

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 22nd day of May, 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 – 24th April, 2001
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 1st May, 2001
(Item No. 2.8) Arcadia Improvements Scheme

Representative of Ferguson McIlveen will be in attendance to address Council on the final proposals.
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 8th May, 2001
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 15th May, 2001
3. Technical Services Report (enclosed)
4. Land and Property (Report enclosed)
5. Roads Service Report – May 2001 (enclosed)

Mr. W. V. McIlrath, Acting Divisional Roads Manager, will be in attendance.
6. The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister – Promoting Social Inclusion/Consultation on Future Priorities (enclosed)
7. D.o.E. Road Safety Strategy 2001 – 2010 (enclosed)

8. Performance Improvement Plan – Coleraine Borough Council – March 2001
(previously supplied)
9. Correspondence
10. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Police Authority for Northern Ireland – A Policing Plan for Northern Ireland
2001 – 2002
- (2) Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Health and Social Services Council of
4th April, 2001

To: Each Member of Council.

18th May, 2001.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 24th April, 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. H. King
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)	W. J. McClure
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt

Councillors

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
R. S. Bolton	G. L. McLaughlin
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	W. Mathews
W. T. Creelman	E. M. Mullan
J. J. Dallat	E. O'Hara
N. F. Hillis	R. D. Stewart

Officers in Attendance:

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

Apologies: Councillors Barbour, Bradley and McPherson

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Mrs. Patricia Dennis, Administrative Officer on her first attendance at a Council Meeting.

2.0 LOCAL ELECTION

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that he would report on nomination and other procedures for the Local Election after the Meeting.

3.0 MINUTES

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Displaying of Flags

Reference was made to the fact that the minute did not specifically record that the three SDLP members of Council left the Council Chamber following remarks made about their political party by Alderman McClure.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive explained that members' attendance was recorded at the beginning of the minutes and did indicate the point

at which members left the meeting before its termination.

The Mayor was also asked by Councillor Mullan to use her influence with Alderman McClure to withdraw the remarks. The Mayor declined to do so.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Special Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin, moved the adoption of the Special Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Bolton and agreed.
- 4.2 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 and agreed.
- 4.3 Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman King and agreed.
- 4.4 Community/Police Forum The Vice Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Church, moved the adoption of the Community/Police Forum Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed.
- 4.5 Policy and Development Committee In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Alderman Watt moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs. Black.

Matters arising:

- 4.5.1 Curfew Bell Following discussion it was agreed, in principle, that the Curfew Bell be relocated subject to members of the Town Centre Partnership's Tourism Sub-Committee giving Council a talk and tour of the Historic Trail proposed for Coleraine.

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

5.0 THE NORTHERN IRELAND FEDERATION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

The Mayor welcomed Mr. G. Murton, Housing Policy and Research Officer from The Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations and Mr. L. Flanigan, Director of Housing from The Fold Housing Association who were in attendance to make a presentation on the role and work of housing associations.

Mr. Murton and Mr. Flanigan elaborated on the background, role and responsibilities of housing associations.

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

The Mayor thanked the representatives for the informative presentation.

**6.0 FOOT AND MOUTH OUTBREAK -
UPDATE AND TOURISM RECOVERY PLAN**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that services, events, etc. were continuing to be monitored on a daily basis in relation to the Foot and Mouth outbreak. A panel of Council staff had been made available to assist the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development if needed.

It was noted that a meeting with the First Minister would take place on Thursday, 26th April, 2001 when practical help would be sought for the local tourism industry.

Members noted that work was still continuing on developing a package of alternative events for the North West weekend. The cost would be approximately £80,000 - £100,000.

Congratulations were extended to the Tourism and Marketing Officer for her intensive efforts in this matter.

7.0 NORTH WEST GAS PIPELINE APPLICATION

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that a Licence Application to build a gas pipeline had been made to the Regulator. Government had separately received submissions from a Questar/BGE consortium outlining proposals for gas pipelines in Northern Ireland, including a pipeline from Belfast to Londonderry.

The total private sector investment involved in the first phase of this project would be approximately £200m including the building of the gas fired power station at Coolkeeragh.

Members welcomed this announcement.

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

Tabled:

Minutes of the NEELB dated 27th February, 2001.

9.0 CORPORATE PLAN 2001 - 2004

The Council's Corporate Plan 2001 – 2004 was circulated to each member.

10.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Lease and Counterpart Portstewart Library; Council to North-Eastern Education and Library Board.
2. Lease and Counterpart Land at Bayhead Road, Portballintrae; Council with Seymour and Carol Sweeney, Seaport Lodge, 40 Seaport Avenue, Portballintrae.
3. Car Loan Agreements (a) Mr. N. Bradley – Building Control Officer
(b) Mr. D. A. Kenny – Building Control Officer
4. Cemetery Titles Registration Nos. 2700 – 2706 inclusive:

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	1
Coleraine	4
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	2

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1st May, 2001.

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

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.5)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.1.5)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. J. McClure
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 – 2.8)	(Items 1.0 – 11.0)
W. H. King	

Councillors

D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 – 2.8)	(Items 1.1 – 2.1.5)
R. S. Bolton	G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 1.0 – 3.2)	E. M. Mullan
J. M. Bradley	(Items 1.0 – 2.1.5)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	R. D. Stewart
W. T. Creelman	
J. J. Dallat	
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)	

Officers in

Attendance: Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Leisure Services Officer, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.12), Principal Administrative Officer, Information Technology Officer (Items 1.0 – 1.1), Dunluce Centre Manager (Items 1.0 – 1.1) Senior Technical Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors McPherson and Mathews

1.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Dunluce Centre – Portrush Members noted that the Dunluce Centre Sub-Committee had examined various options for the redevelopment of the Myths and Legends Theatre and the Earth Quest Facility at the Centre. The most recent advertisement resulted in ten submissions for development proposals and the

Sub-Committee had considered presentations from three of the companies.

