

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 24th day of June, 2003 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. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 27th May, 2003
 - 1.2 Special Council Meeting - 28th May, 2003
 - 1.3 Special Council Meeting - 10th June, 2003
 - 1.4 Special Council Meeting - 12th June, 2003
 - 1.5 Annual Meeting of Council - 16th June, 2003
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee - 3rd June, 2003
(Item No. 2.4) Enforcement Measures in Private Rented Sector
(Report enclosed)
 - 2.2 Planning Committee - 10th June, 2003
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee - 17th June, 2003
3. Northern Ireland Housing Executive - Coleraine District Housing Plan 2003 - 2004 (enclosed)

Mr. F. O'Connor, Area Manager, North East Area will be in attendance.

4. Causeway Health and Social Services Trust

Ms. N. Evans, Chief Executive, Dr. M. Ledwith, Medical Director and Mr. A. Braiden, Director of Acute Hospital Services will be in attendance.

5. Craigmore Landfill Site

Mr. and Mrs. J. Doherty will be in attendance to address Council on the operation of the above mentioned landfill site.

6. Tenders

- (a) Supply and Fitting of Tyres (Report enclosed)
- (b) Soccer Pitch Improvements at Ballysally and Anderson Park (Report enclosed)

7. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor E. Mullan:

“That this Council acknowledge its commitment to accountability, open government and cross-community decision making by permitting and welcoming live television, radio and internet coverage of council meetings.”

8. The undernoted Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor J. Dallat, Councillor G. McLaughlin, Councillor E. Mullan, Alderman B. Leonard and Councillor Ms. C. Alexander:

“In view of the publicly stated reasons for not supporting cross party thus cross community representation on the incoming Harbour Commission, Council agrees to rescind the motion voted at the Policy and Development Committee on 20 May 2003 and ratified at the Council meeting on 27 May 2003 appointing Councillors King, Stewart and Watt as Harbour Commissioners.

Council further agrees to each of the three parties on Council nominating one representative as a Commissioner.”

9. Correspondence

10. Documents for Sealing

To: Each Member of Council.

20th June, 2003.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 27th May, 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

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

Aldermen

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

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	N. F. Hillis
(Items 2.1 - 14.0)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
D. D. Barbour	W. A. King
J. M. Bradley	D. McClarty
(Items 2.1 - 14.0)	R. A. McPherson
J. J. Dallat	E. M. Mullan
T. J. Deans	R. D. Stewart
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt

Officers in

Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Senior Environmental Health Officer (Items 1.0 - 4.0), Senior Technical Officer, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor McQuillan

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23rd April, 2003 and the Special Meetings of 29th April, 2003, 6th May, 2003, 15th May, 2003 and 21st May, 2003 were confirmed and signed.

1.1 Council Meeting - 23rd April, 2003 - Development Issues It was noted that this matter had been proposed by Alderman Leonard and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander.

1.2 Old Coleraine Hospital Site In response to a query the Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to obtain further information on this topic.

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Policy and Development Committee - 23rd April, 2003 The Chairman, Councillor Hillis, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee

Report held on 23rd April, 2003; this was duly seconded by Councillor Deans.

Matters arising:

2.1.1 Minutes

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mullan and seconded by Alderman Leonard:

That the Minutes be amended to reflect Councillor Mullan's request to the Chairman, that Alderman McClure withdraw comments in relation to another member.

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

For: The Deputy Mayor
Alderman Leonard
Councillors Dallat and Mullan (4)

Against: The Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Black, Creelman and McClure
Councillors Barbour, Bradley, Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Hillis, Mrs. Johnston, King, McClarty, McPherson, Stewart and Watt (16)

Abstention: Councillor Ms. Alexander (1)

The Motion was, therefore, lost by sixteen votes to four.

2.1.2 Invitation to the Chief Executive of The Causeway Trust

In response to a query the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the Chief Executive of the Causeway Trust would attend the June meeting of Council.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted.

2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee

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

Matters arising:

2.2.1 Entertainments Licence - The Londonderry Hotel, 39-41 Main Street, Portrush

The Director of Technical Services reported that the applicant (Mr. S. Ross) had requested to address Council regarding the retention of the condition prohibiting amplified music in the

Atlantic Bar area of the premises.

Mr. Ross addressed Council and requested the opportunity to provide karaoke type entertainment in the Atlantic Bar area.

Following discussion it was agreed that amplified music be permitted in the Atlantic Bar area for a three month trial period following which this matter would be reconsidered by Committee.

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

2.3 Planning Committee

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

Matters arising:

2.3.1 Proposed Development at Cushowen for Coleraine Harbour Commissioners

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that he had been in contact with the Minister's Office and a response was awaited.

2.3.2 Site Meetings

The importance of members attending requested site meetings was emphasised.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted.

2.4 Policy and Development Committee - 20th May, 2003

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

Matters arising:

2.4.1 Members' Payments

In response to a query the Director of Corporate Services clarified the occasions where members' received payment.

2.4.2 Working Together

In response to a query the Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to supply information on the Group's expenditure.

2.4.3 The Reform of Water and Sewerage Services in Northern Ireland

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that a Special Meeting of Council had been arranged for Thursday, 12th June, 2003.

2.4.4 Chairman/Vice-Chairman Coleraine Harbour Board

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that Messrs. Anderson and Hamill had confirmed their willingness to serve in their respective positions.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive read a letter from Mr. R. Anderson regarding the new Harbour Board.

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

3.0 ROADS SERVICE REPORT - 2003 - 2004

The Mayor welcomed Dr. A. McC. Murray, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr. M. Glover, Maintenance Section Engineer from Roads Service who were present to address Council on the Roads Service Report 2003 - 2004 (previously supplied).

The representatives expanded on the issues contained in the Report. A full discussion ensued during which they answered various members' questions and noted comments.

The Mayor thanked Dr. Murray and Mr. Glover for their informative presentation following which they withdrew.

4.0 TRANSLINK

The Mayor welcomed Messrs. B. Telford and S. Scallon from Translink who were present to address Council on a number of strategic issues and the decision to cancel services on Easter Monday to Portrush.

Mr. Scallon expanded on Translink's plans for services north of Ballymena and their decision in relation to Easter Monday services.

A full discussion ensued on these topics during which the representatives answered various members' questions.

The Mayor thanked Messrs. Telford and Scallon for attending after which they withdrew.

