Application No. D4  
C/2004/0142/O  
Site for dwelling to rear of 136  
Castleroe Road, Coleraine for  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Kneeland
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 2.5      Application No. D5  
C/2004/0210/F  
Proposed semi-detached dwelling  
at 1 Millbank Avenue, Portstewart  
for Carney Investments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.6      Application No. D6  
C/2004/0297/F  
Redevelopment of existing  
residential property containing 2  
no. dwelling units to provide 2 no.  
replacement dwellings at 92  
Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart for  
Dalzell & Snodden
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.7      Application No. D7  
C/2004/0518/F  
Residential development of 8 no.  
townhouses and 9 no. apartments  
with associated car parking at 179  
and 181 Coleraine Road and 37  
Woodvale Road, Portstewart for  
Atlantic Properties
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

- 2.8            Application No. D8  
C/2004/0539/O  
Site for dwelling and garage 110m  
west of 10 Hillhead Road, Kilrea  
for Mr. Hogg
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 2.9            Application No. D9  
C/2004/0591/O  
Proposed site for new dwelling  
and garage diagonally opposite  
24 Kilmoyle Road, Ballymoney for  
Mr. A. Christie
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Watt and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 2.10          Application No. D10  
C/2004/0641/O  
Proposed site for single storey  
rural cottage approximately 280m  
north of 56 Cashel Road,  
Macosquin for Mr. W. Taylor
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.11          Application No. D11  
C/2004/0649/O  
Site for dwelling and garage 220m  
south of 88 Agivey Road, Kilrea  
for Mr. P. McKendry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 2.12          Application No. D12  
C/2004/0671/F  
Demolition of existing dwelling to  
provide 3 no. apartments at 32  
Brook Street, Coleriane for  
Mr. T. O'Kane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 2.13          Application No. D13  
C/2004/0696/O  
Dwelling house approximately  
500m north of 68 Sconce Road,  
Articlave for Mr. M. Benson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.14          Application No. D14  
C/2004/0734/O  
Site for single storey dwelling and  
detached garage to rear of 11  
Greenhill Road, Aghadowey for  
Mr. H. Gilmore
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.

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| 2.15 | <u>Application No. D15</u><br><u>C/2004/0738/O</u><br><u>Site for bungalow approximately</u><br><u>50m north-east of 30 Drumsaragh</u><br><u>Road, Kilrea for Ms. McCotter</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 the receipt of further information.</p>   |
| 2.16 | <u>Application No. D16</u><br><u>C/2004/0750/O</u><br><u>Site for 1 no. single storey</u><br><u>dwelling and garage 100m south</u><br><u>of 544 Glebe Road, Castlerock for</u><br><u>Mr. T. McAleese</u>   | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be refused.</p>   |
| 2.17 | <u>Application No. D17</u><br><u>C/2004/0756/O</u><br><u>Site for traditional rural dwelling to</u><br><u>the rear of Nos. 41 and 41A</u><br><u>Tirkeeran Road, Garvagh for</u><br><u>Mr. D. McNicholl</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>A request for an office meeting would be referred to the Divisional Planning Manager.</p>  |
| 2.18 | <u>Application No. D18</u><br><u>C/2004/0764/O</u><br><u>Site for traditional rural dwelling</u><br><u>north-east of 47 Glebe Road,</u><br><u>Articlave for Mr. S. Doherty</u>                             | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and unanimously agreed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the application be approved.</p> |
| 2.19 | <u>Application No. D19</u><br><u>C/2004/0765/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling and garage 120m</u><br><u>west of 60 Cullyrammer Road,</u><br><u>Garvagh for Mr. J. Taylor</u>                                  | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.</p>                     |
| 2.20 | <u>Application No. D20</u><br><u>C/2004/0821/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling and garage 300m</u><br><u>north-east of 40 Ballyversal Road,</u><br><u>Coleraine for Mr. D. Curry</u>                           | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.</p> <p>It was agreed that both applications be refused.</p>   |
|      | <u>Application No. D21</u><br><u>C/2004/0839/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling and garage 320m</u><br><u>north of 40 Ballyversal Road,</u><br><u>Coleraine for Mr. D. Curry</u>                                |   |
| 2.21 | <u>Application No. D22</u><br><u>C/2004/0870/O</u>   | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p>   |

Dwelling at corner of Hillhead Road and Drumsaragh Road, Kilrea for Mrs. O'Neill

It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and unanimously agreed:

That the application be approved.

2.22 Application No. D23  
C/2004/0928/O  
Site for dwelling at Brockagh Road, Garvagh for Mr. D. B. O'Kane

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

A request for an office meeting would be referred to the Divisional Planning Manager.

2.23 Application No. D24  
C/2004/0951/F  
Change of use to bookmaking office at Unit 3, Port Junction, Millburn Road, Coleraine for Eastwood Bookmakers

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding:

That the application be refused.

