

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 22nd day of May, 2007 at **7.00 p.m.**

H. W. T. MOORE,
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Roads Service Northern Division – Roads Report 2007/2008 (enclosed)

Representatives from Roads Service will be in attendance to present their report.
2. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Special Meeting – 19th April, 2007
 - 2.2 Council Meeting – 24th April, 2007
3. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 3.1 North West '200' Committee – 26th April, 2007
 - 3.2 Leisure and Environment Committee – 1st May, 2007
 - 3.3 Planning Committee – 8th May, 2007
 - 3.4 Policy and Development Committee – 15th May, 2007

(Item No. 6.0) Annual Meeting – 11th June, 2007 (Information attached)
4. Consultation List (enclosed)
5. Correspondence, including inter alia:

Letter dated 9th May, 2007 from Carrickfergus Borough Council regarding a Somme Remembrance Parade and Service – Sunday, 24th June, 2007 (enclosed)

6. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (i) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 4th April, 2007
- (ii) Crimestoppers Northern Ireland – 10th Anniversary Newsletter

To: Each Member of Council.

18th May, 2007.

SPECIAL MEETING

19th April, 2007.

Convened: To consider the design scheme for the Market Yard Project including Coleraine Regional Museum, prior to submission of Stage One Bid to Heritage Lottery Fund.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. E. P. Fielding

Aldermen

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

Councillors

J. M. Bradley B. Leonard
O. M. Church (Mrs.) G. L. McLaughlin
B. Fitzpatrick R. A. McPherson
S. Gilkinson A. McQuillan
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

Officers in Attendance: Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Causeway Museum Service Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Aldermen Mrs. Hickey and McClarty, Councillors Barbour and Hillis

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Consultants:

John Tuomey and Mark Grehan, O'Donnell & Tuomey Architects
Jamie Couth, Purcell Miller Tritton
Richard Houghton, Houghton Kneale Designs
John Murray and Ralph Thom, Cyril Sweett Quantity Surveyors
Edith Blennerhassett, Buro Happold Service Engineers

The Director of Leisure Services gave a brief review of the project and the Causeway Museum Service Officer updated members on the Community Consultation.

The Consultants presented members with their proposals for the Market Yard scheme including:

- The outline of the Capital Project
- Interpretative design scheme
- Conservation of the Market Yard

The Director of Leisure Services advised members on the project costs.

The Consultants and Director of Leisure Services then answered members' questions.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black:

That Council accept the design scheme for the Market Yard Project, including

Coleraine Regional Museum and submit it to the Stage One Bid of the Heritage Lottery Fund.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried with 13 votes for and none against.

The Mayor thanked the Consultants for their presentation.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin, on Tuesday, 24th April, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. P. Fielding (Mrs.),
in the Chair

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
W. T. Creelman	W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	B. Fitzpatrick
D. D. Barbour	S. Gilkinson
J. M. Bradley	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	B. Leonard
A. S. Cole	G. L. McLaughlin
J. J. Dallat	R. A. McPherson
T J. Deans	A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Items 1.0– 12.0), Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Leisure Services, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities), Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Mayor and Councillor Hillis

1.0 SYMPATHY

The Deputy Mayor conveyed members' sympathy to Alderman Mrs. Black following the death of her brother-in-law.

2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 27th March, 2007 were confirmed and signed.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Matters arising:

3.1.1 Global Day of Prayer In response to a query, the Director of Leisure Services confirmed that the mobile stage would be sited to the rear of the Town Hall for this event.

3.1.2 Caravan Parks -
Security of Tenure

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mr. B. Wilsdon and Mr. V. Gwilliam, spokespersons for Carrick Dhu and Juniper Hill Caravan Associations, who were in attendance to explain the caravan owners' concerns regarding site tenure.

The representatives thanked members for the opportunity to address the meeting. They referred to Council's decision in February 2006 to retain management of the two sites and the caravan owners' efforts since then to secure tenure beyond one year. They requested Council to consider granting a security of tenure for ten years on the basis that the caravan owners had accepted a significant rent increase, that there was a general feeling of uncertainty amongst the caravan owners and that there was a continued under occupancy of vans as a result of caravan owners' reluctance to replace vans.

Responding to a query the Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) provided members with the planned and actual income and expenditure figures, highlighting the total profit which would have been received in the two year period, 06/07 and 07/08, under the leasing scheme and the actual position for the two year period.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive explained that, whilst Council fully understood the concerns of the caravan owners, there were both legal and audit implications in offering a ten year tenancy, particularly in advance of the Review of Public Administration.

Accordingly, it was agreed, on the proposal of Alderman Mrs. Black, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church to defer further consideration of the matter pending advice from Council's Solicitor and the Local Government Auditor.