5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY ALDERMAN B. LEONARD

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

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

In accordance with standing orders it was proposed by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed that the Motion be deferred for consideration at the Leisure and Environment Committee on 3rd June, 2003.

6.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (a) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 2nd April, 2003;
- (b) Minutes of the Northern Ireland Housing Council dated 9th January, 2003; 13th February, 2003; 6th March, 2003 and 10th April, 2003;
- (c) Minutes of the NEELB dated 25th March, 2003;

(d) NEELB Annual Report 2001/2002.

7.0 COLERAINE FOOTBALL CLUB

Read letter of thanks from Coleraine Football Club for the recent civic reception in recognition of the Club winning the Irish Cup.

Noted.

8.0 THE LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE SOCIETY - AIR SHOW

Read letter from The Lord's Day Observance Society expressing their opposition to the staging of the forthcoming Air Show on Sunday, 1st June, 2003.

Noted.

9.0 ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT

Read letter of thanks from the Royal Irish Regiment for Council's letter in recognition of their efforts in Iraq.

Noted.

10.0 THE BLIND CENTRE, COLERAINE

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that members were invited to attend the unveiling of a sculpture at the Blind Centre, Abbey Street, Coleraine on Saturday, 14th June, 2003 at 2.00 p.m.

Noted.

11.0 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland would attend a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 10th June, 2003.

Noted.

12.0 NILGA - SEMINARS

Reported that NILGA seminars would be held as follows:

- (a) European Awareness - Dundonald International Ice-Bowl - Tuesday, 24th June, 2003 at 2.00 p.m.
- (b) Radiation in Northern Ireland - Ecos Centre, Ballymena - 3rd July, 2003 at 9.30 a.m.

Members interested in attending any of these seminars were requested to notify the Town Clerk and Chief Executive as soon as possible.

13.0 JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed that the meeting of Council to be held on 24th June, 2003 commence at 7.00 p.m. to facilitate the following presentations:

- (a) Draft District Housing Plan - Northern Ireland Housing Executive;
- (b) The Causeway Trust.

14.0 CAUSEWAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM AND COLERAINE WOMEN'S AID

It was agreed to avail of a presentation at a future meeting of Council.

15.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. | Lease and Counterpart | Landing Jetty at Christie Park,
Coleraine
Bann System Ltd., 54 Castleroe
Road, Coleraine and Council |
| 2. | Cemetery Titles | Grant of Right of Burial - Deeds
Register Nos. 2884 - 2892 inclusive: |
| | | Agherton - |
| | | Ballywillan 3 |
| | | Coleraine 4 |
| | | Kilrea - |
| | | Portstewart 2 |

SPECIAL MEETING

28th May, 2003.

Convened: To review the various tourism strategies which impact on tourism development within the Borough of Coleraine.

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

Aldermen

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

B. Leonard
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
D. D. Barbour
J. J. Dallat
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
N. F. Hillis
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
W. A. King

D. McClarty
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan
E. M. Mullan
R. D. Stewart
W. J. Watt

Officers in

Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Head of Development Services, Tourism Manager, Tourism Marketing Assistant and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Bradley and Deans

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Aubrey Irwin, Tourism Ireland; Mr. Alan Clarke, Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Mr. Don Wilmont, Causeway Coast and Glens Regional Tourism Organisation, who were in attendance to update Council on the various tourism strategies which impact on tourism development within the Borough of Coleraine.

The representatives gave individual presentations on the focus and work of their organisations with particular regard to how North Coast tourism was being promoted.

This was followed by a period of discussion during which the representatives answered members' questions and noted a number of specific areas for further consideration. The need for greater integration and cohesion in the promotion of tourism in the area was emphasised and the Head of Development Services would consult with the representatives to consider how the work of the Borough's existing Tourism Task Force could be reinforced.

The Mayor thanked the various representatives for their contribution to a most constructive discussion.

SPECIAL MEETING

10th June, 2003.

Convened: To allow the Secretary of State, Mr. Paul Murphy, M.P. to hear the views of members in regard to issues relating to his responsibilities.

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

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
B. Leonard

W. J. McClure

Councillors

J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
N. F. Hillis
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
D. McClarty

R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan
E. M. Mullan
W. J. Watt

Officers in

Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Barbour, King and Stewart

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed the Secretary of State to the meeting.

The Secretary of State thanked members for the invitation and, in particular, acknowledged the importance of tourism as an economic catalyst for the area.

2.0 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State answered questions on the following topics:

2.1 Task Force for Delivery of Tourism Product

In response to a question on how he viewed the development of tourism and if he could offer support on the development of a North Coast tourism product, the Secretary of State highlighted the improvement in the recent tourism figures for the area and agreed the importance of 'joined-up' tourism development. He was also of the view that promotion of the area as a sub-region for tourism would be potentially very beneficial.

- 2.2 Review of Public Administration Concern was expressed regarding the pace of progress of the Review of Public Administration, especially given the current position with the Assembly and the fact that Northern Ireland had not had a local government White Paper for more than three decades.
- The Secretary of State responded that he would shortly be meeting with the Northern Ireland Local Government Association and the Review Team to determine the future for the Review. He also made reference to the need for a greater proportion of the public service to be democratically accountable.
- 2.3 Proposed Windfarm Concern was expressed regarding the detrimental impact which this proposed development would have on the local tourism economy.
- The Secretary of State confirmed the process for considering the above project. However, he acknowledged the importance of the seascape to the tourist economy of the area
- 2.4 Extension of the Dual Carriageway between Ballymena and Coleraine The Secretary of State recognised the importance of a modern transport system for economic and tourism development. He undertook to bring members' comments on plans for the complete dualling of A26 to Coleraine to the attention of Angela Smith, Minister for Regional Development and would write back to Council in regard to this issue.
- 2.5 Ambulance Services in the Northern Health and Social Services Area In response to comments on the shortfall of ambulance units in the Northern Health and Social Services area and the knock-on effect this has on the service, the Secretary of State responded that he would raise this issue with Des Browne, Health Minister.
- 2.6 Date for Assembly Elections The Secretary of State referred to the importance of devolution for the Province and noted the comments regarding the need to hold the elections to the Assembly in the Autumn.
- 2.7 Code of Conduct for Councillors In response to comments regarding the lack of powers to ensure that provisions as contained in the Code are enforceable, the Secretary of State responded that he would examine this issue when he met with the Northern Ireland Local Government Association.
- 2.8 Dual Roles of Members In response to a query regarding dual roles

exercised by Councillors who were also MLAs, the Secretary of State indicated that he had no legislative authority to rule on such matters. However, he did view this situation as one to be addressed by individual political parties.