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

2.24 Application No. D25  
C/2004/1044/F  
Change of house types at Site Nos. 91 – 95 and 120 -124 Hopefield Development, Portrush for Kennedy Holdings Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

2.25 Application No. D26  
C/2004/1091/F  
Detached dwelling and detached garage at 97 Boleran Road, Garvagh for P. & C. Mullan Construction

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

2.26 Application No. D27  
C/2004/1125/F  
Store/garage in rear garden of 98 Ballyrashane Road, Coleraine for Mr. A. McCreddie

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

A request for an office meeting would be referred to the Divisional Planning Manager.

## **NEW APPLICATIONS**

2.27 Application No. 3  
C/2003/1082/F  
Extension to present ongoing housing development – three

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be

- additional houses together with car parking at Killowen Street, Coleraine for North and West Housing Ltd.
- 2.28 Application No. 4  
C/2003/1337/O  
Site for replacement dwelling north of 218 Sconce Road, Articlave for Mr. C. Brown
- 2.29 Application No. 5  
C/2004/0019/F  
Proposed dwelling and single garage at Site No. 22, Community Housing Site, Brockagh Road, Garvagh for Mr. S. Cassidy
- 2.30 Application No. 18  
C/2004/0597/O  
Erection of 1.5 storey dwelling with detached garage adjacent to 20 Ballyclogh Road, Bushmills for Mrs. F. McCartney
- 2.31 Application No. 19  
C/2004/0625/F  
Change of use of existing vehicle workshop to retail sales warehouse for furniture at 12 – 22 Brook Street, Coleraine for C. & L. McFarlane Ltd.
- 2.32 Application No. 28  
C/2004/0773/O  
Site for retirement farm dwelling and garage at 360m south of 84a Carhill Road, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. I. McClenahan
- 2.33 Application No. 30  
C/2004/0776/O  
New one and a half storey dwelling and garage at Magheramore Road (280m south-east of No. 10 Magheramore Road), Garvagh, Coleraine for Mr. S. Brizell
- Application No. 31  
C/2004/0778/O  
New one and a half storey dwelling and garage at Magheramore Road
- deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
- 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.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate the receipt of additional information.
- 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.
- 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. It was further agreed that a senior representative from Roads Service be requested to attend.
- 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.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate Council site visits.



- (345m south-east of No. 10 Magheramore Road), Garvagh, Coleraine for Mr. S. Brizell
- 2.34 Application No. 33  
C/2004/0791/O  
New dwelling and garage at Altikeeragh Road (380m south-west of Altikeeragh Road/ Knocknougher Road junction), Castlerock for Mr. W. Purcell
- 2.35 Application No. 34  
C/2004/0792/O  
Erection of dwelling and detached garage at Moneydig Road (50m east of Moneydig/Drumsaragh Road junction), Kilrea for Mr. McDonald
- 2.36 Application No. 39  
C/2004/0814/O  
Proposed site for dwelling 100m south of No. 90 Killeague Road, Coleraine for Mrs. M. Cameron
- 2.37 Application No. 40  
C/2004/0815/O  
Site for dwelling behind No. 58 Plantation Road, Garvagh for Mr. D. McMullan
- 2.38 Application No. 42  
C/2004/0822/O  
One dwelling 340m south of 15 Lisnamuck Road, Aghadowey for Mr. Dallas
- 2.39 Application No. 44  
C/2004/0831/O  
Site for dwelling 380m north-east of 123 Agivey Road, Coleraine for Mr. B. Wilson
- 2.40 Application No. 45  
C/2004/0841/O  
Dwelling to the rear of 53 Drumsaragh Road, Kilrea for Mr. Shiels
- 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.
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- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further consideration by the Environment and Heritage Service and the Planning Service.
- 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.
- 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.

- 2.41 Application No. 49  
C/2004/0855/O  
Site for four luxury log chalets at  
Rhee Farm, 138 Curragh Road,  
Aghadowey for E. Skuce
- 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.
- 2.42 Application No. 51  
C/2004/0868/O  
New dwelling adjacent to  
4 Liswatty Road, Liswatty Upper,  
Coleraine for Mr. Hutchinson
- 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.
- 2.43 Application No. 55  
C/2004/0878/O  
Site for dwelling and garage 220m  
south-east of 19 Liscall Road,  
Garvagh for Mr. E. Doherty
- 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.
- 2.44 Application No. 53  
C/2004/0871/O  
Replacement dwelling, retaining  
existing dwelling as a domestic  
store at 110 Dunluce Road,  
Portrush for Mr. D. Alexander
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Councillor Ms. Alexander declared an interest in this application.
- Councillor Watt queried the Planning Service's opinion and suggested inconsistency in relation to the replacement policy. Councillor Mullan objected strongly to Councillor Watt's inference of irregularity.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mullan and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:
- That Councillor Watt be asked to withdraw his remarks or leave the Chamber.
- Before putting the proposal to the meeting Councillor Watt apologised for any offence caused and the proposal was then withdrawn.
- 2.45 Application No. 59  
C/2004/0886/O  
Site for traditional rural dwelling  
140m south-east of Temple  
Road/Brockagh Road junction,  
Garvagh for Mr. K. McGilligan
- 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.

