

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005 at **7.30 p.m.**

H. W. T. MOORE,

Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,  
66 Portstewart Road,  
COLERAINE.

### A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
  - 1.1 Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2005
  - 1.2 Annual Meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2005
  - 1.3 Special Meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2005
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2005
  - 2.2 Planning Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2005
  - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee - 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2005

**(Item 6.6)** European Parakart Championship 2005 - Request for Financial Assistance
3. Northern Ireland Housing Executive - Coleraine District Housing Plan 2005 - 2006 (enclosed)

Mr. Frank O'Connor, Area Manager (North East), Northern Ireland Housing Executive will be in attendance.
4. Consultation Documents (List enclosed)
5. Correspondence, including inter alia:

Copy letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 from Department of Education - School Administration Branch regarding school meals service (enclosed)

6. Council Nominations to Limited Companies\* (Report enclosed)
7. Documents for Sealing

**Enclosed for Information:**

- (1) Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister - Ageing in an Inclusive Society - Strategy Document
- (2) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2005
- (3) Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) - Issue No. 7 - Spring 2005
- (4) Magazine of the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations - POSH (perspective on social housing) - Spring/Summer
- (5) Housing Executive - Building Good Relations - Community Cohesion
- (6) A Guide to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive - Who? What? Where?

**\* Recommended for consideration "In Committee".**

To: Each Member of Council.

24<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.

## **COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. J. McClure

### **Aldermen**

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.) W. T. Creelman  
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 6.2 – 28.0)

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. A. King
D. D. Barbour	D. McClarty
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	G. L. McLaughlin
J. J. Dallat	A. McQuillan
T. J. Deans	E. M. Mullan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	(Items 6.2 – 28.0)
N. F. Hillis	R. D. Stewart
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

**Apology:** Alderman Leonard

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the present Council.

## **2.0 ZOMBA ACTION PROJECT**

The Mayor commended the Zomba Action Project for winning a Special Recognition Award from the William Johnston Memorial Trust Local Government Awards 2004 and congratulated all those involved in the Project.

## **3.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2005 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

- 3.1 Advice Agency Funding Following a period of discussion on the decision for Advice Agency Funding for the period 2005-2008 (as contained in the report) it was agreed, ten members voting in favour and four against, that the decision, as recorded, was accurate.
- 3.2 Cloonavin Green In response to a member's question, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that whilst it was an 'informative' of the planning approval for this location that the area be maintained for public access, Council would maintain contact with the Planning Service about its concerns regarding the future of the area.

#### **4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1 Leisure and Environment Committee The Chairman, Councillor McQuillan, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report, this was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston.

Matters arising:

##### 4.1.1. Entertainments Licence

- 4.1.1.1 North West 200 Marquee The Campsite, Islandtasserty Road Coleraine An application for the grant of an Entertainments Licence – Occasional Licence for 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 had been received from Mr. Damien Fleming, Victoria Main Street, Maghera.

Agreed:

That Council grant an Entertainments Licence for 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 subject to inspection and compliance with Fire Authority and any other licensing requirements and that all door supervisors employed in the marquee be licensed with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted.

- 4.2 Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor King, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Deans.

Matters arising:

- 4.2.1 Application No. C/2004/0944/F Change of use from dwelling and outbuildings to storage Councillor Watt advised that the proposal made by himself and seconded by Councillor McQuillan was that this application be refused.

and maintenance of  
agricultural machinery  
at No. 56 Drumcroone  
Road, Coleraine for  
Mr. D. Heaney

The minute would be amended to reflect this.

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

## **5.0 ALDERMAN MRS. ARMITAGE**

The Chairman and members thanked Alderman Mrs. Armitage for her service to Council over the last twenty years and expressed their best wishes for her retirement.

## **6.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **6.1 Policy Paper – Rate Reliefs for Business in Northern Ireland**

Members expressed their disappointment at the contents of this document and it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Watt and agreed:

That Council write to the Department expressing regret that the needs of small businesses were not being adequately addressed.

### **6.2 Policy Paper – Rate Reliefs for Charities and Other Bodies**

Council agreed to welcome the proposals contained in this paper.

### **6.3 Matters for Information**

#### **6.3.1 Outcome of Consultation Report – Reform of Domestic Rating**

Consideration was given to the report on the final proposals resulting from this consultation (previously supplied) and it was agreed:

That Council would continue to express its views on the problems associated with second homes in its correspondence with the Department.

#### **6.3.2 Accounts**

Council noted that creditors' payments for March 2005 as per lists circulated had been issued as follows:

Revenue A/C	-	£ 459,818.29
Capital A/C	-	£ 420,071.65
Petty Cash A/C	-	£ 75,182.19

Members' comments on the need for a Council audit committee were noted and various questions posed by members were answered by the Director of Corporate Services.

In response to a member's question relating to maintenance agreements for Cloonavin, the

Director of Corporate Services agreed to provide a breakdown of these costs.

## **7.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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| 7.1 | <u>Portrush Regeneration Group</u>                     | Council endorsed the plans to proceed with this group on the basis as set out in the report.                              |
| 7.2 | <u>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Heritage Trust</u>       | Council agreed to contribute £5,544.00 to the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust for the year 2005/06.                 |
| 7.3 | <u>Coleraine Agricultural Show</u>                     | Council agreed to contribute £1,000, along with support in kind, to the Coleraine Young Farmers' Club towards this event. |
| 7.4 | <u>Northern Ireland Tourist Board – Corporate Plan</u> | Council welcomed this plan subject to a greater focus on the three key areas, as detailed in the report.                  |
| 7.5 | <u>2005 Junction One International North West 200</u>  | Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the report.  |

## **8.0 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF THE NORTH EASTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD SERVICES**

Consideration was given to the draft response (previously supplied) to this review; members' comments would be included in the final document.

## **9.0 LAND AND PROPERTY**

Consideration was given to a request from the owners of the restaurant, 55 North, seeking permission to provide a path across Council land to facilitate disabled and other access to the lower level coffee bar and it was proposed by Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Watt and agreed:

That Council approve the request subject to agreement on a leasing arrangement which would ensure no detriment to Council.

The issue of positioning of bins would be raised with the proprietor.

## **10.0 CARAVAN PARKS - LEASING PROPOSALS**

Members noted that work was proceeding with Council's legal advisors on implementation of Council's decision to develop arrangements to lease the caravan parks and public advertisements had been placed to appoint agents.

In order to facilitate the project timetable it was, therefore, agreed:

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive be authorised to appoint the agents.

## **11.0 TENDERS - ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION TO BALLYALLY**

## **YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Four tenders had been received for the construction of a new store, the refurbishing of changing rooms and extensions to the I.T. Suite and Playroom at this facility viz:

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| • Higgins Construction, Garvagh | £154,302.65 |
| • R. J. McKelvey, Castleberg    | £179,097.00 |
| • J.P.M. Contracts, Dungiven    | £264,700.00 |
| • M. Mallon & Sons, Cookstown   | £275,833.00 |

Agreed:

That Council accept the lowest tender from Higgins Construction in the sum of £154,302.65.

### **12.0 GENERAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

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

- (i) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Proposed Action Programme Measures for the Protection of Northern Ireland Waters

Comments due: 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2005

- (ii) Northern Ireland Office – Criminal Justice Policy Division – Consultation on Review of the Sentencing Framework in Northern Ireland

Comments due: 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005

- (iii) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development - Gangmasters Licensing Act

Comments due: 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2005

- (iv) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – The Gangmasters (Appeals) Regulations 2005

Comments due: 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

- (v) Consultation Document Department of Education – Consultation on Review of the Department of Education Equality Scheme Timetable

Comments due: 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

- (vi) Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Consultation on Report “Research on the Equine Sector in Northern Ireland”

Comments due: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

- (vii) Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment – Credit Unions and Industrial & Provident Societies Review: Consultation on Draft Amendments to the Credit Unions (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

Comments due: 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

(viii) Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company – Equality Scheme

Comments due: 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2005

(ix) Northern Ireland Office – Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

Comments due: 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

(x) Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

(a) Modernising Company Law – Draft Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) (Northern Ireland) Order

Comments due: 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2005

(b) Company Law – Implementation of the European Directive on Takeover Bids

Comments due: 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2005

(xi) Department of Education – Consultation on New Procurement and Delivery Arrangements for the Schools’ Estate in Northern Ireland

Comments due: 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

### **13.0 NORTHERN IRELAND AMENITY COUNCIL**

Copies of the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Northern Ireland Amenity Council, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2004, were circulated to members.

Noted.

### **14.0 NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Copies of the NILGA 2005 Conference Report and letter were circulated to members.

Noted.

### **15.0 PLANNING MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL - APPLICATION NO. C/2001/0962/F - BATH TERRACE, PORTRUSH**

Read letter from the Planning Service Management Board advising the Board’s decision to concur with the original Planning Service decision to grant approval for this application.

During the discussion which followed, reference was made to the negative responses by the Planning Service Management Board to cases referred by Council, regardless of the strength of the case made by Council’s Planning Consultants. It was, therefore, agreed:

That a letter be sent to the Planning Service Management Board expressing Council’s frustration with the Board’s negative response to Council’s referrals.



**16.0 LETTER FROM ANGELA SMITH M.P. -  
PLANNING APPLICATION REFUSALS  
IN COLERAINE AREA**

Read letter from Angela Smith M.P. in response to Council's letter of 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 citing concern at the high rate of planning application refusals in the Coleraine area.