3.1.3 Events Space -
The Diamond, Coleraine

The Director of Leisure Services presented the draft Code of Practice for The Diamond Events Space and answered a number of questions put to him by members. He undertook to investigate the possibility of siting a large all-weather screen at the front of the Town Hall to transmit events to the main commercial area of the town and to check the level of Public Liability insurance cover required in the Code of Practice and the impact of this requirement on small scale users of the space.

The Committee Report was subsequently adopted.

- 3.2 Planning Committee Councillor Mrs. Church moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and agreed.
- 3.3 Policy and Development Committee The Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Johnston, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Barbour.
- Matters arising:
- 3.3.1 Composition of Shortlisting Panel Members noted that the composition of the shortlisting panel should be made up as follows:
- The Chair of the Policy and Development Committee
One member from the DUP
One member from the SDLP
- 3.3.2 The Hermit's Cottage In response to a member's query regarding the possibility of Council deferring the current legal action to allow officers to have further discussions on outstanding issues with the owner, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive stated that the Head of Administrative Services had advised the owner of the works required by Council and the current process would not preclude further discussions in advance of any legal action.
- 3.3.3 Advertisement Discussion took place on the newspapers to be used to advertise the post of Town Clerk and Chief Executive and it was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:
- That, in addition to the Belfast Telegraph, the News Letter and the Irish News, the advertisement should be placed in the Irish Times.
- On being put to the vote the proposal was lost by five votes for and thirteen votes against.
- 3.3.4 Tender – Evaluation of Economic Development Strategy Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (previously supplied) on the scoring of the tenders for the evaluation of the Economic Development Strategy and it was agreed that the contract be awarded to FCS McClure Watters.

The Committee Report was subsequently adopted.

4.0 REPAIRS TO CLOONAVIN

Responding to a query from a member it was agreed that officers would prepare a report on ongoing repairs to Cloonavin since its construction and the costs incurred to date.

5.0 DATE AND TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting be held on Monday, 11th June, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

6.0 CONSULTATION LIST

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

1. Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation – Consultation on Proposed Licence Modifications to the Licences for the Conveyance of Gas held by Phoenix Natural Gas Ltd.

Comments due: 18th May, 2007

2. Northern Ireland Office – Criminal Law Branch – Consultation on Tightening the Law on the Possession of Non Photographic Visual Depictions of Child Sexual Abuse.

Comments due: 22nd June, 2007

3. Department of the Environment – Consultation on Proposals to Allow the Electronic Delivery of Certificates of Motor Insurance.

Comments due: 29th June, 2007

4. Northern Ireland Prison Service – Consultation on Child Protection Policy for the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

Comments due: 9th July, 2007

7.0 THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION VE PARADE AND CHURCH SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

An invitation was received from the Portstewart Branch of The Royal British Legion inviting members to attend the above event on Sunday, 6th May, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. All those wishing to attend were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

8.0 THE SOMME ASSOCIATION - 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF MESSINES

Read letter from the Somme Association inviting Council representatives to attend a dinner to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Messines in the Somme Heritage Centre on Monday, 4th June, 2007.

It was agreed that the Mayor and Councillor McPherson attend to represent Council.

9.0 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS TO NILGOSC

Read letter from the Department of the Environment drawing members' attention to the NILGOSC Committee which was due to be re-constituted for a 4 year term with effect from 1st October, 2007.

Noted.

10.0 **CONFERENCE - "BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CHANGE"**

Advance notice was received from the Local Government Training Group, about a major conference examining the capacity building implications of the Review of Public Administration on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel, Belfast.

Members wishing to attend were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

11.0 **DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (i) Committee on Standards in Public Life – Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 2006.
- (ii) Law Reform Advisory Committee – Final Report of the Law Reform Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland.
- (iii) International Fund for Ireland – Annual Report and Accounts 2006.
- (iv) Department for Social Development of Northern Ireland – Review into Affordable Housing - Final Report - Spring 2007.
- (v) Department for Social Development of Northern Ireland – Northern Ireland Housing Bulletin - 1st October – 31st December, 2006.

12.0 **DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Cemetery Titles Grant of Rights of Burial – Deeds Register Nos. 3303-3317 (inclusive):

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	3
Coleraine	7
Kilrea	0
Portstewart	4

Advanced Deeds – Register Nos. 0173 – 0176 (inclusive):

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	0
Coleraine	0
Portstewart	3
2. Lease Coleraine Borough Council and NIE Site for Substation at Tullans Park, Coleraine.
3. Licence and Counterparts Ice Cream Rights 2007:

West Bay Car Park
Council to Mr. P. J. Mullan,
24 Claudy Road, Portglenone

East Strand Car Park
Council to Mr. J. Dunbar,
29A Eagry Park, Bushmills

White Rocks Car Park
Council to Mr. J. Dunbar,
29A Eagry Park, Bushmills

Portballintrae Car Park
Council to Mr. J. Dunbar,
29A Eagry Park, Bushmills

Castlerock Beach and Promenade
Council to Mr. & Mrs. I. Pollock,
67 Altikeeragh Road, Castlerock

Downhill Beach
Council to Mr. D. O'Kane,
68 Broomhill Park, Coleraine

**13.0 RECRUITMENT OF TOWN CLERK
AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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

That this item be heard 'In Committee'.

