

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 27th day of May, 2003 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 – 23rd April, 2003
 - 1.2 Special Meeting - 29th April, 2003
 - 1.3 Special Meeting - 15th May, 2003
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Policy and Development Committee - 23rd April, 2003
 - 2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee - 6th May, 2003
 - 2.3 Planning Committee - 13th May, 2003
 - 2.4 Policy and Development Committee - 20th May, 2003
3. Roads Service Report 2003 - 2004 (enclosed)

Dr. A. McC. Murray, Divisional Roads Manager, will be in attendance.
4. Translink

Messrs. B. Telford and S. Scallon will be in attendance.

5. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Alderman B. Leonard:

“Council agrees to introduce bye-laws prohibiting the taking of sand from all beaches within the Borough.”

6. Correspondence
7. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 2nd April, 2003

To: Each Member of Council.

23rd May, 2003.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Wednesday, 23rd April, 2003 at 8.45 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. T. Creelman
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	B. Leonard
(Items 1.0 - 4.0)	W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. A. King
(Items 1.0 - 12.0)	D. McClarty
J. M. Bradley	R. A. McPherson
J. J. Dallat	A. McQuillan
T. J. Deans	E. M. Mullan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	R. D. Stewart
N. F. Hillis	W. J. Watt
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)	

Officers in Attendance:

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

Apology: Councillor Barbour

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 25th March, 2003 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

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| 1.1 <u>Anderson Park - Phase III</u> | The Director of Leisure Services reported that improvements would be carried out to the football pitch during Phase III.

Minor alterations to the putting green would be carried out by the Parks Department. |
| 1.2 <u>Anderson Park - Litter, etc.</u> | Concern was expressed regarding the |

untidy state of Anderson Park mainly caused by litter and weeds.

The officers would have this matter addressed.

1.3 Warmer Homes

The Director of Technical Services reported that no contribution had been made to Warmer Homes.

Noted.

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Police Liaison - North West '200' Sub-Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Johnston, moved the adoption of the Police Liaison - North West '200' Sub Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McClarty and agreed.

2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee

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

Matters arising:

2.2.1 Entertainments Licence - The Quays Bar, Portrush

The Director of Technical Services reported that Mr. Crawley had revised his application for the renewal of an Entertainments Licence at:

The Quays Bar, 63 Eglinton Street, Portrush
Sunday mornings 1.00am - 1.30am.

Agreed:

That an Entertainments Licence be granted.

2.2.2 Tenders - Footbridge at Ballyreagh Golf Course

Consideration was given to the Director of Technical Services' Report on Tenders - Footbridge at Ballyreagh Golf Course.

Four tenders had been received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Tender Amount excluding VAT</u>
P. Scullion Construction Ltd. Magherafelt	£14,350.00
Fabricat Ireland Contractors Ltd. Pomeroy	£18,699.00

John Rainey & Co. Portrush	£20,946.49
A. McKee & Co. Coleraine	£22,860.00

Agreed:

That the tender submitted by Fabricat Ireland Ltd., in the sum of £18,699.00, be accepted as recommended by Ivan Scott Associates, Consultants for the scheme.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted subject to these amendments.

2.3 Planning Committee

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

Matters arising:

2.3.1 Strand Hotel Site, Portstewart

Reference was made to the outcome of the meeting with the developer.

It was noted that the developer had undertaken to tidy up the site after Easter.

A further reply would be sent to Mr. J. Montgomery.

2.3.2 Development Issues

Following discussion it was agreed:

That a Sub-Committee be formed, consisting of one representative from each Party, together with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor Ms. Alexander, to discuss development and planning issues.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted subject to these amendments.

2.4 Policy and Development Committee

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

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -

23RD APRIL, 2003

Consideration was given to the following recommendations of the Policy and Development Committee dated 23rd April, 2003 (circulated to each member).

3.1 Land and Property

3.2 Entertainments Licences

3.2.1 The Golf Links Hotel,
Bushmills Road,
Portrush

Recommended:

That Council grant an extension of the Entertainments Licence on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 1.00am until 1.30am.

3.2.2 Traks Complex,
16c Eglinton Street,
Portrush

Recommended:

That Council grant an extension of the Entertainments Licence on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 1.00am until 1.30am.

3.3 Coleraine Harbour

Recommended:

That Council send a deputation to the Minister for Regional Development to highlight public interest issues on the Cushowen project and the need for an overall development framework for riverside lands.

3.4 Fix Date and Time for Annual Meeting

Recommended:

That the Annual Meeting of Council be held on Monday, 16th June, 2003 at 7.30 p.m..

3.5 Translink

Recommended:

To invite senior management from Translink to discuss, inter alia, future train services to this Borough arising from Easter Monday cancellation of services, together with other serious rail and bus issues affecting the area.

3.6 Letters of Support/Sympathy

Recommended:

To send a letter to the Royal Irish

Regiment congratulating the regiment on their efforts in Iraq and also a letter of sympathy to the family of the Irish Guardsman who lost his life in the campaign.

3.7 Invitation to the Chief Executive of the Causeway Trust

Recommended:

To invite the Chief Executive of the Causeway Trust to update members on current issues affecting hospital services - waiting lists, bed-blocking and provision of facilities for smokers.

Agreed:

That the recommendations be adopted.

4.0 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - THE NORTHERN IRELAND CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT - A CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE FOR THE GUIDANCE OF COUNCILLORS**

Consideration was given to The Northern Ireland Code of Local Government Conduct (previously supplied).

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

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive write to the Department expressing Council's concern about the lack of enforcement mechanism within the Code and emphasise the importance of making the Code mandatory.

5.0 **PROVISION OF A LAND SITE FOR A NEW POLICE TRAINING COLLEGE**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that a 90 acre site had been identified for the provision of a land site for a new Police Training College.

A formal tender had now been lodged.

6.0 **POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE/ COMMUNITY FORUM**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that due to the formation of the District Policing Partnership the Police Liaison Committee/Community Police Forum was superfluous to the new process.

It was agreed that the Meeting scheduled for 8th May, 2003 would not take place.

7.0 BANKING MANDATE

The Director of Corporate Services' Report on Banking Mandate was considered (previously supplied).

Council's bankers required an updated mandate to be completed and it was agreed:

'That banking accounts be continued with Northern Bank Ltd. at their Coleraine branch and that the Bank be and is hereby empowered to honour cheques, bills of exchange and promissory notes drawn, signed, accepted or made on behalf of the Council by any two of the persons named below and to act on any instructions given by the persons so authorised with regard to any accounts whether in credit or overdrawn or any transactions of the Council.

