

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004 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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2004
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 2.1 Special Meeting of Planning Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004
  - 2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2004
  - 2.3 Planning Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2004
  - 2.4 Policy and Development Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2004
3. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor E. Mullan:

“This Council calls on the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, housing associations and others involved in the provision and maintenance of housing in Northern Ireland to draw up a strategy and implementation plan for a social housing programme for the Borough of Coleraine that addresses the lack of affordable housing in both the owner-occupier and rented sectors and also sets out proposals for the regeneration and modernisation of existing estates therein.”
4. Correspondence
5. Documents for Sealing

**Enclosed for Information:**

- (1) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2004
- (2) Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister – Northern Ireland  
Take a Closer Look

To: Each Member of Council.

23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2004.

## COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

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

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

### **Aldermen**

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 3.0 – 23.1.9)

W. T. Creelman  
(Items 3.0 – 23.1.9)

B. Leonard  
W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)

J. J. Dallat

T. J. Deans

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

N. F. Hillis

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

W. A. King

D. McClarty

G. L. McLaughlin

(Items 2.2 – 23.1.9)

R. A. McPherson

W. J. Watt

### **Officers in**

#### **Attendance:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Councillors Ms. Alexander, Bradley and McQuillan

## **1.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 and the Special Meetings of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2004 were confirmed and signed.

## **2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2.1 Special Meeting of Planning Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2004

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

2.2 Special Meeting of Planning Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2004

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

2.3 Leisure and Environment Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Deans, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment

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

2.4 Planning Committee

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

2.5 Policy and Development Committee

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

**3.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Dallat and, on being put to the meeting, agreed unanimously:

“That this council calls on the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to produce a Rural White Paper for Northern Ireland.”

**4.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Mullan and seconded by Councillor Dallat.

“This Council calls on government to take special measures to discover the unacceptably high number of people, particularly the elderly who do not claim their benefits either through lack of knowledge, perceived stigma or complex systems of qualification and urges all statutory bodies and government agencies which are in a position to help to raise the level of awareness among staff and personnel.”

Following some discussion an amendment was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Alderman McClure:

“This Council calls on government to take special measures to discover the unacceptably high number of people, particularly the elderly who do not claim their benefits either through lack of knowledge, perceived stigma or complex systems of qualification and urges government to ensure that all statutory bodies and government agencies who are in a position to raise the level of awareness, are adequately resourced”.

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

**5.0 CONSULTATION PAPER - MEASURES TO TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

The contents of the Consultation Document, “Measures to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in Northern Ireland” issued by the NIO (previously supplied) were noted.

**6.0 CONSULTATION LIST**

The following consultation papers had been previously supplied for members who wished to consider making a response:

- (i) Criminal Law Branch, Northern Ireland Office – “The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2004”

Comments due by: 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2004

- (ii) Department for Transport – “European Proposals for a Third Directive on Driving Licences”

Comments due by: 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2004

## 7.0 **TENDERS**

### 7.1 Kickabout Area – The Ropewalk, Coleraine

Eleven tenders had been received for the construction of a floodlit, fenced, artificial surface kickabout area, viz:

	£
1. Kennedy Quarries Ltd.	86,632.25
2. Crawford Contracts Ltd.	87,943.10
3. Boyd Landscapes Ltd.	88,982.40
4. J. G. Duff Ltd.	94,075.25
5. T. Patterson	98,148.92
6. C. A. Haffey & Sons Ltd.	102,845.00
7. T. D. McKane & Son	104,571.50
8. Dixon Contracts	106,000.00
9. Easi-Fall International	118,245.65
10. R. J. Maxwell & Son Ltd.	127,705.00
11. All Play Agencies	127,805.55

It was agreed:

That Council accept the lowest tender from Kennedy Quarries Ltd. in the sum of £86,632.25.

### 7.2 Ardbeg Community Open Space

Ten tenders had been received for the provision of new footpaths and stepped access, amenity lighting, drainage works, fencing, grassing and plant works at Ardbeg Drive, Coleraine, viz:

	£
1. Boyd Landscapes Ltd.	88,091.60
2. M. P. Coleman Ltd.	90,112.43
3. Newtownstewart Construction Ltd.	94,899.00
4. C. A. Haffey & Sons Ltd.	96,973.00
5. R. J. Maxwell & Son Ltd.	104,286.00
6. Patrick Bradley Ltd.	104,342.40
7. Crawford Contracts Ltd.	106,600.00
8. Kennedy Quarries Ltd.	111,492.50
9. The Landscape Centre Ltd.	116,507.20
10. Stewart McConnell (Derry) Ltd.	129,600.00

It was agreed:

That the lowest tender from Boyd

Landscapes Ltd. be accepted in the sum of £88,091.60.

7.3 Pathways – Open Space  
Bushmills Road between  
Ballysally and Millburn

Four tenders had been received for the provision of bitmac paths at this area, viz:

	£
1. R. J. Maxwell & Son Ltd.	31,867.35
2. T. D. McKane & Son	35,954.00
3. Kennedy Quarries	38,506.00
4. B. Mullan & Sons	42,575.00

It was agreed:

That the lowest tender from R. J. Maxwell & Son Ltd. be accepted in the sum of £31,867.35.