NORTH WEST '200' COMMITTEE

26th April, 2007.

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

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance:

Mr. K. Doherty, Director of Environmental Health
Mrs. M. McKinney, Enforcement Officer
Mr. S. Purcell, Refuse and Cleansing Manager

Also in Attendance:

Mr. M. Whyte, Clerk of the Course, Coleraine & District Motor Club
Sergeant J. Anderson, Operations Planning, PSNI
Mr. D. Lynch, N.I. Fire Brigade

Apology: Mr. S. McCarry, H.M. Coastguard

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the North West '200' Committee dated 17th January, 2007 (previously supplied) were confirmed.

Matters arising:

- 1.1 Road Closure Arrangements Mr. Whyte advised that a letter had been forwarded to the University of Ulster regarding road closure arrangements on practice nights. University officials had been very helpful and supportive of the situation.

2.0 RACE WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Programme of Events for the Race Week Festival was circulated to each member for information. Congratulations were extended to everyone involved in creating such a wide range of activities.

3.0 TRADING ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 Street The Enforcement Officer advised that nine applications had been received for street trading and outlined the arrangements.
- 3.2 Coleraine and District Motor Club – Controlled Mr. Whyte advised that the Motor Club were in the process of franchising 20 sites which would be located between The Metropole and the 'start' area.
- 3.3 Merchandising Mr. Whyte advised that Bridgestone Catering (Mr. John McNally) would be managing the paddock area.

4.0 Paddock Bar

Mr. Whyte advised that Bridgestone Catering would be managing catering and bar facilities in a dedicated area in the paddock which would provide controlled access.

5.0 Corporate Hospitality

Mr. Whyte advised that Bridgestone Catering would be managing the Hospitality Marquee. It was noted that entertainment would be provided in the Marquee each night from Tuesday – Saturday.

6.0 Campsites

Mr. Whyte advised that Mr. John McNally would be managing both campsites.

The Director of Environmental Health reported that this was the first year for pre bookings which was proving very successful. Discussions had taken place with residents of Islandtasserty Road, significant progress had been made and the problems resolved.

Reference was made to the grass in the campsite being too long last year. Mr. Whyte would investigate the matter.

7.0 Waste Collection, Disposal and Clean-up

Mr. Whyte advised that meetings had taken place with the Services Manager and the Refuse and Cleansing Manager regarding waste collection, disposal and clean-up. It was noted that Cleaning Direct would be responsible for a designated area.

8.0 Traffic Management

Sergeant Anderson advised that traffic management plans were progressing satisfactorily and it was noted that the Police helicopter would also be used.

9.0 Leaflet - District Policing Partnership

Reported that the DPP had produced a leaflet entitled 'Advice to Visitors to the Coleraine Borough for the North West 200' and sought help regarding distribution.

Mr. Whyte suggested various forms of distribution which included riders' packs, Hospitality Marquee, etc.

10.0 Camping

The Director of Environmental Health advised that Council Enforcement Officers would be patrolling all areas in order to prevent illegal camping. The approximate cost to Council would be £4,000 - £5,000.

11.0 Licensed Premises

It was noted that there would be joint enforcement between Council officers and PSNI for checking licensed premises.

12.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman wished Mr. Whyte every success for the Race Week Festival.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1st May, 2007.

Present: Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	S. Gilkinson
D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole	B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat	G. L. McLaughlin
B. Fitzpatrick	A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) (Items 1.0 – 4.3), Head of Administrative Services, Senior Technical Officer (Items 1.0 – 5.6.1) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Mayor, Aldermen Mrs. Black and McClure and Councillor McPherson

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 SYMPATHY

The Chairman conveyed sympathy to Alderman McClure on the death of his sister.

3.0 CARAVAN PARKS SECURITY OF TENURE

The Director of Leisure Services informed members that this topic would be discussed at a future meeting when all relevant information would be available.

4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Financial Contributions

At a previous meeting, the groups listed below made presentations to members seeking grant aid from Council to develop recreational facilities within their Club/School.

