

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 23rd day of May, 2006 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 – 25th April, 2006
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 2nd May, 2006

(Item 1.0) Kilrea Gaelic Athletic Club – Request for Financial Assistance

(Item 2.11) Expressions of Interest – Portrush Harbour
 - 2.2 Planning Committee - 9th May, 2006

(Item No. 6) Management Board Referral – Residential Development at 51 – 55 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 16th May, 2006
3. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Alderman Mrs. M. Hickey:

“This Council takes note that a new Road Safety Authority has been created in the Republic to address the issues relating to death and serious injury on our roads and calls a similar initiative in Northern Ireland which will have the cutting edge to deliver across all government departments, agencies and voluntary organisations that presently have responsibility for Road Safety.”

4. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor B. Leonard:

“This Council agrees to apply, at its Annual General meeting on the 5th June, 2006, the d’Hondt system to all appointments to Mayor, Chairs, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairs, internal Council Committees and appointments to ‘other bodies’.
5. Consultation List (enclosed)
6. Correspondence, including inter alia:
 - (i) Letter dated 21st April, 2006 from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive regarding the Review of Public Administration (enclosed)
 - (ii) Letter dated 16th May, 2006 from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in reply to Council’s letter regarding the withdrawal of Arts Council Funding from the Riverside Theatre (enclosed)
7. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (i) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 5th April, 2006
- (ii) North Coast Waste Water Treatment Works – Water Service Progress Update – April 2006
- (iii) Special Council Briefing Report – Northern Ireland Code of Local Government Conduct – 19th April, 2006
- (iv) Special Council Briefing Report – Quarry Products Association of Northern Ireland (QPANI) – 2nd May, 2006
- (v) Special Council Briefing Report – Coleraine Borough Council Equality Scheme – 16th May, 2006

To: Each Member of Council.

19th May, 2006.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 25th April, 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

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

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) N. F. Hillis
D. D. Barbour E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley W. A. King
(Items 6.0 – 11.1) B. Leonard
O. M. Church (Mrs.) G. L. McLaughlin
A. S. Cole R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) A. McQuillan
S. Gilkinson R. D. Stewart

Officers in Attendance:

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

Apologies: Alderman McClure and Councillor Dallat

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting of 28th March, 2006 were confirmed and signed.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 3.1 Leisure and Environment Committee The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed.
- 3.2 North West '200' Committee The Chairman, Councillor Gilkinson, moved the adoption of the North West '200' Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed.
- 3.3 Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor Stewart, moved the

adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed.

3.4 Policy and Development Committee

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

4.0 TENDERS - PARKS MACHINERY

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure Services (previously supplied) on tenders received for the undernoted items of parks machinery:

- 1 x 40 HP Compact Tractor
- 2 x 100 HP Tractors
- 1 x Verti-Drainer

The Director of Leisure Services elaborated on his report and it was subsequently proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Alderman Creelman and agreed that Council accept the following tenders:

1 x 40 HP Tractor – the lowest tender that being from D. A. Forgie for the sum of £16,500.00

2 x 100 HP Tractors – the lowest tender that being from Wilson's of Rathkenny for the sum of £37,665.00

1 x Verti-Drainer – although not the lowest received, acceptance of the tender submitted by Cyril Johnston & Co. Ltd. for £17,696.00 as recommended by the Director of Leisure Services, for the reasons as detailed in the report, on grounds of safety and ease of use, was agreed.

5.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

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

1. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Industry Consultation on New European Fisheries Fund – Draft Northern Ireland Strategic Plan

Comments due: 19th May, 2006

- a. The Bamford Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability (NI):

- (a) Forensic Services Consultation Report
Comments due: 26th May, 2006

- (b) Human Rights and Equality of Opportunity Consultation Report
Comments due: 31st May, 2006

2. Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission – Consultation Paper on the Development of the Northern Ireland Funding Code

Comments due: 9th June, 2006

3. Department of Education – Consultation on New Nutritional Standards for School

Comments due: 30th June, 2006

5.0 “IN COMMITTEE”

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed that the following item of correspondence be considered “In Committee” at the end of the meeting – communication from the University of Ulster regarding review of School of Tourism.

6.0 PORTRUSH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - INVITATION TO PRESENT TO COUNCIL

Read letter from Mr. D. Alexander, on behalf of Portrush Chamber of Commerce, thanking Council for the invitation to make a presentation to them on the work of the Chamber. As the Chamber was currently rebuilding a promotional website for the resort they sought to defer the invitation to a later date when the website could be incorporated into a presentation and certain issues with Coleraine Chamber had been resolved.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer the invitation to Portrush Chamber of Commerce to a future meeting.

7.0 ULSTER FARMERS’ UNION

Read letter from the Ulster Farmers’ Union advising of a Renewables Information Event to be held on Thursday, 4th May, 2006 - 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon at the Shannon Suite, Loughry Campus, CAFRE, Cookstown.

Any member interested in attending this event was requested to contact the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

8.0 THE CONFERENCE OF THE ISLES

Reported that this conference organised in association with the University of Ulster on the theme “The Regeneration Game – Creating Sustainable Communities Through Regeneration” would take place from 31st May – 1st June, 2006 in the Hillgrove Hotel, County Monaghan.