**8.0 ARTHRITIS CARE IN NORTHERN IRELAND - LETTER DATED 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2004 AND MANIFESTO FOR ARTHRITIS**

Consideration was given to the letter and Manifesto from Arthritis Care (previously supplied) and it was agreed:

That Council endorse the Manifesto for Arthritis.

8.1 Suspension of Standing Orders

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

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Mrs. J. Henderson from Arthritis Care to address Council.

Mrs. Henderson elaborated on various points set out in her letter (previously supplied) and thanked Council for the opportunity to speak.

On the proposal of Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Dallat it was agreed:

That Standing Orders be restored.

**9.0 “IN COMMITTEE”**

It was agreed that reports on Land and Property and Personnel would be considered “In Committee” at the end of the meeting.

**10.0 POST OFFICE**

Consideration was given to a letter from the Post Office (previously supplied) in relation to:

(a) the proposed re-location of Waterside Post Office;

(b) the proposed closure of Laurel Hill Post Office.

Following discussion it was agreed:

That a response, highlighting the need for retention of the service at Laurel Hill, be prepared on a social and economic basis and submitted to the Post Office.

## **11.0 ROADS SERVICE**

Consideration was given to the letter from Roads Service (previously supplied) in response to queries raised at the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 and the contents were noted.

## **12.0 NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE**

12.1 Letter from the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Consideration was given to this letter (previously supplied) received in response to Council's Motion on Autism and the contents were noted.

12.2 Letter from the Private Secretary to John Spellar MP, Minister with responsibility for Department for Social Development

Consideration was given to this letter (previously supplied) received in response to Council's Motion on Social Housing and the contents were noted.

## **13.0 OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER**

Read letter in response to Council's adoption of the resolution to support Help the Aged's "Scrap Age Discrimination for Equality" Campaign. Noted.

## **14.0 THE ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read letter advising of proposed alterations to the existing polling station scheme from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2004. Noted.

## **15.0 TRAIN SERVICE - EASTER MONDAY**

Council noted that, further to communication with PSNI and Translink, a limited train service would be provided on Easter Monday and it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed:

That Translink and the PSNI be contacted again with a request for a police presence on trains on Easter Monday.

## **16.0 PLANNING APPLICATION - 11 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE, COLERAINE**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive updated Council on developments with this planning application and, following discussion, it was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and agreed:

That a meeting with Planning Service be convened to further discuss this application.

## **17.0 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S BUSINESS PROCEDURES**

Mr. Richard O'Rawe, Consultant, Venture International would be holding 2 hourly sessions for members on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2004. The following times would be allocated in accordance with members' individual preferences:

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

## **18.0 FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH CEREMONIES**

It was noted that the Freedom of the Borough ceremonies would, take place as follows:

- RNLI - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2004
- St. Vincent de Paul/Salvation Army - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2004.

## **19.0 FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE - OFFICIAL OPENING**

Members noted that the official opening of Flowerfield would take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 pm.

## **20.0 MADRID BOMBING**

Council noted that a letter of condolence had been sent by the Mayor, on behalf of the people of the Borough, to Mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon of Madrid.

## **21.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (a) Coleraine Harbour Commissioners – Press Release and Final Report of the Harbour Development Working Group.
- (b) Northern Health and Social Services Council – Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2004.
- (c) International Fund for Ireland – Annual Report and Accounts 2003.
- (d) Committee on Standards in Public Life – Annual Report November 2002 – December 2003.
- (e) Northern Ireland Policing Board – Policing Plan 2004 – 2007.
- (f) North Eastern Education and Library Board – Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2004. Members noted that in future agendas, minutes and papers would only be available from the Board's website at [www.neelb.org.uk](http://www.neelb.org.uk).



## 22.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

### 22.1 Cemetery Titles

Grant of Right of Burial Deeds  
Register Nos. 2974 - 2981 inclusive:

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	1
Coleraine	5
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	2

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**18<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.**

**Convened:** To consider a response to the preview of the Northern Area Plan presented by the Planning Service

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

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley	W. A. King
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
J. J. Dallat	G. L. McLaughlin
T. J. Deans	R. A. McPherson
N. F. Hillis	A. McQuillan

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

### **Also in Attendance:**

Mr. P. Fleming and Mr. D. Mounstephen, BDP Planning

**Apologies:** Councillors Ms. Alexander and Mrs. Fielding

Consideration was given to the Note prepared by BDP Planning (circulated to each member) highlighting the key issues arising from the Draft Northern Area Plan 2016.

Mr. Fleming elaborated on the various elements affecting towns, villages and the countryside within the Borough.

A varied discussion ensued on this topic during which Mr. Fleming answered various members' questions.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that a draft response would be prepared incorporating members' comments and would be presented to Council before submission to the Planning Service. It was also noted that Roads Service would be invited to address Council on the specific topic of transportation.

# LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

6<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.