Committee was recommended to accept, in principle, the development proposal from Megazone (a division of P & C Micros Australia) viz:

Myths and Legends Theatre

Create a 24 zone, 4 floor interactive play environment which would be totally unique. The challenge would change every time with no two visits the same.

Earthquest Theatre

The proposal for this facility was to provide a “Treasure Fortress”. The area would be themed on Dunluce Castle. This would be a high-tech treasure hunt suited to the players ability.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. S. Reid and Mr. P. Philips from Megazone who were in attendance to make a presentation to Committee. The representatives elaborated on the proposals for each area.

Committee noted the approximate costs of the proposed attractions, viz:

24 zone interactive play environment (Finn McCool’s Adventure Playground) - £340,000

“Treasure Fortress” - £220,000

A full discussion ensued during which the representatives answered various members’ questions.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Reid and Philips for attending after which they withdrew.

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

That Council agree, in principle, to accept the development proposal for the Dunluce Centre from Megazone subject to agreement on cost.

The officers would have further detailed

discussions with Megazone on cost.

1.2 Community Hall Allocation

Council is recommended to agree to the allocation of financial assistance for 2001/02, as detailed in the report, to the Management Committees of various community centres in the Borough.

1.3 Juniper Hill Caravan Park - Warden’s Accommodation

Council is recommended to agree to the re-roofing of the bungalow (Warden’s Accommodation) at Juniper Hill Caravan Park at an estimated cost of £7,800.00.

Estimates would be sought from appropriate slating companies.

Council is also recommended to agree to carry out some modernisation work to the bungalow at an approximate cost of £12,500.00.

1.4 Replacement Equipment -
Grounds Maintenance

Tenders, as detailed in the report, had been received for the supply and delivery of items of replacement grounds maintenance equipment viz:

2 no. Three Gang Cylinder Mowers

Recommended:

That Council accept the second lowest tender from Johnston Gilpin for the sum of £33,449.00 as recommended by the Director of Leisure Services for the reasons as detailed in the report.

Topdresser

Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest tender from Ultra Plant for the sum of £10,000.00.

2 No. Greensmowers

Recommended:

That Council accept the second lowest tender from Johnston Gilpin for the sum of £6,698.00 as recommended by the Director

of Leisure Services for the reasons as detailed in the report.

1.5 Requests for Assistance

1.5.1 Pipe Band Championships

Recommended:

That Council contribute £1,000.00 towards the cost of staging the North West Pipe Band Championship in Portrush on Saturday, 4th August, 2001.

Committee noted that Portrush Chamber of Commerce would also be contributing a similar amount towards this event.

1.5.2 Portstewart Community Association

Portstewart Community Association had requested assistance with their annual Red Sails Carnival from 22nd – 28th July, 2001.

Council is recommended to provide similar support, as last year, including a fireworks display.

1.5.2.1 Summer Play Scheme Portstewart Town Hall

Council is also recommended to contribute £2,000.00 to Portstewart Community Association towards the cost of organising the Summer Play Scheme at Portstewart Town Hall from 16th July – 3rd August, 2001.

1.5.3 Portrush Community Development Group

Portrush Community Development Group had requested assistance with the “Party at the Port” event on Saturday, 18th August, 2001.

Council is recommended to contribute £800.00 together with logistical support as in previous years.

- 1.6 Mayor's Parade – 5th May, 2001 Committee noted that the Mayor's Parade would be held on Saturday, 5th May, 2001.
- 1.7 North West Festival 2001 Reported that the North West Festival would be launched on Thursday, 3rd May, 2001 at Stormont.
- Noted.
- 1.8 Ballysally Youth and Community Centre - Newsletter Committee congratulated the staff at Ballysally Youth and Community Centre on the production of the new newsletter which would be distributed throughout the estate.

2.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

- 2.1 Department of Regional Development – Roads Service
- 2.1.1 Speed Restrictions - Coleraine The Department proposed to introduce a 50 mph speed limit on parts of the Ring Road and Wattstown dual carriageway in the vicinity of the Lodge Road roundabout, Coleraine.
- Following discussion it was recommended that the Director of Technical Services advise Roads Service that all of the Ring Road, Coleraine should be subject to a 50 mph speed limit.

- 2.1.2 Lodge Road Roundabout, Coleraine Committee congratulated Roads Service on the provision of traffic lights at this location.
- It was noted that work had commenced on the provision of overhead signs.
- 2.1.3 Newmills, Coleraine Concern was expressed at difficulties encountered by traffic exiting from Newmills Road, Coleraine.
- The Director of Technical Services would raise this matter with Roads Service.
- 2.1.4 A37 Dunhill Road/ Drumcroone Road Junction, Coleraine Reference was again made to the need for a roundabout at this location.
- The Director of Technical Services would raise this matter with Roads Service.
- 2.1.5 Comprehensive Review of Traffic Flows in Coleraine Reference was made to Roads Service progress on a comprehensive review of traffic flows in Coleraine.
- It was noted that a computer model had been produced and Roads Service would be making a presentation to Council at a future meeting.
- 2.1.6 Brook Street, Coleraine - Speeding Restrictions - In order to combat speeding of “into town” traffic on the section of Brook Street from Millburn Road to Union Street, the Department proposed the introduction of an experimental one way traffic system.
- The scheme would prohibit vehicular traffic from entering Brook Street from Millburn Road, the section of Brook Street from Millburn Road to

Brookgreen being one way “out of town”. A cycle lane would permit cyclists to travel along Brook Street from the Millburn Road junction. The section of Brook Street from Union Street to Brookgreen would accommodate two way traffic.