Any member interested in attending the conference was requested to contact the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

9.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (a) Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside – Seventh Report 2003 – 2006
- (b) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Report of the Taskforce Initiative, Fit Futures, Focus on Food, Activity and Young People
- (c) Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland - 2004 Annual Report and Financial Accounts
- (d) International Fund for Ireland - 2005 Annual Report and Accounts
- (e) Northern Ireland Housing Executive – The Northern Ireland Housing Market –

10.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Agreement and Counterpart Council and Mr. B. Clifford, 38 Damhead Road, Coleraine – Ice-Cream Rights, etc. 2006/2007 (Castlerock Beach and The Promenade Car Park, Castlerock)

2. Leases and Conveyances Council and the Department for Regional Development, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast – Proposed Pumping Stations at Dhu Varren, Portrush; Lansdowne Crescent, Portrush; Bushmills Road, Portrush and Treatment Works at Castlerock

3. Cemetery Titles Grant of Rights of Burial Deeds Register Nos. 3197 – 3207 (inclusive):

Agherton	2
Ballywillan	1
Coleraine	2
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	6

Advanced Deeds – Register Nos. 0130 – 0134 (inclusive):

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	1
Portstewart	3

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2nd May, 2006.

Present: Councillor G. L. McLaughlin, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Deans
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
W. T. Creelman (Items 1.0 – 3.1.2)	W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	N. F. Hillis
J. M. Bradley (Items 1.0 – 3.1.2)	(Items 1.0 – 3.1.2)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 3.1.2)
A. S. Cole	W. A. King
J. J. Dallat	B. Leonard
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 2.1)	R. A. McPherson
S. Gilkinson	A. McQuillan
	R. D. Stewart

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health, Head of Administrative Services, Leisure Services Officers, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Items 3.0 – 13.0), Principal Building Control Officer (Items 2.1 – 13.0) and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Barbour

1.0 KILREA GAELIC ATHLETIC CLUB - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Director of Leisure Services introduced Messrs. B. Doherty, B. McAteer and L. Keats, Kilrea Gaelic Athletic Club who were in attendance to make a presentation on Kilrea GAC's Community Facilities Development Project 2004-2008.

The representatives updated members on the background and achievements of the Club and elaborated on various issues including:

- the three phases of the Development Project and associated costs;
- the current lack of appropriate facilities vis-a-vis the support of local schools, businesses and community;
- the strength and experience of the Club Committee;
- the continued growth of the Club;
- the projected social and community benefits.

A request for Council funding of £60,000, corresponding to 14% of the total cost of the Development Project, was then made by the representatives.

Councillor Dallat declared his interest in this issue as a member of Kilrea GAC but in receipt of no benefits other than his son's involvement.

It was then proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Leonard:

That Council contribute £60,000 to Kilrea GAC, spread over a period of three years if necessary.

A period of discussion ensued during which it was proposed, as an amendment, by Alderman McClure and seconded by Alderman McClarty:

That this request be deferred to the Council meeting to be held on 23rd May, 2006.

On being put to a vote, the amendment was carried by sixteen votes to four.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of Kilrea GAC for their presentation, following which they withdrew.

2.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure Services (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

2.1 North Coast Beach Safety Working Group

Mr. A. Carmichael, Leisure Services Officer (Services) introduced Messrs. D. Hall, Royal Life Saving Society and G. Wilson, Coastguard, who were in attendance to update Committee on measures to be introduced for the 2006 season to improve beach safety.

Mr. Carmichael presented an overview of the Beach Lifeguard Service for 2006, following which Mr. Hall updated members on the activities of the Beach Safety Management Partnership including:

- production of a comprehensive Safety Strategy;
- promotion of information to the public including leaflets, signage and risk assessment;
- recruitment, training, supervision and support for lifeguards.

During the ensuing discussion, the representatives answered members' various questions and noted comments.

Members congratulated Messrs. Hall and Wilson on their presentation and welcomed the

safety initiatives proposed for 2006.

2.2 Events Space – Coleraine Town Hall

Council is recommended to approve the continued attendance of the Director of Leisure Services at inter-agency meetings set up to establish a body to manage and co-ordinate this events space.

2.3 Riverside Theatre

Consideration was given to information on the withdrawal of funding by the Arts Council for Northern Ireland (ACNI) to the Riverside Theatre, as contained in the report.

Following discussion, it was recommended:

That Council express its alarm to the Minister and seek an early meeting with him, in conjunction with representatives of the Riverside Theatre and the University.

2.4 Seaside Awards

Consideration was given to information on the withdrawal of the Seaside Awards scheme, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That Council write to Lord Rooker and his Parliamentary Private Secretary urging funding to be made available to retain the scheme.

2.5 Portrush Royal British Legion

Council is recommended to agree to a request from Portrush Branch of the Royal British Legion, that the Union Flag be flown at Portrush Town Hall on Sunday 7th May, 2006 to commemorate VE Day.

2.6 Temporary Closure, Right of Way, Pathway at Council's West Bay Parkland, Portrush connecting Brookvale Terrace and West Strand Car Park

Council is recommended to agree to a request from the contractors responsible for the Sewage Pumping Station at Dhu Varren, for the temporary closure of this footpath, for a period of three months, to enable essential construction works to take place.

2.7 Woodland Park, Kilrea

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report, and it was recommended:

That the Director of Leisure Services explore a land transfer from the Housing Executive, so that the open space could remain as an informal play area.