2.46	<u>Application No. 65</u> <u>C/2004/0937/O</u> <u>Proposed dwelling and detached garage adjacent to No. 1 Magheramore Road, Garvagh for Mr. S. Linton</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>
2.47	<u>Application No. 66</u> <u>C/2004/0939/F</u> <u>Three self contained two bedroom apartments arranged over three floors and parking provision adjacent to 32 Ballycastle Road, Coleraine for Mr. A. McIntosh</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>
2.48	<u>Application No. 67</u> <u>C/2004/0942/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling and domestic garage at Ballystrone Road, Coleraine for Mr. McIntyre</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>
2.49	<u>Application No. 68</u> <u>C/2004/0943/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling and domestic garage at Ballystrone Road (south of No. 3) for Mr. K. McIntyre</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>
2.50	<u>Application No. 71</u> <u>C/2004/0957/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage adjacent to 9 Revallagh Road, Bushmills for Mr. McLean</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>
2.51	<u>Application No. 74</u> <u>C/2004/0965/O</u> <u>Site for new dwelling and garage 160m north-west of 123 Agivey Road, Coleraine for Mr. B. Wilson</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>
2.52	<u>Application No. 75</u> <u>C/2004/0976/LB</u> <u>New signage at 14 The Diamond, Coleraine for Abbey National plc</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month for further consideration by Council.</p>
2.53	<u>Application No. 81</u> <u>C/2004/0993/F</u> <u>Replacement dwelling and garage 30m south-west of 77 Sconce Road, Articlave for Mr. B. McAuley</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</p>

		Council site visit.
2.54	<u>Application No. 84</u> <u>C/2004/1005/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling</u> <u>approximately 45m east of</u> <u>44 Drumsaragh Road, Kilrea for</u> <u>Mrs. F. McAllister</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.
2.55	<u>Application No. 87</u> <u>C/2004/1016/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling adjacent to</u> <u>17 Glenullin Road, Garvagh for</u> <u>Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neill</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.
2.56	<u>Application No. 89</u> <u>C/2004/1020/F</u> <u>Change of use from dwelling to</u> <u>day nursery at 61 Mountsandel</u> <u>Road, Coleraine for Miss L. Blair</u>	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.
2.57	<u>Application No. 90</u> <u>C/2004/1021/O</u> <u>Site for 8 no. townhouses at rear</u> <u>of 11 – 29 Crocknamack Road,</u> <u>Portrush for Mr. D. Kernohan</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. It was further agreed that a representative from Roads Service be requested to attend.
2.58	<u>Application No. 95</u> <u>C/2004/1042/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage 120m</u> <u>south-east of 121 Agivey Road,</u> <u>Kilrea for Mr. F. Quigg</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.
2.59	<u>Application No. 96</u> <u>C/2004/1053/O</u> <u>Replacement of existing dwelling</u> <u>and erection of detached garage</u> <u>adjacent to 42 Sconce Road,</u> <u>Articlave, Coleraine for</u> <u>Mr. D. Norris</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. It was further agreed that a representative from Roads Service be requested to attend.
2.60	<u>Application No. 97</u> <u>C/2004/1054/O</u> <u>Erection of 1.5 storey dwelling and</u> <u>detached garage at Dunboe Road</u> <u>(250m south-east of Sconce</u> <u>Road/Dunboe Road junction),</u> <u>Coleraine for Mr. D. Norris</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. It was further agreed that a representative from Roads Service

be requested to attend.

- 2.61 Application No. 105  
C/2004/1120/O  
Renewal of outline approval for  
site for bungalow and garage  
adjacent to 'Bellvue', 43 Greenhill  
Road, Garvagh for  
Mrs. E. Morrison
- 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.
- 2.62 Application No. 127  
C/2004/1227/F  
Extension to dwelling and new  
garage at 17 Movenis Hill,  
Garvagh for Mr. E. Gibson
- 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 NON DETERMINATION APPEALS**

Consideration was given to Non Determination Appeals in respect of the following planning applications (Report previously supplied).

- 3.1 C/2004/0811/O  
Site of dwelling and garage on site  
adjacent to 48 Ballyhackett Road,  
Castlerock
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse these applications.
- Noted.
- C/2004/0408/O  
Site for dwelling and garage north  
of 86 Dunboe Road, Castlerock
- C/2004/0409/O  
Site for dwelling and garage north  
of 86 Dunboe Road, Castlerock
- 3.2 C/2004/1124/O  
Site for dwelling and garage 120m  
south of 5 Knocknougher Road,  
Articlave
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve the application subject to conditions.
- It was agreed that Council support an approval with conditions.
- 3.3 C/2004/0634/F  
Housing development comprising  
22 dwellings (5 detached, 10 semi  
detached and 7 townhouses)
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by the Mayor and agreed:
- That Council support a refusal.