2.9 Disbandment of the Royal Irish Rangers

The Secretary of State advised that this was a MOD and not a NIO issue and that a statement from Geoff Hoon, Defence Secretary, on this issue was likely to be forthcoming.

The Secretary of State emphasised the important role of the Northern Ireland Regiment in supporting the Police Service at the current time.

2.10 Promotion of the Irish Language - Road Signs

The Secretary of State would write to Council with clarification of Government policy on street and road signs.

2.11 Flying of Flags on Designated Days

The Secretary of State acknowledged the sensitivities surrounding this issue and emphasised the importance of finding a compromise which would show respect for both communities.

2.12 North Coast Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Secretary of State advised that consideration would be given to the inclusion of tertiary treatment and that the scheme was due to commence in 2004.

2.14 Provision of Dialysis Services for the Causeway Hospital

The Secretary of State would take up this issue with Des Browne, Health Minister.

The Mayor thanked the Secretary of State for attending and for contributing so fully to a most constructive discussion.

SPECIAL MEETING

12th June, 2003.

Convened: To receive presentation on the Reform of Water and Sewerage Services in Northern Ireland

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

Aldermen

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

Councillors

J. M. Bradley	D. McClarty
J. J. Dallat	R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan
N. F. Hillis	E. M. Mullan
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt

Officers in

Attendance: Principal Administrative Officer, Policy Development Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Mrs. Black, Councillors Ms. Alexander, Barbour, Deans, King and Stewart

1.0 THE REFORM OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Mayor welcomed Mr. D. Sterling from the Department for Regional Development and Mr. P. Barbour from the Water Reform Unit who were in attendance to make a presentation to Council on the above mentioned topic (consultation document previously supplied).

Mr. Sterling elaborated on the consultation document (paper circulated). The presentation covered the following areas:

- Government's reasons for the reform proposals
- Current financing arrangements
- Scope of the reform agenda
- Format of the new Water Service
- Proposed timetable
- Reform options

A full discussion ensued during which Mr. Sterling answered various members' questions.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their presentation after which they withdrew.

The Principal Administrative Officer read a summary of NILGA's consultation response on this topic arising from the meeting held in Larne on 6th June, 2003.

It was agreed that the various comments made by members form the basis of a reply to the Water Reform Unit. Additional comments submitted by members would also be included together with the views expressed at the recent NILGA event.

ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Monday, 16th June, 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

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

Aldermen

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

Councillors

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

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Finance Officer, Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistants

Apologies: Councillors Bradley and McClarty

1.0 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Church, reflected on the highlights of her year in office and expressed her thanks to fellow Councillors and staff for their help and assistance during her term of office.

Members congratulated Councillors Mrs. Church and McLaughlin for the manner in which they had carried out their official duties.

2.0 MAYOR

In accordance with Standing Order 5.2 and the Convention agreed at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 18th June, 2001 the Democratic Unionist Party nominated the Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Stewart was duly nominated and on taking the Chair signed the formal acceptance of office. Councillor Stewart expressed his thanks to his party for the nomination to the post of Mayor.

3.0 DEPUTY MAYOR

In accordance with Standing Order 5.2 and the Convention agreed at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 18th June, 2001 the Social Democratic and Labour Party nominated the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mullan was duly nominated and subsequently signed the formal acceptance of office. He thanked his party for the nomination to the post of Deputy Mayor.

4.0 CHAIRMAN OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE

4.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

In accordance with Standing Order 14.8(1) and the Convention agreed at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 18th June, 2001 the Democratic Unionist Party nominated the Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and agreed that Councillor Deans be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

4.2 Planning Committee

In accordance with Standing Order 14.8(1) and the Convention agreed at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 18th June, 2001 the Ulster Unionist Party nominated the Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed that Councillor Watt be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

4.3 Policy and Development Committee

In accordance with Standing Order 14.8(1) and the Convention agreed at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 18th June, 2001 the Ulster Unionist Party nominated the Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Watt and agreed that Councillor Mrs. Johnston be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

5.0 COMMITTEES - STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE

It was proposed by Councillor Hillis, seconded by Councillor Watt and agreed that the existing committee structure and the draft timetable, as detailed, (report previously supplied) be applied. It was agreed that meetings commence at 7.00 p.m. when the amount of business deemed this to be necessary.

6.0 NOMINATIONS

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be appointed to serve on the following organisations:

- (a) Board of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust
(Councillor Hillis)
- (b) Castlerock Community Association
(Councillors King and McQuillan)
- (c) Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Ltd.
(Councillor Hillis)
- (d) Causeway Museum Service
(Aldermen Mrs. Black and Creelman, Councillors Barbour, Bradley and McLaughlin)
- (e) Coleraine Arts Committee
(Aldermen Creelman and Leonard, Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McClarty)
- (f) Coleraine Borough Strategic Partnership
(The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Barbour and Bradley)
- (g) Coleraine & District Home Safety Committee
(The Mayor and Councillor McLaughlin)
- (h) Coleraine & District Local Sports Advisory Council
(The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Bradley, McClarty and Watt)
- (i) Coleraine & District Road Safety Committee
(Alderman Creelman)
- (j) Coleraine Local Action Group for Enterprise Ltd.
(Councillors Dallat, King and McQuillan)
- (k) Coleraine Town Centre Partnership
(Alderman McClure, Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin)

- (l) Coleraine Twinning Association
(Alderman Leonard, Councillors Deans, King and McPherson)
- (m) Irish Society's Local Advisory Committee
(The Mayor, Councillors Mrs. Church and Deans)
- (n) Local Government Partnership on Travellers' Issues
(The Mayor and Councillor Hillis)
- (o) Management Committee of Coleraine Citizens' Advice Bureau
(Councillors King and McLaughlin)
- (p) National Association of Councillors - General Management Committee
(Councillor Hillis)
- (q) National Association of Councillors - N.I. Region
(The Mayor, Councillors Hillis and McLaughlin)
- (r) North West Regional Waste Management Group
(Councillors McPherson and McQuillan)
- (s) Northern Group Building Control Committee
*(Councillors Deans and McLaughlin
Substitutes: The Mayor and Councillor McPherson)*
- (t) Northern Group Environmental Health Committee
*(Councillors Barbour and McQuillan
Substitutes: Alderman Creelman and Councillor McLaughlin)*
- (u) Northern Ireland Amenity Council
(Alderman Mrs. Black)
- (v) Portballintrae Residents' Association
(Alderman Mrs. Black and Councillor McPherson)