2.8 Request for Financial Assistance

- 2.8.1 County Londonderry Football Association Council is recommended to contribute £600 to the County Londonderry Football Association to support preparation for and participation in the Milk Cup.
- 2.9 Lower Bann Sustainable Development Initiative Council is recommended to host a light lunch for the Lower Bann Partnership at the launch of the Lower Bann Sustainable Development Initiative on 27th June, 2006 in Portneal Lodge, Kilrea.
- 2.10 Matters for Information Committee noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report:
- Caravan park update – presented by Mr. V. Freeman, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities).
 - Antrim Gardens – official opening and Family Funday on Saturday 3rd June, 2006 at 2.00 pm.
 - Coleraine Community and Arts Festival – 27th May - 3rd June, 2006.
 - Ulster Orchestra concert – Monday 8th May, 2006.
 - Portrush station clock.
 - Museum Service:
 - Hugh Thomson Study Room
 - HLF Young Roots Project – Stories of Places and Spaces
 - Workshops
 - Exhibition openings.
- 2.11 Portrush Harbour Councillor Stewart declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting.
- The Director of Leisure Services advised Committee that, as the licence for pleasure trips at Portrush Harbour had expired, a call for expressions of interest for the operation of a service would be publicly advertised. Council will be advised on the expressions of interest at the end of the Council Meeting on 23rd May, 2006.
- During the discussion which ensued the Director of Leisure Services clarified various issues and confirmed that Council would honour all current bookings.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Environmental Health (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 Approval of Specified Food Premises

3.1.1 Implementation of European Regulation 853/2004 – Food of Animal Origin

Council is recommended to approve the following establishments under this legislation:

1. Dairy Produce Packers Limited, Millburn Road, Coleraine BT52 1QZ
2. Mullins Ice Cream Limited, Craiglea Gardens, Coleraine Street, Kilrea, Coleraine BT51 5QZ
3. The Pork Store, Unit 12 Kilrea Enterprise Centre, Church Street, Kilrea, Coleraine BT51 5QU
4. Ballyrashane Co-Operative Agricultural & Dairy Society, 18 Creamery Road, Coleraine BT52 2NE

3.1.2 Transfer of Enforcement of Cold Stores to District Councils

Council is recommended to approve the following establishments under the Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and European Regulation 853/2004:

1. Ballyrashane Co-Operative Agricultural & Dairy Society, 18 Creamery Road, Coleraine BT52 2NE
2. Lynas Foodservice Limited, Loughanhill Industrial Estate, Coleraine BT52 2NR

3.2 Portballintrae Sewage Treatment Works

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report.

In order to ensure that timing of this scheme was given a priority by Water Service and that no further slippage occurred in the time frame for these works, it was recommended that Council:

- (i) Seek a meeting with the Minister, Mr. Shaun Woodward.
- (ii) Write to the Chief Executive of the Water Service, Ms. Katharine Bryan.
- (iii) Write to the Director of the Environmental Protection Unit of the Environment and Heritage Service, Dr. Roy Ramsay, regarding the current legal status of the discharge at Portballintrae.

3.3 Home Safety

Members noted that Coleraine Borough Council, in conjunction with Coleraine Home Accident Prevention Group, had been awarded £17,893 for home safety equipment over a three year period.

This funding would be used to provide safety equipment within the Cross Glebe, Churchlands, Coleraine Central and Ballysally wards and to address the needs of the young and elderly throughout the Borough.

Members' questions on this issue were answered by the Director of Environmental Health, who also noted comments.

3.4 Environmental Health Conference 2006

Members noted that no officer would be attending the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health conference in September 2006, instead it was recommended that, at a lesser cost:

That Council approve the attendance of two Environmental Health Officers on the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health study tour to France.

3.5 Environmental Health Plan 2006/2007

Consideration was given to this Plan (previously supplied) and it was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and recommended:

That Council approve the Environmental Health Plan for 2006/2007 prior to submission to the Food Standards Agency and Northern Group Systems.

4.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Technical Services (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Bilingual Street Nameplates

The Director of Technical Services presented the results of the residents' survey which had been carried out following request from residents of Tirkeeran Road, Lisnascreghog Road, Temple Road, Cuilbane Lane, Glen Road and Magheramore Road, as contained in the report.

It was then proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Leonard:

That Council proceed with the erection of bilingual street nameplates on the six streets surveyed.

Discussion ensued during which it was proposed, as an amendment, by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor McPherson:

That this item be adjourned to the June meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee and considered in the context of the forthcoming draft policy on street

names, originally circulated to members in February 2006.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by ten votes to four.

Members were requested to forward comments on the draft policy to the Director of Technical Services prior to the Leisure and Environment Committee meeting on 6th June, 2006.

4.2 North West Region Waste Management – Review of Waste Management Plan

Committee noted that the revised North West Region Waste Management Plan would be considered at the Council meeting on 27th June, 2006 and, subject to its adoption, would be submitted to the DOE for approval by 30th June, 2006.

In order to inform Councils of any changes to the draft as a result of consultation, a seminar would be held in the Gorteen Hotel, Limavady on 7th June, 2006, for all Councillors from the North West Group.

Finalised details would be forwarded to Council in due course.

Recommended:

That Council consider the revised North West Region Waste Management Plan on 27th June, 2006.

4.3 North Coast Waste Water Treatment Scheme

Committee noted that the official launch of the information package to inform residents of this scheme would be held on Wednesday 3rd May, 2006. Information stands would subsequently be displayed in public buildings.

4.4 Recycling Outlets

Committee noted information on recycling outlets, as contained in the report, and the Director of Technical Services answered members' questions.

It was then proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and recommended:

That a visit be arranged to the waste handling facility at Glasdon, Toombridge.

Members interested in taking part in this visit were asked to contact the Director of Technical Services.

The Director of Technical Services noted comments made by members' regarding bottle banks for Glenullin Community Centre and closing time at Loughanhill site.

4.5 Building Control

4.5.1 Attendance at Committee Meetings

Members suggested that the Principal Building Control Officer need not be required to attend meetings of Committee.

4.5.2 Approvals

Approval had been granted for forty-two applications.

5.0 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - LETTER FROM PSNI

Read letter from PSNI in response to Councillor Dallat's Notice of Motion at the Leisure and Environment Committee on 7th March, 2006.

Noted.

6.0 LETTERS OF THANKS

Read letters of thanks for financial contributions made by Council, from the following organisations:

- (i) Irish Bowling Association
- (ii) Special Olympics Ireland

Noted.