Noted.

**17.0 DEMOLITION OF LISTED BUILDING:  
ROCK CASTLE, PORTSTEWART**

Read letter from Mr. Pat McBride, Director of Operations, Planning Service advising that, having taken the advice of Senior Counsel, the Planning Service Management Board had decided not to pursue a prosecution in this case.

A full discussion ensued during which members expressed their various concerns relating to this issue especially in light of the previous response to a Parliamentary Question which had indicated that the Department would use its full powers to ensure that the matter would be brought before the courts.

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

That Council write again to the Minister asking how she proposed to meet the commitment given in the Parliamentary Answer.

**18.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS -  
SECOND DEFERRALS**

Read letter from Ms. Mary McIntyre, Divisional Planning Manager advising that, as no further information had been received for the following planning applications she would proceed to issue decisions viz: C/2004/0581/O; C/2004/0583/O and C/2004/0606/O.

Discussion ensued during which members expressed surprise that information had not been provided in these cases and Councillor McQuillan confirmed that further information in respect of application no. C/2004/0606/O had definitely been lodged with Planning Service.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to raise these issues with Ms. McIntyre forthwith.

**19.0 NORTHERN IRELAND SEWERAGE  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Read letter from Stephen Peover, Permanent Secretary, in response to Council's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 to Angela Smith M.P.

Noted.

**20.0 LAUNCH OF NORTHERN AREA  
PLAN**

Members noted that the provisional date for the official launch of the Northern

**21.0 TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs) - APPOINTMENTS**

Read letter from Trevor Reaney, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Policing Board noting that, contrary to previous guidance, political members of DPPs who cease to be Councillors after 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 will no longer be members of the DPP. Casual vacancies will not be filled in the transition period.

Noted.

**22.0 PORTBALLINTRAE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Read letter thanking Council for its timely support of the Association's concerns regarding sewage treatment facilities in Portballintrae.

Noted.

**23.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

- (i) Committee on Standards in Public Life – Annual Report 2004
- (ii) NHSSB – Northern Area Children and Young People's Committee (NACYPC) – Children's Services Plan 2002-2005
- (iii) Coleraine District Policing Partnership – Report – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2005

**24.0 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - FURTHER CONSULTATION**

There will be a presentation to Council in June on the Review of Public Administration, following which the Town Clerk and Chief Executive will prepare an 'issues' paper for Council's consideration.

**25.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. | <u>Agreement and Counterpart</u>           | Council and Mr. D. O'Kane, 68 Broomhill Park, Coleraine. Ice-cream rights etc 2005/2006 and 2006/2007. Castlerock Beach and The Promenade Car Park, Castlerock. |
| 2. | <u>Licence Agreement</u><br>(in Duplicate) | Council to Northern Ireland Housing Executive. Land at Glebe Avenue, Coleraine – Proposed Decant Site.  |
| 3. | <u>Licence</u>                             | Coleraine Borough Council and Coleraine and District Motor Club Ltd.  |

4. Cemetery Titles

Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds  
Register Nos. 3096 – 3104 (inclusive):

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	5
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	2

Advanced Deed Register No. 0104:

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	-
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	1

**26.0 ROADS SERVICE**

Councillor Ms. Alexander referred to the lack of co-operation by Roads Service Engineers to any request for meetings with Councillors during the period between the final meeting of Council and the Election.

Noted.

**27.0 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

Council agreed that delegated authority should be given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to act, in consultation with the Mayor, on all urgent regulatory and tender matters for the period from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 – 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2005 in the absence of Council.

**28.0 THANKS**

The Mayor expressed his thanks to everyone who had attended, or in any way supported, the Mayor's Spring Ball which had raised a total of £6,847 for the Ulster Cancer Foundation and to members for their support over the past year.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	W. A. King
A. S. Cole	B. Leonard
W. T. Creelman	D. McClarty
J. J. Dallat	W. J. McClure
T. J. Deans	G. L. McLaughlin
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan
S. Gilkinson	R. D. Stewart

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

**Apology:** Councillor J. M. Bradley

## **1.0 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor R. A. McPherson, welcomed the new members of Council and those re-elected.

Councillor McPherson paid tribute to the previous service of Alderman Mrs. P. E. A. Armitage, who had retired from public life and former members of Council namely Mr. E. M. Mullan (8 years' service) and Mr. W. J. Watt 30+ years' service).

Councillor McPherson reflected on the highlights of his year in office and expressed his thanks to his wife, the outgoing Deputy Mayor, fellow Councillors, the Chief Executive and staff for their help and assistance during his term of office.

Members paid tribute to Councillor McPherson, the former Deputy Mayor and their wives for the manner in which they had carried out their official duties.

## **2.0 D'HONDT SYSTEM**

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

That Council adopt the D'hondt system to allocate the posts of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Committee Chairmen for the next four years.

Accordingly, he also proposed the amendment of the relevant Standing Orders 5.1, 5.2, 14.8, 14.9 and the accompanying schedules to be updated for the 4 year term, 2005 -

2009.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:

That this Council endorses the principle of powersharing in a manner which is inclusive of all members and representatives of both communities at the highest level.

On being put to the vote the amendment was lost by five votes to fifteen with one abstention.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was carried by fifteen votes to three with two abstentions.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised as per his previously circulated report the effect of such a system being applied for the total of 20 posts mentioned and involving the following process:

1. Council would adjourn for a short period to facilitate the efficient exercise of the choice process.
2. Members would gather in parties within the Members' area and the Town Clerk and Chief Executive would circulate among each of them in choice order to determine the post and year being chosen.
3. On return to the Chamber, Council would be asked to formally endorse the agreed list of posts.
4. The convention would then be incorporated into Council's Standing Orders at the next meeting of Council.
5. The Mayor for 2005/2006 would be deemed elected by the process and would chair the remainder of the meeting.

Council formally adjourned to facilitate this process.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive announced the agreed list of posts, viz:

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>POST</b>	<b>PARTY</b>
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>DUP</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>SDLP</b>
	<b>Chairman - Leisure and Environment</b>	<b>SDLP</b>
	<b>Chairman - Planning</b>	<b>DUP</b>
	<b>Chairman - Policy and Development</b>	<b>UUP</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>UUP</b>
	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	<b>DUP</b>
	<b>Chairman - Leisure and Environment</b>	<b>DUP</b>
	<b>Chairman - Planning</b>	<b>SDLP</b>
	<b>Chairman - Policy and Development</b>	<b>UUP</b>

YEAR	POST	PARTY
YEAR 3	Mayor	DUP
	Deputy Mayor	UUP
	Chairman - Leisure and Environment	UUP
	Chairman - Planning	DUP
	Chairman - Policy and Development	UUP
YEAR 4	Mayor	UUP
	Deputy Mayor	DUP
	Chairman - Leisure and Environment	DUP
	Chairman - Planning	UUP
	Chairman - Policy and Development	DUP

Council formally endorsed the agreed list of posts.

### 3.0 **MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor McClure, seconded by Councillor Creelman and agreed that Councillors Deans be appointed Mayor for 2005/2006.

On taking the Chair, Councillor Deans signed the formal acceptance of office and expressed his thanks to Council for their endorsement of him to the post of Mayor.

Members congratulated Councillor Deans on his appointment.

### 4.0 **DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed that Councillor Mrs. Hickey be appointed Deputy Mayor for 2005/2006.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Mrs. Hickey on her appointment to the post of Deputy Mayor.

### 5.0 **ELECTION OF ALDERMEN**

The following Councillors were nominated and elected as Aldermen for the four year term:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
Councillor Mrs. Black	Councillor Mrs. Johnston	Councillor King
Councillor Creelman	Councillor Stewart	Councillor Mrs. Fielding
Councillor Mrs. Hickey	Councillor McLaughlin	Councillor Dallat
Councillor McClarty	Councillor Mrs. Johnston	Councillor King
Councillor McClure	Councillor Stewart	Councillor Mrs. Fielding

### 6.0 **COMMITTEES - STRUCTURE AND**

## **TIMETABLE**

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

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed that the existing structures and timetable, as detailed, be applied at this time.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members of the undernoted Special Meetings to be held in June 2005:

- Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 at 7.30 p.m. regarding the Review of Public Administration
- Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 (afternoon and evening) regarding Council's response to the Draft Northern Area Plan.

Members were requested to filter matters in the interim regarding this topic to Council's Planning Consultant – BDP Planning. Members were also requested to help make the general public aware of their rights to lodge objections to the Draft Northern Area Plan.

## **7.0 NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STATUTORY BODIES/GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

### **(a) District Policing Partnership**

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report on Reconstitution of Coleraine District Policing Partnership (previously supplied).

Following discussion the following matters were agreed:

#### **I. the size of the District Policing Partnership**

It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman McClure and agreed:

That the District Policing Partnership consist of 19 members as previously.

Councillor Leonard asked to be recorded as abstaining from this decision.

#### **II. Political Members**

The undernoted members were nominated to serve as Political Members of the District Policing Partnership:

DUP	Aldermen Creelman and McClure, Councillors Mrs. Fielding, McQuillan and Stewart
UUP	Alderman Mrs. Black, Councillors Mrs. Johnston, Hillis and McPherson
SDLP	Councillor Dallat

### III. Chairman

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed that Councillor McQuillan be appointed Chairman of the reconstituted District Policing Partnership in its first year.