Name of Group	Project	Total Cost	Request from Council
Coleraine Inst.	Provide Rowing/Watersport Centre	£2m	£250,000
Ballerin GAC	Provide New Pitch and Training Facility	£449,500	£114,500 or £314,500
Garvagh Tennis Club	Provide Floodlighting for Tennis Courts	£26,148 or £36,148	£20,000
Glenullin GAC	Construction of Second Pitch	£1.2m	£250,000

It was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

That Council approve grant aid as follows:

Coleraine Inst.	£250,000
Ballerin GAC	£90,000
Garvagh Tennis Club	£20,000
Glenullin GAC	£250,000

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Cole and seconded by Councillor McQuillan:

That Council approve grant aid as follows:

Coleraine Inst.	£50,000
Ballerin GAC	nil
Garvagh Tennis Club	£20,000
Glenullin GAC	nil

Following a request for a recorded vote, the members voted on the amendment thus:

For: Alderman Creelman,
Councillors Cole, Deans,
Mrs. Fielding, Gilkinson,
Hillis and McQuillan (7)

Against: Alderman Mrs. Hickey,
Councillors Ms. Alexander,
Mrs. Church, Dallat,
Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Johnston,
Leonard and McLaughlin (8)

Abstention: Councillor Barbour (1)

The amendment was, therefore, lost by seven votes for and eight against.

The proposal was then put to the meeting and

the members voted thus:

For: Alderman Mrs. Hickey,
Councillors Ms. Alexander,
Mrs. Church, Dallat,
Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Johnston,
Leonard and McLaughlin (8)

Against: Alderman Creelman,
Councillors Cole, Deans,
Mrs. Fielding, Gilkinson,
Hillis and McQuillan (7)

Abstention: Councillor Barbour (1)

The proposal was, therefore, carried by eight votes for and seven votes against.

4.2 Requests for Financial Assistance

4.2.1 Music from the Masters

A request had been received from Ballywillan Flute Band for financial assistance to promote its Annual Concert in Portrush on Saturday, 2nd June, 2007.

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

That Council recommend a grant of £500 to Ballywillan Flute Band.

4.2.2 County Londonderry Football Association

Council is recommended to approve a grant of £600 to the County Londonderry Football Association to assist with entering two teams in the 2007 Northern Ireland Milk Cup Football Tournament.

4.3 Matters for Information

Committee noted information on the following events, as detailed in the report:

- (1) Mayor's Parade – Saturday 5th May, 2007.
- (2) North West 200 Festival Week – 6th - 12th May, 2007.
- (3) Portrush Raft Race – Saturday 26th May, 2007.
- (4) Community and Arts Festival – 25th May - 9th June, 2007.
- (5) Historic Coleraine Exhibition – 10th May – 9th June, 2007.

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

Matters arising:

5.1 Devolved Powers to Clamp Unlicensed Vehicles

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

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

That Council do not adopt these powers to clamp unlicensed vehicles.

From the ensuing discussion, the Director of Technical Services noted comments and would respond to DVLNI.

5.2 Landfill Tax Credits

Council is recommended to approve a grant of £20,000 to Conservation Volunteers Northern Ireland to assist them in their work over the years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009.

A request was made for CVNI to make a presentation to Council to update members on their work.

5.3 Replacement Dwelling – Carrick Dhu Caravan Park

Six tenders had been received in response to a public advertisement for a replacement dwelling at Carrick Dhu Caravan Park viz:

Tenderer	Tender Amount £
Higgins Construction, Garvagh	199,750
S. G. Molloy, Dunloy	222,284
Campbell Construction, Bellaghy	229,585
T. D. McKane & Son, Castlederg	234,600
N. Dunn, Coleraine	248,730
Mulhern & Rushe Construction Ltd, Dungiven	275,000

Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest tender received from Higgins Construction in the sum of one hundred and ninety nine thousand, seven hundred and fifty pounds (£199,750).

Members noted that the tender contained an error of £40.20 but Higgins Construction would

stand over their tender as submitted.

5.4 Entertainments Licence

5.4.1 East Strand Car Park and Beach Causeway Street Portrush

Application for an Occasional Entertainments Licence had been received from Mr. G. McGuigan, 32 Beechlawn Park, Belfast.

Recommended:

That an Occasional Entertainments Licence be granted subject to no objections being received within the statutory period of 28 days and subject to compliance with NI Fire & Rescue Service recommendations and all other requirements required by Council's Licensing Department. All door supervisors employed must be Licensed with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

5.5 DRD Roads Service - Eglinton Lane, Portrush

Council is recommended to approve the Roads Service's proposal to regulate the traffic so that it is one way from Eglinton Street to Dunluce Avenue.