7.0 DOCUMENT TABLED

- (i) Sustrans – 'The Network' – Issue 2 Spring 2006.

8.0 DIARY DATES

8.1 Visit to Riding for the Disabled

It was agreed that a visit to Riding for the Disabled be arranged for 10th May, 2006. The following members would attend:

The Mayor and Councillors Ms. Alexander, Gilkinson, Hillis, Mrs. Johnston, McPherson and Stewart.

8.2 RPA Workshop

Members noted that the RPA workshop would take place on Thursday 25th May, 2006 - late afternoon and evening.

9.0 COMPLAINTS RESULTING FROM WORKS AT FORMER PORTRUSH CHURCH SITE

Councillor Gilkinson had been contacted by residents at this area regarding nuisance caused by dust arising from works at this site. The Director of Environmental Health advised that he was aware of these complaints and that the

Health and Safety Executive was currently looking at the situation.

The Director of Environmental Health agreed to provide Councillor Dallat with information on operating conditions for mobile grinders.

10.0 MAYOR'S PARADE

The Mayor thanked all members and Council staff who took part in the organisation and production of the Mayor's Parade on 29th April, 2006.

11.0 CONCERNS RAISED BY COUNCILLOR MS. ALEXANDER

In response to queries raised by Councillor Ms. Alexander regarding the proliferation of fly posting in Portrush, the Director of Technical Services advised that he was aware of the current situation.

With regard to Councillor Ms. Alexander's complaint regarding fly tipping in Portrush, the Director of Technical Services advised that there had already been a number of fixed penalties issued for these offences and that more serious cases had been referred to the DOE.

12.0 PORTRUSH RECREATION GROUNDS

Alderman McClure's concerns regarding contractor's vehicles blocking the entrance to Portrush Recreation Grounds were noted by the Director of Leisure Services.

13.0 CHAIRMAN'S THANKS

The Chairman thanked members and officers for their assistance during his term.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

9th May, 2006.

Present: Councillor R. D. Stewart in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Deans
(Items 1.0 – 8.1)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 7.22)	W. J. McClure (Items 1.0 – 9.3)
W. T. Creelman	
D. McClarty (Items 1.0 – 9.3)	

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	N. F. Hillis (Items 1.0 – 7.8)
D. D. Barbour (Items 1.0 – 8.1)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 7.8)
J. M. Bradley (Items 1.0 – 7.24)	W. A. King (Items 1.0 – 7.25)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat	R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 9.3)	A. McQuillan (Items 5.9 – 15.0)
S. Gilkinson	

Also in Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. G. Walker (Items 1.0 – 5.2)

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Items 3.9 – 6.0)
Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Cole and
McLaughlin

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone present including those in the public gallery.

2.0 SYMPATHY

Reference was made to the murder of 15 year old Michael McIlveen in Ballymena. It was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to the McIlveen family.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 19th May, 2006.

4.0 ILLNESS

The Chairman advised members that Mr. C. Booth, Administrative Assistant, was

in hospital. Members asked that their best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Mr. Booth.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of one hundred and twelve applications was considered (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

- 5.1 Application No. D1
C/2003/0109/LB
Refurbishment and extension to
existing Listed Building (amended
scheme) at 14 School Lane,
Castlerock for Mr. and Mrs. D.
Barber
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was agreed that both applications be refused.
- Application No. D2
C/2003/0111/F
Refurbishment and extension to
existing cottage (amended
scheme) at 14 School Lane,
Castlerock for Mr. and Mrs. D.
Barber
- 5.2 Application No. D3
C/2003/1176/F
Erection of 28 no. apartments and
9 no. cottages at 86, 88, and 88a
Strand Road, Portstewart for
Mr. and Mrs. H. Montgomery
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Barbour and agreed:
- That the application be deferred to facilitate referral to BDP Planning for examination before deciding whether it should be forwarded to the Planning Management Board for consideration and if there would be any merit in instigating a judicial review.
- 5.3 Application No. D4
C/2004/0776/O
New one and a half storey dwelling
and garage at Magheramore Road
(280m south-east of No. 10
Magheramore Road), Garvagh,
Coleraine for Mr. S. Brizell
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was agreed that both applications be refused.
- Application No. D5
C/2004/0778/O
New one and a half storey dwelling
and garage at Magheramore Road

- (345m south-east of No. 10 Magheramore Road), Garvagh, Coleraine for Mr. S. Brizell
- 5.4 Application No. D6
C/2004/1021/O
Site for 8 no. townhouses (amended scheme) at rear of 11 – 29 Crocknamack Road, Portrush for Mr. D. Kernohan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 5.5 Application No. D7
C/2004/1048/O
Site for dwelling and garage opposite 127 Cashel Road, Ringsend, Macosquin for Mr. C. Gordon
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 5.6 Application No. D8
C/2005/0035/O
Site for dwelling adjacent to No. 42 Glen Road, Garvagh for Mr. G. Mullen
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by the Mayor and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 5.7 Application No. D9
C/2005/0098/O
Site for domestic dwelling adjoining No. 40 Boleran Road, Garvagh for Mr. P. Clarke
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the applications be approved.
- Application No. D10
C/2005/0247/O
Site for dwelling 40m south of 16 Mayboy Road, Garvagh for Mr. Clarke
- 5.8 Application No. D11
C/2005/0543/F
Change of use of business park units to Bingo Club at Units A2, A3 and A4 Sperrin Business Park, Ballycastle Road, Coleraine for Mr. Morelli
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson:
- That the application be refused.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, eleven members voting in favour and three members voting against.
- 5.9 Application No. D12
C/2005/0703/F
Redevelopment of existing caravan park to create site for
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was proposed by

residential development and redevelopment of No. 24 and No. 26 Burnside Road to provide access to same at O'Neill's Caravan Park, Burnside Road, Portstewart for Mr. O'Neill

Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That the application be deferred to facilitate referral to BDP Planning for examination before deciding whether it should be forwarded to the Planning Management Board for consideration.