### IV. Council Selection Panel : Appointment of Independent Members

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor Stewart and agreed that the Council Selection Panel consist of four members as follows:

Alderman Mrs. Black, Alderman McClure, Councillor Dallat, Councillor McQuillan and the Chairman.

## 8.0 **NOMINATIONS**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following bodies:

- (a) Coleraine Harbour Commission  
(term expires 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2007)

*Councillor Mrs. Johnston*

- (b) North Eastern Education and Library Board  
(4 year term from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2005)

*Councillors Mrs. Church and McQuillan*

- (c) Northern Health and Social Services Council  
(4 year term from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2005)

*Councillor Mrs. Johnston*

- (d) Northern Ireland Housing Council  
(1 year term from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2005)

*Councillor Dallat*

## 9.0 **REPRESENTATIVES - EXTERNAL AGENCIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following external agencies and partnerships.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded members of the current legal issues regarding participation in limited companies (Report previously supplied).

- (a) Causeway Coast and Antrim Glens Ltd.

*Councillor Hillis*



- (b) Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Board  
*Councillor Hillis*
- (c) Causeway Coast AONB Management Group  
*Councillor Stewart*
- (d) Sperrins Tourism Ltd.  
*Councillor Cole*
- (e) Tourism Development Taskforce  
*Councillor Gilkinson*
- (f) Coleraine Borough Strategic Partnership  
*The Deputy Mayor*  
*Councillors Barbour and Bradley*
- (g) Coleraine Local Action Group for Enterprise Ltd.  
*Councillors Cole, King and McQuillan*
- (h) Coleraine Town Centre Partnership  
*Alderman McClure*  
*Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin*
- (i) Lower Bann Partnership (from date of AGM)  
*Councillor King*
- (j) Management Committee of Coleraine Citizens' Advice Bureau  
*Councillors King and McLaughlin*
- (k) Causeway Museum Service  
*Aldermen Mrs. Black and Creelman*  
*Councillors Barbour, McLaughlin and McQuillan*
- (l) Coleraine Arts Committee  
*Aldermen Creelman and McClarty*  
*Councillors Mrs. Johnston and Stewart*
- (m) Coleraine Twinning Association  
*The Mayor*

*Councillors Mrs. Fielding, King and McPherson*

- (n) Irish Society's Local Advisory Committee

*The Mayor  
Alderman McClarty  
Councillor Mrs. Church*

- (o) Riverside Theatre Trust

*Alderman McClarty  
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Johnston and Stewart*

- (p) Trustees of Garvagh Museum

*Councillor Mrs. Church*

- (q) Coleraine and District Home Safety Committee

*Councillors Mrs. Johnston and Stewart*

- (r) Coleraine and District Local Sports  
Advisory Council

*Alderman McClarty  
Councillors Bradley, King and McQuillan*

- (s) Coleraine and District Road Safety Committee

*Alderman Mrs. Black*

- (t) Northern Ireland Amenity Council

*Alderman Mrs. Black*

- (u) Portrush, Portstewart and District Road  
Safety Committee

*Alderman Creelman*

- (v) Reserve Forces and Cadets' Association  
for Northern Ireland

*Councillor Stewart*

- (w) The Somme Advisory Committee

*Councillor McPherson*

**10.0 REPRESENTATIVES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
BODIES**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following local government bodies:

- (a) Northern Ireland Local Government Association

*Alderman McClure and Councillor Stewart - (DUP)*  
*Alderman McClarty and Councillor Mrs. Johnston - (UUP)*  
*Councillor Dallat - (SDLP)*

- (b) National Association of Councillors - General Management Committee

*Councillor Hillis*

- (c) National Association of Councillors - Northern Ireland Region

*Councillors Hillis, McLaughlin and Stewart*

- (d) Local Government Partnership on Travellers Issues

*Councillors Hillis and Stewart*

- (e) North West Regional Waste Management Group

*Councillors McPherson and McQuillan*

- (f) Northern Group Building Control Committee

*The Mayor*  
*Councillor McLaughlin*

Substitutes: *Councillors McPherson and Stewart*

- (g) Northern Group Environmental Health Committee

*Councillors Barbour and Bradley*

Substitutes: *Alderman Creelman and Councillor McPherson*

## **11.0 REPRESENTATIVES - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES/COMMUNITY GROUPS**

It was agreed that representatives, as undernoted, be nominated to serve on the following Management Committees/Community Groups:

- (a) Ballysally Youth and Community Centre Joint Management Committee

*Alderman McClure  
Councillors Bradley and McPherson*

- (b) Castlerock Community Association

*Councillors King and McQuillan*

- (c) Castlerock Recreation and Youth Hall  
Management Committee

*Councillors King and McQuillan*

- (d) Coleraine West Community Centre  
Management Committee

*Alderman McClure  
Councillors Barbour and McLaughlin*

- (e) Garvagh Hall Management Committee

*Councillors Cole, Mrs. Church and King*

- (f) Harpur's Hill Community Centre Management  
Committee

*Councillors Bradley, McLaughlin and McPherson*

- (g) Kilrea Town Hall Management Committee

*Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and Dallat*

- (h) Portballintrae Residents' Association

*Alderman Mrs. Black  
Councillor McPherson*

- (i) Portstewart Community Association

*The Deputy Mayor  
Alderman Mrs. Black  
Councillor Gilkinson*

- (j) Windyhall Community Centre Management  
Committee

*Alderman McClure  
Councillors Bradley and Mrs. Johnston*

- (k) Coleraine Borough 50+ Forum

*Alderman McClure*

**12.0 REPRESENTATIVES - INTERNAL GROUPS AND OTHER BODIES**

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

That the D'hondt system apply for the appointment of the 26 representatives to Internal Groups and other Bodies.

On being put to the vote the proposal was lost by twelve to five.

It was then agreed that the undernoted representatives be appointed to serve on the following internal groups and other bodies on a proportional basis:

(a) Equality Working Group

*Alderman McClure*

*Councillors Dallat, Hillis, Mrs. Fielding and McPherson*

(b) Community Development Group

*Alderman Mrs. Black*

*Councillors Ms. Alexander, Bradley, McPherson and McQuillan*

(c) Working Together Group

*The Deputy Mayor*

*Alderman Mrs. Black*

*Councillors Bradley, McPherson and McQuillan*

(d) Coleraine Urban Development Project

*Alderman McClure*

*Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McLaughlin*

(e) Economic Development Group

*Alderman McClarty*

*Councillors Bradley and Dallat*

(f) Special Events Working Group

*Councillors Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Johnston and Stewart*

**13.0 THANKS**

The Mayor thanked members for their attendance at the meeting.

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**20<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.**

**Convened:** To consider a presentation from members of the RPA Review Team on the Further Consultation Paper on The Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland

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

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)                 E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
D. D. Barbour                            W. A. King  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                    (Items 2.0 - 3.0)  
A. S. Cole                                 G. L. McLaughlin  
J. J. Dallat                                 R. A. McPherson  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)                    (Items 2.0 - 3.0)  
S. Gilkinson                              A. McQuillan  
N. F. Hillis  
(Items 2.0 - 3.0)

### **Officers in Attendance:**

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

**Apologies:** Councillors Bradley, Leonard and Stewart

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed Mr. Tom Frawley and Mr. David Finegan from the RPA Review Team, members and officers to the meeting.

## **2.0 THE REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND - FURTHER CONSULTATION PAPER**

Mr. Finegan presented an overview of the Further Consultation Paper (previously supplied) regarding this topic and elaborated on the following matters:

- (a) The RPA Process
  - i. First Consultation Period - October 2003 - February 2004
  - ii. Further Consultation Period - March 2005 - September 2005

- iii. Final Decisions at the turn of 2005
- iv. Implementation through to 2009 and beyond
  
- (b) Proposed Two Tier Model for Public Administration
  
- (c) Second Consultation Responses by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2005
  
- (d) Health and Social Services Bodies - Proposals
  
- (e) Education Bodies - Proposals
  
- (f) Local Government Options
  - i. 7 Council Model
  - ii. 11 Council Model
  - iii. 15 Council Model
  
- (g) Options for other Public Bodies and Executive Agencies
  
- (h) Managing the Change
  
- (i) Implementation and Efficiency
  
- (j) Equality, Social Need and Rural Issues
  
- (k) Final Thoughts

A full discussion ensued on the various aspects of the Review during which Messrs. Frawley and Finegan answered various members' questions and noted comments.

The Mayor thanked Messrs. Frawley and Finegan for their presentation.

### **3.0 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that a key issues paper would be forwarded to members during the summer period prior to a workshop in September to facilitate Council's response to the consultation paper.

## LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

7<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.

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

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)                  E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
D. D. Barbour                              W. A. King  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                      B. Leonard  
A. S. Cole                                      R. A. McPherson  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)                      A. McQuillan  
S. Gilkinson                                  R. D. Stewart  
N. F. Hillis                                      (Items 1.0 - 5.0)

### **Officers in**

**Attendance:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Senior Environmental Health Officer (Food) (Items 1.0 - 8.0), Principal Building Control Officer (Items 6.0 - 8.6), Senior Technical Officer (Items 6.0 - 8.6), Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) and Administrative Assistant

**Apology:** Councillor Bradley

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin, welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chairman, especially the three new members of Council.

