

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 24th day of April, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

H. W. T. MOORE,

Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 27th March, 2001
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Special Planning Meeting – 29th March, 2001
 - 2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee – 3rd April, 2001
 - 2.3 Planning Committee – 10th April, 2001
 - 2.4 Community/Police Forum – 12th April, 2001
 - 2.5 Policy and Development Committee – 18th April, 2001
3. Presentation by The Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations
4. Foot and Mouth Outbreak – Update and Tourism Recovery Plan
5. Correspondence
6. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Leaflet – Rural Support Line
- (2) Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Health and Social Services Council of 7th March, 2001

To: Each Member of Council.

20th April, 2001.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 27th March, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per notice attached.

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

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

Aldermen

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

Councillors

D. D. Barbour	D. McClarty
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	G. L. McLaughlin
R. S. Bolton	(Items 1.0 – 4.0)
J. M. Bradley	R. A. McPherson
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	W. Mathews
W. T. Creelman	E. M. Mullan
(Items 2.1.1 – 18.0)	(Items 1.0 – 4.0)
J. J. Dallat	E. O'Hara
(Items 1.0 – 4.0)	R. D. Stewart
N. F. Hillis	

Officers in Attendance:

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

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 27th February, 2001 were confirmed and signed.

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee The Chairman, Councillor O'Hara, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Watt.

Matters arising:

2.1.1 Castlerock Pool The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that correspondence had been received from Castlerock Community Association and local residents. They were objecting to the recommendation that the land adjacent to the former swimming pool be made available to the developer as a temporary site office.

It was proposed by Alderman King, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed: That Standing Orders be suspended to hear representatives from Castlerock Community Association who were in attendance at the meeting.

The Director of Leisure Services reminded members of the two requests made by the developer viz permission to re-grade part of the land adjacent to the former pool and lease an area for a temporary site office.

Mrs. J. McDermott and Mr. S. Smyth addressed Council on behalf of Castlerock Community Association and expanded on their objections to the use of the area of land as a temporary site office (map circulated).

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman King and seconded by Councillor McClarty:

That Council decline the request from the developer to use the ground in question as a temporary site office and continue negotiations with the developer regarding re-grading part of the area. On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, eighteen members voting in favour and none against.

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

2.2 Planning Committee

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

2.3 Policy and Development Committee

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

3.0 **NORTHERN AREA PLAN 2016 -
PLANNING (N.I.) ORDER 1991
PART III**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. M. J. Cavalleros, Divisional Planning Manager and Mr. A. Adair from Planning Service Headquarters who were in attendance to address Council on the procedures and programmes involved in the preparation of the Northern Area Plan 2016

(paper circulated).

Members noted that the purpose of this Area Plan was to set out the broad planning framework for the entire Council areas of Ballymoney, Coleraine, Moyle and Limavady for the period up to the year 2016. The Plan would also advise the public and potential land users on the policy framework which would be used to guide future development and provide a basis for the control of this development.

The representatives elaborated on the procedures and programmes involved as detailed in the paper.

A full discussion ensued during which Messrs. Cavalleros and Adair answered various members' questions.

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

That four half-day meetings, between Planning Service representatives and members in District Electoral Area groups, be arranged for April/May 2001 to further discuss issues relating to the Northern Area Plan 2016.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Cavalleros and Adair for attending.

4.0 DISPLAYING OF FLAGS

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report on Displaying of Flags (previously supplied).

Members noted that no cross-party consensus on the way forward had emerged from the Equality Working Group's consideration of this topic on 30th January and 21st February, 2001. At the latter meeting on 21st February, 2001 the Group concluded on a majority basis:

- (a) that no further legal or professional advice be sought on the statutory position of Council in this matter;
- (b) that no impact assessment of the proposed policy be carried out as provided for within Council's Equality Scheme;
- (c) that the matter be referred back to Council.

Members were requested to carefully consider the legal opinion and report (previously supplied) which set out the issues involved.

The undernoted Notice of Motion had been submitted by Alderman Watt:

“Like most members of Council I have given a lot of thought to the decision to display the flag in the Council Chamber and having carefully considered the legal opinion and the implications that we could become involved in, I would appeal to this Council to rescind the decision taken on 28th March, 2000 and as an alternative consider the flying of the Union Flag outside Cloonavin Headquarters on the current prescribed days and on every working day that the premises are open to the public.”

Alderman Watt formally proposed the rescission of the decision of 28th March, 2000 and the flying of the Union Flag outside Cloonavin with effect from “tomorrow morning”; this was seconded by Councillor Bolton.

A full discussion ensued on this topic.

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

For: The Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, King, McClure and Watt
Councillors Barbour, Mrs. Black, Bolton, Bradley, Mrs. Church,
Creelman, Hillis, McClarty, McPherson and Stewart (15)

Against: Councillor O'Hara (1)

Abstained: The Deputy Mayor
Alderman Ms. Alexander
Councillor Mathews (3)

The Motion was, therefore, adopted.

As a result of the adoption of this Motion, the Mayor explained that the undernoted Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman McClure was rendered invalid, viz:

“That this Council in conjunction with the decision to display the Union Flag in the Council Chamber, have the same flag flown outside the Council Offices on each day of the year excluding weekends.”

5.0 TENDERS - PORTBALLINTRAE HARBOUR
ROCK ARMOURING

The Director of Technical Services' Report on tenders received for the replacement of the existing rock armoured slope and the construction of an access path to the beach at Portballintrae Harbour was considered (previously supplied).

Ten tenders had been received as follows:

Tenderer	Tender Total
	£
Ashleigh Contracts	101,289.00
John Graham (Dromore) Ltd.	118,849.10
Farrans (Construction) Ltd.	122,703.25
T. D. McKee & Son	129,535.00
William & Henry Alexander	150,875.00
JPM Contracts	152,470.00
McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd.	163,250.00

Tenderer	Tender Total
	£
Conway Bros. (Enniskillen) Ltd.	164,039.50
Kennedy Quarries Ltd.	285,400.50
F.P. McCann Ltd.	359,243.50

Agreed:

That Ashleigh Contracts be appointed to carry out the proposed works at the corrected tender sum of £101,404.00 plus VAT subject to the completion of outstanding Health and Safety information to the satisfaction of the Planning Supervisor.