**Present:** Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

## Aldermen

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

## Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)                 E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
D. D. Barbour                             W. A. King  
(Items 5.3.3 – 15.0)                         D. McClarty  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                     (Items 3.2 – 15.0)  
J. J. Dallat                                 G. L. McLaughlin  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)                     R. A. McPherson  
N. F. Hillis                                 A. McQuillan  
   W. J. Watt

## **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health, Senior Building Control Officer (Items 5.3 – 5.3.3), Leisure Services Officer (Facilities), Leisure Services Officer (Services) and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** The Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Armitage and Councillor Bradley

### **1.0 SYMPATHY**

The Chairman and members extended sympathy to Councillor McLaughlin following the recent death of his sister. Councillor McLaughlin thanked members for their kind wishes.

### **2.0 CONGRATULATIONS**

The Chairman extended congratulations to Coleraine Football Club on reaching the final of the Irish Cup and Coleraine Rugby Club on a successful start to their campaign for senior status.

### **3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

#### **3.1 Air Quality Monitoring**

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| 3.1.1 <u>Coleraine Air Quality Review</u>  | Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding Coleraine Air Quality Review. Committee was pleased to note that the conclusion contained therein confirmed that the air quality in the Borough would meet all the published standards by 2005.   |
| 3.1.2 <u>Northern Ireland Air Quality Monitoring 2002 - Annual Report</u>  | Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding the Northern Ireland Air Quality Monitoring Annual Report for 2002.   |
| 3.2 <u>Home Accident Prevention - Safe and Sound Booklet</u>   | Committee congratulated the Home Accident Prevention Committee on the production of a Safe and Sound Booklet.   |
| 3.3 <u>Outcome of Legal Proceedings - The Dogs (N.I.) Order 1983 as amended and The Litter (N.I.) Order 1994</u> | <p>Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding the outcome of legal proceedings.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Discussion ensued during which concern was expressed regarding the low level of fines imposed by the Court.</p> <p>It was agreed that Council's legal representatives be asked to raise this matter with the Resident Magistrate.</p> |
| 3.4 <u>Bye-laws – Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places</u>  | <p>Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding twelve cases under these bye-laws.</p> <p>Committee agreed that the outcome of these proceedings highlighted the need for a robust and effective fixed penalty system for offences against these bye-laws.</p>   |
| 3.5 <u>Environmental Health Activity - Quarter Ending March 2004</u>   | <p>Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, on Environmental Health Activity for quarter ending March 2004 including a Manual Handling Initiative in the Drinks' Industry.</p> <p>The Director of Environmental Health answered various members' questions on this topic.</p>  |

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

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

Matters arising:

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| 4.1 <u>Portrush Town Hall - Restoration</u> | Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding firms selected by Hearth to tender for the Portrush Town Hall Restoration project – Main Contract and Electrical and Mechanical Sub-Contracts. Consarc Conservation (Architects) anticipated that the |
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- successful contractor should be on site mid-June 2004 as programmed. The length of the contract was estimated to be 12 – 15 months.
- 4.2 Kinard Park, Garvagh Council is recommended to agree to purchase a small strip of land at Kinard Park, Garvagh from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive at the recommended price of £2,500. This would enable Council to improve the access road to the playing fields at Clyde Park.
- Committee noted that the Director of Leisure Services had been having negotiations with the Housing Executive regarding the availability of additional land at Kinard Park. The Director of Leisure Services would report progress to Committee in due course.
- 4.3 Caldwell Lane, Portrush Committee noted that the Environment and Heritage Service had offered funding for the upgrading of Caldwell Lane, Portrush.
- The estimated cost of the upgrade and associated works was approximately £79,000 and Council had been offered a grant of £45,700 (62.5%).
- Council is recommended to invite tenders for the work.
- 4.4 Antrim Gardens, Portrush Council is recommended to agree to detailed proposals being drawn up for the refurbishment of Antrim Gardens, Portrush. These would be considered at a future meeting of Committee.
- 4.5 Waterworld Restaurant, Portrush Council is recommended to accept an offer from Mrs. L. Coyles, leasee of the Sports Café at Coleraine Leisure Centre to operate the Waterworld Café for 2004 on a one season trial basis at a rent of £1,000.00.
- 4.6 Catering Franchise – Arcadia, Portrush Council is recommended to accept a tender from Mr. C. Fletcher, Portstewart for the sum of £1,700.00 per annum for the catering franchise at the Arcadia, Portrush.
- 4.7 Portrush Playpark Council is recommended to agree that the proposed charge of £1.40 per person remain for Portrush Playpark. However, community groups resident in the Borough and in possession of an Access to Leisure Card would be admitted free to the Playpark.
- 4.8 Senior British Open Championships Council is recommended to agree to a request from the organisers, the International

Management Group, for use of a part of the East Strand Car Park, Portrush and use of the Bowl Area as an overspill park (subject to weather conditions).

4.9 Review of Caravan Parks

Council is recommended to agree to the appointment of consultants from the Government Procurement Agency list to carry out a review of Council's caravan park operations.

4.10 Ballywillan Flute Band

Ballywillan Flute Band had requested financial assistance towards the cost of staging the Portrush Masters Competition in the Kelly Hall, Portrush on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2004.