- (w) Portrush, Portstewart & District Road Safety Committee
(Alderman Creelman)
- (x) Portstewart Community Association
(Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and Leonard and Councillor Mrs. Fielding)
- (y) Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for N.I.
(The Mayor)
- (z) Riverside Theatre Trust
(Councillor McClarty)
- (aa) Sperrins Tourism Ltd.
(Councillor Watt)
- (bb) Tourism Development Taskforce
(Councillor Deans)
- (cc) Trustees of Garvagh Museum
(Councillor Mrs. Church)
- (dd) Trustees of Giants Causeway and Bushmills Railway
(Councillor Hillis)

7.0 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be appointed to serve on the following Management Committees:

- (a) Ballysally Youth & Community Centre Joint Management Committee
(Alderman McClure, Councillors McLaughlin and McPherson)
- (b) Castlerock Recreation and Youth Hall Management Committee
(Councillors King and McQuillan)
- (c) Coleraine West Community Centre Management Committee
(Councillors Barbour, McClarty and McLaughlin)

- (d) Garvagh Hall Management Committee
(The Deputy Mayor, Councillors McQuillan and Watt)
- (e) Harpur's Hill Community Centre Management Committee
(Councillors Bradley and McPherson)
- (f) Kilrea Town Hall Management Committee
(The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mrs. Church and Dallat)
- (g) Windyhall Community Centre Management Committee
(Alderman McClure, Councillors Bradley and McLaughlin)

8.0 REPRESENTATION ON BODIES/GROUPS (PROPORTIONAL BASIS)

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report (previously supplied) regarding Representation on Bodies/Groups (Proportional Basis).

It was agreed that any changes be notified to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive, by the Party Group Leaders, not later than 27th June, 2003.

9.0 REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES/ GROUPS

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report (previously supplied) regarding Representation on Other Bodies/Groups.

It was noted that these appointments would be considered at the first meeting of the appropriate Standing Committee.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3rd June, 2003.

Present: Alderman E. T. Black (Mrs.), in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 - 5.0)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin

Aldermen

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

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) W. A. King
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E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) E. M. Mullan
N. F. Hillis R. D. Stewart
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.) W. J. Watt

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities), Senior Environmental Health Officer, Countryside Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman McClure and Councillor Bradley

1.0 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE

The Chairman welcomed Mr. M. Deery (Senior Conservation Architect) with responsibility for the Borough and Mary Fegan (Manager of the Listing Team) from the Environment and Heritage Service who were in attendance to make a presentation to Council.

The representatives elaborated on the issue of preserving historic buildings including the listing process, the protective process and grant availability.

A full discussion ensued on these topics during which Mr. Deery and Ms. Fegan answered various members' questions.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their interesting and informative presentation after which they withdrew.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

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| 2.1 | <u>DTI Withdraw Home Accident Data Collection Scheme</u> | Council is recommended to write to the Consumer Minister, Miss M. Johnston, in support of ROSPA's efforts to retain DTI funding for the retention of the Home Accident Data Collection Scheme and Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry as the UK Data Handling Centre. |
| 2.2 | <u>Audit Reports</u> | Committee noted audit reports on the Health and Safety Industrial Pollution Control and Radiation Monitoring functions of the department, as detailed in the report. |
| 2.3 | <u>Environmental Health - Annual Report 2002/2003</u> | Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, on the department's annual report 2002/2003. |
| 2.4 | <u>Enforcement Measures in Private Rented Housing Sector</u> | It was agreed that a report on a consultation paper on this topic be considered at the June meeting of Council. |

3.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

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| 3.1 | <u>Department of Regional Development - Roads Service - Portstewart Taxi Rank</u> | Consideration was given to a Roads Service proposal to relocate the existing taxi rank on The Promenade, Portstewart.

Following discussion it was recommended that the Director of Technical Services advise the Department of Council's concerns that this proposal would add to the existing traffic congestion at Portstewart Promenade. |
| 3.2 | <u>Craigahulliar Landfill Site - Phase 4 Development</u> | Four tenders had been received for this scheme, as detailed in the report viz: |

Tenderer	£
TAL Ltd.	739,900.00
Gibson (Banbridge) Ltd.	892,010.20
B. Mullan & Sons	959,218.10
Crawford Contracts Ltd.	1,039,746.50

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tender from TAL Ltd. for £739,900.00.

3.3 Tender – Loading Shovel

Five tenders had been received for this item of equipment viz:

Tenderer	Machine Type	£
Wilson's of Rathkenny	dDIECI	29,500.00
B.C. Plant Ltd. (Hillsborough)	JCB	30,850.00
T.B.F. Thompson, Garvagh	JLG	31,940.00
D. A. Forgie (Limavady)	Manitou	35,940.00
John McElderry Ltd., Ballymoney	Terex Telelift	36,500.00

Council is recommended to accept the tender from B.C. Plant Ltd. (Hillsborough) for £30,850.00 as recommended by the Director of Technical Services.

3.4 Waste Disposal – Limavady Borough Council

Consideration was given to a request from Limavady Borough Council, as detailed in the report, for the use of waste disposal facilities at Craighulliar Landfill Site.

Following a full discussion on this topic it was recommended that Council offer disposal facilities to Limavady Borough Council at Craighulliar up to the end of 2005 subject to agreement on price.

3.5 Entertainments Licence

Committee noted that an application for an occasional Entertainments Licence for a Marquee at Christie Park, Strand Road, Coleraine in connection with the Fern Festival had been withdrawn.

3.6 Building Control

3.6.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for fifty-five applications.

3.7 North West Waste Management Update

Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, on the North West Waste Management Group.