**6.0 PORTRUSH TRAFFIC SYSTEM -
PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME**

Reported that following representations from a number of local organisations, Roads Service had agreed to make alterations to the Portrush traffic management system on the main access roads to the Town Centre on an experimental basis, viz:

1. The introduction of 2-way traffic on Eglinton Street, from its junction with Crocknamac Street (Metropole Roundabout) to its junction with Sandhill Drive. (A right-turn lane will be marked at the junction with Sandhill Drive to facilitate drivers wishing to access the Dunluce Avenue parking facilities.)
2. The introduction of 2-way traffic on Sandhill Drive, from its junction with Eglinton Street, to its junction with Dunluce Avenue. (The Dunluce Avenue junction will be re-modelled to permit the left-turn movement from Sandhill Drive into Dunluce Avenue.)
3. The introduction of a BUS/FIRE Lane on Eglinton Street, to replace the existing FIRE Lane. (This will allow buses leaving the Eglinton Street yard to turn right if required.)

The proposals would be advertised and publicly displayed within the next few weeks. Depending upon the reaction the changes could be operative by July/August for up to a twelve month trial period.

Noted.

7.0 INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

Reported that following a visit in February, the International Fund for Ireland had decided to extend the present Urban Development Programme Boundary at Railway Road, Coleraine to the railway crossing and including Railway Place. To accommodate this The Diamond/Church Street area would be deleted from the Programme.

The Fund was keen to see progress on a scheme in the West Bann area. They would continue to liaise with the local development group and Council on a viable project.

Noted.

**8.0 TRANSLINK - NEW COLERAINE
BUS AND RAIL CENTRE**

Reported that the new Coleraine Bus and Rail Centre had opened to the public on Monday, 26th March, 2001.

Noted.

9.0 OFFICIAL COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH

Agreed:

That the official Council photograph be arranged for 6.30 p.m. on 10th April, 2001.

10.0 NEW COLERAINE HOSPITAL

Reported that the tour of the new hospital had been arranged for Wednesday, 4th April, 2001 at 2.30 p.m.

Noted.

**11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE -
COMBATING ELECTORAL FRAUD
IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read letter from the Northern Ireland Office regarding proposals as contained in a White Paper regarding combating electoral abuse in Northern Ireland.

The legislation would only apply in Northern Ireland. Government was confident that the measures would be effective in minimising opportunities for abuse while not putting obstacles in the way of people's legitimate exercise of the vote.

Noted.

**12.0 NORTH-EASTERN EDUCATION AND
LIBRARY BOARD**

Tabled:

Minutes of the NEELB dated 30th January, 2001.

13.0 SIMON COMMUNITY - NORTHERN IRELAND

Tabled:

Summary report of the project "Opening the Door to Health".

14.0 CIVIC FORUM

Tabled:

Response to the Northern Ireland Executive Draft Programme for Government dated October 2000.

**15.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE
FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Tabled:

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts – 1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000.

16.0 CO-OWNERSHIP HOUSING

Tabled:

Annual Report and Accounts 1999 – 2000.

**17.0 THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER
AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER**

Tabled:

New Targeting Social Need Action Plans Report – Making It Work.

18.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Endorsement and Counterpart Coleraine Tourist Information Centre
Council with Lynas Frozen Foods
Ltd.

2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register
Nos. 2686 – 2699 inclusive:

Coleraine	5
Ballywillan	2
Agherton	1
Portstewart	5
Kilrea	1

Advanced Deeds

Register No. 0016 – 0017

Portstewart	1
Coleraine	1

SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

29th March, 2001.

Convened: To further consider Major Planning Applications Nos. C/00/937 and C/00/938 Housing Development (Erection of 111 no. Apartments and 21 no. Townhouses) on lands at West Bay, Dhu Varren, Portrush bounded by Portstewart Road, West Strand Road, The Promenade, Carrick-Dhu Bungalow and the Railway Embankment for Seaport Investments Ltd.

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

Aldermen

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

Councillors

D. D. Barbour N. F. Hillis
R. S. Bolton D. McClarty
O. M. Church (Mrs.) R. A. McPherson
W. T. Creelman E. M. Mullan
J. J. Dallat R. D. Stewart

Also in Attendance: Mr. P. Fleming, BDP Planning

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and McClure
Councillors Mrs. Black, Bradley, Mathews and O'Hara

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded members of the previous consideration given to these planning applications. At the Planning Committee on 13th February, 2001 it was noted that Planning Service had applied Article 31 of the Planning (N.I.) Order 1991 to both applications. It had also been agreed that Council request the Department to hold a Public Inquiry on these applications.

At the Planning Committee on 13th March, 2001 Committee had heard presentations from the applicant's advisers and objectors.

A rescinding motion regarding Council's request seeking a Public Inquiry on these applications would be considered at the Planning Committee on 10th April, 2001.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. P. Fleming, BDP Planning, who was in attendance. A note prepared by BDP Planning to assist Council with its response to Planning Service, regarding Article 31 being applied to these applications, was circulated to members.

Mr. Fleming elaborated on the note which outlined the applications, the Article 31 procedure, Area Plan Context, Certificate of Alternative Development Value regarding the site and three alternative options available to Council.

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

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

That Council adopt Option No. 3, viz:

“Advise the Department that the Council has no plans to implement the proposed recreational use zoning in the North-East Area Plan and that the Council is aware of the CADV relating to the subject site stating the Department’s opinion with respect to residential development. Advise the Department that the Council have heard from both the applicant’s advisers and objectors at a Special Meeting of Council. Submit a presentation to the Department to highlight particular areas of interest, which the Department should take into account in the consideration of the application and the next steps. These subject areas could include the following – development concept, scale, density, dwelling numbers, visual impact, traffic impact, balance between openness and built form in the locality and policy context. The latter would include reference to the North East Area Plan 2002, the draft Planning Policy Statements 7 and 8 “Quality Residential Environments” and “Open Space, Sport and Recreation” and the “Creating Places” book. Advise the Department that careful consideration should be given to the applications in light of their status as Article 31 applications.”

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried by eleven votes to one.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Fleming for attending.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3rd April, 2001.

Present: Councillor E. O'Hara, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

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

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. J. McClure
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	(Items 4.4 – 12.0)
W. H. King	W. J. Watt
	(Items 1.0 – 3.0)

Councillors

D. D. Barbour	J. J. Dallat
(Items 1.0 – 5.7)	(Items 1.0 – 6.1.1)
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	N. F. Hillis
(Items 1.0 – 5.7)	D. McClarty
R. S. Bolton	G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)	R. A. McPherson
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	W. Mathews
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)	E. M. Mullan
W. T. Creelman	(Items 1.0 – 4.8)
	R. D. Stewart

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health, Leisure Services Officer (Items 1.0 – 5.1.2), Senior Technical Officer, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 3.0 – 5.7), Countryside Access Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.1.1), Principal Administrative Officers and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Bradley

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present in the public gallery.