### **4.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES**

- 4.1 Application No. C/1998/0409
- Reported that this application had been

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|     | <u>11 Coolyvenny Road,<br/>Coleraine - Update</u>                              | approved. Material start had been made and building could commence.                                    |
| 4.2 | <u>Agherton Development,<br/>Portstewart – Update on<br/>enforcement issue</u> | Reported that information was unable to be provided as this application was still under investigation. |

**5.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED  
BY MEMBERS**

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| 5.1 | <u>Application No. C/2004/1092</u>                        | An update was requested as this application had not been presented to Council. |
| 5.2 | <u>Development at Agherton<br/>Road/Lane, Portstewart</u> | An update on the enforcement issue was requested.                              |

**6.0 PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 15 (PPS15) -  
PLANNING AND FLOOD RISK**

Consideration was given to the draft response from BDP Planning on the above public consultation paper (previously supplied). It was agreed that this should form the basis of Council's response together with the additional comments identified by members.

**7.0 CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF THE  
REGIONAL HOUSING GROWTH INDICATORS -  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Consideration was given to the Executive Summary – Consultation on the Review of the Regional Housing Growth Indicators (previously supplied).

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that BDP Planning had been asked to prepare a draft response for consideration at the March meeting of Committee.

**8.0 SEWAGE INFRASTRUCTURE -  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Read letter from the Chief Executive of the Planning Service in reply to Council's correspondence about Northern Ireland's sewage infrastructure.

It was too early to assess the implications for planning applications in respect of the European Commission's Reasoned Opinion. Government officials were seeking further senior legal counsel advice on the matter.

**9.0 CONSULTATION PAPER - PUBLISHING  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS - SITE NOTICES**

Read letter from the Planning Service Headquarters advising members that replies to the above consultation paper were currently being collated and the outcome would be published in due course.

Noted.

**10.0 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION  
NORTH COAST HOTELS LTD. -  
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING  
(LISTED BUILDING), ADJACENT TO  
COMFORT HOTEL, 73 MAIN STREET,  
PORTRUSH - EXTENSION TO EXISTING  
HOTEL TO INCLUDE CONFERENCE ROOMS,  
KITCHEN WITH ASSOCIATED STORAGE AND  
15 NO. BEDROOMS**

Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission acknowledging Council's representation in relation to the above appeal. It was noted that the Informal Hearing would be held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005 at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Coleraine Town Hall.

**11.0 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION  
APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT NOTICE -  
MR. J. D. TOSH - BUILDINGS AND LAND  
AT 11 ASHBOURNE PARK, COLERAINE**

Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising Council that an appeal had been received against the above enforcement notice. Representations should be submitted within five weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2005.

**12.0 CONCORDIA COMMUNITY PLANNING SEMINAR**

Reported that Concordia were holding two short seminars on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2005. Four places had been reserved for the seminar being held in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 a.m.

Any member interested in attending should contact the Administrative Officer as soon as possible.

**POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**15<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.**

**Present:**

Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. J. McClure

**Aldermen**

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

W. T. Creelman

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

**Councillors**



C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
(Items 1.0 – 7.0)  
J. J. Dallat  
T. J. Deans  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
N. F. Hillis  
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
W. A. King  
(Items 2.1.5 – 14.0)

D. McClarty  
G. L. McLaughlin  
(Items 2.0 – 14.0)  
A. McQuillan  
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)  
E. M. Mullan  
R. D. Stewart  
W. J. Watt

**Officers in**

**Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services, Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.1), Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) (Items 1.0 – 2.1), Services Officer (Item 1.0) and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:**

Alderman Leonard and Councillors Bradley and Mrs. Church

**1.0 ANNUAL TENDERS**

It was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor McClarty and recommended:

That Council approve recommendations for annual tenders for 2005/06 as follows:

**1.1 Tender No. 1 – Small Tools:**

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Total (£)</u>
Jamison & Green Ltd., Belfast	662.76
Toolbox Net Ltd., Omagh	746.40
H. & T. Bellas Ltd., Coleraine	746.52
Christies Ltd., Coleraine	804.00

Recommended:

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

**1.2 Tender No. 2 – Timber:**

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Total (£)</u>
H & T Bellas Ltd., Coleraine	4,417.48

Recommended:

That the tender from H. & T. Bellas Ltd. be accepted.