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor McQuillan and recommended that Council contribute £300.00 towards the cost of staging this event.

4.11 Mayor's Parade 2004

The Director of Leisure Services reported that the Mayor's Parade would now be held on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2004.

4.12 For Information

The Director of Leisure Services included information in his report regarding Easter Sporting Courses (14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2004).

## 5.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

5.1 DRD Roads Service - Cullyrammer Road, Garvagh (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 2004

DRD Roads Service proposed to abandon some 1,200 square metres of superseded Cullyrammer Road, Garvagh extending in a northerly direction from its junction with Killyvalley Road.

Noted.

5.2 Improved Lighting – Portrush

Council is recommended to agree to provide improved street lighting on the promenade from the East Strand car park to the Arcadia, Portrush at an estimated cost of £1,000.00.

In response to a question the Director of Technical Services agreed to investigate a possible extension to the proposed scheme for later in 2004.

5.3 Building Control

5.3.1 Approvals

Approval had been granted for seventy-nine

applications.

5.3.2 Plans for Rejection under Building Regulations

Council is recommended to reject twenty-two applications under Building Regulations, as detailed in the report.

5.3.3 Development at West Bay, Portrush

Reference was made to the ongoing development at West Bay, Portrush.

Following a full discussion on this topic it was agreed that the Health and Safety Agency be requested to re-visit the West Bay site at the earliest opportunity.

5.4 For Information

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

- (a) Coleraine Town Centre Improvements;
- (b) Portrush Civic Amenity Site.

## **6.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Alderman Leonard:

“This Council agrees to work towards the provision of multi gym and health suite facilities at Kilrea Sports Hall.”

Alderman Leonard spoke on the Motion and asked members for their support. The Motion failed to find a seconder.

It was then proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

“This Council reinforces its commitment to the promotion of health through sport, calls for a community audit to identify those areas lacking either outdoor or indoor provision and furthermore supports a partnership approach involving local sporting organisations.”

Councillor Dallat spoke on the amended Motion and asked members for their support.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried by eleven votes to none against.

Alderman Leonard asked to be recorded as abstaining from the vote.

## **7.0 WATER SERVICE**

Read letter from Mr. W. Duddy, Director of Customer Services, advising of internal Water Service organisational changes which had been introduced from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.

It was agreed to seek direct contact numbers of key local personnel from the Water Service.

## **8.0 MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL - PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS**

Read letter from Moyle District Council seeking Council's support for the introduction

of a tax on plastic shopping bags.

Council is recommended to refer this matter to NILGA for consideration.

#### **9.0 MAYOR'S PARADE**

Councillor McClarty advised that he had been approached by the 'SAY NO TO LIGNITE GROUP' regarding participation in the Mayor's Parade.

The Director of Leisure Services agreed to consult the Mayor on this matter.

#### **10.0 COUNCIL FACILITIES**

Reference was made to recognising local sporting personalities by naming Council facilities in their honour.

The Director of Leisure Services was currently investigating this matter.

#### **11.0 SKATEPARK FACILITY**

Reference was made to the ongoing difficulties of securing public liability insurance cover for the proposed skatepark.

The Director of Leisure Services agreed to take up with the Sports Lottery Fund the possibility of re-allocating the funding to another Council project.

#### **12.0 CHICKEN PRODUCTS - 'SELL-BY DATES'**

Reference was made to recent press comment regarding 'sell-by dates' for chicken products.

The Director of Environmental Health advised that there were no current local problems regarding this matter.

#### **13.0 HAWTHORN TERRACE, COLERAINE - DUMPING**

Reference was made to recent 'dumping' at Hawthorn Terrace, Coleraine.

The Director of Technical Services agreed to investigate this matter.

#### **14.0 BLUE REFUSE BINS**

In response to a question the Director of Technical Services advised that a further allocation of Blue Bins would be distributed in the autumn.

#### **15.0 CHORAL FESTIVAL**

Congratulations were extended to the organisers of the recent Choral Festival.



# PLANNING COMMITTEE

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2004.

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

## **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 5.0)  
W. T. Creelman

B. Leonard  
W. J. McClure

## **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
D. D. Barbour  
J. M. Bradley  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
J. J. Dallat  
T. J. Deans  
(Items 2.1 – 2.27)  
N. F. Hillis  
(Items 2.13 – 9.1)

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
W. A. King  
D. McClarty  
(Items 2.24 – 9.1)  
G. L. McLaughlin  
(Items 2.6 – 8.0)  
R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
(Items 2.10 – 9.1)

## **Also in Attendance:**

Representatives from the Planning Service –  
Mr. D. Blackwood and Mr. J. Coates  
Mr. P. Fleming, BDP Planning

## **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** Alderman Mrs. Armitage and Councillor Mrs. Fielding

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Jim Coates, temporary Senior Planning Officer to his first meeting of the Planning Committee.