5.6 Building Control

5.6.1 Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 43 applications.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

6.1 Environmental Health Plan 2007/2008 - Variance Analysis Report on the Environmental Health Plan 2006/2007 - Summary of Initiatives Progressed during 2006/2007 in Investing for Health

Consideration was given to information on this plan, as detailed in the report.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed:

That Council adopt the 2007/2008 Environmental Health Plan for submission to the Food Standards Agency and Northern Group Systems.

6.2 The Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) (N.I.) Order 1991 – Test Purchase Survey March-April 2007

Members noted information on this Test Purchase Survey as detailed in the report and supported the Department in continuing to raise the profile and awareness of the issue of tobacco control.

6.3 Putting Health into Health and Safety - Health and Safety Conference 2007 - Lodge Hotel, Coleraine 23rd May, 2007 Members noted information on this conference as detailed in the report.

6.4 Home Safety Members noted that Coleraine Borough Council, in conjunction with Coleraine Home Accident Prevention Group, had been awarded £6,260 for a home safety project.

7.0 DOCUMENT TABLED

(1) Sustainable Ireland – Ireland's Environmental, Waste Management and Energy Magazine - Spring 2007.

8.0 ACTIVELY AGEING WELL - LAUNCH OF FINAL EXTERNAL EVALUATION REPORT AND GOOD PRACTICE FACTSHEETS

Members noted that this event would take place on Thursday, 31st May, 2007 at Lagan Valley Island, Island Civic Centre, Lisburn.

9.0 STREET NAMING POLICY

A member requested an update on the Equality Impact Assessment into the Street Naming Policy. The Director of Technical Services informed members that the document would be taken to the Equality Working Group when legal advice had been obtained, specifically on the standing of non-respondents when assessing the results from questionnaires.

10.0 CASTLEROCK INCIDENT

Following the sea rescue incident at Castlerock Beach, a member requested an update on beach safety. The Director of Leisure Services advised members that signage was in place and staff would be on the beaches at the end of June.

Members noted that the Beach Safety Review Group would be meeting on 10th May, 2007 and the Director of Leisure Services would then report further to Council.

Members asked that Council send a letter of appreciation to all the rescue services involved.

11.0 DOGS

Following a member's comments about misinformation on a recent radio programme, the Director of Environmental Health informed members that an e-mail had already been forwarded which clarified the situation and the error had since been corrected.

12.0 ROADS SERVICE ISSUES

The Director of Technical Services agreed to inform Roads Service of the following issues raised by members:

- The lack of signage to Convention Avenue Car Park, Portstewart
- Traffic congestion in Kilrea due to double parking
- Portstewart Promenade - parking needed for residents of The Promenade, Portstewart
- Complaints regarding caravanettes parking on The Promenade, Portstewart
- Strand Road Roundabout, Coleraine – overhead signage required regarding lanes
- Contractors leaving diversions/traffic lights in place when work is not in progress
- Water Service road works – verges not reinstated – Liscall Road, Moneydig Road
- Road Works sign left at 15 Burnside Road, Portstewart – no longer required

PLANNING COMMITTEE

8th May, 2007.

Present: Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

Aldermen

M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

W. J. McClure
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)

B. Fitzpatrick
S. Gilkinson
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)

D. D. Barbour
(Items 2.8 – 9.0)

N. F. Hillis
(Items 2.6 – 6.0)

J. M. Bradley
(Items 2.5 – 9.0)

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

B. Leonard

J. J. Dallat

A. McQuillan

T. J. Deans

(Items 2.5 – 9.0)

(Items 1.0 – 2.20)

Also in

Attendance:

Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. G. Walker

Officers in

Attendance:

Administrative Officer, Principal Environmental Health
Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Mrs. Black, Creelman
and McClarty, Councillors Cole and McPherson

1.0 CONGRATULATIONS

The Chairman referred to Alderman McClarty and Councillor Dallat having been elected as Deputy Speakers at the Assembly and extended congratulations to both members. Congratulations were also extended by members of the various political parties.

Councillor Dallat thanked members for their remarks.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

2.1 Application No. D1
C/2003/1224/F
New ramped and stepped access

The opinion of the Planning Service was
to approve.

- to youth club and new accessible door at Portrush Youth Club, Dunluce Avenue, Portrush for North Eastern Education and Library Board
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.2 Application No. D2
C/2004/0437/F
Upgrading of existing site for touring caravans and refurbishment and extension of existing outbuildings to provide toilet/shower block (including disabled facilities) at 60 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush for C. Irwin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.3 Application No. D3
C/2006/0501/F
Proposed granny flat extension to dwelling at 11 Loguestown Park, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. J. Nash
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.4 Application No. D4
C/2006/0633/F
Replacement dwelling with detached garage 60m east of 113 Agivey Road, Kilrea for Mr. and Mrs. N. Torrens
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 2.5 Application No. D5
C/2006/0678/F
Retention of accommodation for additional facilities in connection with existing guest house at 7 Ballystrone Road, Coleraine for Mr. Cochrane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- Following discussion it was further proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McQuillan and agreed:
- That a representative from Planning Service Headquarters be invited to attend a future meeting to explain the rural planning policy.
- 2.6 Application No. D6
C/2006/0753/F
Site for one private dwelling to rear of 33/33A Coleraine Road,
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be