**1.3 Tender No. 3 – Electrical Work:**

<u>Tenderer</u> <u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>		
	<u>Electrician</u>	<u>Apprentice</u>	<u>+ %</u>
Nevin Electrics, Coleraine	13.75	7.50	5
RHK Davidson, Coleraine	13.90	5.80	5
G. B. Electrics, Scarva	17.50	14.00	15

Recommended:

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

1.4 Tender No. 4 – Plumbing Work:

<u>Tenderer</u> <u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>		
	<u>Plumber</u>	<u>Apprentice</u>	+ %
P&H Services, Coleraine	13.75	8.00	5

Recommended:

That the tender from P&H Services be accepted.

1.5 Tender No. 5 – Mechanical Work:

<u>Tenderer</u> <u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>		
	<u>Fitter</u>	<u>Machinist</u>	+ %
A. Farlow (Engineering), Garvagh	13.50	15.50	12
B. B. Engineering, Coleraine	14.00	16.00	25
Atec Engineering, Coleraine	14.50	14.50	22.5
Scott & Stinson Engineering, Coleraine	15.00	20.00	20
Principal Cooling, Dungannon	26.50	26.50	15

Recommended:

That the tender from A. Farlow (Engineering) Garvagh be accepted and that the remaining tenders be used to provide quotations for larger maintenance jobs under the public tender limit.

1.6 Tender No. 7 – Paint:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Total (£)</u>
* Akzo Nobel Decorative Coatings, Belfast	10,989.08
Kalon Decorative Products, Carrickfergus	11,857.67

\* Tender incomplete

Recommended:

That, as the completed tender from Akzo would total £13,005.82, the tender from Kalon Decorative Products be accepted.

1.7 Tender No. 8 – Slurry Tanker Service:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Hourly Rate (£)</u>
N. Callaghan, Articlave	12.00
T. Cochrane, Macosquin	18.00

Recommended:

That the tender from N. Callaghan be accepted.

## 1.8 Tender No. 9 – Painting Work:

<u>Tenderer</u> <u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>		
	<u>Painter</u>	<u>Apprentice</u>	+ %
K. Dempsey, Portstewart	8.50	-	30
H. B. Decorators, Coleraine	10.75	5.00	5
S. Nicholl, Coleraine	13.00	6.00	10
K. Galbraith, Coleraine	13.00	6.00	10

Recommended:

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

## 1.9 Tender No. 10 - Joinery Work:

<u>Tenderer</u> <u>Materials</u>	<u>Labour Rate per hour (£)</u>		
	<u>Joiner</u>	<u>Apprentice</u>	+%
J. Arthur Joinery, Coleraine	19.25	10.50	5
S. M. Oliver, Coleraine	16.00	10.00	15

Recommended:

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

## 2.0 **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

### 2.1 Revision of Charges

It was proposed by Councillor McClarty, seconded by Councillor Stewart and recommended:

That the following revised charges be applied with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005:

#### 2.1.1 Coleraine Leisure Centre

		<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Proposed Price</u>
		£	£
Membership	- Adult	9.00	9.00
	- Juvenile	6.00	6.00
	- Family	14.00	14.00
Swimming	- Adult	2.00	2.25
	- Juvenile	1.45	1.55

	-	Club	0.80	0.90
Squash	-	Adult	4.00	4.50
	-	Juvenile	2.50	2.80
Badminton	-	Adult	5.00	5.30
	-	Juvenile	3.00	3.30
Main Hall	-	Full	39.00	42.00
	-	2/3	24.00	26.00
	-	1/3	15.00	16.00
Archery			10.00	10.00
Minor Hall			15.00	16.00
Birthday Parties			30.00	32.00
Club Room			10.00	11.00
Main Pool			36.00	39.00
School Swims			0.80	0.90
(from 1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2005)				

### 2.1.2 Dunluce Centre

#### Individual Tickets

Finn McCool's Playground (1 ½ hrs. per session)

Under 4 Years	3.25	3.50
4 - 14 Years	4.25	4.50
Treasure Fortress	3.25	3.50
Turbo Tours	4.00	4.00

#### Inclusive Ticket

All Attractions Ticket

Finn McCool's, Treasure Fortress, Turbo Tours	8.00	8.50
Family Ticket (minimum 4 people)		
Child - All Attractions	6.50	7.50
Adult - Turbo Tours & Treasure Fortress	5.00	6.00

#### Group Tickets (Groups of 20 or Over)

Group Inclusive Ticket (Pre-booked)	6.50	6.50
Schools Inclusive Ticket	5.50	5.50
Finn McCool's (under 4 years/over 4 years)	2.75/3.75	3.00/4.00
Treasure Fortress	2.75	3.00
Turbo Tours	3.00	3.50

#### Birthday Parties

Finn McCool Junior	6.25	6.50
Finn McCool Senior	9.00	10.00
Bonus - Turbo Tours (new charge)	-	1.50

### 2.1.3 Kilrea Sports Hall

Group - Peak Rate per hour	8.00	9.00
Group - Off-Peak per hour	4.50	4.50
Individual	2.00	2.50
Birthday Parties	30.00	30.00