The Council represents to the Bank (which representation will be deemed to be repeated by the Council at all times until the termination of this Mandate) that:

1. The Council has the power to execute the Mandate and any other documentation relating to its Bank accounts and has taken all necessary action to authorise such execution;
2. In executing the Mandate it has acted within its statutory powers as set out in Part V of the 1972 Act and all the requirements of Part V of the Act have been complied with.'

Authorised Signatories:- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Leisure Services
Director of Environmental Health
Director of Technical Services
Finance Officer
Principal Administrative Officer -
Chief Executive's Department

8.0 FOREVER YOUNG NETWORK

Read letter from Forever Young Network inviting a member of Council to attend the inaugural meeting of the Coleraine Older People's Forum on Wednesday, 11th June, 2003 at 10.30 a.m. in Cloonavin.

Agreed:

That the Deputy Mayor attend.

9.0 'JUST SAY NO' CAMPAIGN GROUP - OPEN CAST LIGNITE MINE

Read letter from the 'Just Say No' Campaign Group offering to make a

presentation to Council outlining the community's response to the planning application for the open cast lignite mine in Ballymoney.

Agreed:

That the Group be advised of the presentation by Ballymoney Power on 29th April, 2003 and that Council avail of a presentation from the 'Just Say No' Campaign Group.

10.0 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - ALL-ISLAND CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

Read letter from the Department of the Environment advising members of the positive outcome to the recent procurement process for the above contract. The procurement process, which commenced in the autumn of 2002, attracted considerable interest with twenty-one completed tenders being submitted. The evaluation process was now complete and the contract had been awarded to Atlas at a unit rate of £11 per fridge for all Council areas, a rate which was fixed for four years. The cost would be met by the Department.

Noted.

11.0 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Read letter from the Review of Public Administration which referred to the Secretary of State's announcement that he would not be issuing a consultative document on the Review of Public Administration in the period during the run-up to the Northern Ireland Assembly elections.

The work on the review and in particular on the essential research and analysis which will contribute to the final outcome of the review would be continuing.

Noted.

12.0 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT - O'HARE REVIEW

Reported that the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for Agriculture and Rural Development had announced final decisions on the Government's response to the O'Hare Review of agri-food education and R&D.

The current provision of education and R&D in the School of Agriculture and Food Science would be transferred to either Queen's University or the University of Ulster by a competitive process.

Noted.

13.0 GARVAGH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Read letter of thanks from Dr. John Kerr, Chairman of Garvagh Environmental Improvement Scheme, for Council's part in the work carried out in the town.

Noted.

14.0 OLD COLERAINE HOSPITAL SITE

Reported that a Press Release had been received from the Causeway Health and Social Services Trust confirming that the boundaries of an old workhouse cemetery dating back to the mid 19th century had been located at the old Coleraine Hospital site.

The Trust, working with the developer, would now sensitively reinstate the original boundary and create an appropriate memorial or garden of remembrance.

Noted.

15.0 MALL CAR PARK, COLERAINE

Read letter from the Department for Social Development confirming that a Vesting Order for the Mall Car Park, Coleraine came into operation on 27th March, 2003.

Noted.

16.0 N.I. HOUSING EXECUTIVE

Tabled:

Executive's draft Corporate Plan 2003-2006 and Business Plan 2003-2004.

17.0 NILGA - SEMINAR

Reported that a seminar organised by NILGA entitled "Building Better Local Government: Learning from Others" was being held on 9th May, 2003 in the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn.

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

That the five NILGA representatives attend the seminar together with the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

18.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS - SEMINAR

Reported that the Association were holding a one day conference on Friday, 16th May, 2003 in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle. Topics would be the Northern Ireland Provisions Order 2002 and its effect on Councils, the issue of Rural Post Offices and the Northern Ireland Police Board.

Agreed:

That the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Stewart attend.

19.0 NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD

Read letter from Northern Ireland Tourist Board advising Council of their willingness to participate in discussions regarding the overall tourism strategy for the region. A Special Meeting would be arranged.

Noted.

20.0 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE

Read letter from the Permanent Secretary, Department of the Environment regarding the negative response received from the Environment and Heritage Service about providing a presentation to Council.

The Chief Executive of the Environment and Heritage Service would be making arrangements for his Build Heritage representatives to meet with Council.

Noted.

21.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (a) Minutes of the North-Eastern Education and Library Board dated 25th February, 2003;
- (b) Report of the Chief Medical Officer - 2002.

22.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. | <u>Conveyance and Counterpart</u> | Land at Berne Road, Portstewart;
Coleraine Borough Council to Garry Owen O'Neill |
| 2. | <u>Car Loan Repayment</u> | |
| 3. | <u>Cemetery Titles</u> | Grant of Right of Burial Deeds:
Register Nos. 2875 - 2883 |
| | Agherton | 1 |
| | Coleraine | 2 |
| | Kilrea | 1 |
| | Portstewart | 5 |

Advance Deeds:

Register Nos. 0053 - 0054

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	-
Portstewart	2

SPECIAL MEETING

29th April, 2003.

Convened: To receive presentation on the proposed open cast lignite mine at Ballymoney

Present: The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.), in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Items 2.0 - 3.0)
E. T. Black (Mrs.)

B. Leonard
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.0 - 2.0)
D. D. Barbour
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
N. F. Hillis

D. McClarty
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan
E. M. Mullan
(Items 2.0 - 3.0)
R. D. Stewart
W. J. Watt

Officers in

Attendance: Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Principal Administrative Officer, Senior Environmental Health Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Johnston and King

1.0 WATER REFORM NORTHERN IRELAND - PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Reference was made to the Public Consultation Meetings on the Options for Water Reform being held in Londonderry, Ballymena, Belfast and Craigavon during April and May, 2003.

It was agreed:

That a letter be forwarded to the Water Reform Unit expressing Council's anger and disappointment that Coleraine had not been considered as a venue for the meetings.

2.0 PROPOSED OPEN CAST LIGNITE MINE - BALLYMONEY

The Mayor welcomed Mr. W. McClay, Project Director of Ballymoney Power Ltd. and

Mr. A. Burnside, Citigate P.R. Co., who were in attendance to make a presentation to Council on the above project.

Mr. McClay outlined the proposal for an open cast lignite mine and power station on lands to the north-east of Ballymoney. The proposal was estimated to cost in the region of £500m, create approximately 1,500 jobs in the design and construction stage and 300 jobs over the lifetime of the project which was estimated at thirty years.

Mr. McClay answered various questions raised by members.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for a most interesting presentation after which they withdrew.

3.0 'JUST SAY NO' CAMPAIGN GROUP

The Principal Administrative Officer referred to the offer from the 'Just Say No' Campaign Group to make a presentation to Council on the same topic.

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

That a Special Meeting of Council be held to receive a presentation from the 'Just Say No' Campaign Group.

SPECIAL MEETING

15th May, 2003.