## **2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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

- 2.1 Application No. D1  
C/2003/0096/F  
Housing development of a mix of  
detached/semi detached
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  
It was agreed, seven members voting in

	<u>dwelling with detached garages and town-houses, associated roadways and landscaping adjacent to the rear of Knockbracken Court, Knocklynn Road, Coleraine for Kentos Development Ltd.</u>	favour and five members voting against, that the application be refused.
2.2	<u>Application No. D2 C/2003/0963/O Site for dwelling and garage 180m north-west of No. 60 Liscall Road, Plantation Road, Garvagh for Mr. S. Higgins</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be refused.
2.3	<u>Application No. D3 C/2003/1057/O Site for dwelling and garage 200m north-west of 28 Dullaghy Road, Kilrea for Mrs. E. F. Church</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was noted that the application would be withdrawn.
2.4	<u>Application No. D4 C/2003/1058/O Site for dwelling and garage 120m south-east of 36 Dullaghy Road, Kilrea for Mr. G. Church</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.5	<u>Application No. D5 C/2003/1097/O Site for dwelling to rear of 48 Grove Road, Garvagh for Mr. J. Stewart</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  The application had now been withdrawn.
2.6	<u>Application No. D6 C/2003/1098/O Site for dwelling and garage 180m west of 7 Laragh Road, Swatragh for Mr. D. O'Kane</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and unanimously agreed:  That the application be approved.
2.7	<u>Application No. D7 C/2003/1124/O Site for dwelling approximately 100m north of 98 Dunboe Road, Coleraine for Mr. D. H. Hutchinson</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  The application had now been withdrawn.
2.8	<u>Application No. D8 C/2003/1143/O Site for dwelling and garage 220m east of 43 Knockaduff Road, Aghadowey for Mr. and Mrs. Kelly</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Councillor Dallat and unanimously agreed:

That the application be approved.

2.9 Application No. D9  
C/2003/1156/O  
Site for dwelling at Glenkeen  
Road (adjacent to No. 58),  
Aghadowey for Mrs. E. Allen

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The application had now been withdrawn.

2.10 Application No. D10  
C/2003/1196/O  
Site for dwelling to rear of  
89 Mettican Road, Garvagh for  
Mr. E. Marks

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

2.11 Application No. D11  
C/2003/1202/O  
New dwelling adjacent to 38  
Lisachrin Road, Garvagh for  
M. Glass

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The application had now been withdrawn.

2.12 Application No. D12  
C/2003/1253/O  
Site for dwelling adjacent to  
25 Movenis Road, Garvagh for  
Mr. D. Penny

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The application had now been withdrawn.

2.13 Application No. D13  
C/2003/1312/O  
Dwelling and garage adjacent to  
130 Craigmore Road, Ringsend  
for Mr. H. Henry

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

That the application be approved.

2.14 Application No. D14  
C/2003/1313/O  
Dwelling and garage west of  
125 Craigmore Road, Ringsend  
for Mr. H. Henry

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

That the application be approved.

2.15 Application No. D15  
C/2003/1339/O  
Site of dwelling and garage to  
rear of 88 Mullaghinch Road,  
Aghadowey for Mr. G. McAuley

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse the three applications.

It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.

Application No. D16  
C/2003/1340/O  
Site of dwelling and garage  
adjacent to 88 Mullaghinch Road,  
Aghadowey for Mr. G. McAuley

- Application No. D17  
C/2003/1341/O  
Site of dwelling and garage to rear of 88 Mullaghinch Road, Aghadowey for Mr. G. McAuley
- 2.16 Application No. D18  
C/2003/1352/F  
Erection of 5 social housing units at High Clere, 4 High Road, Portstewart for Mr. N. Glasgow
- 2.17 Application No. D19  
C/2003/1364/O  
Site for two storey dwelling and garage 380m south-west of 88 Priestland Road, Bushmills for Mrs. A. McCauley
- 2.18 Application No. D20  
C/2003/1370/O  
Site for dwelling and garage adjacent to 50 Burrenmore Road, Downhill for Mr. Kelly
- 2.19 Application No. D21  
C/2004/0042/O  
Site for dwelling at Glen Road (adjacent to No. 58), Garvagh for Mr. K. McNicholl
- 2.20 Application No. D22  
C/2004/0079/O  
Site for bungalow and garage approximately 200m south-west of 8 Gortmacrane Road, Kilrea for Mr. V. McAteer
- 2.21 Application No. D23  
C/2004/0081/O  
Site for dwelling and garage 250m south of Isle Road/Windyhill Road junction, Castlerock for Mr. Millen

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 amended plans.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be refused.

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.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved subject to limitations on floor area and ridge height.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and unanimously agreed:

That the application be approved.