On a request for a recorded vote the members voted thus:

For: Councillors Ms. Alexander, Dallat and Leonard (3)

Against: The Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Black, Creelman, McClarty and McClure
Councillors Barbour, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Fielding, Gilkinson, Hillis, Mrs. Johnston, King, McPherson, McQuillan and Stewart (15)

Abstention: Councillor Bradley

The proposal failed to carry.

5.10 Application No. D13
C/2005/0746/F
Replace existing toilets/shelter with water sports centre incorporating public toilets at Strand Road, Portrush for Coleraine Borough Council

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

5.11 Application No. D14
C/2005/0841/O
Site for dwelling and garage adjacent to 49 Drumsaragh Road, Kilrea for Mr. McAteer

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

That the application be approved.

5.12 Application No. D15
C/2005/0933/F
Construction of housing development comprising 5 no. townhouses to rear of Nos. 57, 59

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

and 61 Coleraine Road, Portrush
for Mr. J. Little

- 5.13 Application No. D16
C/2005/0945/F
Erection of building for storage and
maintenance of 2 no. coaches at
31 Ballylntagh Road, Coleraine for
Mr. Telford
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Mr. Telford was in attendance and sought Council's support for the application.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:
- That the Divisional Planning Manager be asked to reconsider the application and receive a small delegation from Council.
- It was further proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 5.14 Application No. D17
C/2005/1072/F
15m slimline monopole, 1 no. 0.3m
transmission dish and 3 no. 1.7
3g antennae at Dunluce Avenue,
Portrush for Hutchinson 3g
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 5.15 Application No. D18
C/2005/1087/O
Site for two storey dwelling and
garage south-west of 31 Gorran
Road, Garvagh for Mr. Boyce
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be held for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 5.16 Application No. D19
C/2005/1118/O
New dwelling and garage west of
111a Craigmore Road, Coleraine
for Mr. Henry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 5.17 Application No. D20
C/2005/1120/O
Proposed site for dwelling and
garage opposite No. 37/39
Tirkeeran Road, Garvagh for
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Leonard and

Mrs. A. McNicholl

agreed:

That the application be approved.

- 5.18 Application No. D21
C/2005/1356/F
Proposed 1 no. one and a half
storey dwelling to rear of No. 6 – 8
West Avenue, Portstewart for
M.A.M. Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.

6.0 MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL
C/2005/0412/O
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT
51 – 55 MOUNTSANDEL ROAD, COLERAINE

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed that this item be brought forward on the agenda.

Consideration was given to letter dated 27th April, 2006 from the Planning Service which indicated that the Management Board had considered this referral and had decided that it failed to meet the criteria outlined in the 'Guidance for Councils on the Operation of the Management Board Referral Procedure'.

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

That Standing Orders be suspended to enable Mr. I. Hassan to address Council on behalf of the objectors.

Mr. Hassan outlined the history of the application and sought Council's support.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive seek legal advice regarding the merits in instigating a Judicial Review and that BDP Planning be requested to prepare a preliminary Advice Note on the matter.

7.0 NEW APPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Application No. 3
C/2003/0122/F
Proposed 16m high electricity
generating windmill at
18 Drumagully Road, Castlerock
for Mr. and Mrs. B. Moore
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor King and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.2 Application No. 7
- The opinion of the Planning Service was

- C/2004/0761/F
3 no. holiday cottages at
105 Bishops Road, Castlerock for
Mr. B. Moore
- to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor King and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.3 Application No. 8
C/2004/1376/F
6 units on Ramore Avenue and 2
Units on Lansdowne Lane, with
associated parking at ground floor
level at 2 Ramore Avenue and
11 Lansdowne Lane, Portrush for
Orianna Investments Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.4 Application No. 10
C/2005/0114/F
Construction of single building to
accommodate builders providers,
DIY unit and ancillary
accommodation to replace existing
builders providers/DIY unit, office
building and building material
stores at 255 – 257 Dunhill Road,
Macosquin, Coleraine for
Shanton Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Hillis, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.5 Application No. 13
C/2005/0775/O
Site for new dwelling
approximately 140m south-east of
No. 24 Laragh Road, Swatragh for
Mr. Dillon
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds

- that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.6 Application No. 14
C/2005/0947/F
Change of house types within ongoing housing development from 16 no. two storey semi-detached dwellings to a mix of 22 no. two storey and two and a half storey semi-detached dwellings at Knockbracken Way to rear of Knockbracken Court, Knocklynn Road, Coleraine for Edenmore Properties
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Alderman McClure and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.7 Application No. 18
C/2005/1082/F
Proposed construction of five townhouses and associated car parking at 49 Mill Road, Portstewart for Mr. R. and S. McIlmoyle and McCombe
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.8 Application No. 20
C/2005/1125/O
Proposed dwelling and garage at Site 1 – rear of 16 Shinney Road, Coleraine for Mr. H. Henry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- Application No. 21
C/2005/1126/O
Proposed dwelling and garage at Site 2 – rear of 16 Shinney Road, Coleraine for Mr. H. Henry
- That the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.9 Application No. 25
C/2005/1172/O
Proposed site for 1 no. detached dwelling adjacent to 521 Windyhall Park, Coleraine for Mr. Lyttle
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Gilkinson and agreed:
- That the application be

- deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.10 Application No. 26
C/2005/1175/F
Proposed 4 no. dwellings at No. 25
Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for
Mr. J. Murray
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Following discussion it was agreed that the application be referred to the Divisional Planning Officer to facilitate consideration of the Agent's concerns.
- 7.11 Application No. 29
C/2005/1220/F
Change of use from farm building
to farm machinery workshop and
sales adjacent to 7 Laragh Road,
Swatragh for Mr. D. O'Kane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.12 Application No. 33
C/2005/1297/F
Demolition of No. 42 and part
demolition of No. 44 and erection
of 2 no. fast food units with storage
and staff facilities at 42 – 44
Railway Road, Coleraine for
Mr. Lynas
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by the Mayor and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.13 Application No. 35
C/2005/1316/O
Dwelling and garage adjacent to
95 Edenbane Road, Garvagh for
Mr. G. Boyd
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not

- been assessed.
- 7.14 Application No. 36
C/2005/1320/F
Proposed enhancement to existing
access on the Tamneyrankin Road
to include alterations to existing
DRD Roads Service verge
adjacent to No. 18 Tamneyrankin
Road, Swatragh for
Mr. G. McPeake
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.15 Application No. 38
C/2005/1343/F
Demolition of existing house and
rebuild to provide 3 no. apartments
at 19 Circular Road, Coleraine for
Mr. R. Dorrans
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 7.16 Application No. 41
C/2005/1365/F
Proposed dwelling with integral
garage and new laneway 60m
south-west of No. 14 Revallagh
Road, Bushmills for
Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Councillor Stewart and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- It was agreed that the application be referred to the Divisional Planning Manager in connection with a reserved matters application.
- 7.17 Application No. 48
C/2005/1417/F
Proposed retirement farm dwelling
adjacent to No. 71 Newbridge
Road, Coleraine for Miss Hart
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 7.18 Application No. 49
C/2005/1418/O
Site for semi-detached dwelling
and garage at Site 2 to rear of
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms.

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| | <u>73 Rusky Park, Aghadowey for Mr. and Mrs. C. McDowell</u> | Alexander, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed: |
| | <u>Application No. 50</u>
<u>C/2005/1420/O</u>
<u>Site for semi-detached dwelling and garage at Site 1 to rear of 73 Rusky Park, Aghadowey for Mr. and Mrs. C. McDowell</u> | That the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed. |
| 7.19 | <u>Application No. 53</u>
<u>C/2005/1425/F</u>
<u>Proposed one and a half storey dwelling with integrated garage and associated site works at site north-east of 207 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for Mr. G. Neill</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed. |
| 7.20 | <u>Application No. 55</u>
<u>C/2005/1433/F</u>
<u>Rear extension to existing dwelling at No. 24 Ballyhome Road, Portrush for Mr. Simpson</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed. |
| 7.21 | <u>Application No. 58</u>
<u>C/2006/0009/O</u>
<u>Proposed development of 2 no. detached dwellings adjacent to 28 Letterloan Road, Coleraine for Mr. A. Crowe</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Alderman McClure and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed. |
| 7.22 | <u>Application No. 62</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was |

C/2006/0045/O
Site for dwelling and garage
approximately 260m north-east of
28 Coolnasillagh Road, Garvagh
for Mr. D. McMullan

to refuse.

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

That the application be
deferred for one month
to facilitate an office
meeting on the grounds
that all material planning
considerations had not
been assessed.

7.23 Application No. 65
C/2006/0077/O
Replacement of redundant barn to
provide dwelling house adjacent to
102 Grove Road, Crossland,
Maghera for Ms. McKenna

The opinion of the Planning Service was
to approve.

Reported that this application was now
the subject of a non-determination
appeal and would be withdrawn from the
schedule.

7.24 Application No. 67
C/2006/0082/F
1 no. one and a half storey
dwelling house with attached
garage opposite 32 Tirkeeran
Road, Garvagh for
Mr. and Mrs. Boylan

The opinion of the Planning Service was
to refuse.

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

That the application be
deferred for one month
to facilitate an office
meeting on the grounds
that all material planning
considerations had not
been assessed.

7.25 Application No. 73
C/2006/0136/O
Proposed domestic dwelling in
garden of 5 Killeague Road,
Coleraine for Mr. A. Moore

The opinion of the Planning Service was
to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor King,
seconded by Alderman McClarty and
agreed:

That the application be
deferred for one month
to facilitate an office
meeting on the grounds
that all material planning
considerations had not
been assessed.

8.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES

8.1 Enforcement Section Update

(a) New dwelling at Drumslade,

Reported that the owner of this property

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| | <u>Portstewart</u> | had not been established. |
| | (b) <u>77 Eglinton Street, Portrush – Update</u> | Reported that the final warning letter had been issued regarding the breach of planning regulations.

An Enforcement Officer would contact Councillor Ms. Alexander. |
| | (c) <u>South of 187 Ballybogey Road, Portrush – Unauthorised erection of dwelling</u> | Reported that the initial investigation of this matter was commencing. |
| 8.2 | <u>Development opposite Shellbridge Park, Coleraine</u> | Reported that the Private Streets Development drawings were still awaited but the development was proceeding in accordance with planning approval. |
| 8.3 | <u>Caravan Park, Portballintrae – Planning approval for floodlighting</u> | Reported that the initial investigation of this matter was commencing. |
| 8.4 | <u>Cromore House, Portstewart – Outbuildings - Update</u> | Reported that this matter was under investigation. |
| 8.5 | <u>1 Crocknamack Street, Portrush – Update</u> | Reported that a retrospective application had been received but was invalid. |

9.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

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| 9.1 | <u>Queen Street/Bridge Street, Coleraine</u> | An update was requested on this development. |
| 9.2 | <u>Application No. C/2005/0378/O 9 Carragh Road, Bushmills - Mr. McGrotty</u> | This application had been referred to the Divisional Planning Manager for a second deferral. An update was requested. |
| 9.3 | <u>Special Tourism Provision - Report</u> | A report was requested outlining the basis used by the Planning Service for determining decisions in connection with tourism related applications and how much emphasis was given to Council and Northern Ireland Tourist Board consultations. |

10.0 NON-DETERMINATION APPEALS

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

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| 10.1 | <u>C/2005/1078/F Erection of 11 no. townhouses and 9 no. apartments with associated parking court and landscaping – site south of Nos. 1 – 27 Nursery Avenue, Portstewart</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed: |
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That Council support a refusal.