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| 3.8 | <u>Municipal Waste Management Awareness Seminar - A European Perspective</u> | Members interested in attending this seminar to be organised by NILGA were requested to notify the Director of Technical Services as soon as possible. |
| 3.9 | <u>Implementation of EC Directive 2000/76/EC - Incineration of Waste (W.I.D.)</u> | Recommended:

That the Director of Technical Services submit comments to the Department of the Environment consultation paper on this topic which reflect the deliberations of the Technical Advisors Group (T.A.G.). |
| 3.10 | <u>Public Lavatories – Opening Hours/Litter</u> | The Director of Technical Services responded to members' comments on these topics. |

4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

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| 4.1 | <u>European Blue Flag</u> | <p>Committee expressed its grave disappointment at the announcement that Portstewart Strand and East Strand, Portrush had not met the European Blue Flag Award status due to the disappointing water quality results.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that this topic be raised with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland at the Special Council Meeting on 10th June, 2003.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Department for Regional Development be urged to take all necessary steps to improve water quality at these locations.</p> |
| 4.2 | <u>Ballysally</u> | Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding funding applications made to Coleraine Borough Strategic Partnership in respect of Ballysally. |
| 4.3 | <u>Sacred Hill, Portstewart - Blocking of Alleged Public Right of Way</u> | <p>Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, regarding the blocking of an alleged Public Right of Way at Sacred Hill, Portstewart.</p> <p>A further report on this topic would be considered at a future meeting of Committee.</p> |
| 4.4 | <u>Child Protection – Use of Photographic/Recording Equipment</u> | Council is recommended to agree, with effect from 1 st July, 2003, a prohibition on the use of photographic/recording equipment in specified areas of |

Coleraine Leisure Centre, Waterworld and Kilrea Sports Hall as detailed in the report.

4.5 Ballywillan Flute Band

Recommended:

That Council contribute £200.00 to Ballywillan Flute Band towards the cost of staging their 'Music from the Masters' competition in Portrush on Saturday, 7th June, 2003.

4.6 Ulster Youth Orchestra

Recommended:

That Council contribute £750.00 to the Ulster Youth Orchestra towards the costs incurred in the forthcoming residential at the University of Ulster, Coleraine and for performing throughout the Province.

4.7 Portrush Summer Theatre

Recommended:

That Council contribute £2,250.00 towards the cost of staging the Portrush Summer Theatre Programme in St. Patrick's Hall, Portrush from 2nd July – 30th August, 2003.

4.8 Boat House, Coleraine

In response to a query the Director of Leisure Services reported on the steps being taken to respond to a recent ingress of water at the boat house premises at Hanover Place, Coleraine.

4.9 For Information

Members noted information, as contained in the report on:

- (a) Summer Recreation Programme;
- (b) French Week in Coleraine – 16th – 21st June, 2003.

5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY ALDERMAN LEONARD

The undernoted Notice of Motion had been moved by Alderman Leonard, seconded by Councillor Dallat and referred to Committee:

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

A period of discussion ensued.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor McClarty:

To seek legal advice on the use of bye-laws or any other suitable method of preventing sand removal from the beaches and report to Council.

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

For: Aldermen Mrs. Armitage, Mrs. Black and Creelman
Councillors Barbour, Deans, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston, King,
McClarty, McPherson, McQuillan, Stewart and Watt (13)

Against: The Deputy Mayor
Alderman Leonard
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Dallat, Hillis and Mullan (6)

The amendment was, therefore, carried by thirteen votes to six.

6.0 JUST SAY NO CAMPAIGN

Read letter from the Just Say No Campaign thanking Council for the opportunity to present the community's response to the planning application from Ballymoney Power Ltd. for an open cast lignite mine and power station north east of Ballymoney.

Noted.

7.0 TRADE EFFLUENT CHARGES 2003/2004

Read letter from Water Service – Revenue Branch detailing Trade Effluent Charges for 2003/2004.

Noted.

8.0 DOCUMENT TABLED

Report from Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure entitled 'Culture Can'.

9.0 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Reported that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland would attend a Special Meeting of Council on the afternoon of 10th June, 2003.

Noted.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

10th June, 2003.

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

Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. T. Creelman
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	B. Leonard
(Items 1.2 - 4.0)	W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	D. McClarty
J. J. Dallat	(Items 1.0 - 1.26)
(Items 1.37 - 4.0)	R. A. McPherson
T. J. Deans	A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	E. M. Mullan
N. F. Hillis	R. D. Stewart
(Items 1.20 - 4.0)	W. J. Watt
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)	

Also in

Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service -
Mr. E. Lynch and Miss J. McMath

Officers in

Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative
Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Barbour and King

1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

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| 1.1 | <u>Application No. 1</u>
<u>C/2002/0373/F</u>
<u>Proposed 3 no townhouses with</u>
<u>parking at 102 Union Street,</u>
<u>Coleraine for A. O'Kane</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was
to approve.

It was agreed that the application be
approved. |
| 1.2 | <u>Application No. 2</u>
<u>C/2002/0953/O</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was
to refuse. |

	<u>New bungalow at 39 Dunderg Road, Coleraine for Mrs. M. Kerr</u>	It was agreed that the application be refused.
1.3	<u>Application No. 3 C/2002/1093/F Erection of extension to dwelling at 100 Cashel Road, Macosquin, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. G. Nevin</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
1.4	<u>Application No. 4 C/2003/0124/O Site for dwelling with detached garage/store between 75 and 81a Cashel Road, Macosquin, Coleraine for Mr. K. Johnston</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved subject to a condition relating to ridge height.
1.5	<u>Application No. 5 C/2003/0231/O Site of dwelling and garage adjacent to 86 Mettican Road, Garvagh for E. McKay</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. The application had now been withdrawn.
1.6	<u>Application No. 6 C/2003/0232/O Site for dwelling and garage 170 metres west of 120 Edenbane Road, Kilrea for Mr. A. Patterson</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved subject to conditions relating to ridge height, planting and vegetation.
1.7	<u>Application No. 7 C/2003/0238/F Single storey extensions to dwelling at 16 Warren Crescent, Portstewart for Mr. E. Howie</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
1.8	<u>Application No. 8 C/2003/0243/O Site for new dwelling and garage 110m east of Tamneyrankin Road, Swatragh for Mr. D. McGuckin</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved subject to conditions relating to ridge height and floor space restriction.
1.9	<u>Application No. 9 C/2003/0248/F Two storey rear extension to existing dwelling at 10 Ardenlee Terrace, Priestland Road, Bushmills for Mr. D. Elliott</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
1.10	<u>Application No. 10</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was

- C/2003/0249/O
Erection of dwelling house at 13
Cam Road, Macosquin, Coleraine
for D. O'Kane
- to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 1.11 Application No. 11
C/2003/0296/O
Site for dwelling at Old Carhill
Road, Garvagh for Mr. P. White
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.12 Application No. 12
C/2003/0300/O
Site for dwelling and garage
adjacent to 18 Craigmore Road,
Blackhill, Coleraine for
Mr. P. Carton
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would be refused.
- 1.13 Application No. 13
C/2003/0303/O
Dwelling house to rear of
Ballyhackett Primary School,
Altikeeragh Road, Castlerock for
Mr. J. Glenn
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 1.14 Application No. 14
C/2003/0353/O
Site for dwelling 200m S.E. of
8 Gortmacrane Road, Kilrea for
Mr. J. McFadden
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further consideration by the Planning Service.