## **NEW APPLICATIONS**

- 2.22 Application No. 1  
C/2003/0660/O  
Site for dwelling 125m behind No. 74 Glenkeen Road,
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was agreed that the applications be

	<u>Aghadowey for Mr. J. Henry</u>	deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
	<u>Application No. 2</u> <u>C/2003/0661/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling 60m behind</u> <u>No. 74 Glenkeen Road,</u> <u>Aghadowey for Mr. J. Henry</u>	
2.23	<u>Application No. 4</u> <u>C/2003/1102/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling with detached</u> <u>garage at Cam Road, 150m south</u> <u>of Cam Road/Shinny Road</u> <u>junction, Coleraine for M. Steen</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 also requested that a representative from the Environment and Heritage Service be in attendance.
2.24	<u>Application No. 7</u> <u>C/2003/1177/F</u> <u>Erection of one and a half storey</u> <u>dwelling and garage at 79</u> <u>Ballyreagh Road, East</u> <u>Ballygelagh, Portstewart for</u> <u>O'Kane and Devine Construction</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
2.25	<u>Application No. 12</u> <u>C/2003/1296/F</u> <u>Extension to existing dwelling to</u> <u>provide physiotherapy clinic at</u> <u>159 Curragh Road, Coleraine for</u> <u>Mr. D. Anderson</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
2.26	<u>Application No. 13</u> <u>C/2003/1299/O</u> <u>Site for two storey dwelling at</u> <u>34a Aqivey Road, Kilrea for</u> <u>Ms. L. 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.
2.27	<u>Application No. 14</u> <u>C/2003/1351/A</u> <u>Signage at 6 Church Street,</u> <u>Coleraine for Shoe Zone Ltd.</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  Following a question regarding the type of signage the Principal Planning Officer agreed to ensure that it was appropriate before issuing approval.
2.28	<u>Application No. 15</u> <u>C/2003/1365/F</u> <u>Proposed dwelling at 130 Carhill</u> <u>Road, Swatragh for Mr. K. Neely</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.

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| 2.29 | <u>Application No. 17</u><br><u>C/2004/0025/O</u><br><u>Site for replacement dwelling</u><br><u>440m south of 31 Ballyrashane</u><br><u>Road, Coleraine for Mr. J. Lyons</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.                                      |
| 2.30 | <u>Application No. 20</u><br><u>C/2004/0041/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling adjacent to</u><br><u>51 Craigmore Road, Blackhill,</u><br><u>Coleraine for Mrs. Hannon</u>  | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.                                      |
| 2.31 | <u>Application No. 25</u><br><u>C/2004/0088/LB</u><br><u>Relocation of Orr Memorial</u><br><u>outwards from the Town Hall and</u><br><u>natural stone paving at The</u><br><u>Diamond, Coleraine for Coleraine</u><br><u>Town Partnership Ltd.</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.<br><br>It was agreed, thirteen members voting in favour, that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit. |
| 2.32 | <u>Application No. 27</u><br><u>C/2004/0092/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling and garage</u><br><u>160m north of 2 Moneycarrie</u><br><u>Road, Garvagh for Mr. M.</u><br><u>Gribben</u>  | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.                                      |
| 2.33 | <u>Application No. 36</u><br><u>C/2004/0129/O</u><br><u>New dwelling and garage</u><br><u>between 36 and 40 Dullaghy</u><br><u>Road, Garvagh for Mr. K.</u><br><u>McAtamney</u>  | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.                                      |
| 2.34 | <u>Application No. 45</u><br><u>C/2004/0160/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling and garage on</u><br><u>the Ballyrogan Road, 180m north</u><br><u>west of its junction with</u><br><u>Churchtown Road, Garvagh for</u><br><u>Mr. S. McIlvar</u>          | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.                                      |
| 2.35 | <u>Council Site Visits</u>   | It was noted that Council site visits would be held on Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2004.  |

### **3.0 GENERAL MATTERS**

- Outstanding Decision Notices  
Reference was made to the existing staffing problems in relation to the issue of outstanding decision notices. The Senior Planning Officer updated members on the current staffing situation.

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

That Council write to Planning Service Headquarters requesting that the issue of outstanding Planning decisions be prioritised.

- Erection of large fence at Kiddieland, Portrush; Reported that the Planning Service was investigating a possible breach of planning control.
- Non-determination planning appeal – The Salmon Leap, Castleroe, Coleraine; Reported that Council's opinion would be sought in due course.
- Reference was made to complaints about the erection of a monument in Kilrea;

The Senior Planning Officer would investigate the matter if information was provided.

#### **4.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES**

- Neighbour notification in respect of 32 Kerr Street, Portrush – Reported that neighbour notification had not taken place as additional information had been requested from the applicant. On receipt of this information neighbour notification would proceed.
- Enforcement on hot food bar at Dunluce Avenue, Portrush – Reported that there were difficulties regarding enforcement as ownership could not be established. The matter was still being investigated.

#### **5.0 PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 17 (PPS 17) CONTROL OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISEMENTS - PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT**

Mr. P. Fleming from BDP Planning addressed Committee on the Draft Response Paper (previously supplied) relating to the public consultation draft - Planning Policy Statement 17 (PPS 17) – Control of Outdoor Advertisements.

Following discussion it was agreed:

That the Council's response be based on the BDP Response Paper with the additional comments identified by members being incorporated.

#### **6.0 THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES REGULATIONS (N.I.) 2004 - CONSULTATION PAPER**

It was agreed that BDP Planning prepare a draft response for the above consultation paper for consideration next month.

#### **7.0 PLANNING (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (N.I.) 2004 No. 102**

Read letter from the Planning Service advising members of the above Regulations, coming into operation on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2004, increasing planning fees by 10 per cent.