## **2.0 HARPUR'S HILL, COLERAINE**

The Chairman referred to the two petrol bomb attacks at Harpur's Hill, Coleraine on Monday night last and condemned those involved in the incidents.

Councillor Leonard then proposed the following motion:

“This Council is appalled at last night's attacks in Coleraine and strongly affirms that no citizen of the Borough should be subject to attack because of their religious or political belief.

This Council further agrees that citizens of the Borough have a right to be politically active and that no party can remain silent if citizens are attacked because of the democratic political activity.”



Councillor Dallat seconded the motion subject to the addition of the addendum that the PSNI be asked to step up their patrols in the Harpur's Hill area.

The addendum was not accepted by the proposer of the motion.

The Mayor and other members subsequently condemned the incidents.

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

That the motion, with the addition of Councillor Dallat's addendum, be adopted.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was duly carried, eighteen members voting in favour.

### **3.0 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and seconded by Councillor Barbour:

That Alderman Mrs. Black be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

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

That Councillor Ms. Alexander be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

On being put to the meeting, Alderman Mrs. Black received twelve votes and Councillor Ms. Alexander received four votes.

Alderman Mrs. Black was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **4.0 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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| 4.1 | <u>Craigahulliar Monitoring Committee</u>                  | It was agreed that Councillors Ms. Alexander, Bradley and Gilkinson be appointed for the ensuing year.                   |
| 4.2 | <u>Coleraine Safer Dancing and Door Supervisors' Group</u> | It was agreed that Councillors Ms. Alexander, McPherson, McQuillan and Stewart be appointed for the ensuing year.        |
| 4.3 | <u>Spanboard Liaison Group</u>                             | It was agreed that Alderman McClure be appointed for the ensuing year.   |
| 4.4 | <u>Caravan Parks Group</u>                                 | It was agreed that the Deputy Mayor, Alderman McClarty and Councillor Stewart be appointed for the ensuing year.         |
| 4.5 | <u>Street Trading Group</u>                                | It was agreed that Alderman McClure and Councillors Cole, Hillis, King and McLaughlin be appointed for the ensuing year. |

### **5.0 ROADS SERVICE - NORTHERN**

## **DIVISION ROADS REPORT 2005 - 2006**

The Chairman welcomed Dr. A. McC. Murray, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr. M. Glover, Section Engineer, who were in attendance to present the Northern Division Roads Report 2005 - 2006 (previously supplied).

Dr. McMurray outlined the main issues covered by the Report and a full discussion ensued during which the representatives answered various members' questions and noted comments.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Murray and Mr. Glover for their comprehensive presentation following which they withdrew.

### **6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

6.1 Sheep Worrying - The Dogs (N.I.) Order 1983 as amended by The Dangerous Dogs (N.I.) Order 1991

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

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

6.2 Mrs. A. Cann - Senior Environmental Health Officer (Food)

The Director of Environmental Health introduced Mrs. A. Cann, Senior Environmental Health Officer (Food), who was attending her first meeting of Committee.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mrs. Cann.

6.3 Variance Report and Analysis of Environmental Health Department Plan 2004/2005

Consideration was given to the Variance Report and Analysis of the Environmental Health Department Plan 2004/2005 (previously supplied).

The Director of Environmental Health expanded on the contents of the Plan.

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

That Council approve the Plan prior to its submission to the Food Standards Agency and Northern Group Systems.

6.4 Charges for Self-Catering Certification

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

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

That Council introduce a charging system for the certification of residential property for self-catering purposes.

Charges would be set at £100.00 for an initial inspection and certificate and £25.00 for re-visit if required.

6.5 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) - Delegated Authority

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding ASBOs - Delegated Authority.

Council is recommended:

- (a) to delegate the authority to consult with the PSNI and NIHE to the Director of Environmental Health; and
- (b) to delegate authority to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to exercise all the powers and functions arising in respect of The Anti-Social Behaviour (N.I.) Order 2004.

Committee would be kept informed of the outcome of legal proceedings on this topic.

6.6 Opening Hours for Entertainment Venues and Hot Food Carry-Outs - Voluntary Code of Practice - Portstewart

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

Following discussion it was recommended:

That Council adopt this Voluntary Code of Practice, as detailed in the report, for all places of public entertainment and all hot food carry-outs within Portstewart.

6.7 Outcome of Legal Proceedings - Bye-Laws : Seashores, Esplanades and Promenades

Committee noted the outcome of legal proceedings (Council v Ryan Hanson). Mr. Hanson was convicted of the offence of exercising horses on the beach at East Strand, Portrush during the prohibited period (10.30 a.m. till 6.00 p.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> September).

A fine of £250.00 had been imposed together with court and legal costs of £89.00.

It was noted that damage to a Council vehicle arising from this incident had been covered by Council's insurers.

6.8 The Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco Order 1991) - Test Purchase Survey - May 2005

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, regarding a Test Purchase Survey carried out by the Environmental Health Department in May 2005.

Following discussion it was recommended:

That Council agree that legal proceedings not be instigated on this occasion.

The results of the survey would be used to highlight the extent of the problem as detailed in the report. The test purchase exercise would be repeated at the end of summer 2005. Authority to instigate legal proceedings would be sought in all cases making illegal sales at that time.

Council is recommended:

To support this joint approach of education and enforcement.

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

In view of the lateness of the hour it was proposed by Alderman McClure that the remainder of the business be adjourned.

Following discussion it was agreed to proceed with the remaining business.

**8.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

8.1 DRD Roads Service

8.1.1 Disabled Parking - Portstewart

DRD Roads Service proposed to extend an existing disabled parking bay at Victoria Terrace, Portstewart to accommodate a second vehicle.

Council is recommended to support the Department's proposal.

8.1.2 Loading Bays in Portstewart and Portrush

Committee noted the reply (previously supplied) from Roads Service to Council's recent letter regarding loading bays in Portstewart and Portrush. Under the proposed Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement, Roads Service would adopt many of the powers to enforce parking restrictions from the PSNI.

8.1.3 Proposed Parking Restriction on Martin's Brae, Coleraine

Consideration was given to the reply from Roads Service (previously supplied) regarding proposed parking restriction on Martin's Brae, Coleraine.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Alderman McClarty:

That Council support Roads Service's proposal to introduce a working day restriction on the east side of Martin's Brae, Coleraine.

On being put to the vote the proposal was carried by eleven votes to six.

8.2 Tenders - Council Works Depot - New Roof Covering

Seven tenders had been received from experienced and competent roofing contractors in response to public advertisement, viz:

<u>Tenderer</u>	£
David Jameson Services Ltd. (Roofing), Portadown	42,900.00
W.H. Beckett & Co. Ltd., Belfast	44,353.43
Haire Bros. (Ltd.), Coleraine	45,557.69
Thornton Roofing (Irl.) Ltd., Toomebridge	46,263.26
Grainger Building Services (Ltd.), Holywood	47,263.26
Lisburn Asphalt Ltd., Moira	47,444.00
Jameson Roofing Specialists Ltd., Portadown	54,622.65

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tender, meeting the specification i.e. a single-ply polymeric membrane made of EVA Terpolymer, from W.H. Beckett & Co. Ltd., Belfast for £44,353.43.

8.3 Coleraine Town Hall - Anti-Roosting System and Cleaning

The Director of Technical Services reported that four tenders had been received for the provision of an anti-roosting system and stone cleaning operation at Coleraine Town Hall. The tenders were currently being assessed by the Technical Services Department and recommendations would be brought to Council in due course.

8.4 Vehicle and Plant Tenders

Tenders had been received in response to public advertisement for the following items of vehicle and plant.

8.4.1 1 No. 7.5 Tonne GVW Mechanical Suction Sweeper

Two tenders were received from McCreath Taylor (N.I.) Ltd.

- (a) Scarab Merlin 7.5t Road sweeper on DAF LF45 Chasis - £73,102.00
- (b) Scarab Merlin 7.5t Road sweeper on IVECO Chasis - £72,683.00

Council is recommended to accept the tender from McCreath Taylor (N.I.) Ltd. for a Scarab Merlin on IVECO Chasis for £72,683.00.

8.4.2 30 Tonne 4 Column Vehicle Hoist

One tender had been received from North West Motor Factors Ltd. for a Dunlop Model DMC 30 M unit for £12,260.00.

Committee noted that although only one tender had been received investigations prior to the

tendering exercise had indicated that this was a competitively priced tender.

Council is, therefore, recommended to accept the tender from North West Motor Factors Ltd., for £12,260.

8.4.3 Skip Lifting Unit

Three tenders had been received for the supply of a skip lifting unit.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Price</u>
A. Farlow (Engineering) Ltd.	HYVA	£13,900.00
Banbridge Coachworks Ltd.	EDBRO	£14,950.00
R. D. Mechanical Services Ltd.	HARSH	£18,275.00

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tender from A. Farlow (Engineering) Ltd. for a HYVA Skip Lifting Unit for £13,900.00.

8.4.4 ½ Tonne Closed Van

Three tenders had been received for the supply of a ½ tonne closed van for use as a dog warden vehicle for the Environmental Health Department.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Price</u>
Mervyn Stewart Ltd.	Fiat Scudo	£8,750.78
Lindsay Ford	Ford Transit	£9,315.00
Bells Renault Business Centre	Renault Traffic	£11,250.00

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tender from Mervyn Stewart Ltd. for £8,750.78.