NEW APPLICATIONS

- 1.15 Application No. 5
C/2003/0032/O
Replacement dwelling and garage
for old vacant dwelling adjacent to
10 Ballyclough Road, Bushmills for
Mr. and Mrs. A. Cochrane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.16 Application No. 6
C/2003/0048/F
Erection of wastewater treatment
plant consisting of a large concrete
tank, smaller steel tanks,
equipment, building extension and
car park at Dairy Produce Packers
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved. Planning Service would liaise with the applicant regarding the provision of a landscaping scheme.

- Ltd., Millburn Road, Coleraine for Dairy Produce Packers
- 1.17 Application No. 8
C/2003/0074/O
Joinery Workshop at 118 Cloyfin Road, Coleraine for Mr. R. Hemphill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.18 Application No. 15
C/2003/0170/F
Erection of 4 no. semi-detached one-and-a-half storey holiday chalets at rear of 36 Leeke Road, Portrush for Mr. B. McGee
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.19 Application No. 21
C/2003/0227/O
Dwelling 50m west of 43 Tirkeeran Road, Garvagh for R. Mullan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.20 Application No. 22
C/2003/0250/O
Proposed dwelling and garage 110m west of 327 Culbane Terrace, Tirkeeran Road, Garvagh for K. Mullan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.21 Application No. 31
C/2003/0317/F
Change of house type at 94 and 95 Agherton Development, Portstewart for Sandel Homes Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further consideration by the Planning Service.
- 1.22 Application No. 37
C/2003/0350/F
2 no. replacement dwellings at Nos. 43 and 45 Ballylagan Road, Coleraine for Harcourt Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 1.23 Application No. 38
C/2003/0351/F
Extension and alterations to dwelling at 40 Bushtown Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. N. Jackson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.

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| 1.24 | <u>Application No. 45</u>
<u>C/2003/0373/O</u>
<u>Site for dwelling off Boleran Park,</u>
<u>Boleran, Garvagh (opposite No. 15</u>
<u>Boleran Park) for Mrs. O'Kane</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit. |
| 1.25 | <u>Application No. 46</u>
<u>C/2003/0376/O</u>
<u>Site for dwelling adjacent to No.</u>
<u>41A Tirkeeran Road, Garvagh for</u>
<u>Miss R. McNicholl</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit. |
| 1.26 | <u>Application No. 47</u>
<u>C/2003/0377/F</u>
<u>Erection of local shop and</u>
<u>associated parking with 2 no.</u>
<u>apartments at first floor level at</u>
<u>junction of Lissadell Avenue and</u>
<u>Mill Road (adjacent to No. 2</u>
<u>Lissadell Grove and 34 Mill Road),</u>
<u>Portstewart for Devan</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

The application had now been withdrawn. |
| 1.27 | <u>Application No. 55</u>
<u>C/2003/0389/F</u>
<u>Erection of 12 no. apartments</u>
<u>(three-storey block) at 35 Millburn</u>
<u>Road, Coleraine for Mr. J. Murray</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit. |
| 1.28 | <u>Application No. 56</u>
<u>C/2003/0390/F</u>
<u>Extension to dwelling at 62</u>
<u>Bayhead Road, Portballintrae for</u>
<u>Mr. and Mrs. S. Curragh</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit. |
| 1.29 | <u>Application No. 57</u>
<u>C/2003/0391/O</u>
<u>Site for dwelling and garage at</u>
<u>Shanlongford Road, Ringsend,</u>
<u>Coleraine for Mrs. O. Collins</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit. |
| 1.30 | <u>Application No. 66</u>
<u>C/2003/0410/O</u>
<u>Site for dwelling at Dunboe Road,</u>
<u>Coleraine for Mr. I. Eccles</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

- 1.31 Application No. 75
C/2003/0426/O
Site for dwelling 20m west of 17
Ballyhackett Lane, Articlave for
Mr. A. Tanner
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.32 Application No. 78
C/2003/0431/O
Site for dwelling adjacent to 98
Dunboe Road, Coleraine for
Mr. Black
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.33 Application No. 83
C/2003/0443/O
Proposed dwelling at Hillside Road,
Garvagh for Mr. S. Mullan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.34 Application No. 86
C/2003/0450/O
Site for dwelling at Plantation Road,
Garvagh (land to N.W. of No. 58)
for Mr. C. Hutchinson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.35 Application No. 89
C/2003/0454/O
Site for two-storey dwelling and
garage at Mayoqhill Road, off
Cullyrammer Road, Garvagh for
Mr. J. McFetridge
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.36 Application No. 93
C/2003/0462/O
Site for dwelling and garage 100m
north of No. 6 Tamneyrankin Road,
Swatragh for Mr. D. McGoldrick
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.37 Application No. 94
C/2003/0463/O
Replacement dwelling at 115
Drumcroone Road, Blackhill,
Coleraine for B. Black
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.

1.38 General Matters

- (a) Somerset Ridge, Coleraine - Fences/walls blocking motorists' vision at junctions;
- (b) Three, Four Ltd., Travel Lodge, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush - Enforcement;
- (c) Enfield Street, Portstewart - Apartments;
- (d) Salmon Leap Inn and Restaurant, Coleraine - Chief Executive to obtain information.

2.0 MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION - OPEN CAST LIGNITE MINE AT BALLYMONEY

Reported that the Department of the Environment had applied Article 31 of the Planning Order (N.I.) 1991 to the above mentioned planning application and was now seeking Council's views.

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

That Council call on the Department to hold a public inquiry into this application.