#### 2.1.4 Recreation Grounds

##### Bowling

One Hour	2.20	2.40
Three Hour Session	4.50	4.50
Season Ticket	37.00	40.00
Season Ticket (Juvenile/Senior Citizen)	20.00	22.00
Club Booking	16.00	17.00

##### Equipment Hire (Portrush, Portstewart, Castlerock)

Woods	No Change	1.00	1.00
Overshoes	No Change	1.00	1.00

##### Tennis

Hourly Charge Singles (per player)	1.70	1.80
Hourly Charge per Doubles	4.00	4.50
Weekly Ticket	9.00	10.00
Season Ticket	35.00	38.00
Season Ticket (Juvenile/Senior Citizen)	20.00	21.00
Family Tennis (minimum 1 adult 2 children)	10% discount	10% discount
Crazy Golf/Putting	0.60	0.60

##### Hire Charges (per Hour)

Racquets	1.00	1.00
Shoes	0.80	0.80
Balls	0.60	0.60

2.1.5 <u>Playpark</u>	1.40	1.50
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#### 2.1.6 Ballyreagh Golf Course

##### Par 3 Ticket Weekday

Adult	5.75	6.00
Juvenile/Senior Citizen	4.00	4.50

##### Par 3 Ticket - Weekends, Public Holidays,

##### July & August

Adult	6.75	7.00
Juvenile/Senior Citizen	5.75	6.00

##### Pitch & Putt Weekdays

Adult	2.75	3.00
Juvenile/Senior Citizen	2.00	2.20

##### Pitch & Putt - Weekends, Public Holidays,

##### July & August

Adult	3.25	3.50
Juvenile/Senior Citizen	2.20	2.50

##### Yearly Ticket

Adult	110.00	118.00
Juvenile/Senior Citizen	60.00	70.00
Putting	0.60	0.60

### 2.1.7 Waterworld – Portrush

Wet Play Area		
Peak	4.75	4.75
Off-Peak	4.00	4.00
Wet Play Area Family (3 people)		
Peak	12.00	12.00
Off-Peak	9.00	9.00
Wet Play Area Family (4 people)		
Peak	16.00	16.00
Off-Peak	12.00	12.00
Wet Play Area Family (5 people)		
Peak	20.00	20.00
Off-Peak	15.00	15.00
Water Play Area – under 8 years	1.50	2.50
Group Rate:		
Peak	4.00	4.00
Off Peak	3.50	3.50
<u>Bowling</u>		
Per Lane (4-6)	13.00	13.00
Per Lane (3)	10.50	10.50
Per Lane (2)	7.00	7.00
Group (3 or more lanes)	10.00	10.00

### 2.1.8 Flowerfield Arts Centre

Membership	10.00	10.00
Senior Citizens/Student etc.	8.00	8.00

Individuals who hold membership to the “Friends of Flowerfield” Scheme may hire space/workshops at the rate of £5.00 per session.

<u>Proposed Charges</u>		<u>Standard</u> (£)	<u>Commercial</u> (£)
Conference Room	Half Day	30	70
	Evening	30	70
	Full Day	60	130
Auditorium <i>Unseated</i>	Half Day	50	80
	Evening	50	80
	Full Day	100	150
Auditorium <i>Seated</i>	Half Day	55	100
	Evening	65	120
	Full Day	120	200

Media Training Room <i>(Extended Sessions may be booked at Special Rates)</i>	Half Day	30	60
	Evening	30	60
	Full Day	60	120
Darkroom	Half Day	30	50
	Evening	30	50
	Full Day	60	100
Pottery Studio	Half Day	25	40
	Evening	25	40
	Full Day	50	80
Studios 1,2,3	Half Day	25	40
	Evening	25	40
	Full Day	50	80
Reception & Galleries	Half Day	25	50
	Evening	25	50
	Full Day	50	100
Kitchen	Per Two Hours	10	10

All above rates apply to Group Bookings

### 2.1.9 Coleraine Marina

PERIOD	BOATS UP TO & INCLUDING 7 METRES	BOATS OVER 7 METRES
Summer – April to September	£60 per metre (Minimum Charge £275)	£70 per metre
Winter – October to March	£40 per metre	£50 per metre
Monthly	£120	£140
Weekly	£45	£50
Daily	£14	£17

Rowing Boats up to 5 metres:

April to September .....	£70
October to March .....	£50

Season Berth Holders will have free use of slipway, free car parking and use of Boat Park in lieu of berth:-

USE OF CRANE:	£10 per metre
BOAT PARK:	Sailing Dinghies - £50 per annum
ELECTRICITY:	Hire of Meter - £20 per annum
	Charge per unit used £0.0938
SLIPPING & CHANGING:	£4
SLIPPING:	Season Ticket - £35