8.5 Building Control

8.5.1 Approvals

Approval had been granted for sixty-one applications.

8.6 For Information

The Director of Technical Services included

information in his report on the following:

- (a) North West Waste Management Group
  - Composting Tender
  - Regional Refuse Disposal Site
- (b) Bio Stabilisation Project at Craigahulliar Landfill Site, Portrush
- (c) Magheracross Car Park/Viewing Point

## 9.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

### 9.1 Parks - Tenders

Three tenders had been received for the supply of one x five gang cylinder mower and two x three gang cylinder mowers for Coleraine Parks viz:

<u>Company</u>	<u>1 x 5 Gang Mower</u>	<u>1 x 3 Gang Mower</u>
Cyril Johnston	£36,886.00	£49,784.00
Johnston Gilpin	£32,735.00	£42,890.00
Brodericks	£32,500.00	£42,320.00

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tenders received being from Brodericks for £32,500.00 and for £42,320.00 respectively.

### 9.2 School Swimming Programme

Committee noted that further meetings had been held with school principals to secure the swimming programme for the academic year 2005/06. All schools had confirmed that they wished to be included in the programme from September 2005. In view of the additional coaching fees that schools now incurred, Council is recommended to agree that no increase in school swimming charges be applied for 2005/06. (In February 2005 Council had agreed that school swimming charges be increased by ten pence per child from September 2005.)

### 9.3 Requests for Financial Assistance

#### 9.3.1 Under 25 Inter Association Bowling Championships

Council is recommended to contribute £500 to the Provincial Bowling Association towards the costs incurred in promoting the Under 25 Inter Association Bowling Championships at The Warren, Portstewart on 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.

#### 9.3.2 Portrush Masters Contest

Council is recommend to contribute £300.00 to Ballywillan Flute Band towards the costs of

promoting the “Music from the Masters” Competition which had been held in Portrush on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.

9.4 European Blue Flags

Committee welcomed the announcement that the Borough had been awarded five European Blue Flags for the beaches at:

- Whiterocks - Portrush
- Curran Strand - Portrush
- West Strand - Portrush
- Portstewart Strand
- Downhill Strand (1<sup>st</sup> year)

The flags would be raised at a celebration ceremony at end of June 2005.

9.5 Ulster Scots Day

Committee noted that an event to celebrate the significance of the Ulster Scots Cultural/Musical Identity to the community, as detailed in the report, would be held in Coleraine Town Centre from 12 noon to 4.00 p.m. on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2005.

In support of the festival a travelling exhibition entitled ‘Tartan and the Kilts’ by the Ulster Scots Heritage Council would be held in Coleraine Town Hall from 12.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005 (excluding Sunday).

9.6 St. Patrick’s Festival Programme

The Director of Leisure Services noted members’ comments regarding this event.

9.7 For Information

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

- (a) Guided Walks Programme
- (b) Coca-Cola Summer Recreation Scheme
- (c) Beach Education and Safety Initiative
  - Beaches - An Island’s Treasure - Educational and Sustainable Tourism Resource
  - Beach Safety Leaflet
  - Interpretative Panels

**10.0 NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2005 SOMME PILGRIMAGE**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that Council had previously agreed to send two members on the 2005 pilgrimage to represent Council.

Following discussion it was recommended, if a further place could be obtained, the following three members should attend:



In the event of only two places being available, the member who had already participated on most previous occasions should drop out.

**11.0 CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS**

Brochures for the Confederation of European Councillors seminar on "The Potential for Sport in Modern Ireland" which would be held in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 were circulated to each member.

Noted.

**12.0 UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER - CAR PARK MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

Read letter from Professor R. Barnett, Acting Vice Chancellor advising Council of the principal recommendations (approved by the University's Car Park Management Scheme).

It was anticipated that the various recommendations would be implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2005. A post decision evaluation in the form of an interim review would take place after one year.

Noted.

**13.0 COLERAINE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU**

Reported that members were cordially invited to attend the Citizens' Advice Bureau Annual General Meeting at 1.00 p.m. on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 at Coleraine Town Hall.

Noted.

**14.0 ELECTION POSTERS**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that complaints were still being received from the general public regarding the continued display of election posters and asked that every effort be made to have all posters removed as soon as possible.

Noted.

**15.0 DRAFT NORTHERN AREA PLAN**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded members that an afternoon workshop would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 regarding Council's response to the draft Northern Area Plan. Council's planning consultant would attend the workshop.

Noted.

**16.0 BIN COLLECTION/RECYCLING ISSUES**

The Director of Technical Services answered a number of members' questions regarding bin collection and recycling issues.

**17.0 "ANTI-BARK COLLARS"**

In response to a member's question the Director of Environmental Health explained the purpose of Council owned "Anti-Bark Collars" for use as a training agent. Four additional collars had been ordered.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

14<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.

**Present:** Councillor R. D. Stewart in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Deans  
(Items 1.0 – 4.37)

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Mrs. M. T. Hickey  
(Items 2.0 – 15.0)

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
W. T. Creelman  
D. McClarty  
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)

W. J. McClure  
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
A. S. Cole  
J. J. Dallat  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
S. Gilkinson  
N. F. Hillis  
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

W. A. King  
(Items 1.0 – 11.0)  
B. Leonard  
G. L. McLaughlin  
R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
(Items 1.0 – 7.0)

### **Also in Attendance:**

Representatives from the Planning Service –  
Ms. J. McMath, Mr. G. McGuinness and Mr. G. Walker

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Principal Environmental  
Health Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.53), Administrative Officer  
and Administrative Assistant

### **Apologies:**

Councillors Barbour and Bradley

## **1.0 CONGRATULATIONS**

Members extended congratulations to Alderman McClure on being awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Congratulations were also extended to the other local recipients – Mr. D. J. Ewing, Ms. V. Ravenhill and Mr. P. Leighton.

Alderman McClure thanked members for the sentiments expressed.

## **2.0 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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

That Councillor Mrs. Church be elected Vice-Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That Councillor Dallat be elected Vice-Chairman.

On being put to the Meeting Councillor Mrs. Church received thirteen votes and Councillor Dallat received five votes.

Councillor Mrs. Church was, therefore, elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **3.0 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES - BALANCED COMMUNITIES REVIEW GROUP**

Members were advised that Council representation on this Group included the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee plus two other members.

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

That the number of representatives on the Balanced Communities Review Group be increased to five members to reflect all Council parties and its independent member.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was lost, five members voting in favour and thirteen members voting against.

Following a paper vote it was agreed that the following members be appointed to the Balanced Communities Review Group together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillors Stewart and Mrs. Church):

Councillors Gilkinson and King.

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

That Standing Orders be suspended to further consider this matter.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was lost, five members voting in favour and thirteen members voting against.

### **4.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A list of one hundred and eighty-seven applications was considered (previously supplied).

#### **Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting**

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| 4.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u><br><u>C/2003/0792/F</u><br><u>Extension to dwelling and</u><br><u>erection of domestic garage at</u><br><u>40 Roselick Road, Coleraine for</u><br><u>M &amp; A Builders</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be refused. |
| 4.2 | <u>Application No. D2</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to   |

- C/2003/1327/F  
Erection of 3 no. townhouses at Boilingwell Lane (off Long Commons), Coleraine for Mr. R. McIntosh
- approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 4.3 Application No. D3  
C/2003/1368/O  
Infill site for dwelling and garage north east of 31 Bellany Road, Coleraine for Mr. J. Dillon
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- It was further agreed that a decision on the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions.
- 4.4 Application Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 30
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse these applications.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McQuillan and agreed:
- That the applications be deferred until the end of August on the grounds that the reasons for refusal included a reference to the Draft Northern Area Plan.
- It was further proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed:
- That the Divisional Planning Manager be invited to attend the Council Meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2005 to consider the application of this reason for refusal to these applications.
- 4.5 Application No. D9  
C/2004/0710/O  
Demolish existing buildings and provide accommodation for one dwelling house opposite 134 Cashel Road, Ringsend for Mr. A. Farlow
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 4.6 Application No. D15  
C/2004/1020/F
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

- Change of use from dwelling to day nursery at 61 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for Miss L. Blair
- A request for an office meeting would be referred to the Divisional Planning Manager.
- 4.7 Application No. D16  
C/2004/1061/O  
Proposed site for dwelling 110m west of 89 Kinneyglass Road, Crossmakeever, Macosquin for Mr. J. J. Alcorn
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 4.8 Application No. D18  
C/2004/1159/O  
Site for dwelling house 160m north-east of 51 Moneybrannon Road, Aghadowey for Mr. and Mrs. W. Faith
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 4.9 Application No. D19  
C/2004/1174/O  
Proposed site for new dwelling with detached garage with access off Clagan Park 120m north-east of 100 Mullaghinch Road/Clagan Road, Aghadowey for Miss S. O'Neill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 4.10 Application No. D25  
C/2004/1220/F  
Proposed re-development of site to 3 no. dwellings, 2 no. semi-detached and 1 no. detached at 7 Hazelbank Road, Coleraine for Mr. O. Hyndman
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Amended plans had been received and it was agreed that the application be approved.
- 4.11 Application No. D26  
C/2004/1230/O  
New dwelling and garage between 3 and 5 Crevolea Road, Blackhill, Coleraine for Miss P. McIntyre
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Alderman McClure and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be approved.
- 4.12 Application No. D27  
C/2004/1258/F  
Replacement garage at 541 Ballymadigan Terrace, Castlerock for Mr. J. Gaile
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved subject to a condition relating to no trade or business being permitted on the premises.
- 4.13 Application No. D28  
C/2004/1335/F
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Application to construct a general store (retail store) with café and car parking (amendment to previously approved application) adjacent to 162 Coleraine Road, Portstewart for N M Developments

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

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

- 4.14 Application No. D29 C/2005/0023/F  
Proposed extensions/alterations to existing dwelling at 25 Warren Crescent, Portstewart for Mr. B. Hall

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

- 4.15 Application Nos. 22, 23, 24, 28, 35, 45, 51, 52, 58, 59, 62, 73, 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 83, 91, 95, 99, 100, 107, 110, 111, 114, 133, 139, 140 and 141

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse these applications.