2.0 SYMPATHY

The Chairman referred to the tragic death of Miss Jill Bradley of Coleraine as a result of a road traffic accident. Miss Bradley was the daughter of Mr. D. Bradley of the Parks Section and a cousin of Councillor Bradley.

Members expressed their sympathy and extended condolences to the family circle.

3.0 SKATEBOARDING

The Chairman welcomed Ms. R. Stewart and Messrs. R. Porter and G. Wolfe from

Triangle Skate System who were in attendance to address Committee regarding the provision of a skatepark in the Borough (paper circulated).

Ms. Stewart elaborated on their proposals for a skatepark which it was suggested should be provided at an indoor venue in the Portrush area. Council was asked to work in partnership with the Youth Service in the area regarding the provision of such a facility.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which Ms. Stewart answered various members' questions.

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

That the officers have further discussions with Triangle Skate System regarding the possible provision of a skatepark and report back to Committee at the earliest opportunity.

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

4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Coleraine Leisure Centre - Fitness Equipment

Seven tenders had been received for the supply and delivery of fitness equipment for the new facility at Coleraine Leisure Centre:

	£
Precor Fitness	140,560
SP Sports	157,969
Pulse Fitness	161,389
Life Fitness	169,310
Technogym	174,070
Powersport	180,474
Crown Fitness	215,469

A figure of £200,000 had been allowed for in the estimates. Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest tender from Precor Fitness in the sum of £140,560.

4.2 Juniper Hill - Telecommunications Mast

One2One Personal Communications Ltd. had requested permission to erect a tele-communications mast within the grounds of Juniper Hill Caravan Park. Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Mullan and recommended: That Council decline to grant permission to

site this mast within the grounds of Juniper Hill Caravan Park.

4.3 BBC Town Challenge

The BBC had requested permission to use the green at East Strand Car Park, Portrush on 10th June, 2001 for one of the heats of Town Challenge.

Council is recommended to agree.

4.4 Cycle Network – Metropole - Portrush

Roads Service had requested Council to sell them a small piece of land at Metropole Corner, Portrush to provide a cycle path as part of National Cycle Network Route 93. This would entail moving the existing wall back approximately 1.5 metres.

Council is recommended to agree, subject to agreement regarding a premium as assessed by the Valuation and Lands Agency.

4.5 Requests for Assistance

4.5.1 Ballywillan Flute Band – ‘Portrush Masters’ Event

A request for financial assistance had been received from Ballywillan Flute Band towards the cost of staging the ‘Portrush Masters’ event at the Causeway Coast Hotel, Portrush on 26th May, 2001.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £200 as in previous years.

4.5.2 North of Ireland Bands Association – ‘Open March Flute Band Championships’

Council had been requested by the North of Ireland Bands Association to make a financial contribution towards the cost of staging the ‘Open March Flute Band Championships’ at Portstewart Town Hall on 21st April, 2001.

It was initially proposed by Alderman Mrs. Armitage and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That Council contribute £100 towards the cost of staging the event.

It was further proposed by The Mayor and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Black:

That Council waive the cost of hiring Portstewart Town Hall (£60) for this event.

The initial proposal was subsequently withdrawn.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That Council contribute £100 towards the

cost of staging the event.

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

For: Alderman McClure
Councillors Bolton,
Creelman,
McPherson and Stewart
(5)

Against: The Mayor and Deputy
Mayor, Aldermen Mrs.
Armitage and King
Councillors Barbour, Mrs.
Black, Mrs. Church,
Dallat, Hillis, McClarty,
McLaughlin, Mathews,
Mullan and
O'Hara (14)

Abstention: Alderman Ms. Alexander

The amendment was, therefore, lost by fourteen votes to five.

The proposal was subsequently put to the meeting and was carried. Council is, therefore, recommended to waive the £60 cost of hiring Portstewart Town Hall for the event.

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| 4.5.3 | <u>Coleraine Yacht Club - Annual 24-Hour Yacht Race</u> | Recommended:

That Council contribute £150 to Coleraine Yacht Club towards the cost of staging the Annual 24-Hour Yacht Race on 16 th and 17 th June, 2001. |
| 4.5.4 | <u>Co. Londonderry Milk Cup Soccer Teams U14 and U16</u> | Recommended:

That Council contribute £300 per team to the Co. Londonderry Milk Cup U14 and U16 Teams towards the cost of competing in the 2001 tournament. |
| 4.6 | <u>Seaside Awards</u> | Committee welcomed the announcement that Portrush East and West Strands had been awarded the Seaside Award for 2001 by The Tidy Britain Group, Portrush. West Strand had been granted an 'A' award. |
| 4.7 | <u>Proposed Riverside Footpath</u> | The Countryside Access Officer outlined the |

Link connecting Portneal and Portna, Kilrea

proposed riverside footpath link project connecting Portneal and Portna, Kilrea. This link would open up opportunities for circular and linear routes in and around Kilrea.

Following discussion it was recommended to further explore this proposal subject to the necessary funding being secured.

4.8 Highway to Health Initiative

The Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Association (NICHSA) wished to work in partnership with Council to develop a 'Highway to Health' route within the Coleraine area. A potential route had been identified. The total cost of the scheme was approximately £1,500 - £2,000.

Council is recommended to enter into partnership with NICHSA to develop this scheme.

4.9 Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Ltd. – Cycling Promotion Brochure

The Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Ltd. were producing a brochure to promote cycling as a tourism product to foreign visitors to the area. Sustrans had been commissioned to work on this project.

Council was recommended to agree to work in partnership with Sustrans to investigate the possibility of identifying a rural cycle route in the south of the Borough to complement the existing facilities along the north coast.

4.10 Walking Routes – Minor Roads

The Director of Leisure Services was asked to consider the possibility of establishing designated walking routes along minor roads in the Borough.

4.11 For Information

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

Glenullin Hillwalking Project.

5.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

5.1 Building Control

5.1.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for fifty-four applications.

5.1.2 Schedule of Plans for Rejection under

Recommended:

Building Regulations

That 14 applications, as detailed in the report, be rejected under Schedule 2 of the Building Regulations as insufficient information had been deposited on the plans to enable them to be approved.