Convened: To receive presentation on the proposed open cast lignite mine at Ballymoney

Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin, in the Chair

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Items 2.0 - 3.0)
W. T. Creelman

B. Leonard
W. J. McClure
(Items 1.0 - 2.0)

Councillors

J. J. Dallat
N. F. Hillis
W. A. King
R. A. McPherson

A. McQuillan
W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 - 2.0)

Officers in

Attendance: Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Mayor, Councillors Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston and Stewart

1.0 SYMPATHY

The Deputy Mayor referred to the death of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's mother. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

It was agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Moore and his family.

2.0 PROPOSED OPEN CAST LIGNITE MINE - BALLYMONEY

The Deputy Mayor welcomed the following representatives from the 'Just Say No' Campaign Group who were in attendance to make a presentation to Council on the above project:

Mr. J. Patton - Chairman of Campaign Group
Mr. R. Richmond, Dr. C. Liddell, Dr. T. Brown and Mr. M. Todd

The representatives outlined the Group's serious concerns and anxiety arising from the planning proposal submitted by Ballymoney Power. The main issues addressed included:

- (a) Is there a need for electricity generation in Northern Ireland?
- (b) Will this proposed lignite mine and power station create jobs

and inward investment for the area?

- (c) Environmental issues;
- (d) Associations between lignite mining and health issues.

The representatives answered various questions raised by members.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the representatives for a most interesting and informative presentation after which they withdrew.

3.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DEANS

It was agreed that the Notice of Motion, submitted by Councillor Deans, relating to the Open Cast Lignite Mine, be placed on the Agenda for the May Policy and Development Committee Meeting.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

23rd April, 2003.

Present:

Councillor N. F. Hillis, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin

Aldermen

P. E . A. Armitage (Mrs.)

B. Leonard

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

W. J. McClure

(Items 3.0 – 15.0)

W. T. Creelman

(Items 3.0 – 15.0)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

J. M. Bradley

(Items 3.0 – 15.0)

J. J. Dallat

T. J. Deans

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

W. A. King

D. McClarty

R. A. McPherson

A. McQuillan

E. M. Mullan

R. D. Stewart

W. J. Watt

Officers in

Attendance:

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

Apology:

Councillor Barbour

1.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

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

2.0 ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCES

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Variation of Licences

2.1.1 Mr. T. Wilson, The Golf Links Hotel, Bushmills Road, Portrush

Council is recommended to grant an extension of the entertainments licence at this premises on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 1.00am until 1.30am.

2.1.2 Mr. R.J. Martin and Mrs. I. Anderson, Traks Complex, 16c Eglinton Street, Portrush

Council is recommended to grant an extension of the entertainments licence at this premises on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 1.00am until 1.30am.

3.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR

The report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on Coleraine Harbour was considered (previously supplied).

Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, on the outcome of the meetings convened with representatives from Coleraine Harbour Commissioners and Coleraine Town Partnership on 31st March, 2003 and 3rd April, 2003.

A full discussion ensued following which it was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Alderman Leonard:

That Council send a deputation to the Minister for Regional Development to highlight public interest issues on the Cushowen project and the need for an overall development framework for riverside lands.

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

For:

The Mayor
The Deputy Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, Creelman, Leonard and McClure
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Bradley, Dallat, Deans, Fielding, Hillis,

McClarty, McPherson, McQuillan, Mullan and Stewart (17)

Abstentions: Alderman Mrs. Black
Councillors Mrs. Johnston, King and Watt (4)

The proposal was, therefore, carried by seventeen votes to nil and it was recommended:

- (i) That Council send a deputation to the Minister for Regional Development to highlight public interest issues on the Cushowen project and the need for an overall development framework for riverside lands.
- (ii) That the deputation comprise:

Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and Leonard
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Dallat, McClarty and McQuillan
along with one further member who would be nominated by the DUP.

Members noted that in the event that Mrs. Armitage was not available that the Chairman, Councillor Hillis, would take her place on the deputation.

4.0 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and the paper from the Guidance Working Group (previously supplied) and members noted information contained therein.

5.0 ZOMBA RELATIONSHIPS - UPDATE - APRIL 2003

Committee noted information on the development of the relationship between Zomba and Coleraine, as contained in the report (previously supplied).

Members expressed their appreciation for the efforts of those involved in establishing this relationship.

6.0 FIX DATE AND TIME FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Recommended:

That the Annual Meeting of Council be held on Monday 16th June, 2003.

7.0 CONSULTATION PAPER

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

- (i) Department of the Environment - Environmental Policy Division
"Transposition of the End of Life Vehicles Directive (2000/53/EC) -
A Consultation Paper on the End of Life Vehicles Regulations 2003"

Comments due by: 13th June, 2003

8.0 THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Read letter inviting Council's comments on the impact of the Electoral Fraud Act 2002 (previously supplied).

Members were requested to forward comments to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive for submission by 28th April, 2003.

9.0 NILGA

Members noted information from NILGA (previously supplied) on:

- (i) Meeting on 14th March, 2003 – Members' Briefing/Summary of Outcomes
- (ii) Quarterly meeting with DoE Minister, Angela Smith MP, on 25th March, 2003

10.0 THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS NORTHERN IRELAND REGION

Members noted that the following papers had been received and copies were available on request:

- (i) Rural Planning - National NAOC Seminar – 17th January, 2003
- (ii) Report for NILGA and the NAC – Research Study into The Changing Role of Councillors in Northern Ireland

11.0 POSTCOMM

Tabled:

Review of Royal Mail Group plc's Price and Service Quality Regulation – March 2003

12.0 SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY

Tabled:

Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001: Code of Practice on Obtaining Information

13.0 OFREG

Tabled:

Annual Report 2001

14.0 TRANSLINK

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

recommended:

That Council invite senior management from Translink to discuss, inter alia, future train services to this Borough arising from Easter Monday cancellation of services, together with other serious rail and bus issues affecting the area.

**15.0 LETTERS OF SUPPORT/
SYMPATHY**

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

That Council send a letter of support to the Commander of the Royal Irish Regiment congratulating the regiment on their efforts in Iraq.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried by fifteen votes to nil and, following discussion, it was recommended:

- (a) That Council send a letter of support to the Commander of the Royal Irish Regiment congratulating the regiment on their efforts in Iraq.
- (b) That Council also send a letter of sympathy to the family of the Irish Guardsman, Ian Malone, who lost his life in the campaign.

**16.0 INVITATION TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OF THE CAUSEWAY
TRUST**

Council is recommended to invite the Chief Executive of the Causeway Trust to update members on current issues affecting hospital services including waiting lists, bed-blocking and provision of facilities for smokers.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

6th May, 2003.