MAST HOIST WITH BOAT LIFT: £20  
 MAST HOIST – BOATS  
 MOORED ELSEWHERE: £30  
 SHORT STAY CHARGE: £5

2.1.10 Portstewart Harbour

	BOATS 7 METRES AND UNDER	BOATS OVER 7 METRES	ALL BOATS OUTER HARBOUR
Season	£45 per metre	£60 per metre	£25 per metre
Monthly	£90	£110	N/A
Weekly	£35	£40	N/A
Daily	£10	£10	N/A

2.1.11 Portrush Harbour

<u>P</u>	BOATS 7 METRES AND UNDER	BOATS OVER 7 METRES
Season	£50 per metre Minimum charge £250	£65 per metre
Monthly	£100	£120
Weekly	£35	£40
Daily	£10	£12

	£
OTHER FACILITIES:	
Rowing Boats	60.00
Tenders	6.00
COVERED WINTER STORAGE:	
7 metres and under	75.00
Over 7 metres	90.00
SLIPPING CHARGES:	
Casual	3.00
Season	35.00
COMMERCIAL SHIPPING:	
Tonnage Charge (GRT) (per ton)	0.60
Pilotage	40.00

Passenger Dues	0.30
Loading Dues (per ton)	0.60

### 2.1.12 Burial Grounds

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	£	£
Purchase of single plot (including grant of title/registration)	100	110
Opening and closing each grave	100	110
Tree and plaque – Garden of Remembrance	80	85
Permission to erect memorial stone	25	30
Cremated ashes/newborn babies	25	25

## 2.2 National Association of Councillors (NAC)

### 2.2.1 Annual Membership

Members noted that the NAC proposed to increase its membership fee from £13 to £50 per member to enable expenses for members sitting on the National Executive to be paid directly by the NAC.

During the ensuing discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mullan and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That Council pay the increased membership fee.

It was then proposed, as an amendment, by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Armitage:

That Council agree to pay the increased membership fee in principle, subject to agreement by all other councils.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was lost with seven votes for and ten votes against.

The substantive motion was then carried with twelve votes for and none against and it was recommended:

That Council agree payment of the total increased membership fee of £1100.

### 2.2.2 Conference

Members noted that the National Association of Councillors would be holding a conference on 'Energy and Transport' in Glasgow at the end of February and it was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Deans and recommended:

That Council's representatives on the NAC

attend the conference.

Members also noted that, in future, details of all NAC conferences would be reported to members.

2.3 Review of Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection

Committee noted amendments to this Code, as contained in the report.

2.4 Loan Sanctions

Recommended:

That borrowing approval be sought in respect of the undernoted capital expenditure:

	£
(i) Upgrading of pitches – Rugby Avenue Playing Fields	190,000
(ii) Purchase of 2 No. small vehicles	14,000
(iii) New electrical supply – Juniper Hill Caravan Park	10,000
(iv) Purchase of trailer mounted access platform	15,000
(v) Purchase of 2 No. medium sized vans	22,000
(vi) Provision of fencing – Millburn Community Centre	10,000
(vii) Upgrading footpaths at Crescent Playing Fields	45,000
(viii) Resurfacing – Loughanhill depot	38,000
(ix) Environmental Improvement Scheme – Antrim Gardens, Portrush	140,000
(x) Purchase of 1 No. tipper lorry	22,000
(xi) Supply of fuel dispensing system – Loughanhill depot	11,000

2.5 Matters for Information

2.5.1 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments for January 2005, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

Revenue A/C	-	£ 318,047.98
Capital A/C	-	£ 31,552.32
Petty Cash A/C	-	£ 276,201.76

Members' queries on the accounts were noted by the Director of Corporate Services.

2.5.2 New Appointments

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

Technical Services Department

- Painter (Replacement): Mr. Stephen Holmes
- LGV Driver/Labourer (Replacement): Mr. Graham Smyth

- Toilet Attendant/Cleaner – Castlerock (Replacement): Mrs. Kathleen McColgan
- P/T Cleaner Attendant – Anderson Park (Replacement): Mr. Alan Moffett
- LGV Driver (Replacement): Mr. Michael Wallace

In response to a member's query, the Director of Corporate Services confirmed that all Council posts were publicly advertised.

2.5.3 Freedom of Information - Update

Committee noted that nine requests for information had been received under the Act and that the system for logging and dealing with requests was working satisfactorily.

### 3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Ethnic Minorities and Migrant Workers

Committee noted information on this topic, as contained in the report, and the recommendation of the Head of Development Services that a workshop be set up in Coleraine and the Ballymena Ethnic Minorities Project Co-ordinator and the STEP Migrant Worker Centre Co-ordinator be invited to give presentations on their respective projects and experience to date. Relevant statutory agencies could also be invited to the workshop along with some representatives from neighbouring councils.

During the debate which followed, it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Alderman McClure:

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Head of Development Services, with the exclusion of the STEP Migrant Worker Centre Co-ordinator.