The Department had consulted with the local residents and the RUC and sought Council’s comments on the proposal.

Following a full discussion it was recommended that the Director of Technical Services advise Roads Service that Council saw no merit in this proposal.

2.2 Garvagh Toilet Block

Consideration was given to sketch drawings for the design and layout of a replacement toilet facility at Bridge Street, Garvagh.

Council is recommended to approve the proposals to enable detailed design works to be completed.

2.3 Entertainments Licence

2.3.1 Grant of Licence

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

Coleraine Football Development and Social Club, Ballycastle Road, Coleraine.

Recommended:

That an Entertainments Licence be granted.

2.4 Street Trading Licences

Applications for Street Trading Licences had been

received from:

Mr. D. T. Grundle, 12 Dunderg Park,
Macosquin, Coleraine

Mr. B. Clifford, 98 Irish Green Street,
Limavady

Mr. J. Hutchinson, 3 Spring Meadows,
Coleraine

Recommended:

That a Street Trading Licence be
granted in
each case.

2.5 North West Waste
Management Group

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding progress on the production of the Waste Management Plan by the North West Waste Management Group (NWWMG).

Committee noted that the NWWMG proposed to submit an updated draft of the Waste Management Plan to meet the June 2001 deadline. The proviso would be included that the final plan be submitted following appropriate consultation and the results assessed and agreed by Councils.

The Group were seeking an extension of the June 2001 deadline from the Environment Minister.

Council is recommended to write to the Environment Minister and Environment Committee supporting NWWMG's request for an extension to

the June 2001 deadline for submitting the final Waste Management Plan.

2.6 Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) – Review of Procedures and Legislation

The Department of the Environment had issued a consultation document entitled “Partners in Protection” regarding a review of procedures and legislation in respect of the protection and management of ASSIs.

Recommended:

That the Director of Technical Services and the Environment Officer formulate a response to the Department on behalf of Council.

2.7 Building Control

2.7.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for fifty-one applications.

2.7.2 Housing Development - Rear of Inishowen Crescent, Portstewart

In response to a member’s question the Principal Building Control Officer confirmed that the statutory inspections of the development carried out by the Department had proved satisfactory.

2.8 Arcadia Improvements Scheme

Committee noted the consultants, Ferguson McIlveen, would make a presentation of the final proposal for the Play Area and Building at the Council Meeting on 22nd May, 2001.

2.9 Refuse Dump – Craigmore Road, Ringsend

The Director of Technical Services confirmed that the closure plans for this site were currently being considered by the Department.

2.10 Members’ Queries

The Director of Technical Services agreed to

investigate queries raised by members regarding illegal dumping at Gortmacrane Road and Springfield Road.

2.11 Bog at Gortmacrane Road, Kilrea

Reference was made to the possibility of the Department of the Environment declaring the bog at Gortmacrane Road, Kilrea an Area of Special Scientific Interest.

The Director of Technical Services would raise this matter with the Department.

2.12 For Information

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

(a) Contracts – General

(b) Windyhall Community Centre –
Ventilation
System

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Legal Proceedings

3.1.1 The Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regs (NI) 1997 Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) Regs (NI) 2000 – Sale of a Consignment of Meat

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

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

Which Did Not Bear
Health Marking

- 3.2 Industrial Pollution Control (NI)
Order 1997 – Review of
Charging Schemes Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on a consultation paper issued by the Department of the Environment regarding proposals to increase the fees payable in Northern Ireland by businesses for authorisations to discharge pollutants to the air.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council express concern at the lack of parity regarding fees with the rest of the UK and that the timing of the review in fees be deferred until April 2002. This would enable businesses to be given proper notice of the increases and to avoid problems associated with recovering retrospective increases.

- 3.3 Implementation of Directive
1999/32/EC – Sulphur Content
of Certain Liquid Fuels Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on a consultation paper issued by the Department of the Environment on proposals to transpose the provisions of European Directive 1999/32/EC on the Sulphur Content of Certain Liquid Fuels into domestic legislation.

The purpose of the Directive was to reduce emissions of sulphur dioxide resulting from the combustion of heavy fuel and gas oils.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council seek clarification from the Department regarding sampling and enforcement issues in the Directive.

4.0 NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD

Tabled:

Annual Report 1999/00.

5.0 ELECTORAL REGISTERS

Reported that copies of the electoral registers would be available for members on Friday, 4th May, 2001.

Noted.

6.0 NEW TOILET BLOCK AT PORTBALLINTRAE

In response to a query the Director of Technical Services advised that work on the new toilet block at Portballintrae would shortly be completed. The existing toilet block at Portballintrae Harbour remained open.

Noted.

7.0 FLY POSTING

Reference was made to continuing incidents of fly-posting in the Borough.