Present: Alderman E. T. Black (Mrs.), in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.)
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 1.0 – 1.6)

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman
(Items 1.0 – 13.0)

B. Leonard
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
D. D. Barbour
J. M. Bradley
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
(Items 1.0 – 3.4)
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 3.4)
N. F. Hillis

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
W. A. King
D. McClarty
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan
E. M. Mullan
R. D. Stewart
W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 – 12.0)

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Leisure Services Officers, Principal Administrative Officer, Senior Technical Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Alderman Mrs. Armitage

1.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Portballintrae Coastal Protection

The Chairman extended a welcome to the members of Portballintrae Residents' Association who were seated in the public gallery and to Mr. Adrian Bell from Kirk McClure Morton, who was in attendance to address Committee on the survey of the bay which had been carried out by the consultants.

Mr. Bell detailed the additional coastal protection works which were considered necessary by Kirk

McClure Morton and outlined how this work could be carried out in phases.

During the discussion which ensued, Mr. Bell answered members' questions.

Recommended:

That Council accept the consultants' report for additional coastal protection works and make provision for funding of the project when considering the next five year capital plan in September/October 2003.

It was also agreed that the availability of grant aid for such a scheme would be investigated.

1.2 Consultation Documents

Committee considered information, as detailed in the report, on two Government consultation documents which had been received relating to UK wide implementation of European Council Directives, viz:

- (i) The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE).

It was noted that, whilst the mandatory targets for this Directive applied to manufacturers, distributors, importers and retailers and not to Council, under *Article 5 – Separate Collection* of the document it was proposed that Council infrastructure and logistics should be used to help achieve targets.

It was, therefore, recommended that:

Council's response include the requirement for an undertaking that additional costs arising from these activities would be met by an agreed mechanism with either Government or the Trade Associations, before this proposal could be accepted.

- (ii) The Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ROHS).

It was noted that this Directive would affect product manufacturers rather than Council and, as such, it was recommended:

That Council make no response under this heading.

1.3 Entertainments Licences

1.3.1 The Londonderry Hotel 39-41 Main Street Portrush

An application had been received from Mr. S. Ross, 25 Mosside Gardens, Ballymoney for:

(a) Transfer of licence

Council is recommended to grant such transfer of licence.

(b) Variation of licence

Council is recommended to agree such variation of licence, subject to:

Atlantic Bar - the condition that the type and nature of entertainment shall only be provided by non-amplified music, remain in the licence.

Retro Bar – the condition that the dance floor be covered and no dancing activities take place in any area of the premises, be removed from the licence subject to the necessary insurance being in place.

1.3.2 Moneydig Equestrian Centre, Moneydig Road, Garvagh

An application had been received for an occasional licence from Mr. J. Neely, c/o Aghadowey Pre-School Playgroup, 32 Mullaghinch Road, Coleraine.

Council is recommended to grant such licence subject to no representations, no PSNI objections, compliance with Fire Authority recommendations and any other requirements requested by Council's Licensing Department.

1.4 Building Control

1.4.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for forty-nine applications.

1.5 Interim Needs for Landfill Capacity 2003-2007

Consideration was given to this topic, as detailed in the report, viz:

A Waste Management Strategy had now been prepared to address the need for the development of further landfill in order to ensure sufficient capacity until 2007. The report had taken account of the need for interim landfill capacity, avoidance of conflict with the outcomes of three sub-regional Waste Management Plans and the impact of the Landfill Directive, the main impact of which was

likely to be the closure of older, less well-engineered landfill sites. It was likely that this would result in the closure of sites at Culmore in Londonderry, Drumaduff in Limavady and Crosstagherty in Ballymoney.

Members noted that the NW Regional Group would now be seeking to identify future possible disposal sites with the purpose of developing a new Group facility.

Following the discussion which ensued it was proposed by Alderman Leonard, seconded by Councillor Bradley and recommended:

That Council write and request the North West Waste Management Group to urgently consider the implications of Interim Needs for Landfill Capacity Report and actively lobby Central Government with a view to introducing legislation requiring the manufacturers to reduce packaging.

1.6 Fly Tipping Campaign

Committee noted information on Tidy Northern Ireland's campaign to tackle fly tipping in both rural and urban areas, as contained in the report.

Members referred to problems with fly tipping in the Borough, particularly in the Harpur's Hill/Ballycastle Road and Mayboy Road areas. The potential benefit of further publicising Council's bulky goods collection service was noted.

2.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Christie Park Jetty Ground Works Tender

Four tenders had been received for this scheme, viz:

(i)	S. Gillan & Co, Maghera	-	£113,237.80
(ii)	T.D. McKane & Co., Castlederg	-	£172,652.60
(iii)	John Graham Ltd., Dromore	-	£229,039.00
(iv)	Seastructure Ltd., Glasgow	-	£249,424.50

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tender from S. Gillan & Co., Maghera for £113,237.80.

2.2 Anderson Park, Phase III

Consideration was given to information on

applications to be included on a select list for this scheme, as contained in the report.
Following advice received from Council's consultants, MWA Partnership, it was recommended:

That the following companies be invited to submit tenders:

- W.H. Alexander Ltd.
- Graham Construction
- Crawford Contracts
- R.J. Maxwell & Son Ltd.
- Newtownstewart Construction Ltd.
- Whitemountain Quarries Ltd.

2.3 Talks and Tours

Recommended:

That Council contribute £700.00 towards the Talks and Tours 2003 programme.

2.4 The Crescent, Portstewart

Council is recommended to employ seasonal staff at The Crescent, Portstewart to manage the paddling pool area.

2.5 Skateboard Park

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

2.6 Community Groups

Council is recommended to offer community groups, which are affiliated to Council through registration with the Community Development Officer, the opportunity to use Council facilities for half the normal price.

2.7 Ulster Way

Members noted that the Countryside and Activities Network had included the five recommendations made by Council in their published report on the future of the Ulster Way, a copy of which would be made available in the Members' Room.

2.8 Events

Members noted information on the following events, which would be promoted in the Borough during the month of May 2003:

- North West '200' Festival 5th – 10th May
- Community and Arts Festival 12th – 19th May
- N. Ireland Air Spectacular 2003 – 31st May and 1st June.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

3.1 The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985 – Mr. Ian Haughey and Mr. Esmond Doherty

Consideration was given to information, as contained in the report, on prior applications for provisional grant of Amusement Permit at 2 Limavady Road/54 Main Street, Garvagh.

Committee noted that:

- Mr. Esmond Doherty was convicted at Coleraine Magistrates Court on 7th March, 2003 for offences under The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985.
- Planning approval for premises at 2 Limavady Road had been refused.

It was, therefore, recommended:

That both applications for a provisional grant of amusement permit for premises at 2 Limavady Road/54 Main Street, Garvagh be refused.