It was noted that the required information in respect of C/0009/7159E – Extension and Alterations to Dwelling at 74 Strand Road, Portstewart had now been submitted.

5.1.3 New Building Regulations (N.I.) 2000

The Principal Building Control Officer elaborated on the introduction of New Building Regulations, as detailed in the report, which had come into operation on 1st April, 2001. These regulations introduced a change of format to and the recognition of harmonised European Standards.

Committee noted that the regulations had been extended to require new dwellings to have access and facilities to enable disabled people to visit.

5.2 Entertainments Licences

5.2.1 Grant of Licence

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

Golf Hotel, 17 Main Street, Castlerock
York Hotel, 2 Station Road, Portstewart

Recommended:

That an Entertainments Licence be granted for a period of one year in each case.

Both licences had been previously granted for a period of six months. However, no complaints regarding noise nuisance had been received. Monitoring for noise would continue.

5.2.1.2 Shenanigans, 78-79 The Promenade, Portstewart

Recommended:

That an Entertainments Licence be granted for one year including the following special condition:

“A compressor acoustic limiter should be fitted and calibrated to the satisfaction of Environmental Health Department in the areas known as O’Haras, Bar 7 and Chaines.”

- 5.3 Street Trading Licence An application for the grant of a Street Trading Licence had been received from:
Miss M. McMullan, 52 Newbridge Park,
Coleraine.
- 5.4 Windyhall Community Park Council had been requested to provide lighting for the Windyhall Community Park scheme, as detailed in the report. The estimated cost was £400 with annual running costs of approximately £45.

Council is recommended to agree.
- 5.5 Waste Management Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding waste management in respect of the new civic amenity site at Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea and the closure plan for Kilrea Landfill Site.
- 5.6 Department of Regional Development – Roads Service
- 5.6.1 Disabled Parking Bay - Union Street, Coleraine The Department proposed to reinstate a disabled parking bay at Union Street, Coleraine.

Council is recommended to support the proposal.
- 5.7 Members' Queries The Senior Technical Officer agreed to investigate various queries raised by members regarding Macosquin Landfill Site, illegal dumping, fly-tipping and the skip/recycling sites at Portstewart and Portrush.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

- 6.1 "In Committee" It was proposed by Alderman Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed: That this matter be considered "In Committee". On the proposal of the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Stewart the members resolved themselves out of "Committee" and ratified the recommendation made therein.
- 6.2 Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 2001 Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding the recent introduction of the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 2001. The regulations provided for the annual licensing of retail butchers' shops, mobile shops and market stalls selling both unwrapped raw meat and other

ready to eat foods from the same premises.

Recommended:

That in order to ensure that licence applications were dealt with within the statutory period of twenty-eight days, that authority to determine applications be delegated to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and in his absence to the Deputy Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

**7.0 FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY (FSA)
WATER CONTENT OF FROZEN
POULTRY**

Read letter from the Food Standards Agency in reply to Council's letter expressing concern regarding the test methods used to determine the water content of poultry. The Food Standards Agency's study into "added water in chicken and chicken parts" had highlighted that the two official methods specified in the EC Regulations did not appear to correlate with one another. The FSA had already informed the European Commission of the highlighted anomalies and discussions were ongoing.

The Agency was also already working to re-draft the relevant national legislation to close existing loop holes.

Noted.

**8.0 ROADS SERVICE - TEMPORARY
CLOSURE OF TOWN BRIDGE**

Reported that Roads Service had advised that, weather permitting, the Town Bridge over the River Bann in Coleraine would be closed to vehicular traffic from 7.00 p.m. on Friday, 6th April to 6.00 a.m. on Monday, 9th April, 2001. The closure was to facilitate installation of the three spans of the superstructure of the new Foot and Cycle Bridge. A shuttle bus service would be provided to take pedestrians across the river during designated periods.

The new bridge would provide a 2 metre wide footway and a 2 metre wide cycleway. The new footway would allow the removal of one of the narrow footways on the existing bridge and the widening of the other footway. It was hoped to open the new bridge in early May 2001.

Noted.

**9.0 TEN PIN BOWLING FACILITY -
WATERWORLD**

The Director of Leisure Services reported that staff had been invited to use the new ten pin bowling facility at Waterworld on the evenings of 10th, 11th and 12th April, 2001 prior to the opening of the facility to the public on 13th April, 2001.

Members were also invited to attend on any of the three evenings.

Noted.

10.0 FLY-POSTING

Reference was made to recent incidents of fly-posting in the Borough. The Senior Technical Officer advised that this matter was being investigated.

**11.0 NEW SYSTEM - COMMERCIAL
WASTE COLLECTION**

Reference was made to the recent introduction of the new system for the collection of commercial waste in the Borough. The Senior Technical Officer advised that the system was working fairly satisfactory and he agreed to investigate any specific complaints raised by members.

12.0 OFFICIAL COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH

Members were reminded that the official Council photograph had been arranged for 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th April, 2001.

Noted.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

10th April, 2001.

Present: Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

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

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

W. J. McClure

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

W. J. Watt

W. H. King

Councillors

D. D. Barbour

N. F. Hillis

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

D. McClarty

R. S. Bolton

(Items 1.0 – 1.12)

J. M. Bradley

R. A. McPherson

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

W. Mathews

W. T. Creelman

E. M. Mullan

(Items 1.2 – 2.0)

E. O'Hara

J. J. Dallat

R. D. Stewart

Also in Attendance:

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

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative
Assistant

1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

1.1

Application No. D1

C/2000/0609/F

Erection of new garage (attached) at 361 Ballyness
Park, Castleroe, Coleraine for Mr. G. Connor

The opinion of the Planning Service was to
approve.

No further representations had been received
within the statutory consultation period and the
application would be approved.

1.2

Application No. D2

C/2001/0019/O

Proposed Day Nursery Facilities on land adjacent
to 58 Burnside Park, Coleraine for Rainbows Day
Nursery

The opinion of the Planning Service was to
approve.

It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded
by Councillor Mullan and agreed:

That the application be

deferred for one month
to facilitate further
discussions with N.I.
Housing Executive.