- Portstewart for Mr. H. Mullan refused.
- 2.7 Application No. D7
C/2006/0792/RM
Proposed two storey dwelling with
attached double garage south of
No. 48 Ballyversal Road, Coleraine
for Mr. O'Hara The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.8 Application No. D8
C/2006/1020/F
Installation of 1 no. electrical wind
turbine unit and associated
underground cabling at Loreto
College, Castlerock Road,
Coleraine for Loreto College The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
The Principal Environmental Health Officer introduced Dr. Chris Jordan from Northern Group Systems, Ballymena who specialised in acoustics.
Dr. Jordan distributed information on turbine systems and answered various members' questions.
It was noted that the application conformed with all environmental regulations.
Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor McQuillan:
That the application be refused and referred to BDP Planning for examination before deciding whether it should be forwarded to the Planning Service Management Board for consideration.
On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, ten members voting in favour and six members voting against.

NEW APPLICATIONS

- 2.9 Application No. 5
C/2006/0308/O
Site for dwelling and garage 220m
south west of 48 Ballyversal Road,
Coleraine for Mr. Curry The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, 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.
- 2.10 Application No. 8
C/2006/0692/O
Proposed site for one and a half storey farm retirement dwelling at Boleran Road, Garvagh, Coleraine (100m east of 100 Boleran Road) for Mr. D. Mullan
- 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.
- 2.11 Application No. 9
C/2006/0766/F
8 no. apartments at 35 Main Street, Castlerock for Mr. Mennie
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to design.
- As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:
- That the application be refused.
- On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried, six members voting in favour and no one voting against.
- An abstention was recorded for Councillor Leonard.
- 2.12 Application No. 10
C/2006/0814/F
Replacement of 2 no. existing detached dwellings with 2 no. two and a half storey semi-detached dwellings with in-curtilage parking at 53 – 53A Bayhead Road, Portballintrae for NM Developments Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander and agreed:
- That the application be refused.

- 2.13 Application No. 11
C/2006/0824/O
Site for replacement dwelling at
56A Coolnasillagh Road, Garvagh
for Mr. K. Mullan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey 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.
- 2.14 Application No. 15
C/2006/0923/A
Shop sign on gable of 1 Strand
Road, Coleraine for Chinese
Medical Centre
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed:
- 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.
- Application No. 55
C/2007/0006/LB
Erection of direction sign to rear of
premises on yard wall at 1 Strand
Road, Coleraine for Chinese
Medical Centre
- 2.15 Application No. 16
C/2006/0938/F
Proposed construction of 2 no.
semi-detached homes and all
ancillary site works at 89
Craigmore Road, Ringsend,
Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs.
McGahon
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey 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.
- 2.16 Application No. 17
C/2006/0973/F
Reduction of unit size from 900 sq.
m. – 535 sq. m. Moving of unit
entrance by one structural bay at
Unit 1 Newmills Road Retail Park,
Newmills Road, Coleraine for
Skyline Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Deans 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.

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

That the application be approved.

- 2.17 Application No. 19
C/2006/1008/RM
Erection of dwelling and garage at
Gettistown Road, Aghadowey,
Coleraine (700m north west of 47
Moneydig Road, Garvagh) for
Mr. R. Clyde
- 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 new plans were now available for consideration.
- 2.18 Application No. 30
C/2006/1083/F
Sun lounge extension to front of
dwelling at 5 Seahaven Park,
Portstewart for Mr. K. Davis
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Consideration was given to letter of support from the applicant dated 30th April, 2007 (previously supplied).
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.19 Application No. 51
C/2006/1142/F
Erection of replacement dwelling
(by sub-dividing semi-detached
block) at 27 Corbally Road,
Portrush for Mr. G. Smyth
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, 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.
- 2.20 Application No. 53
C/2006/1173/F
Proposed alterations to site layout
to provide 6 no. apartments, 35 no.
terraced units, 4 no. semi-
detached units and roadway for
private streets determination off
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor McQuillan:
- That the application be

Castleroe Road, Coleraine for
Armoy Homes

refused.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church:

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.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried, seven members voting in favour and five members voting against.

3.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES

3.1 Application No. C/2005/0694/O
Nos. 1 – 7 Kerr Street, Portrush
for Kennedy Holdings Ltd.

Reported that a planning application for apartments was being considered.