3.2 Consultation Paper on Nitrates and the Protection of Groundwaters in Northern Ireland

The Department of the Environment and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development had issued a consultation document on the proposal to introduce four new Nitrate Vulnerable Zones in Northern Ireland, details on which were contained in the report.

Members noted that the consequences of designation of an area as a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone would be largely borne by the farmers within the designated area, as no grant aid was available. Estimation of the costs of implementing these proposals had been identified by the Department of Agriculture to be in the order of £100,000 with recurring annual costs which had not yet been quantified.

Recommended:

- (i) That Council welcome the proposals contained within the document;
- (ii) That Council make representation to both government departments requiring adequate grant aid to be provided to farmers to alleviate the significant cost implications.

3.3 Northern Investing for Health Partnership - Health Improvement Plan 2003-2008

Consideration was given to information on the Investing for Health Strategy, as detailed in the report, which was based on partnership working amongst Departments, Public Bodies, Local Communities, Voluntary Bodies, District Councils and Social Partners.

Discussion ensued following which it was recommended:

That Council endorse the strategy and commit to the partnership approach advocated therein.

3.4 Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places - Review of Bye-Laws

Consideration was given to information on the review of bye-laws, as contained in the report, and members noted that a problem of public drinking had been identified in a number of areas not currently designated.

An amended schedule to the bye-law had, therefore, been drawn up which the PSNI had indicated as being acceptable.

Discussion ensued during which members' suggestions were noted by the Senior Environmental Health Officer for inclusion in the schedule.

Recommended:

That Council approve the advertising of the bye-law for public scrutiny before submitting it to the Department for Social Development.

4.0 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE

Read letter from the Environment and Heritage Service in response to Council's request for a presentation on historic buildings matters. Members noted that representatives from the Environment and Heritage Service would attend the next meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee on 3rd June, 2003.

5.0 PROPOSED OPEN-CAST LIGNITE MINE

Members noted that the Special Meeting of Council to hear a presentation from the "Just Say No" Campaign Group to the proposed lignite mine, would be convened on Thursday, 15th May, 2003.

6.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Read letter from DRD Water Service Strategic Policy Branch regarding appointments to the Northern Ireland Water Council.

Members were advised that a copy of the appointee list was available from the Principal Administrative Officer.

7.0 NILGA

Read letter from NILGA advising of a seminar to consider the Reform of Water and Sewage Services in Northern Ireland to be held at Larne Leisure Centre on 6th June, 2003.

Interested members were requested to contact the Principal Administrative Officer.

8.0 POSTCOMM

Read letter from Postcomm advising of a public meeting to consider the future of postal services, to be held at the City Hotel, Queen's Quay, Londonderry on 28th May, 2003.

Interested members were requested to contact the Principal Administrative Officer.

**9.0 L'ESTRANGE AND BRETT,
SOLICITORS**

Read letter from L'Estrange and Brett, Solicitors advising notice of an application for the provisional grant of licence at Unit 4 Hillcrest Centre, Coleraine Road, Portrush.

Noted.

10.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOSPICE

Read letter from the Bushmills Hospice Support Group thanking Council for the opportunity to raise money through the Colne Valley Concert on Sunday 30th March, 2003.

Noted.

**11.0 MR. MICHAEL SMITH -
SNAPPERS RESTAURANT**

Read letter from Mr. Michael Smith requesting permission to hold a charity barbecue in the car park of Snappers Restaurant at 21 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush on Saturday, 10th May, 2003. Proceeds would be in aid of the local Gateway Club.

Council is recommended to agree to this request.

**12.0 LAND TO REAR OF
ENTERPRISE PARADE,
PORTSTEWART**

In response to a request from a member, the Principal Administrative Officer would make enquiries as to the owner of this piece of land.

**13.0 CLOSURE OF DESMOND'S
FACTORY IN SWATRAGH**

Members referred to the recent news on the closure of Desmond's factory and the resultant job losses and commented on Council's ongoing responsibility to work with other bodies to try to create jobs in the Borough.

The Principal Administrative Officer would advise the Head of Development Services of members' comments.

14.0 COLERAINE TOWN HALL

In response to a query from a member, the Principal Administrative Officer advised that block bookings for meetings in the Town Hall did attract a reduced booking fee.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

13th May, 2003.

Present: Councillor W. J. Watt in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.)
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 1.0 - 4.38)

Aldermen

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

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley W. A. King
J. J. Dallat D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 - 4.38) R. A. McPherson
T. J. Deans A. McQuillan
(Items 1.0 - 4.38) E. M. Mullan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) (Items 4.18 - 12.0)
N. F. Hillis

Also in

Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service -
Mr. D. Blackwood and Mr. P. Duffy

Officers in

Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Administrative
Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Alderman Mrs. Armitage, Councillors Barbour and
Stewart

1.0 "VISION PORTSTEWART"

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Y. Hamilton and Mr. B. McLain, two concerned residents of Portstewart, who were in attendance to address Committee on "Vision Portstewart".

Mr. McLain addressed Committee on the problems affecting Portstewart primarily caused by the proliferation of second homes and student houses.

Members were sympathetic to the problems raised and supported the representatives in their efforts to make Portstewart a socially and economically thriving community and tourist destination.

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

2.0 **CHAIRMAN**

At this stage in the proceedings Councillor Watt vacated the Chair and Councillor Bradley chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3.0 **PRINCIPAL PLANNING OFFICER**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. D. Blackwood, Principal Planning Officer, to his first meeting of Committee.

4.0 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

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| 4.1 | <u>Application No. 1</u>
<u>C/2002/0540/F</u>
<u>Proposed 2 no. semi-detached dwelling houses at 10 Portrush Road, Portstewart for Rev. P. McConnell</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be refused. |
| 4.2 | <u>Application No. 2</u>
<u>C/2002/0542/O</u>
<u>Site for replacement dwelling and garage at 68 Shinny Road, Coleraine for Mr. R. Steen</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused. |
| 4.3 | <u>Application No. 3</u>
<u>C/2002/0768/O</u>
<u>Site for 8 no. semi-detached holiday cottages at rear of No. 27 Ballyhome Road, Portrush for Mr. R. Dorrans</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 agent. |
| 4.4 | <u>Application No. 4</u>
<u>C/2002/0830/F</u>
<u>Demolition of garage and rear addition containing utility and bathroom of 6 Mountsandel Road and construction of new dwelling on lands fronting on to Mount Street, Coleraine for Mr. A. McIntosh</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be refused. |
| 4.5 | <u>Application No. 5</u>
<u>C/2002/1029/F</u>
<u>Construction of infill residential development comprising of three</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Following discussion it was proposed |