3.0 BDP PLANNING

3.1 Application No. C/2002/1051/F
Erection of a 3.8m high ball catch
fence along edge of playing pitch at
Loreto College, Castlerock Road,
Coleraine for The Board of Trustees

Consideration was given to BDP Planning's Report relating to this application (previously supplied).

BDP Planning's view was that there was no merit in Council referring the application to the Management Board.

There was, however, merit in requesting further discussions between the Planning Service and the applicant regarding landscaping proposals and maintenance arrangements for the landscaped grass bank; the Planning Service would be approached on this basis.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman thanked members for their support during the year and many members reciprocated by complimenting the Chairman for the way he had carried out his duties as Chairman over the term.

5.0 SITE VISITS - CHAIRMAN

The need to consider payment of a responsibility allowance to the Chairman of the Planning Committee for attendance at site visits was noted.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17th June, 2003.

Present:

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

The Mayor, Councillor R. D. Stewart

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. M. Mullan

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 8.0)
W. T. Creelman

B. Leonard
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.0 – 6.3)
D. D. Barbour
(Items 1.0 – 14.0)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 8.0)
J. J. Dallat
(Items 1.0 – 16.0)
T. J. Deans

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
N. F. Hillis
W. A. King
D. McClarty
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan
(Items 1.0 – 16.0)
W. J. Watt

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 5.5), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 5.5), Economic Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 5.5), Policy Development Officer, Principal Administrative Officer, Community Development Officer (Items 1.0 – 5.5) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Mrs. Armitage and Councillor Bradley

1.0 SITE MEETINGS - PLANNING

Committee noted information on the cancellation of two site meetings originally scheduled for Thursday 19th June, 2003.

2.0 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding:

That Councillor Bradley be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin and seconded by Alderman Leonard:

That Councillor Dallat be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

On being put to the Meeting, Councillor Bradley received fifteen votes and Councillor Dallat received five votes.

Councillor Bradley was duly elected Vice Chairman.

3.0 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

3.1 Bright Ideas Panel

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

That Councillor Ms. Alexander be appointed to the Panel for the ensuing year.

3.2 Social Committee

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

That representatives, as listed, be appointed for the ensuing year:

Councillors Dallat, Mrs. Fielding and King.

3.3 Windfarm Group

It was recommended that representatives, as listed, be appointed for the ensuing year:

Aldermen Creelman and Leonard
Councillors Hillis, King and McClarty

3.4 North West '200' Sub-Committee

It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and recommended:

That the following representatives be appointed for the ensuing year:

The Mayor
Aldermen Mrs. Armitage and Leonard
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Hillis and Watt.

4.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Checking Accounts

Recommended:

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

Councillors Hillis and McQuillan

4.2 Loan Sanctions

Recommended:

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

	£
1. Crescent Playing Fields – Pavilion	445,000
2. Christie Park, Coleraine – Jetty	120,000
3. Ballyreagh Golf Course – Footbridge	22,000
4. Aghadowey War Memorial – Wall	13,000
5. Purchase Medium Sized Van	14,000

4.3 Single Status Update

Members noted information, as contained in the report, on the National Joint Council's current negotiating position on Single Status and management's proposed response to this situation.

Recommended:

That Council approve the management response, as detailed in the report.

- 4.4 Boston College Management Development Programme Members noted information on this Programme, as contained in the report.
- Recommended:
- That Council approve implementation of this Management Development Programme in conjunction with Boston College.
- 4.5 Matters for Information
- 4.5.1 Accounts Committee noted that creditors' payments for May, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:
- Revenue A/C - £438,409.72
Capital A/C - £497,698.54
Petty Cash A/C - £541,120.64
- 4.5.2 Annual Report and Accounts Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report.
- 4.5.3 Annual Absenteeism Report The Personnel Officer outlined the relevant details of this report (previously supplied). Members noted that Council's performance on short term absence was very positive and that although Council would be striving to improve long term absence levels of over 60 days, this type of absence was the most difficult to manage.
- Members also noted that a new sickness absence policy was currently being finalised.
- 4.5.4 Annual Monitoring Return (2nd January 2002 to 1st January 2003) Information on the Annual Monitoring Return for this period was detailed in the report. Committee noted that:
- (i) the workforce and applicants remained relatively static;
 - (ii) the appointment of both male and female Protestants was down from previous years but that this could be explained by the cumulative effect experienced when most recruitment exercises only appointed one individual and these appointments were made predominantly from one religious group.
- Concern was expressed regarding the fall in overall applications and, in response to a member's question, the Personnel Officer advised that she would be meeting with the Equality Commission in June or July, following which a report would be provided to Committee.

4.5.5 New Appointments

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

Leisure Services Department

Clerical Officer (Replacement) –
Miss L. R. Johnston

Gravedigger – Parks Section (Replacement) –
Mr. G. A. Faulkner

Environmental Health Department

Clerical Assistant (Replacement) –
Ms. J. E. Huston

5.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

5.1 Community Support Plan Update

The Community Development Officer was present and presented to Committee a comprehensive report on the progress of the Community Support Plan which had been launched in October 2002.

Discussion ensued during which the Community Development Officer answered members' questions and noted comments.

Members congratulated the Community Development Officer for a very detailed and interesting presentation.

5.2 Causeway Coast AONB Management

Two Council representatives had been invited to join this management group, one of whom would be the member already serving on the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, ie Councillor Hillis.

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:

That Alderman Leonard be nominated to sit on the management group.

It was further proposed by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and seconded by Alderman McClure:

That the Mayor be nominated to sit on the management group.

On being put to the Meeting, Alderman Leonard received ten votes and the Mayor received six votes.

It was, therefore, recommended:

That Alderman Leonard and Councillor Hillis be appointed to the Causeway Coast AONB Management Group.

The Head of Development Services advised that individual copies of the Management Plan were available.

5.3 Diamond Refurbishment, Coleraine

Committee noted information, as contained in the report, on the pilot initiative "Safe and Shared Space Programme" being worked on by Coleraine Town Partnership Ltd. in conjunction with Groundwork NI and the Community Relations Council.

5.4 Clare Tourism Conference – Diary Date

The 15th National Tourism Conference would be held in Ennistymon on 28th- 29th November, 2003 at the Falls Hotel.

Interested members were asked to contact the Head of Development Services.