3.2 Military Camp – Laurel Hill,
Coleraine

Reported that a planning application for housing development on part of the Ministry of Defence land was being considered.

Following discussion it was agreed:

That an update on Laurel Hill lands be provided at the Policy and Development Committee meeting to be held on 15th May, 2007.

A copy of the plans would be forwarded to the Administrative Officer.

It was further proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and agreed:

That the Planning Service provide a preliminary briefing on the planning application at the June meeting.

4.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

4.1 Development Lands –
Management Agreements

Reference was made to the untidy state of land at Clintonville Gardens and Mill

Court, Garvagh following development.

On receipt of details Mr. Duffy would check on management agreements regarding maintenance.

- 4.2 Fence – Skerries Caravan Park An update was requested regarding the fence at the Skerries Caravan Park, Bushmills Road, Portrush.
- 4.3 Trees An update was requested regarding progress to date concerning liaison between Council's Bio-Diversity Officer and Planning Officers on tree preservation issues.
- 4.4 Former B & Q Site Reported that a number of retail units were being constructed on this site.
- 4.5 Former Hospital Site Reported that a contamination issue was being addressed before the application for this site could be progressed.
- 4.6 Armstrong Medical Following the fire at Armstrong Medical it was stressed that, in relation to emergency planning, potentially hazardous businesses should be listed.

5.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 18th May, 2007.

6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Councillor McLaughlin thanked the Planning Service officers for their assistance during his year as Chairman of Committee.

7.0 DRAFT NORTHERN AREA PLAN - SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Consideration was given to the Report from BDP Planning (previously supplied) regarding the Draft Northern Area Plan – Site specific information for:

- (a) Ballyrashane
- (b) Kilrea

Following discussion it was agreed:

- (a) That Council withdraw the objection of Ballyrashane development limit; and
- (b) That Council submit a map of Kilrea showing general areas for growth/extension in the Garvagh Road/Edenbane Road and Bann Road areas.

8.0 APPLICATION NO. C/2005/0118/O

**SITE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
AT CASTLEROE ROAD OFF LOWER
PADDOCKS**

Read letter from the Planning Service informing Council of the Department's Additional Draft Refusal Reason in relation to the above planning appeal. Noted.

**9.0 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION -
FOUR LUXURY LOG CABINS FOR SELLING
FISHING HOLIDAYS (FARM DIVERSIFICATION)
AT RHEE FARM, 138 CURRAGH ROAD,
AGHADOWEY FOR JOHN AND EDITH SKUCE**

Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising members that the above appeal would be dealt with by written representation with an accompanied site visit procedure.

Written submissions to be received by 4.00 p.m. on 5th June, 2007 and the site visit will take place at Rhee Farm on 11th June, 2007 at 10.30 a.m.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

15th May, 2007.

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

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
W. T. Creelman	(Items 1.0 – 4.3)
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	W. J. McClure

Councillors

D. D. Barbour	S. Gilkinson
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	N. F. Hillis
A. S. Cole	B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat	G. L. McLaughlin
T. J. Deans	A. McQuillan
(Items 1.0 – 4.3)	(Items 1.0 – 4.2)
B. Fitzpatrick	

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Leisure Services (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Head of Administrative Services, Economic Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 4.3), Community Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 4.2) and Administrative Assistant

Also in Attendance: Neil Holland, Sales and Marketing Manager and Eric Cosgrove, Firmus Energy (Item 1.0); Mrs. J. Honeyford and Mr. R. Hodges, Coleraine District LOL No. 2 (Item 2.0)

Apologies: The Mayor and Councillor McPherson

1.0 FIRMUS ENERGY - UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Holland and Mr. Cosgrove, to the meeting. The representatives updated members on Firmus Energy's current works and plans for Coleraine, advised on pricing structure and highlighted some proven environmental benefits from the use of natural gas.

During a period of discussion, the representatives answered members' questions and clarified various issues.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their informative presentation, following which they withdrew.

2.0 COLERAINE FESTIVAL - 7TH-12TH JULY, 2007

The Director of Leisure Services updated members on Council's funding requirements in relation to its Good Relations Strategy and reported on the N.I. Events Company's independent assessment of the Coleraine Festival 2006. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive also advised that the Local Government Auditor had received a complaint,

which had been responded to in full, in relation to Council's contribution to the 2006 event.

The Chairman then welcomed Mrs. Honeyford and Mr. Hodges, from the Festival Committee, to the meeting. The representatives outlined the proposed programme of events and costings for the 2007 Festival and requested financial support.

Extensive discussion ensued during which the representatives answered members' questions.

On a request by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, the Director of Leisure Services agreed to provide her with a copy of the N.I. Events Company's evaluation of the 2006 Festival.