- townhouses, two cottages and a single apartment. Demolition of existing buildings at 17 Lever Road, Portstewart. Minor alterations and demolition of lean-to garage at 15 Lever Road, Portstewart for MAM Developments
- by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor McClarty and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be referred to the Planning Management Board with a recommendation to refuse.
- 4.6 Application No. 6
C/2002/1056/F
Amendments to previously approved scheme for four apartments (C/2000/0105/F) comprising alterations to the roof and increase height of building to provide sun room and roof terrace at 12 Ramore Avenue, Portrush for O'Kane & Devine Construction
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hillis and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be referred to the Planning Management Board, together with Councillor Ms. Alexander's correspondence, with a recommendation to refuse.
- 4.7 Application No. 7
C/2003/0013/O
Site for single storey cottage and garage opposite No. 31 Ballinteer Road, Farranseer Td., Macosquin for Mrs. M. P. Hamilton
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 4.8 Application No. 8
C/2003/0044/O
Site for replacement dwelling adjacent to 25 Islandtasserty Road, Portrush for Mr. A. Owen
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate an office meeting.
- 4.9 Application No. 9
C/2003/0077/O
Site for dwelling and garage at Dunboe Road, Castlerock for Mr. Tanner
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate an office meeting.
- 4.10 Application No. 10
C/2003/0080/O
Site for dwelling 400m south of No. 36 Gortycavan Road, Coleraine for
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be

	<u>Mr. S. McCaughey</u>	deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
4.11	<u>Application No. 11</u> <u>C/2003/0102/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling opposite No. 47</u> <u>Plantation Road, Gortnamoyagh,</u> <u>Garvagh for Mr. S. Kelly</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be refused.
4.12	<u>Application No. 12</u> <u>C/2003/0112/O</u> <u>Site for two-storey dwelling with</u> <u>detached garage off Dunboe Road,</u> <u>250m south-east of Sconce</u> <u>Road/Dunboe Road junction,</u> <u>Coleraine for Mr. D. Norris</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate an office meeting.
4.13	<u>Application No. 13</u> <u>C/2003/0118/O</u> <u>Traditional 'cottage style' bungalow</u> <u>with detached garage/store</u> <u>opposite 69 Cashel Road, (The Mill</u> <u>House), Macosquin, Coleraine for</u> <u>Mr. K. Johnston</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate an office meeting.
4.14	<u>Application No. 14</u> <u>C/2003/0135/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage north-</u> <u>east of 55 Glebe Road, Articlave for</u> <u>Mr. H. Doherty</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate an office meeting.
4.15	<u>Application No. 15</u> <u>C/2003/0137/O</u> <u>New domestic dwelling and garage</u> <u>at Ballylagan Lane, Curragh Road,</u> <u>Coleraine for Mr. M. Mellet</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
4.16	<u>Application No. 16</u> <u>C/2003/0151/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage at rear</u> <u>of 51 Priestland Road, Bushmills for</u> <u>Mr. J. McCaw</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
4.17	<u>Application No. 17</u> <u>C/2003/0159/O</u> <u>Residential dwelling and detached</u> <u>garage 60m west of 208 Windyhill</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. Following discussion it was proposed

Road, Coleraine for Ms. J. Hegarty

by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor King and unanimously agreed:

That the application be approved.

- 4.18 Application No. 18
C/2003/0174/O
Site for dwelling and garage
opposite 18 and 20 Craigmore
Road, Blackhill, Coleraine for
Mr. and Mrs. E. Hegarty
- 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.
- 4.19 Application No. 19
C/2003/0199/O
Site for 2 no. dwellings with
detached garages adjacent to 15
Drumeil Road, Aghadowey for
Mr. C. McNichol
- 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.
- 4.20 Application No. 20
C/2003/0202/O
Site for dwelling and garage
adjacent to 49 Moneygran Road,
Kilrea for Mr. B. Knipe
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.

NEW APPLICATIONS

- 4.21 Application No. 10
C/2003/0124/O
Site for dwelling with detached
garage/store between 75 and 81a
Cashel Road, Macosquin,
Coleraine for Mr. K. Johnston
- 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.
- 4.22 Application No. 17
C/2003/0203/O
Site for dwelling and garage 100m
south-west of 2 Drumard Road,
Drumagarner, Kilrea for
Mr. J. M. McEldowney
- 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.
- 4.23 Application No. 20
C/2003/0231/O
Site for dwelling and garage
adjacent to 86 Mettican Road,
Garvagh for E. McKay
- 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.
- 4.24 Application No. 21
C/2003/0232/O
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

	<u>Site for dwelling and garage 170m west of 120 Edenbane Road, Kilrea for Mr. A. Patterson</u>	It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.25	<u>Application No. 23</u> <u>C/2003/0238/F</u> <u>Single storey extensions to dwelling at 16 Warren Crescent, Portstewart for Mr. E. Howie</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.26	<u>Application No. 24</u> <u>C/2003/0239/O</u> <u>Site for earth sheltered dwelling built into hillside with grass roof south-east of 36 Ballyhackett Road, Castlerock for Mr. and Mrs. R. Smyth</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.
4.27	<u>Application No. 26</u> <u>C/2003/0242/F</u> <u>Erection of 6 no. apartments and associated site works at 1 Ramore Avenue, Portrush for S & T Clarke</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.
4.28	<u>Application No. 27</u> <u>C/2003/0243/O</u> <u>Site for new dwelling and garage 110m east of Tamneyrankin Road, Swatragh for Mr. D. McGuckin</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.
4.29	<u>Application No. 29</u> <u>C/2003/0248/F</u> <u>Two storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 10 Ardenlee Terrace, Preistland Road, Bushmills for Mr. D. Elliott</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.30	<u>Application No. 30</u> <u>C/2003/0249/O</u> <u>Erection of dwelling house at 13 Cam Road, Macosquin, Coleraine for D. O'Kane</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.
4.31	<u>Application No. 32</u> <u>C/2003/0252/O</u> <u>Erection of two-storey house opposite 32 Tirkeeran Road,</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be

	<u>Garvagh for Mr. T. Close</u>	deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.32	<u>Application No. 48</u> <u>C/2003/0296/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling at Old Carhill Road, Garvagh for Mr. P. White</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications. It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate Council site visits.
	<u>Application No. 50</u> <u>C/2003/0298/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling at Old Carhill Road, Garvagh (south of No. 84) for Mr. P. White</u>	
4.33	<u>Application No. 49</u> <u>C/2003/0297/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling west of 64 Edenbane Road, Garvagh for Mr. S. Clyde</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.
4.34	<u>Application No. 51</u> <u>C/2003/0300/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage adjacent to 18 Craigmore Road, Blackhill, Coleraine for Mr. P. Carton</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.
4.35	<u>Application No. 52</u> <u>C/2003/0303/O</u> <u>Dwelling house to rear of Ballyhackett Primary School, Altikeeragh Road, Castlerock for Mr. J. Glenn</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.
4.36	<u>Application No. 59</u> <u>C/2003/0327/F</u> <u>Two dwellings with integral garages adjacent to 11 Exorna Park, Articlave, Coleraine for Mr. J. Dixon</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.
4.37	<u>Application No. 68</u> <u>C/2003/0353/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling 200m south-east of No. 8 Gortmacrane Road, Kilrea for Mr. J. McFadden</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.
4.38	<u>General Matters</u>	(a) Vegetation/Tree planting; (b) Update - Rock Castle; (c) Planning Service opinion - Inconsistencies;

- (d) Three, Four Ltd., Travel Lodge, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush - Enforcement.