- 1.3 Application No. D3
C/2001/0025/F
Proposed dwelling and detached garage on site
adjacent to 15 Ballygawley Road, Aghadowey,
Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. E. Millsopp
- 1.4 Application No. D4
C/2001/0050/O
Four apartments (revised proposal) at Fenagh
Park, Somerset, Coleraine for Mr. R. Martin
- 1.5 Application No. D5
C/2001/0059/O
Site for Dwelling at Altikeeragh Road (opposite
Ballyhackett Primary School), Castlerock for Mr.
M. O’Kane
- 1.6 Application No. D6
C/2001/0069/F
Erection of new dwelling on land north west of 14
Gortycavan Road, Castlerock for Mr. D. Morgan
- 1.7 Application No. D7
C/2001/0088/O
Proposed site for one and a half storey dwelling
adjacent to junction of Hillside Road and Temple
Road, Garvagh for Mr. T. Smyth
- 1.8 Application No. D8
C/2001/0098/O
Site for dwelling at Craigmore Road,
Ringsend, Coleraine for
Mr. F. McGilligan
- 1.9 Application No. D9
C/2001/0109/O
Site for dwelling and garage 100m south of 11
Tamneyrankin Road, Swatragh for Mr. J. Gunning

NEW APPLICATIONS

- 1.10 Application No. 2
C/2000/0487/F
Erection of two-storey dwelling with detached
garage adjacent to
61 Altikeeragh Road, Castlerock for
Mr. J. Pollock
- 1.11 Application No. 7
C/2001/0081/O

- Site for replacement dwelling (new dwelling to be sited to right of existing dwelling and existing dwelling to be used as stables and storage) at 160 Curragh Road, Coleraine for
Mrs. J. Kennedy
Application No. 11
C/2001/0117/F
- 1.12 Erection of 2 no. dwellings (change of house type) at Site Nos. 84A and 85 Redwood Park, Somerset, Coleraine for M & A Builders
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
- 1.13 Application No. 15
C/2001/0127/F
Erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling at 347 Mayboy Terrace, Garvagh for Mr. W. Robinson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- 1.14 Application No. 18
C/2001/0133/F
Erection of two storey rear and side extension and front porch to existing dwelling at 541 Ballymadigan Terrace, Castlerock for Mr. J. Gaile
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- 1.15 Application No. 19
C/2001/0134/F
Erection of vehicle store (domestic and classic cars) at 15 Ballyrashane Road, Coleraine for Mr. B. McGill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period.
- It was agreed, at the request of the Planning Service, that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
- 1.16 Application No. 23
C/2001/0143/O
Site for dwelling at 16A Temple Road, Garvagh for Mr. S. White
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- 1.17 Application No. 26
C/2001/0147/RM
Proposed bungalow with detached garage adjacent to 43 Shanlongford Road, Ringsend, Coleraine for Mr. C. Burns
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed, on the request of the Planning Service, that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further consideration.
- 1.18 Application No. 29
C/2001/0154/O
Proposed dwelling and garage 40m east of 11 Tamneyrankin Road, Swatragh for Mr. J. P. Tohill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed, on the request of the Planning

- 1.19 **Application No. 31**
 C/2001/0157/F
Erection of single storey rear extension for kitchen and dining at 201 Learden Crescent, Macosquin, Coleraire for Mr. M. Lavery
- 1.20 **Application No. 32**
 C/2001/0160/O
Private dwelling on land adjacent to 113 Killeague Road, Blackhill, Coleraire for Mr. R. J. Steen
- 1.21 **Application No. 33**
 C/2001/0161/O
Proposed dwelling at Shinny Road, Macosquin for Mr. J. Hunter
- 1.22 **Application No. 34**
 C/2001/0162/F
Erection of two storey front and rear extension to existing dwelling at 20 Mountsandel Road, Coleraire for Mr. and Mrs. Harte
- 1.23 **Application No. 39**
 C/2001/0168/F
Erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling at 2 Riversdale Crescent, Coleraire for Mr. A. Rankin
- 1.24 **Application No. 43**
 C/2001/0174/F
Erection of two storey rear extension at 14 Oldtown Road, Coleraire for Mr. and Mrs. T. Nevin
- 1.25 **Application No. 44**
 C/2001/0175/O
Site for dwelling opposite No. 14 Coolnasillagh Road, Garvagh for Mr. S. McGilligan
- 1.26 **Application No. 46**
 C/2001/0178/O
Site for new dwelling adjacent to 92 Edenbane Road, Garvagh for Mr. R. Burnside
- 1.27 **Application No. 47**
- Service, that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions regarding Roads Service issues.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- 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.
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- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
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- No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
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- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- 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 approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

1.28	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>C/2001/0180/O</u> <u>Site for single dwelling on lands to rear (west) of 53 Altikeeragh Road, Castlerock for Mr. H. Doherty</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 48</p> <p><u>C/2001/0181/O</u> <u>Site for new dwelling on land off Killyvalley Road, adjacent to 92 Edenbane Road, Garvagh for</u> <u>Mr. R. Burnside</u></p>	<p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p> <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that if the application was not withdrawn within ten days it would be refused.</p>
1.29	<p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 49</p> <p><u>C/2001/0182/F</u> <u>Erection of single storey side extension to dwelling at 24 Tamneyrankin Road, Swatragh for Mr. P. McKeefry</u></p>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p>
1.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 52</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>C/2001/0187/RM</u></p> <p><u>Erection of two storey dwelling and garage opposite 25 Knocknougher Road, Articlave for Mr. J. McFetridge</u></p>	<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 further discussions with the applicant.</p>
1.31	<p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 55</p> <p><u>C/2001/0192/F</u> <u>Installation of four projecting shop windows at first floor level at 13 – 15 Church Street, Coleraine for Menarys</u></p>	<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.</p>
1.32	<p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 56</p> <p><u>C/2001/0193/F</u> <u>Demolish existing terrace and construct two apartment buildings incorporating a total of 51 apartments at 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 Ardbanna Terrace, Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for O'Kane & Devine Construction Ltd.</u></p>	<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 further discussions with the applicant.</p>
1.33	<p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 58</p> <p><u>C/2001/0199/F</u> <u>Erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling at 15 Portstewart Road, Coleraine for Mr. D. Connor</u></p>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p>
1.34	<p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 59</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>C/2001/0200/O</u></p> <p><u>Site for new dwelling adjacent to 44 Boleran Road, Garvagh, Coleraine for Miss R. Workman</u></p>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p>
1.35	<p style="text-align: center;">Application No. 61</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>C/2001/0205/F</u></p>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p>

Erection of rear extension to dwelling at 3
Charnwood Park, Coleraine for Mr. P. Biggart

No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.

1.36

General Matters

(a) Statistics – Rural planning applications;

(b) 6 Mount Royal, Portrush - Apartments.

