

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 26th day of September, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Cloonavin,
41 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 25th July, 2000
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 11th September, 2000
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 5th September, 2000
(Item No. 2.5.2) Entertainments Licence – Transfer - The Golf Hotel, Castlerock

Objections to the Entertainments Licence will be heard and the applicant will be in attendance to address Council.
 - 2.2 Planning Committee - 12th September, 2000
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 19th September, 2000
(Item No. 2.1) Review of Councillors' Allowances
3. Tenders – Skips (Report enclosed)
4. Special Meetings : Council/Committees
5. Correspondence
6. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Health and Social Services Council of 7th June, 2000
- (2) Northern Ireland Housing Executive – New Letting Scheme
- (3) Local Policing Information
- (4) Council Directory 2000/2001

To: Each Member of Council.

22nd September, 2000.

COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 25th July, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

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

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

W. J. McClure

W. H. King

W. J. Watt

Councillors

D. D. Barbour

N. F. Hillis

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

G. L. McLaughlin

R. S. Bolton

R. A. McPherson

J. M. Bradley

W. Mathews

(Items 3.1.1 – 16.0)

E. O'Hara

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

R. D. Stewart

W. T. Creelman

Officers in Attendance:

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

Apologies: Alderman Mrs. Armitage, Councillors Dallat, McClarty and Mullan

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed those present in the public gallery to the meeting.

2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 27th June, 2000 were confirmed and signed.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

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

Matters arising:

3.1.1 Arcadia Improvement Scheme – Portrush

Following a full discussion on this topic it was proposed by Councillor Hillis and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That the proposed design of the new building at the Arcadia, Portrush be reconsidered at the September meeting of Committee.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried by nine votes to two.

3.1.2 Entertainments Licence (Renewal) - The Springhill Bar, Portrush

The Director of Technical Services reported that one of the two objections received to the renewal of the Entertainments Licence for The Springhill Bar, Portrush had been withdrawn.

A letter had been received from John F. Hickey, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Beulah Guesthouse, Portrush who were objecting to the renewal of the licence on the grounds of excessive noise emanating from the premises. The applicant, Mr. McLaughlin, addressed Council and elaborated on the measures taken to reduce noise emissions.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Alderman Watt:

That the renewal of the Entertainments Licence be granted for a six month period to facilitate monitoring of the premises to assess the effectiveness of remedial measures taken to satisfy the inaudibility clause as contained in the licence. If the remedial measures did not prove satisfactory then the fitting of an electronic noise limiter would be considered.

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

3.2 Planning Committee

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

Matters arising:

3.2.1 Planning Appeals Commission – Younger Homes Ltd. – Land between 1 Tullybeg Avenue and Holmlea, Castlerock Road, Coleraine

It was proposed by Alderman McClure, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and agreed:

That standing orders be suspended to enable a spokesperson on behalf of a deputation of residents from Tullybeg Avenue/Castlerock Road, Coleraine to address the meeting.

Mr. M. McAllister then addressed the meeting

and requested that Council on their behalf bring an Application for Judicial Review of the Planning Appeals Commission's decision to allow the appeal by Younger Homes Ltd.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive read a letter received from Macaulay Wray, Solicitors, who advised that having discussed the Planning Commission's decision with Council's barrister that there were no grounds to submit a successful application for judicial review of this decision.

Following a full discussion it was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Alderman Ms. Alexander:

That Council bring an Application for Judicial Review of the Planning Appeals Commission's decision to allow the appeal by Younger Homes Ltd.

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

That Council seek a second legal opinion regarding bringing an Application for Judicial Review of this decision.

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

For: Alderman McClure
Councillors Barbour, Bradley, Creelman, McLaughlin, Mathews, O'Hara and Stewart (8)

Against: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Aldermen King and Watt
Councillors Mrs. Black, Bolton, Mrs. Church and McPherson (8)

Abstained: Alderman Ms. Alexander and Councillor Hillis (2)

The amendment, therefore, failed to carry.

The proposal was then put to the meeting and on a request for a recorded vote the members voted thus:

For: Aldermen Ms. Alexander and McClure

Against: Councillors Bradley, Creelman, Hillis and Stewart (6)
The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
Aldermen King and Watt
Councillors Barbour, Mrs. Black, Bolton, Mrs. Church, McLaughlin, McPherson, Mathews and O'Hara (12)

The proposal was, therefore, lost by twelve votes to six.

Council would, therefore, be taking no further action on this matter.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted.

3.3 Policy and Development Committee

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

3.4 Police Liaison Committee

The Chairman, Councillor McPherson, moved the adoption of the Police Liaison Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and agreed.