It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman Creelman and agreed:

That the applications be deferred until the end of August on the grounds that the reasons for refusal included a reference to the Draft Northern Area Plan.

- 4.16 Application No. 5 C/2004/0213/F  
Replacement Masonic Hall at Dunluce Avenue, Portrush for Parkmore Developments

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.

- 4.17 Application No. 6 C/2004/0296/O  
Site for housing comprising 2 no. three bed wheelchair bungalows, 2 no. one bed flats, 3 no. two bed flats, car parking and landscaping at 39 Greenmount Avenue, Coleraine for Tapas Developments Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions.

- 4.18 Application No. 8 C/2004/0376/F  
Residential development to provide 51 no. dwellings (35 dwellings, 15 apartments) adjacent to Knockantern Grove

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.

(opposite 140 Mountsandel Road), Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for Patton Homes Ltd.

- 4.19 Application No. 10  
C/2004/0603/F  
Proposed dwelling and detached double garage 200m north-west of Lisnamuck Road, Coleraine for Mr. D. Scott
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.20 Application No. 14  
C/2004/0735/O  
Site for single storey dwelling and detached garage beside 72 Gorran Road, Crockindollagh, Garvagh for Mr. H. Gilmore
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
- 4.21 Application No. 16  
C/2004/0753/O  
Site for dwelling and garage approximately 200m south of Ballyclough Road, Busmills for Mr. G. Hartin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.22 Application No. 29  
C/2004/1118/O  
Dwelling and garage at rear of 10 Temple Road, Garvagh, Coleraine for Mr. F. Smyth
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications.
- It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate Council site visits.
- Application No. 30  
C/2004/1121/O  
Site for dwelling and garage at rear of 10a Temple Road, Garvagh for Mr. F. Smyth
- 4.23 Application No. 36  
C/2004/1229/O  
Erection of a dwelling for applicant's own use adjacent to 17 Glenullin Road, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. A. Burns
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.24 Application No. 37  
C/2004/1242/F  
New farm access to No. 71 Kinnyglass Road, Macosquin, Coleraine for Mr. J. Tannahill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.25 Application No. 39  
C/2004/1278/F
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.



	<u>Proposed 7 no. dwellings, shared roadways and 2 no. accesses at Newbridge Road/No. 14 Newbridge Park, Coleraine for Northbrook Business Park Ltd.</u>	It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
4.26	<u>Application No. 40</u> <u>C/2004/1283/O</u> <u>Proposed dwelling and detached garage approximately 650m south of junction between Curraghmore Road and Drumbane Road, Garvagh for Mr. D. Heaney</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  The application had now been withdrawn.
4.27	<u>Application No. 46</u> <u>C/2004/1389/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling and domestic garage adjacent to 14 Shanlongford Road, Coleraine for Mr. D. Moon</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.28	<u>Application No. 47</u> <u>C/2004/1406/O</u> <u>Site for proposed dwelling and detached garage approximately 180m west of No. 23 Brone Park, off Ballyagan Road, Garvagh for Mr. D. McDonald</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.29	<u>Application No. 50</u> <u>C/2005/0008/F</u> <u>Proposed dwelling and detached garage off Fort Road, Garvagh (80m south-east of No. 31 Fort Road) for Mr. M. Holmes</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.30	<u>Application No. 55</u> <u>C/2005/0062/F</u> <u>Change of use of dwelling to house of multiple occupation at 3 Gloucester Crescent, Portstewart for Mr. G. Harrison</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
4.31	<u>Application No. 60</u> <u>C/2005/0090/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage adjacent to 20 Managher Road, Coleraine for Mr. S. Campbell</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.32	<u>Application No. 65</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to

	<u>C/2005/0102/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling</u> <u>approximately 80m south-west</u> <u>of No. 7a Springfield Road,</u> <u>Kilrea for Mr. S. Hasson</u>	refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.33	<u>Application No. 66</u> <u>C/2005/0103/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage</u> <u>adjacent to 28 Liswatty Road,</u> <u>Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. Kirk</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.34	<u>Application No. 67</u> <u>C/2005/0105/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling east of No. 7</u> <u>Ballymadigan Road, Castlerock</u> <u>for K. W. M. Gamble</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
4.35	<u>Application No. 68</u> <u>C/2005/0107/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling and</u> <u>garage west of 3 Crevolea Road,</u> <u>Blackhill, Coleraine for</u> <u>Mr. W. McMurtry</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse the four applications.  It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate Council site visits.
	<u>Application No. 69</u> <u>C/2005/0108/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling and</u> <u>garage 400m north of 30</u> <u>Crevolea Road, Blackhill,</u> <u>Coleraine for Mr. W. McMurtry</u>	
	<u>Application No. 70</u> <u>C/2005/0109/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling and</u> <u>garage 50m east of 30 Crevolea</u> <u>Road, Blackhill, Coleraine for</u> <u>Mr. W. McMurtry</u>	
	<u>Application No. 71</u> <u>C/2005/0111/O</u> <u>Replacement dwelling and</u> <u>garage between 96 and 98</u> <u>Drumcroone Road, Blackhill,</u> <u>Coleraine for Mr. W. McMurtry</u>	
4.36	<u>Application No. 72</u> <u>C/2005/0121/F</u> <u>Alterations/Additions to shop, 2</u> <u>no. new shop units and 2 no.</u> <u>first floor flats at 1 Sconce Road,</u> <u>Articlave for Mr. A. Robinson</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.

- 4.37 Application No. 78  
C/2005/0136/F  
Proposed dwelling and detached  
garage adjacent to No. 11  
Drumcroon Road, Garvagh for  
Mr. M. Holmes
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.38 Application No. 81  
C/2005/0148/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
120m north-west of  
12 Cullnagrew Road, Swatragh  
for Mr. McKeefry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.39 Application No. 84  
C/2005/0156/O  
Proposed site for dwelling  
approximately 170m south of  
120 Cashel Road, Ringsend,  
Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. W.  
Farlow
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.40 Application No. 85  
C/2005/0158/F  
Replacement garage/store at  
15 Pullans Road, Coleraine for  
Mr. M. McGill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.41 Application No. 89  
C/2005/0163/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
adjacent to 108 Grove Road,  
Swatragh for Mr. J. McKeefry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.42 Application No. 101  
C/2005/0188/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
350m north-east of 8 Movenis  
Road, Garvagh for Mr. R. Shiels
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse the five applications.
- It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate Council site visits. It was further agreed that a representative from Roads Service be requested to attend.
- Application No. 103  
C/2005/0191/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
285m north-east of 8 Movenis  
Road, Garvagh for Mr. R. Shiels
- Application No. 104  
C/2005/0192/O  
Site for dwelling and garage

280m north of 8 Movenis Road,  
Garvagh for Mr. R. Shiels

Application No. 105  
C/2005/0193/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
320m north-west of 8 Movenis  
Road, Garvagh for Mr. R. Shiels

Application No. 109  
C/2005/0200/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
260m north-east of 8 Movenis  
Road, Garvagh for Mr. R. Shiels

- 4.43 Application No. 106  
C/2005/0194/O  
Proposed site for dwelling  
adjacent to 163 Carowreagh  
Road, Garvagh for  
Mrs. A. McKelvey 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.  
It was further agreed that a representative from Roads Service be requested to attend.
- 4.44 Application No. 113  
C/2005/0219/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
280m south of 89 Moneydig  
Road, Garvagh for Mr.  
McKendry The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.45 Application No. 115  
C/2005/0222/O  
Proposed new dwelling adjacent  
to 29 Ardreagh Road,  
Aghadowey for Mr. McDowell The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting.
- 4.46 Application No. 117  
C/2005/0246/O  
Site for dwelling 240m east of  
junction of Plantation Road and  
Ballyrogan Road, Garvagh for  
Mr. Conway The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.47 Application No. 118  
C/2005/0249/O  
Site for dwelling and garage at  
Lisachrin Road (1 mile approx.  
from Carhill Road), Garvagh for  
Mr. Henderson The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  
It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 4.48 Application No. 121 The opinion of the Planning Service was to

- C/2005/0259/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
200m south-east of junction of  
Grove Road and Culnagrew  
Road, Swatragh for  
Mr. B. McKeefry
- 4.49 Application No. 123  
C/2005/0273/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
120m south-east of 100 Grove  
Road, Swatragh for  
Mr. McKeefry
- 4.50 Application No. 130  
C/2005/0339/O  
New dwelling and garage 300m  
N.N.E. of 94 Old Carhill Road,  
Garvagh for Mr. White
- 4.51 Application No.135  
C/2005/0408/O  
Site for dwelling and garage  
adjacent to No. 16 Ballyversal  
Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs.  
Kennedy
- 4.52 Application No. 138  
C/2005/0435/F  
Replacement dwelling and  
detached garage at 45 Coleraine  
Road, Portrush for  
Mr. McCorriston
- 4.53 Application No. 154  
C/2005/0540/F  
Proposed dwelling and garage  
approx. 350m south-east of No.  
115 Moneydig Road, Kilrea for  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Collins

refuse.