1.37

Application No. C/2001/0040/F
Demolition of existing buildings and
rebuilding as one (antiques showroom, workshop
and store) at 108 Dunluce Road, Portrush for
Mr. D. Alexander

Reference was made to the current position regarding this application.

Reported that satisfactory amended plans had been received.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

2.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - WEST BAY DEVELOPMENT

The undernoted Notice of Motion had been submitted by Alderman Watt, Alderman King, Councillor McPherson, Councillor Mrs Black, The Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Johnston and Councillor Mathews:

“We the undersigned propose a rescinding motion to the proposal re West Bay Development, Portrush that this Council withdraw the request for a public inquiry to this application.”

Alderman Watt proposed and spoke on the above Motion, which was seconded by Alderman King.

A full discussion ensued on this topic.

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 King and Watt
Councillors Barbour, Mrs. Black, Bolton, Mrs. Church,
McPherson, Mathews and O’Hara (11)

Against: Aldermen Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Armitage and McClure
Councillors Creelman, Dallat, Hillis, McLaughlin, Mullan
and Stewart (9)

The motion was, therefore, carried by eleven votes to nine.

COMMUNITY/POLICE FORUM

12th April, 2001.

Present: Councillor R. A. McPherson in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

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

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

W. J. Watt

W. J. McClure

Councillors

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

R. D. Stewart

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

Representatives from Other

Bodies:

Mr. W. D. Archibald – Portstewart Community Forum

Ms. M. Gibson – Kilrea Forum

B. McKirgan – Castleroe Community Association

Dr. J. M. Jones – Coleraine and District Road Safety
Committee

Mr. M. Hunter – Coleraine Community Council

Mr. D. Alexander – Portrush Chamber of Commerce

Mr. R. McCartney – Ballyness Park Residents

Mrs. I. M. Leacock – Coleraine Standing Conference of
Women's Organisations

Mr. A. Henry – Ballymoney Compass Group

Mr. K. Allister – N.E.E.L.B. Youth Department

Ms. W. Madden – Portrush Community Forum

Ms. I. McErlean – Victim Support

Representatives from R.U.C.:

Chief Superintendent B. Fitzpatrick, District
Commander and Chief Inspector N. Kyle,
Operations Manager

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Environmental Health, Principal
Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Councillors Bolton, Hillis and O'Hara

Mr. M. Lindsay – Kilrea Town Hall

Mr. D. Grainger – Coleraine Boys' Secondary School

Mrs. Hagan – Coleraine Boys' Secondary School

Mr. T. McGonigle – Community Development Officer

Mrs. E. Bell – Portballintrae Residents' Association

Mr. J. Kinlay – Portballintrae Residents' Association

Ms. E. Dunbar – Triangle Housing Association

Mr. J. F. Murphy – Dominican College

Fr. B. Mullan – Portstewart Community Forum

Mr. E. Brolly – Portrush Regeneration Trust
Mr. S. Arbuthnot – Garvagh and District Development Association
Mr. M. E. Page – Dunluce School
Sergeant N. Monteith – R.U.C.
Ms. J. Baird – N.I. Housing Executive
Mrs. A. Kelly – Ballysally Community Centre
Mrs. S. Scott – Town Centre Manager
Mr. W. V. McIlrath – Roads Service
Ms. M. Shiels – Probation Board for Northern Ireland
Mr. B. Lenahan – Loreto College

1.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting including the new District Commander, Chief Superintendent B. Fitzpatrick.

Chief Superintendent Fitzpatrick thanked the Chairman for his warm welcome.

The Chairman also thanked former Chief Superintendent C. Morrison for the sterling work he had done in the Borough area and wished him a long and happy retirement.

2.0 NORTH WEST '200'

The Chairman reported that the Director of Environmental Health had just been informed that the 2001 North West '200' had been cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis.

3.0 PRESENTATION - CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Chairman welcomed Inspector E. Chambers, Criminal Justice Manager, who was in attendance to address the Forum on Criminal Justice.

Inspector Chambers elaborated on the role and remit of the Criminal Justice Unit.

A varied discussion ensued on this topic during which Inspector Chambers answered various questions.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Chambers for his informative address.

4.0 BYE-LAWS - CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES

The Director of Environmental Health's Report on Bye-laws – Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places was considered (previously supplied).

The Director of Environmental Health outlined the background to the introduction of the Bye-laws and explained that requests had been received from Councillors, community representatives and members of the public for the inclusion of the following areas in the no drinking designated zones:

Articlave village

Coleraine

Bridges including the new pedestrian bridge
Braemar Development

Captain Street Upper and rear passageways at Upper and Lower
Captain Street
Greenmount Road and laneways/passages
Winston Way and passageways

Kilrea

Coleraine Street

Portrush

Open area at Barry's Amusements
Play park at Dhu Varren Estate
Sunnyvale Avenue

Portstewart

Flowerfield Green Play area
Passageways leading to Convention Avenue Car Park

Members requested that the inclusion of the following additional areas be investigated:

Portballintrae

New toilet block – Car Park

Portrush

Caldwell Lane/Caldwell Park
Margoth Caravan Park

Coleraine

Railway Station
All children's play areas

Portstewart

Strand Hotel site
Dominican College – top of steps
The Diamond, Portstewart
Cliff Walk

The Director of Environmental Health explained that before these areas could be included the agreement of the R.U.C., to their inclusion, was necessary.

It was agreed that the new areas highlighted be referred to the R.U.C. for inclusion in the designated no drinking zones.

5.0 CRIME REPORT

Chief Inspector Kyle reported on statistics regarding drug seizures, crime and traffic accidents in the area.

Members congratulated Chief Inspector Kyle on the success achieved in these areas.

Chief Inspector Kyle answered various questions on these statistics.

6.0 GENERAL MATTERS

The following matters were raised:

- 6.1 Firearms;
- 6.2 Personnel structure;
- 6.3 Reduction in R.U.C. numbers/severance arrangements;
- 6.4 Foot patrols;
- 6.5 R.U.C. resources – Portrush;
- 6.6 Victims of crime;
- 6.7 Sector Policing;
- 6.8 Links with young people;
- 6.9 Budget - Sickness;
- 6.10 Traffic speeding – Portrush;
- 6.11 Transcribing evidence and information;
- 6.12 CCTV;
- 6.13 Mobile phones – Drivers;
- 6.14 Agivey Road – Speed cameras;
- 6.15 Offensive weapons – knives;
- 6.16 Drunken drivers;
- 6.17 Police vehicles – security glass.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18th April, 2001.