Following discussion it was agreed:

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive write to the Planning Service Headquarters expressing Council's concern about such a high level of increase.

**8.0 PLANNING APPLICATION NO. C/2003/0374/F -  
11 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE, COLERAINE**

Read letter from the Planning Service advising that the same concerns as previously still existed regarding engaging further with Council in the absence of the developer and/or his representative.

Following discussion it was agreed:

That Council write to the Divisional Planning Officer expressing Council's dissatisfaction regarding this matter and requesting that the application be reviewed bearing in mind the procedural issues involved.



## POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

**Present:**

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

The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan  
(Items 2.3 – 21.0)

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)  
(Items 2.2 – 21.0)  
E. T. Black (Mrs.)

W. T. Creelman  
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
J. M. Bradley  
(Items 2.3 – 21.0)  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
J. J. Dallat  
T. J. Deans  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
N. F. Hillis  
(Items 2.0 – 21.0)

W. A. King  
D. McClarty  
G. L. McLaughlin  
R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
W. J. Watt

**Officers in**

**Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services (Items 2.2 – 21.0), Finance Officer, Senior Technical Services Officer, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:**

Alderman Leonard and Councillor Barbour

**1.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Proposed Insolvency Order: Disqualification from Serving as a Councillor on the Grounds of Insolvency

Consideration was given to information on the new Insolvency Order being developed by the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment and the proposed change to the law regarding eligibility to be a Councillor, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council support a change in the law to bring it into line with England and Wales.

1.2 Checking of Creditors' Payments

Recommended:

That the following Councillors examine creditors' payment vouchers for the next three months:

Councillors McQuillan and Watt.

1.3 Matters for Information

1.3.1 Accounts

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

Revenue A/C	-	£	313,860.34
Capital A/C	-	£	435,820.39
Petty Cash A/C	-	£	74,488.89

1.3.2 New Appointment

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

Chief Executive's Department

Clerical Assistant (Job Share) -

Mrs. K. Duffy

1.3.3 Absenteeism 2002/03 – Report of Chief Local Government Auditor

Committee noted that Council's ranking in respect of average days lost per employee had improved from the second quartile in 2001/2002 to the first (best) quartile in 2002/2003.

Members extended congratulations to staff and officers on this improvement.

1.3.4 Personnel Officer

Committee noted that Ms. Ward was enjoying much improved health and hoped to return to work within the week.

**2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Advice Centre Funding 2004-2005

Following consideration of information on the Northern Ireland review of advice being carried out by Williamson Consulting on behalf of the Department for Social Development, as contained in the report, it was recommended:

That Council endorse the recommendation of the Community Development Strategic Sub Group, to allocate advice centre funding for a further twelve month period and to reconsider Council's future funding of advice giving in September 2004 following the public consultation on the DSD Advice and Information Strategy.

The allocation for 2004-2005 would, therefore, be as follows:

Age Concern	-	£ 7,725.00
Women's Aid	-	£ 15,450.00
CAB	-	<u>£ 38,625.00</u>
		£ 61,800.00

2.2 Senior British Open Golf Championship

Members noted that the Senior Open would be returning to the Dunluce Links at Royal Portrush this year from 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £15,000 to become an official sponsor of the 2004 event.

2.3 Zapcat Racing, Portrush

Council had received a proposal from Zapcat Racing to hold the first ever Irish round of the National Zapcat Championships in Portrush on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2004.

Members viewed a short promotional video on Zapcat Racing and, following discussion, it was recommended:

That Council supports the event to a maximum of £15,000.

2.4 Broadband Update

Committee noted information on this issue, as contained in the report.

2.5 British Resorts Association Conference – Diary Date

The British Resorts Association's Annual Conference would take place in Newquay 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June, 2004.

Interested members could contact the Head of Development Services.

**3.0 LAND AND PROPERTY**

3.1 Proposed B&Q Unit, Riverside Regional Centre, Coleraine

Council is recommend to grant permission for construction of a 600mm diameter storm drain through Council property between the Castleroe Road carriageway and the River Bann in connection with this development, subject to wayleave being completed including the payment of Council's legal and valuation costs.

3.2 Request for Land - 121 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine

A request had been received from the owner of no. 121 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine to acquire land to facilitate the erection of a 6ft. fence or wall alongside this property.

Following discussion it was recommended:

That Council defer decision on this request pending a comprehensive review of the walkways system in the Mountsandel area.

3.3 Ice Cream Lettings

The rights to sell ice cream, confectionery etc at the following locations had now been agreed viz:

Location	2001/2004 per annum	2004/2007 per annum
The Promenade Car Park, Castlerock	£1,400	£2,500
Beach, Castlerock	£ 850	£1,300

(all prices exclusive of VAT).

#### **4.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

“This Council calls on government to implement new legislation to combat racism and urges the PSNI locally to prosecute any individual or group orchestrating campaigns of racism against ethnic and minority groups.

This Council further commits to fighting racism by mainstreaming anti-racism measures in its policies and in the policies of its associated bodies such as the District Policing Partnership, the Strategic Partnership and the Community Safety Partnership.”