- 10.2 C/2005/0760/O
Dwelling 520m north-east of 10
Cam Road, Coleraine for
Mr. D. O'Kane
- It was noted that the site meeting in respect of this Non-Determination Appeal would be held on 18th May, 2006.

11.0 BDP PLANNING - MBR SCREENING NOTE

- 11.1 Application No. C/2005/0087/F
New dwelling and garage 25m
north-west of 130 Cloyfin Road,
Coleraine
- Consideration was given to the MBR Screening Note from BDP Planning in respect of this application (previously supplied).
- BDP Planning considered that the application did not meet the criteria contained in the document 'Guidance for Councils on the Operation of the Management Board Referral Procedure'.
- It was agreed that Council accept the recommendation of BDP Planning and that the application should not be referred to the Planning Service Management Board.

12.0 DRAFT PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 14

The Administrative Officer advised members of the responses received to date from other Councils and NILGA in connection with Council's Notice of Motion. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed:

That the Administrative Officer write to the Department for Regional Development requesting that, as part of the consultation process for the above draft Statement, consideration be given to providing a workshop in the Coleraine area.

13.0 DIVISIONAL PLANNING MANAGER - **SECOND DEFERRALS**

- 13.1 Application No. C/2005/0815/O
Site for dwelling behind No. 58
Plantation Road, Garvagh
- Read letter from the Divisional Planning Manager advising members that the file for the above application had been reviewed and that all issues had been properly considered.
- It was noted that the decision to refuse would be issued and Council's disagreement with the Department's recommendation would be recorded on file.

13.2 Application No. C/2005/0378/O
Site for dwelling and garage 500m
south-east of 9 Carragh Road,
Bushmills

Read letter from the Divisional Planning Manager advising members that the file for the above application had been reviewed and that all issues had been properly considered.

It was noted that the decision to approve would be issued and Council's disagreement with the Department's recommendation would be recorded on file.

14.0 VISITATIONS - REMINDER

The Administrative Officer reminded members of the following visitations:

- Riding for the Disabled – Wednesday, 10th May, 2006 at 7.30 p.m.
- Magilligan Prison – Monday, 15th May, 2006 at 2.00 p.m.
- RNLI Lifeboat Trip – Thursday, 15th June, 2006 at 6.30 p.m.

15.0 BALANCED COMMUNITIES REVIEW GROUP

Councillor Leonard requested that the BDP Planning Update Note on the work of the Review Group be placed on an appropriate Committee agenda for discussion.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

16th May, 2006.

Present: Alderman D. McClarty, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Deans
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

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

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) N. F. Hillis
(Items 1.0 – 8.0) E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley W. A. King
(Items 1.0 – 15.0) B. Leonard
O. M. Church (Mrs.) G. L. McLaughlin
A. S. Cole R. A. McPherson
J. J. Dallat A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) R. D. Stewart
S. Gilkinson

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services, Community Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 2.1) and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Barbour

1.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Matters for Information

1.1.1 Rate Reliefs for Business

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

1.1.2 Code of Audit Practice 2006

Committee noted the contents of the Code of Audit Practice for Local Government Bodies in Northern Ireland (previously supplied).

The Director of Corporate Services advised members that, as a result of a new legislative requirement, they could shortly expect to receive an Annual Audit Letter from the Local Government Auditor.

1.1.3 Accounts

Accounts for March and April 2006 had been

sent to members on Friday 5th May, 2006, for information.

Noted.

1.1.4 New Appointments

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

Technical Services Department

Chargehand – General Works Team:
Mr. A. Taylor

Leisure Services Department

Caretaker – Portrush Town Hall: Ms. S. Toner

Housekeeper/Cleaner – Flowerfield Arts Centre:
Ms. S. Mustchin

2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Good Relations Audit

The Head of Development Services introduced Mr. Tommy Stewart, Vision Management Services and Ms. Julie Welsh, Community Development Manager, to the meeting.

Mr. Stewart made a presentation to members on the findings of the Good Relations Audit, as detailed in his report (previously supplied). The report establishes a baseline, for discussion and evaluation by Councillors, in the preparation of Council's 2007 Good Relations Strategy.

During the discussion which followed, Councillor Leonard asked that it be recorded, as a procedural point, that future research carried out on behalf of Council should be supported by quantitative, broad based analysis.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Stewart and Ms. Welsh for the presentation of this challenging document, following which they withdrew.

2.2 Lower Bann Canoe Challenge

Council is recommended to contribute assistance in kind to the sum of £2,000 towards this event to be held on Saturday 23rd September, 2006.

2.3 International Conference of the Girls' Brigade

Council is recommended to contribute assistance of £1,000 to the International

Conference of the Girl's Brigade, to be held at the University of Ulster, Coleraine 5th – 12th August, 2006.

2.4 Waterbus for Lower Bann

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report and members noted that full details of the application by Mr. Robert Anderson to provide a Waterbus service, would be provided at the June meeting of Policy and Development Committee.

Members welcomed the application for the operation of this service and it was recommended:

That, as an interim measure, Council approve the use of Christie Park jetty for the operation of a waterbus service on the River Bann by Mr. Robert Anderson, subject to full insurances, health and safety details, licences etc being provided.