The Director of Technical Services explained the enforcement limitation regarding the current legislation on this topic.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council staff continue to remove such posters as soon as possible.

8.0 CLOONAVIN PARK, COLERAINE - OPEN SPACE

Reference was made to the availability of open space within Mr. Sweeney's proposed housing development at Cloonavin Park, Coleraine.

The Director of Leisure Services agreed to investigate this matter further.

9.0 NEW SYSTEM - COMMERCIAL
WASTE COLLECTION

Reference was made to the new system for the collection of commercial waste in the Borough.

The Director of Technical Services advised that the system was working fairly satisfactory.

10.0 ALBERT HARBISON CONSERVATORY -
COUNTY HALL GROUNDS

In response to a query the Director of Leisure Services advised that a reply was awaited from County Hall Management regarding Council's concerns about the dilapidated condition of the conservatory.

The Director of Leisure Services would raise this matter again and also convey Council's concerns regarding general maintenance of the County Hall Grounds.

11.0 COUNCIL PLAY AREAS -
USAGE

Reference was made to the usage of various Council Play Areas.

The Director of Leisure Services advised that no detailed statistics were available apart from the play area at Portrush Recreation Grounds.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

8th May, 2001.

Present:

Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.4)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.14)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

(Items 2.4 – 7.0)

W. H. King

(Items 1.0 – 2.18)

W. J. McClure

W. J. Watt

Councillors

D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
E. T. Black (Mrs.) (Items 2.4 – 7.0)	D. McClarty (Items 1.0 – 2.4)
R. S. Bolton (Items 1.0 – 2.33)	W. Mathews (Items 1.0 – 2.35)
J. M. Bradley (Items 2.4 – 7.0)	E. M. Mullan
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	E. O'Hara (Items 1.0 – 2.15)
W. T. Creelman	R. D. Stewart
J. J. Dallat (Items 2.2 – 2.18)	(Items 1.0 – 2.4)

Also in

Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. W. Robinson and Miss H. Clements

Officers in

Attendance: Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative
Assistant

Apology: Councillor McPherson

1.0 TRIBUTE

As this was the last Planning Committee meeting of the current Council the Chairman paid tribute to Alderman King and Councillor Mathews for their long service prior to their retirement from Council.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**Applications Deferred from
Previous Meeting**

- 2.1 Application No. D1
C/1999/0326
Site for travel lodge accommodation
with restaurant facilities on land at
Pullans Road, Coleraine for
Mr. J. Burnside
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve both applications.
- It was agreed that the applications be approved.
- Application No. D2
C/1999/0637/F
Alterations and improvements to
existing Newbridge Road/Pullans Road
junction to form a new access to
proposed development site (lands
adjacent) incorporating travel lodge
and restaurant facilities at junction of
Newbridge Road and Pullans Road,
Coleraine for Mr. J. Burnside
- 2.2 Application No. D3
C/2000/0718/O
Site for bungalow (renewal) at 75A
Coleraine Road, Garvagh for
Mr. T. F. Jackson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Following discussion it was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions with the applicant regarding an alternative access. If agreement could be reached the application would be approved otherwise it would be refused.
- 2.3 Application No. D4
C/2000/0868/F
Erection of 12.5 metre slimline
Monopole mast with integrated trisector
antenna, 1 no. 0.18m microwave dish,
associated equipment cabinet and
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.

ancillary development thereto at site adjacent to car park opposite No. 84 Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart for One 2 One Personal

2.4

Application No. D5

C/2000/0970/F

Erection of 3 no dwellings at Cloonavin, 41 Portstewart Road, Coleraine for Mr. S. Sweeney

New Application No. 1

C/2000/0972/F

Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of 59 no. dwellings (including 10 no. apartments), associated roads, car parking and landscaping at Cloonavin,

41 Portstewart Road, Coleraine for Mr. S. Sweeney

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve both applications.

The Chairman welcomed Professor D. Wilcock and other members of the Cloonavin Residents' Group who were in attendance to speak against the application.

The Planning Officer outlined the history of the applications and advised that certain amendments had been made.

Professor Wilcock addressed Committee and re-emphasised the objections of the Residents' Group to the applications as follows:

- (a) Density;
- (b) No tree preservation orders;
- (c) Loss of informal play space;
- (d) Ground levels.

Mr. I. Halliday addressed Committee on behalf of the applicant and outlined the various types of dwellings to be provided and sought Council's support.

Professor Wilcock, Mr. Halliday and

the Planning Officer answered various members' questions.

It was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Alderman King:

That the issue of approval be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions between the applicant and Cloonavin Residents' Group.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That the applications be deferred for one month.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was lost by twelve votes to four.

The proposal was then put to the Meeting and was carried by fifteen votes to two.

The issue of Planning approval would, therefore, be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions with the applicant and the Cloonavin Residents' Group.

Erection of 2 no. dwellings at Sites 29
and 30 Meadowlands, Portstewart for
Cromore Builders

The Chairman welcomed Mr. J. Breadon, Mr. J. Davidson, Mr. C. W. McCormick and Ms. L. M. Ross who were in attendance to speak against the application.

The Planning Officer outlined the history of the application and advised that certain amendments had been made.

Mr. Davidson addressed Committee on behalf of local residents and elaborated on their objections to the applications in relation to visual impact and loss of privacy.

Mr. C. McKernan, Fleming McKernan Associates, spoke on behalf of the applicant and emphasised that the application complied with present planning guidelines.