#### **5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

“This Council, in the promotion of better health, calls for a total ban on all tobacco smoking in every part of the Civic Headquarters at Cloonavin.”

A full and lengthy discussion ensued during which members expressed their concerns regarding smoking within Council buildings but affirmed Council’s current policy of provision of a designated room for those who elected to smoke.

On being put to the meeting the Motion was lost with four votes for and nine votes against.

#### **6.0 FIX DATE AND TIME FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

Recommended:

That the Annual Meeting be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2004 commencing at 7.30pm.

#### **7.0 DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT - “DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL ECONOMY: N.I. GOVERNMENT’S THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2004-07 INCLUDING ACTION PLAN FOR 2004-05” - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

Members noted the contents of this document (previously supplied), a response to which

would be provided at the next meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2004.

## 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 Health, Social Services and Public Safety - Consultation Paper on Northern Ireland's Fire and Rescue Service.

Comments due by: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2004

## 9.0 ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCES - MARQUEES - NORTH WEST '200'

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

Matters arising:

### 9.1 Occasional Licences

#### 9.1.1 Marquee – North West Camp Site, Islandtasserty Road, Coleraine

Council is recommended to grant a licence to Mr. J. Lennox, 7 Knockbracken Drive, Coleraine, subject to inspection and compliance with Fire Authority report and any other requirements of Council's Licensing Department. All door supervisors employed in the marquee to be licensed with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

#### 9.1.2 Marquee – Pits Area, Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart

Council is recommended to grant a licence to Mr. M. Whyte, c/o Coleraine Borough Council, subject to inspection and compliance with Fire Authority report and any other requirements of Council's Licensing Department. All door supervisors employed in the marquee to be licensed with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

## 10.0 FOR INFORMATION

The following correspondence had been previously supplied for members' information:

### 10.1 Department Of Finance and Personnel

Information leaflet – "Rating of Vacant Property".

### 10.2 Department Of Health, Social Services And Public Safety

Planning Priorities and Actions for the Health and Personal Social Services.

**11.0 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Read letter from the Minister, Mr. Ian Pearson M.P., in response to Council's resolution to call on the Department to produce a Rural White Paper for Northern Ireland.

Recommended:

That this matter be referred to NILGA for consideration of further action.

**12.0 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS (NAC) NORTHERN IRELAND REGION**

The NAC would be hosting a training seminar on 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 to be held in the Clandeboye Lodge Hotel, Bangor. Noted.

**13.0 CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS**

The Confederation would be hosting a training seminar, "EU Legislation, Structures and Finance and Relevant European Issues", on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2004 to be held in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle.

Noted.

**14.0 POST OFFICE - BRANCH AT WATERSIDE, COLERAINE**

Read letter from the Post Office advising that, as a result of the current sub-postmaster resigning, this branch would be moved to premises at Castlerock Road, Coleraine. Noted.

**15.0 POST OFFICE AT LAUREL HILL, COLERAINE - SUBMISSION OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY CASE TO POST OFFICE OFFICIALS**

Committee noted that a meeting between Council representatives and Post Office officials had taken place on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 following which a formal submission of the case for retention of this branch had been made. A decision on the outcome was now awaited.

**16.0 RECEPTIONS FOR COLERAINE FOOTBALL, HOCKEY AND RUGBY CLUBS**

Committee noted that it was proposed to organise a civic reception in Coleraine Town Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 at 6.30pm, followed by a parade of the town to the Coleraine Showgrounds, in order to mark the significant sporting achievements of these clubs.

In addition, it was noted that Council, with the support of the Town Centre Partnership and the Chamber of Commerce, would erect bunting in the town



centre and at Railway Road and notices of support for all three clubs at Lodge Road roundabout and on the wall of Huey and Henderson's sports shop.

#### **17.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (i) Equality Commission for Northern Ireland - Annual Report 2002-2003
- (ii) The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland - Annual Report 2002-2003
- (iii) OFREG - Annual Report 2002-2003
- (iv) Rural Development Council - Annual Report 2002-2003
- (v) Coleraine District Policing Partnership - Minutes of the public meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2004

#### **18.0 JETTY AT STRAND ROAD, COLERAINE**

A member's request to address the issue of motorcycles being ridden on the jetty ramps, was noted.

#### **19.0 PROMOTION OF RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES IN COLERAINE**

Following a member's reference to the variety of retail outlets taking space at the shopping centre development at Antrim, it was agreed that Council would contact the Town Centre Partnership with a view to discussing fresh retail opportunities in Coleraine.

#### **20.0 IMPACT OF RATES ON SMALL BUSINESSES IN BOROUGH**

Members' views on the unsustainability of regular large increases in rates and Council service charges with regard to small business holders, were noted.

#### **21.0 REGENERATION OF COLERAINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Committee noted that the Coleraine Chamber of Commerce was undergoing a process of change and that the launch of the new Coleraine Borough Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which would support and develop businesses in the whole of the Coleraine Borough, would take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 in The Octagon, University of Ulster, Coleraine.