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

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.

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.  
It was further agreed that a representative from Road Service be requested to attend.

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.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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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.

## **5.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS**

- 5.1 Application No. C/2004/0606/O  
Coolnasillagh Road, Garvagh  
for Mr. K. McKillop
- 5.2 Development – St. Patrick's

Reference was again made to the request for an office meeting for this application.

Reference was made to the application for

The Planning Service representatives would investigate.

## 6.0 NON DETERMINATION APPEALS

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

- 6.1 C/2004/0897/F  
Redevelopment of 19 Bayhead Road from two dwelling units to 3 no. three bedroom apartments with associated car parking and landscaping and retention of development at 17 Bayhead Road, amendments to previous approval C/1997/0143
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve subject to conditions.
- It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:
- That the application be refused.
- 6.2 C/2004/1052/O  
New build bed and breakfast/ guesthouse for tourist purposes adjacent to 82 Gateside Road, Portrush
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that Council support a refusal.
- 6.3 C/2004/0855/O  
Site for four luxury log cabins at Rhee Farm, 138 Curragh Road, Aghadowey
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that Council support a refusal.
- 6.4 C/2004/1129/O  
Proposed site for housing development opposite Glenmanus Park, Glenmanus Road, Portrush
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that Council support a refusal.
- 6.5 C/2004/1156/O  
Site for dwelling at 50 Beach Road, Portballintrae
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was unanimously agreed that Council support a refusal.
- 6.6 C/2004/1264/O  
Residential development adjacent to 17 Moneygran Road, Kilrea
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that Council support a refusal.
- 6.7 Station Square, Portrush – Appeal
- It was noted that the submission date in connection with the appeal for the Station Square, Portrush was 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.
- It was agreed that BDP Planning be requested to prepare a written submission

against this appeal.

**7.0 DRAFT NORTHERN AREA PLAN 2016 - UPDATE**

An update for the draft Northern Area Plan 2016, prepared by BDP Planning, was circulated to each member.

It was noted that a Workshop would be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 when the update would be considered.

**8.0 THE PLANNING SERVICE - ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

Consideration was given to the Planning Service's reply in connection with enforcement issues.

Following discussion it was agreed:

That the Planning Service's Enforcement Officer be invited to attend the Council Meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.

**9.0 MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF ONE PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS AT BALLYWILLIN ROAD, PORTRUSH FOR MR. G. NEILL**

Read letter from the Planning Service advising members that The Management Board had completed its assessment of the above referral and had concluded that planning permission for the proposed development should be granted.

Noted.

**10.0 MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL - ERECTION OF 17 NO. APARTMENTS AT 1, 2 AND 3 BATH TERRACE, PORTRUSH FOR MR. A. STEWART**

Read letter from the Chief Executive of the Planning Service in reply to Council's letter expressing concern regarding the length of time taken to determine the above case and the fact that its views had been ignored in reaching a decision.

Reported that this was one of approximately one hundred cases referred to the Management Board by all Councils last year and it had taken time to assess the detailed report submitted by BDP Planning.

The Chief Executive was unwilling to agree to review the cases referred to the Board over the past three years and reassured members that all cases were considered in a comprehensive, thorough and professional manner.

Following discussion it was agreed that the question of Management Board Referrals be raised through NILGA.

## 11.0 ROCK CASTLE

Read letter from the Planning Service regarding Council's request for copies of the statutory consultations and legal opinion in connection with the above case.

The Department had forwarded a copy of the report commissioned by the Environment and Heritage Service but had decided not to release the Senior Counsel Opinion under the terms of the exemption under section 42 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Following discussion it was agreed that Council pursue this matter through the Information Commissioner who would undertake an independent review.

## 12.0 LISTED BUILDINGS - THE DIAMOND, PORTSTEWART

Reported that the property developer had been fined £500 in connection with the demolition of the two listed buildings at The Diamond, Portstewart.

Noted.

## 13.0 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION - APPEALS

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| 13.1 | <u>Re-development of site to retail units and apartments (2 no. retail units and 24 apartments) at 17,19 and 21 The Diamond, Portstewart for N M Developments</u>   | Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising members that this appeal had been withdrawn.<br><br>Noted.  |
| 13.2 | <u>Re-development of O'Neill's Caravan Park, Burnside Road, Portstewart for residential development and the re-development of Nos. 24 and 26 Burnside Road for the access for Mr. B. O'Neill</u>  | Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising members that the Commission had considered this appeal and had concluded that planning permission be refused.<br><br>Noted. |
| 13.3 | <u>Non-determination of an application for full planning permission for 20 new-build apartments with associated car parking and gardens at Nos. 49 - 53 Prospect Road, Portstewart for Carney Investments Ltd.</u>                                      | Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising members that the Commission had considered this appeal and had concluded that planning permission be refused.<br><br>Noted. |
| 13.4 | <u>Demolition of existing building (listed building) adjacent to Comfort Hotel, 73 Main Street, Portrush – extension to existing hotel to include conference rooms, kitchen with associated storage and 15 no. bedrooms for North Coast Hotels Ltd.</u> | Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising members that the Commission had considered this appeal and had concluded that planning permission be refused.<br><br>Noted. |



**14.0 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

Reported that the Department of the Environment had made a Tree Preservation Order in respect of trees at 60 and 62 Portstewart Road, Coleraine.

Noted.

**15.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 13**

Tabled:

Planning Policy Statement 13 (PPS 13) – Transportation and Land Use.

**POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**21<sup>st</sup> June, 2005.**

**Present:**

Alderman D. McClarty, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor T. J. Deans

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Mrs. M. T. Hickey  
(Items 3.0 – 23.1)

**Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 9.0)

W. T. Creelman  
W. J. McClure

**Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)  
D. D. Barbour  
(Items 1.0 – 9.0)  
J. M. Bradley  
(Items 3.0 – 23.1)  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
A. S. Cole  
J. J. Dallat  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

S. Gilkinson  
N. F. Hillis  
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
W. A. King  
B. Leonard  
G. L. McLaughlin  
(Items 3.0 – 23.1)  
R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
(Items 2(e) - 23.1)

**Officers in**

**Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services (Items 2(h) – 23.1), Head of Administrative Services (Items 2.0 – 23.1, Personnel Officer (Items 2(g) – 23.1), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 5.4), Senior Technical Officer (Items 5.0 – 23.1) and Administrative Assistant

**Apology:**

Councillor Stewart

**1.0 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

On a request for nominations for Vice Chairman, the following proposals were made:

- (i) Alderman McClure was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson
- (ii) Councillor Ms. Alexander was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Leonard.

On being put to the meeting, Alderman McClure received twelve votes and Councillor Ms. Alexander received two votes and it was therefore, recommended:

That Alderman McClure be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

**2.0 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

2.1 Windfarm Group

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

That group membership be comprised of a representative from each party along with the independent member.

On being put to a vote the proposal was defeated by eleven votes to four.

As the result of the ensuing paper vote, it was recommended:

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

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Creelman, Alderman McClarty, Councillor Gilkinson and Councillor Hillis.

2.2 North West '200' Committee

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

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

2.3 Human Resources Group

As the result of a paper vote, it was recommended that representatives, as listed, be appointed for the ensuing year:

Alderman McClure and Councillors Ms.

2.4 Property Group

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

The Mayor, Alderman McClure and Councillors Mrs. Johnston, King and Leonard.

2.5 Zomba Group

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive read a letter from Rev. Dr. Gordon, Chairman of the Zomba Action Project (ZAP) thanking Council for its vision in setting up ZAP, the Councillors involved in the charity for their contribution and Councillors and Council staff for their financial donations to the Project.

During the discussion which followed it was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

That a representative from each party, along with the independent member, be nominated to constitute the Zomba Group.

On being put to a vote the proposal failed with three votes for and thirteen votes against.

As the result of a paper vote, it was then recommended that representatives, as listed, be appointed for the ensuing year:

Alderman McClarty and Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole, Dallat and King.

2.6 Northern Corridor Railways Group

Recommended:

That Alderman McClure and Councillor Dallat be re-appointed for the ensuing year.

2.7 CORE

As the result of a vote, it was recommended:

That Alderman McClure be appointed for the ensuing year.

2.8 Social Committee

Recommended:

That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman McClarty and Councillor Mrs. Fielding be appointed for the ensuing year.

**3.0 BGE (NORTHERN IRELAND)**

The Chairman welcomed BGE representatives Messrs. Steve Yeager, Dave Kirwan,

Kevin McSherry, Joe McGowan and Eric Cosgrove, who were in attendance to update members on the distribution of natural gas to the Coleraine Borough Council area.