Following discussion it was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Armitage and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.

2.6 Application No. D6
C/2001/0019/O
Proposed Day Nursery Facilities on
land adjacent to 58 Burnside Park,

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Following discussion it was agreed

Coleraine for Rainbows Day Nursery

that the application be deferred for one month in view of the meeting due to be held between the local residents and the Housing Executive on 10th May, 2001.

- 2.7 Application No. D7
C/2001/0032/F
Erection of two storey rear extension to dwelling at 67 Dhu Varren, Portrush for Mr. G. Lennox
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.8 Application No. D8
C/2001/0050/O
Four apartments (revised proposal) at Fenagh Park, Somerset, Coleraine for Mr. R. Martin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.9 Application No. D9
C/2001/0056/O
Site for replacement dwelling at Clubhill, Garvagh (off Drumcroone Road) for Mr. M. Holmes
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a site visit.
- 2.10 Application No. D10
C/2001/0059/O
Site for dwelling at Altikeeragh Road (opposite Ballyhackett Primary School), Castlerock for Mr. M. O'Kane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.11 Application No. D12
C/2001/0109/O
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Site for dwelling and garage 100m south of 11 Tamneyrankin Road, Swatragh for Mr. J. Gunning

It was proposed by Alderman Watt and seconded by Councillor Mullan:

That the application be approved.

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

2.12 Application No. D13
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.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

2.13 Application No. D14
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.

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

2.14 Application No. D15
C/2001/0160/O
Private dwelling on land adjacent to 113 Killeague Road, Blackhill, Coleraine for Mr. R. J. Steen

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Following discussion it was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions with the applicant otherwise the application would be refused.

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| 2.15 | <u>Application No. D16</u>
<u>C/2001/0175/O</u>
<u>Site for dwelling opposite No. 14</u>
<u>Coolnasillagh Road, Garvagh for</u>
<u>Mr. S. McGilligan</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mullan, seconded by Alderman Watt and unanimously agreed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the application be approved.</p> |
| 2.16 | <u>Application No. D17</u>
<u>C/2001/0180/O</u>
<u>Site for single dwelling on lands to</u>
<u>rear (west) of 53 Altikeeragh Road,</u>
<u>Castlerock for Mr. H. Doherty</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be refused.</p> |
| 2.17 | <u>Application No. D18</u>
<u>C/2001/0192/F</u>
<u>Installation of four projecting shop</u>
<u>windows at first floor level at 13-15</u>
<u>Church Street, Coleraine for Menarys</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p> |

NEW APPLICATIONS

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| 2.18 | <u>Application No. C/2001/0060/F</u>
<u>Erection of new office building to</u>
<u>provide accommodation for company</u>
<u>headquarters at Sandel Village</u>
<u>Centre, Knocklyn Road, Coleraine for</u>
<u>DGK Developments</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.</p> |
| 2.19 | <u>Application No. C/2001/0232/F</u>
<u>Alterations and extensions to dwelling</u>
<u>at 34 Agherton Road, Portstewart for</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> |

	<u>Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Neill</u>	It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.20	<u>Application No. 6</u> <u>C/2001/0144/F</u> <u>Raise ridge height and install dormer to accommodate roof space conversion at 114 Coleraine Road, Portstewart for Mr. T. Morrison</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. Reported that satisfactory amended plans had been received and the application would be approved.
2.21	<u>Application No. 7</u> <u>C/2001/0155/F</u> <u>Change of use to Chinese hot food bar at 29 Killowen Street, Coleraine for Mr. H. Weilin</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with Council's Environmental Health Department.
2.22	<u>Application No. 21</u> <u>C/2001/0218/O</u> <u>Site for bungalow at Temple Road, Ballintemple Td., Garvagh for Mrs. E. O'Neill</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit
2.23	<u>Application No. 29</u> <u>C/2001/0230/F</u> <u>Single storey front extension at 1 Carneybaun Drive, Ballywillan Road, Portrush for Mr. S. Campbell</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. Reported that the proposal had been wrongly described and neighbours had been re-notified. The application would be approved subject to no representations being received otherwise it would be brought back to Council for

		consideration.
2.24	<u>Application No. 30</u> <u>C/2001/0231/F</u> <u>New one and a half storey house at</u> <u>9 Glenview, Brockagh Road, Garvagh</u> <u>for Mr. and Mrs. Comer</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p>
2.25	<u>Application No. 32</u> <u>C/2001/0235/F</u> <u>Erection of dwelling house at Glen</u> <u>Road, Brockaghbuoy Td., Garvagh for</u> <u>Mr. F. O'Kane</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p>
2.26	<u>Application No. 35</u> <u>C/2001/0239/O</u> <u>Proposed dwelling at Priestland Road,</u> <u>Bushmills for Mr. F. McLean</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.</p>
2.27	<u>Application No. 41</u> <u>C/2001/0246/O</u> <u>Site for two storey dwelling off</u> <u>Lisnamuck Road, Aghadowey,</u> <u>Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. S. McNeill</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.</p>
2.28	<u>Application No. 55</u> <u>C/2001/0277/O</u> <u>Replacement dwelling retaining</u> <u>existing dwelling for storage adjacent</u> <u>to 71 Kinneyglass Road, Coleraine for</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate</p>