4.0 COLERAINE DISTRICT HOUSING PLAN 2000 - 2001

The Mayor welcomed the following representatives from Northern Ireland Housing Executive:

Mr. P. McIntyre – Chief Executive
Mr. F. O'Connor – North East Area Manager
Miss N Diver – North East Area Planner
Ms J. Baird – District Manager
Mrs. Y. Montgomery – Information Officer

Mr. McIntyre commented on the Housing Executive's gross budget for 2000/2001 which had been set at £528 million. Although this figure was in keeping with the planning total announced previously, it represented a reduction in the Executive's Capital and Revenue programmes of £11.4 and £2.3 million respectively. The reduced funding would curtail the Executive's ability to maintain the multi-element improvement and revenue replacement activity at previous levels.

Mr. O'Connor expanded on the Coleraine and District Housing Plan 2000/2001 and the three key activity areas viz: improvement work, planned maintenance and private sector grants. Reference was made to the condition of properties in Killowen Street, Coleraine.

Ms Baird advised that a Housing Association had now acquired the properties in Killowen Street with a view to re-developing the site. It was also hoped in conjunction with the local community development group to provide a community facility at the former Spencer Row site.

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

Mr. McIntyre paid tribute to work of Alderman Mrs. Armitage, Council's former representative on the Northern Ireland Housing Council.

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

5.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE - AUTUMN 2000

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report (previously supplied) on the appointment procedure for the next round of Coleraine Harbour Commissioner appointments due in November 2000.

It was agreed to fill the six forthcoming vacancies on the present basis i.e. two elected members and four to be drawn from the open selection process.

Following discussion it was agreed to proceed by an open advertisement procedure, as detailed in the report, to fill the four posts available and to establish a small panel to undertake the short-listing and selection process.

The panel would comprise the following persons:

The Mayor and the Director of Corporate Services
Representative from the Department of the Environment
Representative from another Harbour Authority

6.0 FRIDAY MARKET - COLERAINE MARKET YARD

Reported that a letter had been received from Mr. W. Close, the licensee of the Friday Market held at Coleraine Market Yard, giving notice terminating the market licence with effect from 28th July, 2000.

Noted.

7.0 NORTHERN IRELAND GAMBLING LAW

Reported that the Minister for Social Development, Nigel Dodds MLA, had announced that he had decided not to proceed with the betting and gaming changes previously outlined in 1998. Instead the outcome of a wide ranging review of gambling law in Great Britain would be awaited.

Noted.

8.0 NORTH-EASTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD

Tabled:

9.0 NORTHERN CHILDCARE PARTNERSHIP

Tabled:

Northern Childcare Plan 2000/01 – 2002/03.

**10.0 DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Tabled:

Report by the Northern Ireland Working Group on a draft Northern
Ireland Action Plan regarding the Active Community Initiative.

11.0 VALUATION AND LANDS AGENCY

Tabled:

Annual Report and Accounts for 1999/2000.

12.0 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Tabled:

Corporate Plan 2000/2003 and Business Plan 2000/2001.

**13.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING
EXECUTIVE**

Tabled:

Corporate and Business Plans 2000/2001 – 2002/2003.

14.0 CO-OWNERSHIP HOUSING

Tabled:

Corporate Plan 2000 – 2005 and Business Plan 2000 – 2001.

15.0 RIVERS AGENCY

Tabled:

Corporate Plan 2000/2005 and Business Plan 2000/01.

16.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Counterpart Deed of Rectification The Giants Causeway Tramway. Council and Giants Causeway and Bushmills Railway Company Ltd.

2. Cemetery Titles Registration Numbers 2614 – 2616 inclusive

Coleraine 1
Portstewart 2

- Advanced Deed Registration Number – 0009
Coleraine 1

SPECIAL MEETING

11th September, 2000.

Convened: To formulate a response to the Programme for Government consultative paper (previously supplied) issued by The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

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

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. J. McClure
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt
W. H. King	

Councillors

D. D. Barbour	G. L. McLaughlin
J. M. Bradley	W. Mathews
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	E. M. Mullan
N. F. Hillis	R. D. Stewart
D. McClarty	

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Black, Bolton, Creelman, Dallat, McPherson and O'Hara

1.0 PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the Economic Policy Unit in The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, together with the Department of Finance and Personnel, were liaising with Government Departments to develop the Executive's Programme for Government. To assist with this work Council's views were sought on the broad nature, principles and structures of the Programme.

A full and wide ranging discussion ensued on this topic as a result of which it was agreed that the following response be submitted to the Economic Policy Unit.

Council considered that the Programme should be concentrated on four key themes viz:

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental
- Developmental

with the undernoted aspects being specifically highlighted.

General

- (1) A review of the provision of public services within Northern Ireland to enable the re-direction of funds to important target areas.
- (2) Additional statutory powers to local government.
- (3) De-centralisation of Civil Service jobs.