2.5 Start a Business Programme

An overview of Council's draft response (previously supplied) to the Invest NI 'Start a Business Programme' Evaluation Report, was presented to Committee by the Head of Development Services.

In response to comments on the need for more consideration of the draft response, the Head of Development Services advised that there would be additional opportunity to influence the contents of the Business Programme at a later date.

It was subsequently recommended:

That Council adopt and endorse the draft response in full.

2.6 Funding for the 'Festival of the Sea'

The Head of Development Services advised members that a letter of offer for a grant of £15,000 had been received from Interreg III and it was recommended:

That Council contribute £5,000 towards the Festival of the Sea event.

2.7 Cranagh Development

Consideration was given to Council's response to a request by the owner of the Cranagh Marina, for Council officers' views on draft plans for the development of this facility, as contained in the report.

Following discussion, it was recommended:

That Council highlight the aspects of the proposal which correlated with its Tourism Development Strategy subject to:

- (i) the core value of 'watersports' to include a definition of activities that would not be acceptable to Council;
- (ii) emphasis to be placed on the need for sympathetic development of the rural environment;
- (iii) accommodation to be holiday rental only.

Members noted that details of this scheme would be presented at a future meeting of Council's Planning Committee.

3.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Administrative Services on Land and Property (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 Footpath Construction at Castlewalk, Castlerock

A request had been made by Roads Service for Council to sell a strip of ground alongside the playing field in Castlerock, already delineated by a line of bollards, to allow construction of a footpath.

Recommended:

That Council agree this request subject to a price being established by the Valuation and Lands Agency and to the Roads Service paying all costs.

3.2 The Crescent Playing Fields, Coleraine

Members noted that this item would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

4.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR J. DALLAT

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Dallat and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:

"In the interests of equality among members this Council produces a report BEFORE the Annual General Meeting indicating where it is deemed appropriate to have committee representation across all political parties and independents. These to include but not exclusively:

Audit Committee
Twinning Association
Irish Society's Local Advisory Committee
Local Government Partnership on Travellers' Issues
Riverside Theatre Trust

Garvagh Hall Management Committee
Castlerock Community Association
Castlerock Recreation & Youth Hall Management Committee
Coleraine & District Local Sports Advisory Council
Coleraine Arts Committee
Coleraine & District Home Safety Committee
Various Road Safety Committees
Economic Sub Group
Equality Working Group”

Councillor Dallat spoke to the Motion and requested Council’s support.

Councillor Ms. Alexander suggested that each Councillor be allowed to chose six Committees, before the Annual General Meeting, at which they would like to represent Council. Further representation on Committees could then be decided at the Annual General Meeting of Council.

On being put to the meeting, the Motion was lost by fourteen votes to five.

**5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUBMITTED
BY COUNCILLOR G. McLAUGHLIN**

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

“This Council will ensure that cross-party delegations to government departments, government agencies and other bodies do not infringe the principle of equality or be exclusive in any way.”

Following a short period of discussion, the Motion was put to the meeting and was lost by fourteen votes to five.

6.0 AUDIT COMMITTEE

The contents of the Minutes of the Audit Committee of 12th April, 2006 and associated reports (previously supplied), were noted by members.

**7.0 ‘JUSTICE FOR ATTRACTA’
CAMPAIGN**

Read letter from the Belfast Telegraph (previously supplied) requesting Council support for the campaign for justice for Attracta Harron and it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Hillis and, following discussion, recommended:

That Council support this campaign and call on Criminal Justice Minister David Hanson to immediately bring forth legislation to end the practice of granting 50% remission for dangerous sex offenders.

8.0 POSTWATCH NORTHERN IRELAND

Read letter from Postwatch Northern Ireland advising the appointment of a new Northern Ireland Chair, Dr. Maureen Edmondson, with effect from 10th April, 2006.

Committee noted that a representative of Post Office Ltd. would present to members, on Tuesday 23rd May, 2006 at 6.30 pm, on the current situation regarding rural post offices in the Coleraine Borough area.

9.0 COLERAINE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Read letter from Coleraine Citizens Advice Bureau advising of a proposed change of name to Causeway Citizens Advice Bureau. The Bureau's new name would be announced at its AGM on 26th June, 2006, subject to no objections from Coleraine Borough Council or Ballymoney Borough Council.

Members noted this information with no objections.

10.0 POST OFFICE CARD ACCOUNTS

Committee noted letters from Westminster MPs in support of Council's campaign to support the retention of Post Office Card Accounts.

11.0 NILGA - INVITATION TO QUIZ NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF VISIT TO ZOMBA

Read letter of invitation from NILGA to a quiz night on Thursday 8th June, 2006 in the Island Civic Centre, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, commencing at 7.30 pm. Funds raised from the evening would support a ten woman visit to Zomba, organised by NILGA as part of the Year of Women in Local Government.

Any members interested in attending the quiz night were asked to contact the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Department.

12.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (i) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Strategic Plan 2006-2011.
- (ii) Quarry Products Association - Annual Report 2005; Report of the Aggregates and Quarry Products Industry; and May 2006 Newsletter

13.0 VISIT TO MAGILLIGAN PRISON

Councillor Mrs. Johnston reported on the informative visit made by a group of Councillors to Magilligan Prison on 15th May, 2006.

Noted.

14.0 NORTH WEST '200'

Councillor Hillis requested that a letter be sent to the members of the organising committee for the North West '200', congratulating them on the success of the 2006 event.

15.0 VISIT TO RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Councillor McQuillan requested that a letter of apology be sent to Riding for the Disabled, in respect of the low attendance of members at the visit to the organisation on 10th May, 2006, explaining that the visit overlapped an engagement for the NW '200' event.