The representatives outlined developments including:

- Progress on distribution
- Network development philosophy
- Mainlaying techniques
- Expected benefits for Coleraine

It was noted that a single point of contact for the development in Coleraine would be Mr. Eric Cosgrove who could be reached at telephone no. 028 90511288.

During the ensuing discussion, Messrs. Yaeger, Kirwan and McSherry answered members' various questions and noted comments.

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

#### **4.0 IRELAND'S BEST KEPT TOWNS AWARD**

At this point in the meeting the Deputy Mayor was invited to report on the results of the 'Ireland's Best Kept Towns' competition event held earlier in the day and she was delighted to announce that the winner of the 'Best Kept Small Town' category had been Portrush.

Committee expressed their appreciation of this award and recognised the contribution of both Council employees and the local community in preparing the town for the competition.

#### **5.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

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| 5.1 | <u>Two New Posts – Amenity Site Attendants</u>           | Council is recommended to approve the establishment of two additional Amenity Site Attendant posts in the Technical Services Department.   |
| 5.2 | <u>Role of Deputising for Town Clerk/Chief Executive</u> | It was agreed that this item be discussed 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.  |
| 5.3 | <u>Matters for Information</u>                           |  |
|     | 5.3.1 <u>Absenteeism Report 2003/04</u>                  | Consideration was given to this report (previously supplied) and members noted that a training programme on the management of absenteeism would be taking place in the autumn of 2005. |
|     | 5.3.2 <u>Annual Accounts</u>                             | Members noted information on the preparation of Council's Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2005 as contained in the                                  |

report.

### 5.3.3 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments for April and May 2005, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Revenue A/C	£1,106,879.50	£492,826.39
Capital A/C -	£ 261,058.03	£ 97,361.42
Petty Cash A/C-	£ 357,965.80	£150,721.22

Discussion ensued and it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Leonard:

That Council set up a Local Audit Committee to oversee Council spending.

The Director of Corporate Services advised members that a comprehensive report on corporate governance, which would include issues relating to audit committees, would be brought to Committee in September 2005.

In the light of this information it was proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston:

That Council defer any decision on audit committee until after consideration of the report on corporate governance.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried by fifteen votes to five.

The Finance Officer agreed to provide a breakdown of landfill tax finance to Councillor Hillis.

### 5.3.4 New Appointments

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

#### Chief Executive's Department

Public Relations Assistant: Ms. D. Ward

#### Technical Services Department

(Internal) Refuse Lorry Driver: Mr. J. P. Brolly

#### Leisure Services Department

Temporary Part-time Cleaner (1 year) –

## 6.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

- 6.1 Causeway Coast & Glens Ltd. Council is recommended to contribute £29,850 to the Causeway Coast & Glens Ltd. for the current financial year.
- 6.2 Sperrins Tourism Ltd. Council is recommended to restate its commitment to Sperrins Tourism Ltd. until 2007 and to contribute £3,500 for the current financial year.
- 6.3 Export Links with Cyprus - Autumn 2005 Consideration was given to information on the development of a proposed economic link with Cyprus, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That Lestas Consulting be appointed to carry out this work and invited to proceed with the engagement of eight local companies to participate in the trade mission to Cyprus.

Reference was made to the low response to Council's call for tenders for this work and members noted that Council's select list would be updated in September 2005.

- 6.4 Fern Festival 2005 Council is recommended to contribute £1,500, plus assistance in kind, to this festival.
- 6.5 16<sup>th</sup> Irish Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Science Council is recommended to host a welcome drinks reception for this conference.
- 6.6 For Information Committee noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report:
- European Parakart Championship 2005
  - CCTV Update
  - Portrush Regeneration Initiative – Consultation
  - Response on Rural Development Policy

## 7.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

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

- 7.1 Cloonavin Car Parking The Head of Administrative Services presented



his proposals for control of car parking at Cloonavin and the Marina car parks through the use of barriers which could be lowered when patterns of car parking activity necessitated the need for such control.

Discussion ensued during which it was proposed by The Mayor and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That Council seek to control car parking at these areas through the use of signage and clamping.

In response to a request by members for updated information on the option of clamping, the Head of Administrative Services agreed to provide a report to the July meeting of Council.

The Mayor and Councillor Ms. Alexander then agreed to withdraw their proposal.

#### 7.2 Snappers Restaurant

A request had been received from the owners of Snappers Restaurant, Messrs. Spence and Smith, for Council to assign three leases held by them to the new leaseholders of the restaurant, ZIO Ltd. A seven year extension to the leases, which were due to expire in 2018, was also requested.

Recommended:

That Council agree to re-assign the leases but maintain the expiry dates at 2018.

#### 7.3 Coleraine Harbour Commissioners

In response to a request from Coleraine Harbour Commissioners for Council to agree to the sale of a portion of its land at Cushowen, along with land being sold by the Harbour Commissioners, it was recommended:

That Council defer a decision and ask for more information about the rationale of including the 0.69 acres of Council land in the package to be put on the marketplace.

#### 7.4 Ballyrashane Reservoir

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

That Council agree to extend the lease on this reservoir, held by The Riverview Angling Club, for a further period of five years until March 2011.

#### 7.5 Social Housing

Committee noted information on this topic, as

contained in the report.

## **8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and unanimously adopted:

“This Council invites a representative of the Nexus Institute to address Council on its work helping people to survive sexual abuse in the Coleraine area.”

## **9.0 RIVER BANN NAVIGATION ORDER (N.I.) 2002 - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2005/2006**

The Mayor paid tribute to Mr. Robert Anderson for his work as the former Chairman of Coleraine Harbour Commissioners and members asked to be associated with these remarks.

It was then recommended:

That Council appoint Mr. Victor Hamill to serve as Chairman for the next twelve months to June 2006 and Mrs. Sharon Scott as Vice Chairman for the same period.

## **10.0 SELECT TENDER LIST - NEW WATER SPORTS CENTRE**

Mr. Jim McMurtry of Smyth and McMurtry, Council's appointed Architects, was introduced to the meeting.

Smyth and McMurtry had examined and assessed applications from seventeen companies which had applied for inclusion in Council's select list of contractors and had recommended that, of these, the following nine companies be included in the list and invited to tender for the new water sports centre:

- Higgins Construction (Garvagh) Ltd.
- JPM Contractors Ltd.
- J. Kennedy & Co. (Contractors) Ltd.
- Louerne Construction
- Martin & Hamilton Construction Ltd.
- R. J. McKelvey
- PRH Construction
- Hugh Taggart & Sons Ltd.
- Windyhill Developments Ltd.

Following a full discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Councillor Hillis and recommended:

That Council accept the recommendations as listed.

## **11.0 CONSULTATION LIST**

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

- (i) Department of Education - New Admissions Arrangements for Post-Primary Schools

Comments due by: 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

**12.0 LETTER FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY TO IAN PEARSON**

Read letter from Private Secretary to Ian Pearson regarding Council's response to Consultation on Draft Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (previously supplied).

Noted.

**13.0 GARVAGH LIBRARY**

Read letter from the Director of Library and Corporate Services, NEELB to GADDA advising that Garvagh Library would remain open but kept under review for a period of six months, to allow development of community proposals to enhance usage and supplement funding.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that Council would endeavour to work with the Garvagh community over the summer period, to maximize the chances of keeping the library open.

**14.0 CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

Read letter from the Registrar General advising of the preparations being made for the introduction of same sex civil partnerships under the Civil Partnership Act 2004, which would be brought into force throughout the U.K. on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2005.

Noted.

**15.0 CARAVAN PARK REVIEW**

Read memo from the Director of Leisure Services advising that four tenders had been received from companies wishing to act as agents for Council in the leasing of its caravan parks at Juniper Hill and Carrick Dhu, viz:

- Lisney
- McAfee Commercial
- HLL Humberts Leisure
- O'Connor, Kennedy, Turtle

Following analysis and interview, HLL Humberts Leisure of Yorkshire had been appointed as Council's agents.

Noted.

**16.0 FAMILIES ACTING FOR INNOCENT RELATIVES (FAIR)**

Read letter from FAIR requesting an opportunity to address Council on the work of the organization.

Recommended:

That FAIR be invited to address Council.

**17.0 DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING**

Read letter advising that the Job Centre had moved from its office at 41 Church Street, Coleraine to the Social Security Office at Artillery Road, Coleraine.

Noted.

**18.0 SOMME REMEMBRANCE PARADE AND SERVICE**

Read letter from Carrickfergus Borough Council inviting Council to attend a Somme Remembrance Parade and Service at the Knockagh War Memorial, Carrickfergus on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2005.

The Mayor and Councillor McPherson, the Somme Association representative, had agreed to attend this service; any other Councillors interested in attending were asked to advise the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

**19.0 DOCUMENT TABLED**

- (i) The Local Government Staff Commission – Corporate Plan 2005-08 and Business Plan 2005-06.

**20.0 SITE MEETINGS**

Reference was made to the number of cancellations contained in the schedule of site meetings (circulated) and the brevity of notice given. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that this issue, along with others relating to site meetings, had been raised with Planning Service.

**21.0 ZOMBA ACTION PROJECT (ZAP)**

Councillor King appealed for members to support ZAP, using the contribution forms circulated, by monthly donation from allowances and/or sponsorship of the Border Trek event.

Noted.

**22.0 RIVER BANN TRAFFIC**

Councillor Bradley referred to an increase in traffic on the river and the need to monitor such increase.

Noted.