Economy

- (1) A more focussed economic and industrial strategy targeting new sectors.
- (2) Support for Research and Development.
- (3) Revision of the current inward investment approach. The IDB/LEDU/IRTU should be re-structured.
- (4) Special efforts should be made to boost tourism growth.

Regional Development

- (1) Preparation of an action plan to facilitate implementation of the Regional Strategic Framework.
- (2) Target key growth centres and corridors.
- (3) Preparation of an integrated road and rail transport strategy for the Province.
- (4) Provision of a natural gas supply to the Northern Corridor.

Health

- (1) Support the review of acute hospitals and development of centres of excellence.
- (2) Greatly reduce the proportion of the budget spent on administration.
- (3) Encourage the consideration of Public/Private Partnership solutions.
- (4) Mainstream hospice funding within public health expenditure.

Education/Further Education

- (1) Co-ordinated training strategy to facilitate employment within the knowledge economy.
- (2) A review of the Selection Procedure.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5th September, 2000.

Present: Councillor E. O'Hara, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 19.0)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 10.0)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)
(Items 2.1 – 3.8)

W. H. King
W. J. McClure
W. J. Watt

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
E. T. Black (Mrs.)
R. S. Bolton
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman
J. J. Dallat
N. F. Hillis

D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
W. Mathews
E. M. Mullan
R. D. Stewart

Officers in

Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services,
Director of Environmental Health, Leisure Services Officer, Senior Technical Officer (Items
1.0 – 3.2), Principal Building Control Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.2) and
Administrative Assistant

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members following the summer recess.

2.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Arcadia Improvement Scheme

The Chairman welcomed Mr. K. Graham and Mrs. K. Adams from Ferguson McIlveen, who were in **attendance to present proposals for a scheme involving the renovation of the existing building to provide café/toilet facilities. The representatives elaborated on the proposals and the proposed costings, viz:**

	£
Refurbished Building	258,000
Provisional budget for external cantilevered deck	<u>20,000</u>
Total	278,000

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

It was proposed by Alderman Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That Council accept the renovation proposals for the café/toilet building.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was lost by eleven votes to nine.

It was proposed by Councillor Mathews and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Black:

That Council accept the original design proposal for a new feature building at a cost of £258,000.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was lost by ten votes to eight.

It was subsequently agreed that this topic be reconsidered at a future meeting of Committee.

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

2.2 Craigahulliar Landfill Site - Extension to Site Lining

Recommended:

That Kirk McClure Morton, the original designers of the site, be appointed to prepare tender documentation for the extension to the site lining, as detailed in the report.

Committee noted that the need for a gas flare system for Phase I would be evaluated over the next six months of operation by monitoring gas levels generated at the site.

2.3 Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Spencer Row,

The Executive proposed, under Article 40 (1) of the Roads (N.I.) Order 1930 to extinguish a

Coleraine

footpath associated with the Spencer Row development at Killowen Street, Coleraine. This would facilitate redevelopment of the area.

Recommended:

That Council agree.

2.4 Trade Waste – Charging System

Council is recommended to agree to the postponement of the introduction of the new charging system for trade waste until 1st April, 2001. This would enable all customers to be provided with the correct information regarding costs and their comments sought for re-consideration.

2.5 Entertainments Licences

2.5.1 Grant of Licence

Applications for the grant of Entertainments Licences had been received in respect of:

Coleraine Bowling Club, Lodge Road, Coleraine
Station Arcade, 68 Railway Road, Coleraine

Recommended:

That Entertainments Licences be granted in each case.

2.5.2 The Golf Hotel, 17 Main Street, Castlerock

An application had been received for the transfer of the Entertainments Licence in respect of The Golf Hotel, 17 Main Street, Castlerock.

Committee noted that as objections had been received to this application this matter would be considered at the September Meeting of Council when the applicant and objectors would be given an opportunity to address Council.

2.5.3 Snappers Restaurant, 21 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush

An application had been received for the grant of an Entertainments Licence in respect of Snappers Restaurant, 21 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush.

Recommended:

That an Entertainments Licence be granted subject to the provision of in-house system to eliminate entertainments noise being audible in neighbouring premises.

2.6 Landfill Tax Funding

Recommended:

That Council contribute funding from the Landfill Tax Fund for the undernoted environmental projects, as detailed in the report:

<u>Applicant</u>	£
Ulster Wildlife Trust – Scientific Project	5,000 for 2000/2001 (two years)
<u>Giants Causeway and Bushmills Railway – Tramway Project</u>	25,000 for 2000/2001 (two years)
Kilcranny House – Therapeutic Garden	
Allotment Scheme	5,000
N.I. 2000 – Pilot Project	3,500
Alliance Youth Works Coleraine – Play Resource Centre	5,000
N.I. Housing Executive – Fuel Poverty Scheme	6,000 (for each of the next three years)

2.6.1 Friends of Somerset
Ponds

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Councillor Barbour and recommended that the Friends of Somerset Ponds project be allocated £10,000 for 2000/2001.