	<u>Mr. J. I. Tannahill</u>	further discussions with the applicant.
2.29	<u>Application No. 57</u> <u>C/2001/0279/F</u> <u>Dwelling house at 60 Main Street,</u> <u>Castlerock for Mr. M. L. Shaw</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
2.30	<u>Application No. 64</u> <u>C/2001/0290/F</u> <u>Proposed single storey dwelling to</u> <u>rear of No. 50 Coleraine Road,</u> <u>Garvagh for Abercorn Homes Ltd.</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
2.31	<u>Application No. 67</u> <u>C/2001/0296/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling at Gortfad Road,</u> <u>Garvagh for Mr. W. Donnell</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. The Planning Officer was asked to check that all neighbours had been notified before issuing approval.
2.32	<u>Application No. 68</u> <u>C/2001/0297/F</u> <u>Proposed dwelling and detached</u> <u>garage at Glen Road, Garvagh for</u> <u>Dr. R. Mullan</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.
2.33	<u>Application No. 70</u> <u>C/2001/0300/F</u> <u>Proposed Housing Development – 43</u> <u>no. dwellings at Ring Road, Coleraine</u> <u>for Mr. D. Heaney</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.

- If agreement could be reached the application would be approved otherwise the application would be refused.
- 2.34 Application No. 73
C/2001/0312/F
Housing development incorporating 77 units (houses and apartments) and associated roads and sewers on land adjacent to Millstone Court, Lissadell Avenue, Portstewart for O’Kane & Devine Construction Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 2.35 Application No. 76
C/2001/0320/F
Amendment of previous approval no. C/1998/0794 to 6 no. apartments and provision of an additional 3 no. apartments at Causeway Coast Hotel, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush for M K Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- 2.36 Application No. 78
C/2001/0322/F
Change of use from offices only to offices, training and workshop facilities for the N.L.C.C. at 1 Ballycastle Road, Coleraine for New Life Community Church
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
- 2.37 Application No. 79
C/2001/0323/F
Single storey rear extension at
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

19 Mountfield Drive, Coleraine for
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson

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

3.0 THANKS

Mr. Robinson thanked members for their co-operation over the past four years.

4.0 APPEAL - KELVIN PROPERTIES LTD. ERECTION OF CLASS 1 UNIT, ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING, NEW ACCESS AND HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING AT RIVERSIDE REGIONAL CENTRE ON LAND BETWEEN CASTLEROE ROAD AND RIVERSIDE PARK, COLERAINE

The Principal Administrative Officer reported that the above appeal had been lodged with the Planning Appeals Commission. The Hearing would be held at Coleraine Leisure Centre on 30th May, 2001 at 10.30 a.m.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Mr. P. Fleming, BDP Planning would represent Council at the appeal.

5.0 NORTHERN AREA PLAN 2016

Read letter from Mr. I. McAllister, Development Plan Research, Planning Service Headquarters regarding arranging dates of meetings with members in their DEA groups to discuss the Northern Area Plan 2016.

It was agreed that meetings be arranged on the following dates:

Wednesday, 16 th May, 2001	-	Central	-	Morning
Thursday, 17 th May, 2001	-	Coleraine East	-	Morning
Thursday, 17 th May, 2001	-	Skerries	-	Afternoon
Wednesday, 30 th May, 2001	-	Bann	-	Morning

Details of time and venue for such meetings would be forwarded to members.

6.0 PLANNING SERVICE MANAGEMENT BOARD
REFERRAL - ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING
APPROVAL C/99/0858 AT BAYVIEW HOTEL,
BAYHEAD ROAD, PORTBALLINTRAH FOR
PARACIN LTD - C/00/0929

Read letter from the Planning Service regarding the above planning application which had been referred to the Management Board for consideration.

Following careful consideration of the application the Management Board had concluded that planning permission should be granted.

Noted.

7.0 JUNE MEETING

Reported that it was proposed to hold the next meeting of the Planning Committee towards the end of June due to the Local Election.

Noted.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

15th May, 2001.

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

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 21.0)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 21.0)

Aldermen

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

W. J. Watt

Councillors

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
R. S. Bolton
(Items 1.0 – 4.6)
J. M. Bradley
(Items 4.1 – 22.0)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 20.0)
W. T. Creelman
(Items 4.1 – 4.6)
J. J. Dallat
N. F. Hillis
(Items 4.1 – 22.0)

D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 – 21.0)
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
W. Mathews
(Items 1.0 – 21.0)
E. M. Mullan
E. O'Hara
(Items 1.0 – 20.0)
R. D. Stewart

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Items 4.5 – 22.0), Director of
Technical Services (Items 5.0 – 22.0), Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development
Services (Items 1.0 – 4.6),

Apologies:

Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and McClure

1.0 THANKS

As this was the last meeting of the Policy and Development Committee prior to the forthcoming local government elections, the Chairman thanked members for their co-operation during his period of office.

2.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. K. Wallace, Administrative Assistant, to her first meeting of Committee.

3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Loan Sanctions

Recommended:

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

		£
(a)	Portstewart Town Hall – Re-roofing	42,000
(b)	Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicle	92,000
(c)	Purchase of Tipping Lorry	26,500

3.2 Accounts

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

Revenue A/C - £1,527,630.83
£ 291,932.07
Capital A/C - £ 188,788.31

3.3 Annual Report and Accounts Work had commenced on the preparation of Council's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2001. These were to be submitted to the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland by 31st August, 2001, a month earlier than last year. It was envisaged that Council should meet the set deadline.

Noted.