5.5 Update on Broadband

The Head of Development Services updated members on the activities of the Broadband Steering Group, viz:

- An article on Broadband had been included in Council's 'Link' magazine;
- A website on Broadband had been established at www.colerainebroadband.com. A link to the website was also available from the Council website.
- A leaflet had been prepared encouraging interested parties to register their interest in Broadband, copies of which had been provided

to members for circulation. These leaflets would also be distributed broadly to target areas in the Borough.

Members congratulated staff on progress with this initiative.

6.0 LAND AND PROPERTY REPORT

The Report of the Principal Administrative Officer was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

6.1 Coleraine Market Yard Development Brief

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

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

6.2 Land Acquisition Requests

6.2.1 Amenity Lands at the Bowl Area, Portrush

Committee noted a request by Lidl Northern Ireland GmbH to purchase an area of 1½ - 2 acres at this location from Council, to allow development of a shopping facility.

Discussion ensued during which the advice of Council's Property Working Group was noted and it was recommended:

That Council retain ownership of the land at this location.

6.2.2 Flowerfield Arts Centre

Committee noted a request from the owners of 22 and 24 Flowerfield Road, Portstewart to acquire a portion of ground at the rear of Flowerfield Arts Centre, to square off their gardens.

Recommended:

That a decision be deferred to allow a site visit by Council.

6.2.3 Westbrook Court, Coleraine

In response to a request from McAfee Commercial Property to acquire a strip of land at Westbrook Court, Coleraine on behalf of a client, it was proposed by Councillor McClarty and seconded by the Mayor:

That Council retain ownership of this strip of land.

It was proposed as an amendment by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That a decision be deferred to allow a site visit by Council.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried by ten votes to nine and it was, therefore, recommended:

That a decision be deferred to allow a site visit by Council to Westbrook Court, Coleraine.

6.3 East Strand Car Park, Portrush

A request had been received from Armstrong Gordon & Co. for permission for builders' vehicles etc. to gain access to East Strand Car Park for a temporary period to facilitate anticipated development at 79A and 79B Causeway Street, Portrush.

After considering the advice of Council's Property Working Group, it was recommended:

That Council approve this request, in principle, subject to such work being carried out in the off season ie September – March and strict conditions regarding the opening/closing of the height barrier at the entrance to East Strand Car Park.

7.0 **NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR J. J. DALLAT**

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

“Council calls for a comprehensive Code of Local Government Conduct enshrined in law, which demands the highest standards, includes a register of interests and imposes appropriate penalties.

Council also agrees to forward this motion to NILGA so that it can be circulated to all other Councils and tabled for consideration.

In the meantime as an indicator of this Council's determination to encourage openness and accountability, Council agrees that the officers will publish on Coleraine Borough Council's website a comprehensive register of members' interests as supplied by all Councillors.”

During the ensuing discussion it was proposed as an amendment by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Deans:

That the Notice of Motion be amended to conclude at the end of the first paragraph.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried by ten votes to nine and it was, therefore, recommended that:

“Council calls for a comprehensive Code of Local Government Conduct enshrined in law, which demands the highest standards, includes a register of interests and imposes appropriate penalties.”

**8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY
COUNCILLOR E. M. MULLAN**

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

“That this Council agrees to issue a public statement that all Council elected representatives and, where appropriate, their political parties not only have a duty to speak out against sectarianism but also to actively lead their communities in avoiding all actions or words which could contribute to or foment sectarianism.”

A full discussion ensued during which it was proposed as an amendment by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding:

That the phrase “to issue a public statement” be removed from the Notice of Motion.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment failed to carry, eight votes for with eight votes against.

The Motion was then put to the Meeting and was carried by eight votes to seven.

**9.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY
COUNCILLOR D. McCLARTY**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor McClarty, seconded by Councillor Dallat and unanimously recommended that:

“This Council supports the Federation of Small Businesses’ Campaign to tackle the problem of high insurance for small businesses in Coleraine Borough and calls upon Government to implement the recommendations of the FSB Report - “Insurance – The Big Issue for Small Businesses.”

**10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY
COUNCILLOR E. M. MULLAN**

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

“That this Council fully implements the requirements of the European Charter on Minority Languages as it relates to the Irish language.”

It was proposed by Councillor McClarty, agreed by Councillor Mullan and Alderman Leonard

and recommended:

That a decision be deferred until the August meeting of Committee to permit more details of the European Charter on Minority Languages to be provided for members.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to provide copies of the relevant sections of the Charter along with a background paper and details of action currently being undertaken by Council in response to the Charter.

11.0 CONSULTATION PAPERS

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

- (i) Northern Ireland Office - Criminal Law Branch - "Reform of the Law on Rehabilitation of Offenders"

Comments due by: 12th September, 2003

- (ii) Department of the Environment – Local Government Division – "Draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 2003"

Comments due by: 8th September, 2003

- (iii) Department for Transport – Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency - "Driving Licences and Vehicle Registration Fees"

Comments due by: 18th August, 2003

12.0 NORTH COAST WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS

Members noted information on the Treatment Works, as contained in the letter from the Water Service (previously supplied); it was agreed that Council should continue to press for the inclusion of a tertiary treatment process in the project.

13.0 AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003

Read letter from Local Government Division advising that effects on district councils from changes under the Order, which came into operation on 1st April, 2003 were negligible.

Noted.

14.0 INVEST NORTHERN IRELAND

Tabled:

Heritage Agencies - Annual Report and Accounts for 2001/2002, viz:

- Industrial Research & Technology Unit
- Industrial Development Board
- Local Enterprise Development Unit

15.0 GARVAGH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Council had been approached by the Trust for permission to sub-let part of the premises in accordance with the terms of the lease governing Council's financial support package.

Recommended:

That Council approve the letting of the cafe premises at 83/89 Main Street, Garvagh under the terms of the lease and take all possible steps to overcome current sensitivities regarding potential displacement issues.

16.0 RESPECT FOR THE DECEASED

In response to a query from a member regarding the proposals for changes to the lawn cemetery policy tendered by the Respect for the Deceased Group, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised of the current position, viz:

- (i) This issue had been referred to the Equality Working Group from Council to look at implications of retrospectivity.
- (ii) The Equality Working Group had considered the issue on 4th June, 2003 and decided that equality issues had been fully addressed under the Equality Impact Assessment.
- (iii) The issue had, therefore, been referred back to Council for consideration as a non-equality issue. Such consideration would be preceded by a site meeting by Council.