Further discussion ensued and it was proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Mullan:

That the recommendation of the Head of Development Services' be adopted in full.

On a request for a recorded vote members voted on the amendment as follows:

For: Alderman Mrs. Black and Councillors Ms. Alexander, Barbour, Dallat, Mrs. Johnston, McClarty, McLaughlin, Mullan and Watt (9)

Against: The Mayor; Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, Creelman and McClure and Councillors Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Hillis, King, McQuillan and Stewart (10)

The amendment was, therefore, lost.

On the substantive motion, members then voted as follows:

For: The Mayor; Aldermen Creelman and McClure and Councillors Dallat, Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Hillis, King, McClarty, McQuillan, Mullan, Stewart and Watt (13)

Against: None

Abstentions: Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and Mrs. Black and Councillors Ms. Alexander, Barbour, Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin (6)

The substantive motion was, therefore, carried and it was recommended:

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Head of Development Services, as contained in the report, with the exclusion of the STEP Migrant Worker Centre Co-ordinator.

3.2 Tourist Information Centre - Refurbishment

Council is recommended to proceed with the refurbishment scheme for the Tourist Information Centre, as detailed in the report.

3.3 Matters for Information

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

- (i) Science Park Development Measure – Action Plan
- (ii) Think Big – Phase 2
- (iii) Coleraine Borough Business Awards 2005
- (iv) Coleraine Roadshow: ‘Get Connected – Get Results!’

**4.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - REFORM OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Consideration was given to the draft response to this consultation paper prepared by the Head of Administrative Services and it was recommended:

That Council adopt the draft response to this document.

**5.0 DRAFT INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

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

Members' concerns on various issues contained within the Draft Investment Strategy would be addressed in a comprehensive paper to be presented at the Policy and Development Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.

A member's request that a representative from the Strategic Investment Board be invited to address Committee on the role of the Board was noted.

**6.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - 5TH MAY, 2005**

Council is recommended to adopt the following schedule of Council meetings for April/May 2005:

5 <sup>th</sup> April	:	Leisure and Environment Committee
12 <sup>th</sup> April	:	Planning Committee
19 <sup>th</sup> April	:	Council (to incorporate Policy and Development Committee business)
Late April/ early May	:	Issue of non-contentious planning list to members with normal rights of deferral
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	:	First meeting of newly-elected Council

**7.0 COLERAINE DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP**

**7.1 Office Bearers**

Committee noted information on the Coleraine District Policing Partnership, as contained in the report and it was recommended:

That Councillor McLaughlin be nominated to the post of Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor Watt and seconded by Alderman McClure, it was further recommended:

That Councillor Mrs. Johnston be nominated to the post of Vice-Chairman.

7.2 Proposed District Policing Partnerships (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

Committee noted information on the draft Order, the main purpose of which was to temporarily extend the length of time current District Policing Partnership members could hold office, as contained in the report.

Discussion ensued, following which it was proposed by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor McClarty:

That Council make a recommendation to the Northern Ireland Policing Board that election of an independent Vice-Chairman for District Policing Partnerships take place on the second and ensuing years of each Partnership.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried by twelve votes to two.

## **8.0 CONSULTATION LIST**

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

- (i) Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment - Consultation on Draft Corporate Plan 2005 - 2008

Comments due by: 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2005

## **9.0 EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARDS - FINANCIAL SITUATION**

Read letter from the Department of Education in response to Council's letter of 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 expressing concern in respect of the budgetary difficulties being experienced by the Education and Library Boards.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised Committee that Mr. Topping, North-Eastern Education and Library Board, would also be writing to Council on this topic.

Noted.

## **10.0 RE-INSTATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE FUNDS**

Read letter from the Department of Finance and Personnel in response to Council's letter of 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 to the Secretary of State.

In response to a request by Councillor Dallat, the Director of Corporate Services would consult with Council's web provider on the technical requirements for

publication of correspondence on Council's website.

Noted.

**11.0 SEACAT - BELFAST TO TROON ROUTE**

Read letter from Sea Containers Ferries advising that the Belfast to Troon SeaCat route would not be re-starting in 2005.

Members expressed their disappointment at this decision.

**12.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (i) Committee on Standards in Public Life – Summary of Tenth Report – “Getting the Balance Right: Implementing Standards of Conduct in Public Life”.
- (ii) Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland – Ninth Report 2003-2004.

**13.0 HOUSING SEMINAR**

A Housing Course for councillors and public representatives would be held at the Marine Hotel, Ballycastle on 25/26 February, 2005 by HAPPENING, Events Co-ordinators.

Any members interested in attending were requested to contact the Head of Administrative Services.

**14.0 MEMORIAL FOR THE LATE MR. BERTIE PEACOCK**

In response to a member's query regarding a previous Council Motion for a memorial to honour the late Mr. Bertie Peacock, members noted that the Sports Council had now asked for Council to join in a working group to look at ways in which this could best be achieved.