It was then proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey:

- (i) That the members of the Festival Committee meet with Council officers to consider in depth the proposals and costings and that a report be brought back, as soon as possible, to a future meeting of Council.
- (ii) That Council support the request for funding, in principle, with the final figure to be advised following the joint discussions.

After further discussion, the following addendum was made to the proposal.

- (iii) That the members of the Festival Committee, along with Council officers, examine the possibility of creating a three year package of support.

The proposal was then recommended to Council.

3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Loan Sanction Approvals Recommended:

That borrowing approval be sought in respect of the undernoted projects:

	£
(i) Peter Thompson Hall	600,000
(ii) Portballintrae Community Centre	400,000
(iii) Coleraine West Community Centre	350,000
(iv) The Crescent, Portstewart	500,000
(v) Beach Lifeguard Equipment	77,000
(vi) Roll on, Roll off Skip Service Units	86,000
(vii) Anti-Bird Roofing System – Coleraine Town Hall	23,000
(viii) Cams Picnic Area Refurbishment	61,000
(ix) Footpath Upgrading – Rugby Avenue/Mountsandel	54,000
(x) Windyhall Kickabout Area	68,000
(xi) Drainage Improvements – Crescent & Kilrea Soccer Pitches	74,000

3.2 Matters for Information

3.2.1 Abstract of Accounts 2006/07 Members noted information on this topic, as

contained in the report.

3.2.2 Accounts

Members noted that accounts for April 2007 had been issued.

3.2.3 Recruitment of Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Members noted the timetable of events which would follow after the closing date for applications on 24th May, 2007 as detailed in the report.

It was hoped to bring a report on the panel's decision to the Council meeting on 26th June, 2007.

3.2.4 New Appointment

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

Corporate Services Department

Information Technology Assistant (New Post):
Miss J. Winfield.

4.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Delivery of the new Rural Development Programme

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Councillor McQuillan and recommended:

That Council contribute £40,000 to Collage.

4.2 Proposal for Funding Community Centres

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

Recommended:

That Council accept Option 2 to retain original % funding allocations, as detailed in the report, resulting in £10,300 to Garvagh, £3,605 to Glenullin and £3,605 to Boveedy.

4.3 Request for Assistance - HM Coastguard

Council is recommended to contribute up to £5,000 to HM Coastguard, towards the Joint Search and Rescue Competition on Saturday 23rd June, 2007.

5.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

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

5.1 Land at Laurel Hill The Head of Administrative Services presented a breakdown of ownership for major sites at this location.

Noted.

5.2 Mobile Shop – Whiterocks Car Park Consideration was given to a request to allow a mobile vehicle to operate as a specialist shop from Council's car park at the Whiterocks.

Recommended:

That Council approve this request and that the opportunity be advertised in the local papers.

5.3 Garage and Lookout Sites – Castlerock Council is recommended to accept the Coastguard's offer of buildings at this location, at no cost to Council.

6.0 ANNUAL MEETING - NOMINATIONS/ APPOINTMENTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (previously supplied).

After some discussion, it was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding:

That consideration of the report be adjourned to the Council Meeting on 22nd May, 2007.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was recommended with eleven votes for and one against.

In response to a request for information, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive would provide a breakdown of party representation for the current year.

7.0 PATHFINDING CONFERENCE IN FLANDERS AND THE SOMME - 14TH-17TH SEPTEMBER, 2007

Read letter dated 20th April, 2007 from Paddy Harte, Project Director, A Journey of Remembering, Island of Ireland Partnership (previously supplied).

Recommended:

That Aldermen Creelman and Mrs. Hickey represent Council at this conference.

8.0 FUTURE OF PORTSTEWART POLICE STATION

Read letter from Chief Inspector Thompson, Area Commander, PSNI advising

of no further progress on this issue.

Noted.

9.0 NAC CONFERENCE - CHANGING THE FACE OF LOCAL POLITICS

Members noted that this conference would be held in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown on 25th May, 2007, 1.30pm – 3.00pm.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

10.0 HELP THE AGED - NORTHERN AREA MEETING OF HELP STOP ELDER ABUSE CAMPAIGN

Read letter inviting members to this meeting, which would be held in the Ballymena North Centre, Cushendall Road, Ballymena on 31st May, 2007, 10.30am – 12.00noon.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

11.0 EQUALITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND - EMBEDDING GOOD RELATIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE RPA

Read letter advising that the Roundtable event on this report would now take place on 5th June, 2007, 10.30am – 1.00pm at the Commission's premises.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

12.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINING GROUP: CONFERENCE - BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CHANGE - 22ND MAY, 2007

Members noted that four places had been reserved for Council members and officers at this one day conference.

Recommended:

That Councillor McLaughlin represent Council at this conference along with officers.