**5.0 APPLICATION NO. C/2003/0089/O
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED
WORKS TO THE SOUTH OF NEWMILLS ROAD,
COLERAINE**

Reported that Planning Service had received notification of a non-determination appeal as provided for under Article 33 of the Planning (NI) Order 1991 and jurisdiction in this matter had now been passed to the Planning Appeals Commission. Council's view was sought in this case.

Planning Service had presented eight draft reasons for refusal (circulated to each member).

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McClarty, seconded by Councillor Watt and unanimously agreed:

That Council support the opinion of the Planning Service to refuse the application.

6.0 BDP PLANNING

6.1 Planning Policy Statement 4 - Industry, Business and Distribution

Consideration was given to the Draft Response Note prepared by BDP Planning on the Draft Planning Policy Statement 4 - Industry, Business and Distribution (previously supplied).

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

That Council's response be based on BDP Planning's Response Note.

6.2 Planning Application No. C/2002/0764 Proposed Development at Cushowen for Coleraine Harbour Commissioners

Consideration was given to the BDP Planning Note prepared to address the matter of whether there was merit in referring the application to the Planning Management Board.

Following discussion it was agreed that this matter be deferred to the May meeting of Council to allow the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to establish when the meeting with the Minister for Regional Development would take place.

7.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

It was agreed that Council Workshops be held as follows:

- (a) Regional Tourism Strategies Wednesday, 28th May, 2003 - 7.30 p.m.
- (b) Windfarm Campaign Wednesday, 21st May, 2003 - 5.30 p.m.

8.0 PLANNING SERVICE - RESOURCES

Read letter from the Planning Service regarding Council's concern about the lack of resources allocated to enforce planning regulations in the Coleraine area.

The Department's enforcement team in Coleraine Divisional Planning Office consisted of one PTO, one part-time AO and one HPTO between Londonderry and Coleraine offices.

Planning Service accepted that improvements were needed and a number of measures had been included in the Planning (Amendment) NI Order 2003. In addition the Modernising Planning Processes, Implementation Plan, which was launched in February 2003, gave an undertaking by the Agency to review resources and procedures by March 2004.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive of the Planning Service be invited to a future meeting to address members.

9.0 PLANNING (AMENDMENT) (2003 ORDER) (COMMENCEMENT NO. 1) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2003 NO. 188 (C.13)

Read letter from the Planning Service advising members that the Department had made the above named Statutory Rule which would come into operation on 22nd April, 2003.

Noted.

10.0 WATER REFORM

Reported that NILGA had organised a seminar to consider the Reform of Water and Sewage Services in Northern Ireland to be held at Larne Leisure Centre on 6th June, 2003 from 9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Agreed:

That Councillors Hillis, King, McQuillan and Watt attend.

11.0 PLANNING DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Members of the Planning Development Sub-Committee were asked to wait behind to arrange a Meeting.

12.0 LETTERS - PROPERTY SALES

Reference was made to letters being circulated by Estate Agents asking house owners if they would be interested in selling their property.

Noted.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20th May, 2003.

Present:

Councillor N. F. Hillis, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 1.0 – 6.4)

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

(Items 1.0 – 7.0)

W. T. Creelman

B. Leonard

(Items 1.0 – 6.4)

W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

(Items 1.0 – 6.4)

D. D. Barbour

J. M. Bradley

J. J. Dallat

(Items 1.0 – 6.4)

T. J. Deans

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

W. A. King

D. McClarty

R. A. McPherson

B. McQuillan

E. M. Mullan

(Items 2.4 – 6.4)

R. D. Stewart

W. J. Watt

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Personnel Officer, Finance Officer, Administrative Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.6) and Administrative Assistant

2.0 THANKS

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive thanked members for their expressions of sympathy following the recent death of his mother.

3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

2.1 Policy Paper – Industrial Derating and Vacant Property

A Policy Paper had been issued by the Department of Finance & Personnel in relation to its overall review of Rating Policy, a copy of which would be available in the Members' Room.

2.2 Members' Travel and Subsistence

Members noted information on the revised maximum rates and allowances payable in respect of travel and subsistence, viz:

Travel

Cars 999cc – 1199cc	-	40.2p per mile
Cars 1200cc and above	-	49.9p per mile

Subsistence

The following were maximum rates – the allowance paid would equate to the expenditure necessarily incurred.

Overnight (inc all meals) - London	£135.25
- Rest of British Isles	£118.80
Breakfast	£ 9.00
Lunch	£ 10.60
Tea	£ 3.70
Evening Meal	£ 16.45

2.3 Financial Support to Other Bodies

Consideration was given to the letter from the Department of the Environment on this topic (previously supplied).

Members noted that a review of financial and legal arrangements was currently underway and that a report would be brought to Committee in due course.

2.4 Local Government Auditor's Report 2001/02

The report of the Local Government Auditor was considered (previously supplied) and the contents of the report noted.

2.5 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments for April,

as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

Revenue A/C (i)	-	£306,269.30
(ii)	-	£168,257.86
Capital A/C	-	£616,738.31
Petty Cash A/C	-	£196,331.59

2.6 New Appointments

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

Chief Executive's Department

District Policing Partnership Manager (New Post) -
Miss S. R. Crozier

Caretaker/Attendant (Replacements): 2 posts -
Mr. W. A. Gibson
Mr. D. McVeigh

Environmental Health Department

Environmental Health Officer (Replacement) –
Miss R. E. Morrison

2.7 Boston College Local Government Programme

Members noted that the Director of Corporate Services had been selected to participate in the Boston College Transnational Management Programme for local government, scheduled to take place in June 2003.

4.0 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

3.1 A Shared Future - Consultation

A consultation event had been arranged by the Community Relations Unit (OFMDFM) to take place in the Bushtown House Hotel, Coleraine on Thursday 19th June, 2003 at 10.00am.

Recommended:

That the following nominees attend the meeting:

The Community Development Sub-Group, viz:
The Deputy Mayor
Alderman Mrs. Black
Councillors Bradley, McPherson and McQuillan

3.2 Request for Assistance – Friendship Force

Council is recommended to contribute £500 to the Friendship Force to assist with transport to key Northern

Ireland attractions and sites.