3.4 Review of Council's Complaints Procedure Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding a review of Council's complaints procedure. The official complaints form was currently being re-designed to reflect current circumstances.

It would be possible to submit a complaints form via Council's website from late May 2001.

4.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Peace II Partnership Guidelines – Joint Position Paper Consideration was given to the joint position paper (previously supplied) for the development of the new Peace II Programme based on the Special EU Programmes Body Guidelines.

Committee noted that the guidelines indicated the need for Council, in conjunction with the local Borough Partnership, to establish a new partnership body for the delivery of Peace II Funds. This new partnership had a very different remit to the former partnership. The Borough Partnership had approved the joint position paper outlining the new structure. The Head of Development Services explained the proposed structure.

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

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Watt and recommended:

That Council endorse the document and proceed with consultations to create the new partnership and develop a strategy within the deadlines set by the Special EU Programmes Body.

Concerns raised by members would be considered as part of the open consultation process.

4.2 INTERREG III Funding Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding the CORE network discussions with the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) and the Minister of Finance and Personnel regarding involvement in INTERREG III Funding.

The eight Councils in the CORE network were being requested to contribute £2,000 each towards the development of a broad strategy and focus group meetings with Social Partners. It was likely that up to 50% of this amount could be recouped under technical assistance.

Council is recommended to contribute £2,000 to this project.

- 4.3 North West Fest - 17th – 19th May, 2001 The Tourism and Marketing Officer updated Committee on the ongoing arrangements for the North West Festival – 17th – 19th May, 2001. Members congratulated the Tourism and Marketing Officer and Leisure Services Officer on their work in the organisation of the event.
- 4.4 Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Ltd. A request for Council's contribution towards the activity of the Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Ltd. had been received. Council is recommended to contribute £25,000 to Causeway Coast and Glens Ltd. for 2001/02.
- The Tourism and Marketing Officer answered various members' questions on tourism marketing matters.
- 4.5 Causeway Initiative Conference The Causeway Initiative had arranged a conference entitled "Working Together to Promote Sustainable Tourism" on 14th/15th June, 2001 at the Radisson Roe Hotel, Limavady. Two places had been reserved for each local authority involved in the Causeway Initiative.
- Recommended:
- That the Chairman and Vice Chairman attend the conference.
- 4.6 Head of Development Services The Head of Development Services advised Committee that he would be leaving Council's employment on 31st August, 2001.
- The Chairman and members thanked Mr. Lestas for his service to Council and extended best wishes for the future.

5.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

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

Matters arising:

- 5.1 The Millennium Cycle/ Pedestrian Bridge Roads Service had vested a small area of Council land at Waterside, Coleraine for the Millennium Cycle/Pedestrian Bridge.
- The Valuation and Lands Agency had recommended that Council accept £2,000 for compensation arising out of the vesting.
- Council is recommended to agree.
- 5.2 Area of Land at Creamery Road, Ballyrashane, Coleraine In January 2000 Council had declared a small area of land at Ballyrashane surplus to requirements. As a result of public advertisement only one offer was received to purchase the land. The offer from Coronation and Sports Club was unacceptable. The Club had recently offered to purchase the land for £5,000.
- Council is recommended to accept this offer.
- 5.3 East Strand Car Park, Portrush The owners of 79A and 79B Causeway Street, Portrush wished to develop their site and had requested Council to grant them vehicular access to their site from East Strand Car Park, Portrush.
- Council is recommended to defer any decision until the development potential of the site has been established.

5.4 Letterloan Landfill Site

Council had leased land at Letterloan from the Anderson family since September 1980 for use as a landfill site. The site covered some 38 acres and was in operation until the Craighulliar landfill site had opened in 1997.

The current lease was for a 3 year period from September 2000 at an annual rent of £9,500 per annum. The lease required the area, on completion, to be left suitable for grazing. Closure plans for the site, as detailed in the report, which were required by the Department had now been finalised. This would entail considerably more work than as specified in the lease.

Preliminary negotiations with the Anderson Estate indicated that the site could be purchased for around £140,000 rather than continuing to lease the land for a further twenty year period.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Watt and seconded by Councillor Mathews:

That Council agree, in principle, to purchase the site from the Anderson Estate, subject to agreement on price.

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,
Bradley, Mrs. Church, Hillis,
McClarty, McPherson, Mathews,
O'Hara and Stewart (14)

Against: Alderman Ms. Alexander
Councillors Dallat, McLaughlin and
Mullan (4)

5.5 Shop Unit, The South Pier,
Portrush (Teas and Ices)

The proposal was, therefore, carried by fourteen votes to four. Brankin Estates, who were handling the letting of this shop unit, had advised that they had received one offer.

Mrs. S. Fullerton, c/o Savoy Café, Eglinton Street, Portrush had offered to rent the unit for a 3 year period at an annual rent of £2,200.

Council is recommended to accept this offer subject to the completion of the usual legal formalities.

**6.0 BEST VALUE STEERING/WORKING
GROUP - MINUTES OF MEETING
OF 5TH APRIL, 2001**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Best Value Steering/Working Group of 5th April, 2001 (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

**7.0 THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ELECTRICITY
SUPPLY (N.I.) - ELECTRICITY MARKET OPENING
THE TIME TO WIN - CONSULTATION PAPER**

Consideration was given to a consultation paper (previously supplied) issued by the Director General of Electricity Supply (N.I.) on issues associated with further electricity market opening.