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

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 3.3)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Item 1.0)

W. H. King

W. J. McClure

W. J. Watt

Councillors

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

R. S. Bolton

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

W. T. Creelman

J. J. Dallat

N. F. Hillis

R. A. McPherson

W. Mathews

E. M. Mullan

(Item 1.0)

E. O'Hara

(Items 1.0 – 2.1)

R. D. Stewart

Officers in

Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Policy Development Officer (Items 1.0 – 18.0), Tourism and Marketing Officer (Items 1.0 – 6.0), Community Development Assistant (Items 1.0 – 2.1), Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 6.0), Principal Administrative Officer (Items 1.0 – 18.0) and Administrative Assistant (Items 1.0 – 18.0)

Apologies:

Councillors Bradley, McClarty and McLaughlin

1.0 OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER - PUBLIC SERVICE IMPROVEMENT UNIT

The Chairman welcomed Messrs. J. M. Cameron, C. Jack and I. Hackney – Public Service Improvement Unit, who were in attendance to address Committee on a “One Stop Shop” to enhance the delivery of public services. Mr. Cameron advised that it was proposed to establish a “One Stop Shop” in Coleraine as a pilot scheme. Council was asked to act as host for the project.

The representatives elaborated on the proposals which could include such services as provided by the Citizens' Advice Bureau, Local Council, various central government sub-offices and the post office.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which the representatives answered various members' questions.

Committee welcomed the concept of a "One Stop Shop", in principle, and looked forward to receiving further detailed proposals in due course.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Cameron, Jack and Hackney for attending after which they withdrew.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

- 2.1 West Bann Community Group The Chairman welcomed Messrs. G. Lapsley, B. Peacock and E. McFeely of the West Bann Community Group, who were in attendance to make a presentation regarding their proposed community enterprise project at the Spencer Row/Pates Lane site. The Chairman declared an interest in this matter.

The representatives outlined the history of the West Bann Development Group and elaborated on their proposal to provide a community business and enterprise centre. This would include community facilities and business start-up units.

Committee noted information regarding the estimated cost of the project and various funding sources being pursued by the group.

Project Costs

	£
Site Purchase	90,000
Construction Costs	610,000
Professional Fees	<u>50,000</u>
	750,000

Council was requested to contribute up to £200,000 towards the project.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which the representatives answered various members' questions.

It was proposed by Alderman Watt, seconded by Alderman McClure and recommended:

That Council offer its full support and contribute up to a maximum of £200,000 to the project, this sum to be offset by EU funding if possible.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Lapsley, Peacock and McFeely for attending after which they withdrew.

2.2 Proposed Environmental Improvements Scheme for Main Street, Garvagh

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding the proposed environmental improvements scheme for Main Street, Garvagh currently being prepared by the Coleraine Sub-Divisional Planning Office. Council was requested to support the scheme through the purchase and maintenance of street furniture.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council contribute up to £20,000 for the purchase of street furniture for the scheme. Reference was made to the possible provision of a designated bus shelter at the North end of Main Street, Garvagh as part of the scheme. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive would raise this matter with the Planning Service.

2.3 Continuation of the Community Relations Programme

Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, indicating a continuation of the Community Relations Programme for a further three years. Council's draft Community Relations Plan would be considered at a future meeting of Committee.

2.4 Foot and Mouth Recovery Marketing Plan/North West '200'

Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding the recovery marketing plan that had been put in place aimed at the domestic market.

Following the cancellation of this year's North West '200' a meeting had been held at Cloonavin today with representatives of the local tourist industry. A small working group had been established to consider a package of alternative events that could be held during the North West week. Such

events would be held within the guidelines as issued by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. This would form part of our overall recovery initiative.

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

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that in light of today's meeting at Cloonavin, members would be updated on the recovery marketing plan at the Council meeting on 24th April, 2001. Council had also been invited to participate in a deputation with local tourist representatives to the First Minister to seek practical help for the industry.

It was recommended that the Mayor, the Chairman and Councillor Hillis attend the meeting with the First Minister together with the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and the Tourism and Marketing Officer.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development had also requested Council to make staff resources available to assist in the control of local outbreaks of foot and mouth if needed.

Council is recommended to agree.

It was proposed by Alderman Watt, seconded by Councillor Mathews and recommended:

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive be granted full authority to act as required in relation to foot and mouth matters.

2.5 Requests for Assistance

2.5.1 Friendship Force of the Causeway Coast

Council had been requested by the Friendship Force of the Causeway Coast to make a financial contribution towards the cost of hosting an exchange visit from 22 ambassadors from Whidby Island, U.S.A.

Council is recommended to contribute £260 which would cover transport costs.

2.5.2 Coleraine Branch of Northern Ireland Family History Society

The Society had requested Council to make a financial contribution towards the cost of their project to copy all church records for the Causeway

Coast Area onto microfilm and make them available for research at the Irish Library in Coleraine.

Council is recommended to contribute £1,000 towards the project.

Reference was made to recent work on this topic carried out by Irish Heritage. The Tourism and Marketing Officer would investigate this matter.

2.5.3 University of Ulster

Council had been requested to make a financial contribution and participate in a partnership with the University of Ulster to develop an International Summer School of Irish Cultural Heritages.

This year's event "The Island Has Many Voices" would take place between 29th July and 12th August.

Council is recommended to contribute up to £2,000 towards the cost of the pilot summer school programme for 2001.

3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Checking of Accounts

It was agreed that Alderman Ms. Alexander and Councillor Stewart examine the payments' vouchers for the next three month period.

3.2 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:
Revenue A/C - £428,731.45
Capital A/C - £640,911.75

3.3 Performance Indicators

Consideration was given to the report (previously supplied) on Performance Indicators for 1999/2000 recently published by the Local Government Auditor.

The Director of Corporate Services elaborated on Council's performance in the various services and answered a number of members' questions.

Reference was made to the continuing litter problem in the Borough. Members' concerns would be conveyed to the Director of Technical Services.

3.4 Capital A/C – Payment -
Department of the Environment

Reference was made to a capital account payment to the Department of the Environment regarding railings at Portstewart Promenade.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that this related to railings on Council property.