3.3 Link

Members noted information on the Link magazine, as contained in the report.

3.4 Mountsandel Historic Site – Public Consultation

Consideration was given to a draft letter from Council to the Planning Service (previously supplied) following the public consultation session held on 14th May, 2003.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Armitage and recommended:

- (i) That Council send the letter, as drafted, to the Planning Service.
- (ii) That legal advice be sought on Council's position regarding ownership of this land.

3.5 Kennedy Group International North West '200' 2003

Committee extended thanks to the Kennedy Group for its sponsorship of the North West '200' and to all involved in organising and clearing up after the event.

A letter of thanks would be sent to the Kennedy Group.

3.6 Railway Road, Coleraine

Members noted information on the current position of developments at Railway Road, Coleraine, as detailed in the report.

Discussion ensued during which members' comments were noted by the Head of Development Services, who agreed to provide an update on developments with the traffic system at Railway Road to a future meeting of Committee.

3.7 Exhibition on Flight - Activity Workshop for Children

Members noted an invitation to an activity workshop to be held in Ballysally Community Centre on Thursday 22nd May, 2003.

Interested members were requested to contact Ms. Helen Perry, Museums Officer.

4.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR T. J. DEANS

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Felding:

"We the members of Coleraine Borough Council are opposed to the proposal of an Open Cast Lignite Mine located at the lands to the North and East of A26 at Ballymoney and would call for a public inquiry."

On being put to the Meeting following a period of discussion, the proposal was carried unanimously and was, therefore, recommended to Council for approval.

**5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY
ALDERMAN B. LEONARD**

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

“Council agrees to immediately and comprehensively address within the ‘Working Together’ framework, the equality issues linked to the flying of flags and the display of emblems at Coleraine Borough Council properties.”

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was lost with five votes for and seventeen votes against.

6.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive on Coleraine Harbour (previously supplied) and information on the twelve posts for Commissioners of the new Board contained therein, viz:

6.1 Harbour Master of
Coleraine Harbour

Recommended:

That Captain McKeegan be appointed a Commissioner to remain so long as he holds the qualifying office by virtue of which he was appointed.

6.2 Non-Members of Council

Council is recommended to approve:

(a) Appointment of the six persons recommended by the Appointments Panel under the procedures of the Public Appointments Code, viz:

- (i) Mr Robert Anderson, Coleraine
- (ii) Mr. Declan Boyle, Belfast
- (iii) Mr. Ian Dickie, Belfast
- (iv) Mr. Ian Donaghey, Coleraine
- (v) Mr. Victor Hamill, Coleraine
- (vi) Mrs. Sharon Scott, Coleraine

(b) That these appointments be for a four year period from 30th June, 2003.

6.3 Representatives of
Harbour Users

Three nominations had been received from the list of Harbour Users identified by the Harbour Master, for the two posts which were available:

- Mr Dennis Monaghan – Director of T-MET Ltd.
- Mr. William Oliver – Oliver Transport Services

- Mr. Trevor Kane – J. W. Jacob (Timber)

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

That Council approve the appointment of Messrs. Monaghan and Oliver to the Board for a four year period from 30th June, 2003.

6.4 Members of Council

Four nominations were received for the three posts of Harbour Commissioner available for members of Council:

- (i) Councillor King was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor McClarty.
- (ii) Alderman Leonard was proposed by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander.
- (iii) Councillor Stewart was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Deans.
- (iv) Councillor Watt was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston.

A full discussion ensued during which it was proposed as an amendment by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Mullan:

That each political party nominate one representative for the post of Harbour Commissioner.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was lost by five votes for and sixteen votes against.

A further proposal was then made by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Mullan:

That Councillors nominated for the post of Harbour Commissioner agree to be interviewed via the independent selection procedure.

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

For: The Deputy Mayor
Alderman Leonard
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Dallat and Mullan (5)

Against: The Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Black, Creelman and McClure
Councillors Barbour, Bradley, Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Hillis, Mrs. Johnston, King, McClarty, McPherson, McQuillan, Stewart

and Watt (17)

The proposal was, therefore, lost by five votes for and seventeen votes against.

The original proposal for four nominations was then put to the Meeting.

After a paper voting process, it was recommended:

That the following Councillors be appointed to the Board of Coleraine Harbour Commissioners for a four year period, subject to the provision of 3(3)b of the Order that such an appointment would terminate upon the member concerned ceasing to be a member of Council:

Councillors King, Stewart and Watt

6.5 Designation of Chairman/
Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Barbour and recommended:

That Mr. R. Anderson be appointed as Chairman of the Board of Coleraine Harbour Commissioners and that the post be subject to annual re-designation.

It was further proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and recommended:

That Mr. V. Hamill be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Coleraine Harbour Commissioners and that the post be subject to annual re-designation.

**7.0 THE REFORM OF WATER AND
SEWERAGE SERVICES IN
NORTHERN IRELAND**

Recommended:

That Council invite representatives from the Water Service to address a Special Meeting of Council on this consultation document.

8.0 CONSULTATION PAPER

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 -
“Making It Better - A Strategy For Pharmacy In The Community”

9.0 NILGA

Members noted the contents of the “Consultation on NI Local Government Conference 2002 – Summary of Responses” document (previously supplied).

10.0 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Read letter from the Commission advising their intention to begin a general review of the number and boundaries of the Parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland.

Noted.

11.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND CONFERENCE

Members noted information on a one-day conference on “Enhanced Services, New Approaches: The Opportunity to Excel” organised by BMF Business Services, to be held in the Lagan Valley Island Centre, Lisburn on Thursday 26th June, 2003.

12.0 CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS - NORTHERN IRELAND REGION

Members noted information on the Annual Conference to be held in Prague, Czech Republic from 9th – 12th October, 2003.

Members interested in attending this conference as part of their annual conference allocation were requested to inform the Town Clerk and Chief Executive as soon as possible.

13.0 ULSTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Read letter and press release advising that the Association was to close down after eighty years and thanking Council for their support over the years.

Noted.

14.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (i) Probation Board for Northern Ireland – Annual Report 2001-2002 and Business Plan 2003-2004
- (ii) The Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland – Corporate Plan 2003-06 and Business Plan 2003-04

- (iii) International Fund for Ireland – Annual Report 2002
- (iv) Department for Employment and Learning – The Employment Support Programme: Summary of Responses

15.0 REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In response to a query from a member, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that no notification had yet been received from the Department regarding a meeting with the Minister.

16.0 CHAIRMAN'S THANKS

As this was the last meeting of the Policy and Development Committee before the Annual Meeting, the Chairman thanked members for their co-operation during his term.