Council is recommended to support the recommendations, as detailed in the report, to facilitate Northern Ireland moving quickly to a fully competitive market in electricity generation and supply which would produce lower prices.

8.0 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES
AND PUBLIC SAFETY - BEST PRACTICE/
BEST CARE**

Consideration was given to a consultation paper (previously supplied) issued by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety entitled "Best Practice/Best Care".

Following discussion it was agreed that members forward any comments on the proposals to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive who would formulate a corporate response to the Department.

9.0 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - A COMMON
FUNDING FORMULA FOR GRANT-AIDED
SCHOOLS - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Consideration was given to the executive summary (previously supplied) of a consultation paper issued by the Department of Education on "A Common Funding Formula for Grant-Aided Schools".

Following discussion it was agreed that members forward any comments on the proposals to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive who would formulate a corporate response to the Department.

10.0 **EQUALITY SCHEME PROPOSED
IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's report (previously supplied) on the Proposed Equality Impact Assessment Programme for the four years from 2001 – 2005.

Council's Equality Working Group had considered the programme, as detailed in the report. This had been compiled from the results of the screening process and subsequent consultation and was recommended by the Group for adoption by Council.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

That Council be recommended to adopt the Proposed Impact Assessment Programme.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried by thirteen votes to three.

11.0 **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE/TIMETABLE**

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's report (previously supplied) on Committee Structure/Timetable.

Matters arising:

11.1 **Meeting Dates**

Recommended:

That the first meeting of the new Council be held on Monday, 18th June, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

Council is also recommended to combine a Planning Committee with a meeting of Council on 26th June, 2001 to clear up all urgent business prior to the normal July recess.

11.2 **Committee Structures**

Consideration was given to possible options for Council's Committee structure, as detailed in the report.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive present a report on this topic to the new Council.

11.3 **Training**

It was noted that induction training for new members would commence almost immediately.

A comprehensive programme of training and familiarisation was being planned for the five months August – December 2001. To cover all the topics involved, it was likely that much of this training would be during the day.

12.0 OFF-STREET CAR PARKS

Read letter from the Acting Divisional Roads Manager advising that the tariff in the Long Commons Car Park, Coleraine was being changed from TL3 (30p/hour) to TS3 (30p/3 hours) in order to try to increase its use and relieve pressure on The Mall and Abbey Street Car Parks. No other changes were proposed to tariffs in the Borough. The current charges would be maintained for at least the next year.

Noted.

13.0 45MPH SPEED RESTRICTION FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

Read letter from the Road Safety Branch of the Department of the Environment advising of the outcome of the recent consultation on the proposal to remove the 45mph speed restriction on learner ('L') drivers. This was to facilitate training and testing at speeds over 45mph within normal speed limits.

The Department had decided to proceed with the change to the current legislation necessary to effect the removal of the restriction as soon as possible. The Department also intended to review the 'R' driver scheme and carry out a public consultation on its proposals.

Noted.

14.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - A2 LIMAVADY BYPASS

Read letter from the Minister for Regional Development advising Council that funding had been secured for the A2 Limavady Bypass scheme. The scheme would now be progressed into the construction programme. It was anticipated that work on the ground for the £10m project would commence in early 2002 and take 18 months to complete.

Noted.

15.0 THE LAW REFORM ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Tabled:

Eleventh Annual Report 2000.

16.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE - N.I.

Tabled:

Operating Plan 2001/2002.

**17.0 OPENING OF MILLENNIUM
BRIDGE, COLERAINE**

Reported that the official opening of the Millennium Bridge had been arranged for Monday, 21st May, 2001.

Members would be receiving invitations from Roads Service to attend this event.

Noted.

**18.0 COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT
PLAN - MARCH 2001**

It was noted that this topic would be considered at the Council meeting on 22nd May, 2001.

19.0 CIVIC OFFICES STEERING GROUP

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the Civic Offices Steering Group had met over the past three year period and during this time the Director of Technical Services and Senior Environmental Health Officer had been involved in considerable additional work on the delivery of this major project.

In recognition of the additional workload over this sustained period, it was recommended that Council grant an honorarium of £1,000 each to the Director of Technical Services and Senior Environmental Health Officer.

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

That Council agree to grant an honorarium of £1,000 each to the Director of Technical Services and Senior Environmental Health Officer.

Members expressed their appreciation of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's work in connection with the Civic Offices Project.

**20.0 CHAIRS - COUNCIL CHAMBER
PUBLIC GALLERY**

Reference was made to the possibility of changing the chairs currently provided in the Council Chamber Public Gallery.

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

21.0 BUS PARKING - COLERAINE

Reference was made to the difficulties encountered by tour buses parking in the vicinity of Coleraine Leisure Centre.

It was noted that a drop-off point for buses would be available at Lodge Road, Coleraine from the beginning of the summer.

**22.0 LEGAL COSTS - COLERAINE HARBOUR
COMMISSIONERS' CASE**

Reference was made to the legal costs payable to Council's solicitors arising from the recent case regarding Council's right to nominate members of Coleraine Harbour Commission.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded Committee that no order for costs had been made by the High Court resulting in each party having to pay their own legal costs.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:

That Coleraine Harbour Commissioners be asked to meet Council's legal costs for the case.

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

For: Alderman Ms. Alexander
Councillors Dallat, Hillis, McLaughlin, Mullan
and Stewart (6)

Against: Aldermen King and Watt
Councillor McPherson (3)

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