Personnel

3.5 New Appointments

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

Chief Executive's Department

Administrative Assistant (New Post)
Mrs. K. Wallace

Corporate Services Department

Clerical Assistant (New Post)
Miss M. G. Gardiner

Leisure Services Department

Clerical Assistant (New Post)
Miss J. Stewart

Environmental Health Department

Clerical Assistant (New Post)
Mrs. W. Canning

4.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Repairs to West Mole
(Castlerock Pier)

Coleraine Harbour Commissioners had requested permission from Council to use designated areas on Castlerock Beach for the storage of rock armouring and to cross the beach with materials/machinery to carry out essential maintenance work at the West Mole.

The work was to be carried out by R.J. Maxwell & Son Ltd. during June 2001, if not earlier, as detailed in the report.

Council is recommended to grant such permission, in principle, subject to:

1. Submission of detailed safe working practices to be used to ensure the safety of those who normally use the beach.
2. Indemnifying Council against any claims arising out of accidents involving people/property as a result of the works.
3. Agreement regarding the designated areas and type of fence to be used.
4. Payment of an appropriate fee as assessed by the Valuation and Lands Agency.
5. Completion of the necessary legal formalities.

4.2
Agency had

Disposal of Killure
Primary School

Reported that the Valuation and Lands notified Council to ascertain whether it would be interested in acquiring the former Killure Primary School. The property had been declared surplus to the requirements of the NEELB.

Recommended:

That Council declare their non interest in purchasing this property.

4.3
Land at the Rear of Portmore
Road, Portstewart

The Valuation and Lands Agency had reported that it had reached agreement with Messrs. McKay Property Services on a premium of £8,000 to:

- (a) Divert a new storm sewer across Council land at the rear of Portmore Road, Portstewart;
- (b) Make a new connection to a foul sewer already located on Council land.

Council is recommended to accept the premium of £8,000.

4.4
158A Main Street, Portrush

Council had previously agreed to allow Mr. Lennox of 158A Main Street, Portrush to combine his vehicular and pedestrian accesses into one single access (maximum width 5

metres). This was to facilitate development of his property subject to an appropriate premium as assessed by the Valuation and Lands Agency.

The Valuation and Lands Agency had reported that it had reached agreement with Mr. Lennox on the figure of £40,000.

Ownership of the boundary wall and railings would be retained by Council. The location of the new access must be agreed with Council and be in keeping with the style of the existing wall/railings.

Council is recommended to accept the premium of £40,000.

4.5 Curfew Bell

Coleraine Town Partnership had requested Council to agree, in principle, to the relocation of the Town Bell from its current location at the Gatehouse at the Market Yard to its original home at or near the junction of Bellhouse Lane and The Diamond. The project would be funded under the Causeway Initiative.

It was considered that the relocation of the bell would be an ideal way to launch the new Historic Trail in Spring 2001.

Council is recommended to agree, in principle, to such a move to enable the Partnership to progress this matter.

4.6 Sweeney/Seaport Investment Ltd. – Lands at West Bay, Portrush

Committee noted that solicitors for both parties had met to inspect their title of the land in question. It was agreed that independent advice from Senior Counsel be sought regarding the respective title claims for the disputed land.

5.0 BEST VALUE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Consideration was given to the Research and Evaluation Services (RES) report on the Province-wide customer satisfaction survey together with the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's paper (previously supplied).

Committee noted that the survey had been undertaken in December 2000/January 2001 in the various Council areas as part of the Best Value initiative within Local Government. The results provided Council with useful information to help direct its efforts towards continuous improvement. The survey results showed that Coleraine is ranked 4th in the Province in terms of overall satisfaction with Council services.

The Best Value Working Group had already considered the survey findings and at its May meeting would address improvement proposals in those areas where potential for better

performance had been identified. Overall the survey had shown Council to be delivering above average service performance efficiently against the background of a low Borough Rate.

Noted.

**6.0 FINAL DRAFT - COUNCIL'S
EQUALITY SCHEME**

Consideration was given to the Final Draft of Council's Equality Scheme (previously supplied).

The Policy Development Officer elaborated on the amendments to the scheme which had been made at the request of the Equality Commission. These included additional information on such areas as staff training, response to complaints and consultation with various groups. Committee was now requested to approve the Equality Scheme, as amended.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Watt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Black and recommended:

That Council approve the Equality Scheme, as amended.

**7.0 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
STRATEGY CONFERENCE**

Reported that the Department for Regional Development was arranging a Regional Transportation Strategy Conference on Wednesday, 27th June, 2001.

Council had been invited to nominate two members to attend the conference.

Recommended:

That Councillors Barbour and Bradley attend the conference.

**8.0 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT - FOOT
AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)**

Read letter from the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in response to Council's letter seeking regionalisation status for Northern Ireland. Such status had been achieved with effect from 3rd April with the exception of Newry and Mourne District Council area. Council was asked to use its local influence to persuade local farmers to ensure "fortress farm" approach.

Noted.

**9.0 ROYAL MAIL - NORTHERN IRELAND
MAIL CENTRE**

Read letter from the Area Manager – Royal Mail inviting Council to visit the Northern Ireland Mail Centre at Mallusk to see at first hand this impressive new facility.

Following discussion it was agreed that consideration of this matter be deferred to an early meeting of the new Council.

**10.0 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL
SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY -
CHILDREN LEAVING CARE BILL**

Tabled:

Document entitled "Proposals for a Children Leaving Care Bill".

**11.0 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF
COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN
IRELAND**

Tabled:

Report on Review of the Arrangements for Collective Bargaining and Joint Consultation in respect of Local Authorities in Northern Ireland.

**12.0 DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT - VOLUNTARY
ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH**

Tabled:

Finalised Active Community Initiative Northern Ireland Action Plan.

**13.0 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL
SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Tabled:

Third Report from The Capitation Formula Review Group – Consultation Response.

**14.0 INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
IRELAND**

Tabled:

2000 Annual Report and Accounts.

**15.0 OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER
AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER**

Tabled:

Fourth Annual Report on Public Appointments 1999/2000.

16.0 HELPLINE - RURAL COMMUNITIES

Details regarding a helpline for rural communities would be circulated for members' information.

**17.0 STRIP OF LAND AT
WOODVALE ROAD, PORTSTEWART**

Reference was made to the possibility of Council acquiring a strip of land at Woodvale Road, Portstewart which it currently maintained.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to investigate this matter.

18.0 **GO-KART TRACK AT STATION
SQUARE, PORTRUSH - FORMER
CARRIGNATA CLINIC - PORTRUSH**

Reference was made to the possibility of Council acquiring these properties in Portrush.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that both properties were in private ownership and any effort to acquire them would need to be approved by Council.