2.7 Building Control

2.7.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for one hundred and three applications.

2.8 For Information

The Director of Technical Services provided information in his report on the following:

- (a) Composting – Green Waste
- (b) Schemes – General
- (c) Conservation Volunteers Northern Ireland (CVNI)

3.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Anderson Park, Coleraine

The Chairman welcomed Mr. P. Westbury of MWA Partnership and Mr. M. Scullin of W.H. Stephens & Sons, who were in attendance to address Committee regarding the tenders, as detailed in the report, received for Phase 1 of the upgrading of Anderson Park, Coleraine. The representatives elaborated on the tender prices and answered members' queries on the project.

Council is recommended to accept the lowest tender from Newtown Stewart Construction Co. Ltd. at the revised figure of £331,629.56.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Westbury and Scullin for attending after which they withdrew.

3.2 Kilrea Sports Hall

Consideration was given to the recommendations from the Consultants, John Neil Partnership, regarding the applications received for inclusion in the select list to tender for the Kilrea Sports Hall scheme.

Council is recommended to agree to the following firms being invited to tender for the scheme as follows:

Main Building Contract

1. O'Neill & Brady
2. JPM Contracts
3. McCloskey & O'Kane
4. Martin & Hamilton
5. Kennedy Contractors
6. T & A Kernoghan

Reserves

7. Hugh Taggart
8. Bradley Construction

Structural Steelwork

1. Ballykine Structural Engineers
2. M Hasson & Sons Ltd.
3. The Terence McCormack Group
4. Gregg & Patterson
5. Fabricat Ireland Contractors

Electrical Services

1. Blackbourne M & E Services
2. Locksley Engineering Co.
3. Antrim M & Engineers
4. J F Little Electrical
5. J F & H Dowds Electrical
6. B I Electrical Services
7. W A Pinkerton
8. D C Electrical Ltd.

Mechanical Services

1. R & F Mechanical
2. P & H Services
3. White Engineering Ltd.

4. Brendan J McKay
5. Clarendon Industrial Services Ltd.
6. Weir & McQuiston Ltd.

- 3.3 Open Space - Housing Developments Fermoyle Drive/Rathbeg Avenue, Ballycairn, Coleraine Council is recommended to agree in principle to maintain the open space element in the new housing development at Fermoyle Drive/Rathbeg Avenue, Ballycairn, Coleraine subject to the conditions as detailed in the report.
- 3.4 North-East School of Sport Council is recommended to contribute £1,500 towards the cost of this year's North-East School of Sport which would be held from 30th October – 1st November, 2000.
- Reference was made to the possibility of including coaching in bowls. The Leisure Services Officer would raise this with the organisers.
- 3.5 Ballysally Community Association – New Play Area Committee noted that Ballysally Community Association had been awarded £30,000 by the Borough Partnership for a new play area at Ballysally.
- Council had been asked by the Association if it would insure this provision and be responsible for maintenance costs.
- Following discussion it was agreed that the Leisure Services Officer have further discussions on this topic with the Association and report back to a future meeting of Committee.
- 3.6 Community and Arts Festival Committee noted that this year's Community and Arts Festival would take place between 17th and 31st October, 2000.
- It was agreed that following this year's Festival consideration be given to the possible transfer of the event to May each year.
- 3.7 Active Living Conference Recommended:
- That Alderman King, Councillor McLaughlin and the Leisure Services Officer attend the Active Living
- Conference from 22nd – 24th October, 2000 in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast.
- 3.8 Coleraine Leisure Centre - Consideration was given to the four options

Fitness Studio

detailed in the report for the possible improvement and expansion of the Fitness Studio at Coleraine Leisure Centre.

Committee noted that the estimated costs of extending the Studio to increase the number of work stations from thirty to seventy was £410,000.

Building, Electrics and Fitting Out	£180,000
Fitness Equipment	£230,000

Following a full discussion on the various options it was recommended that Council adopt Option D viz.:

Council to fund capital provision of the redevelopment and operate the facility with the exception of sales/marketing and direct debit/standing order expertise, both of which would be bought in from specialist companies.

3.9 Coleraine Borough Cage Bird Society – Request for Assistance

Recommended:

That Council contribute £100 to Coleraine Borough Cage Bird Society towards the cost of staging their Millennium Show at Coleraine Town Hall on 2nd December, 2000.

3.10 For Information

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

Flowerfield Arts Centre – Autumn Programme.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Legal Proceedings – Public Health Acts 1878 – 1967

It was proposed by Alderman Watt, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed that this item be considered “In Committee” at the end of the meeting.

4.2 Mobile Phone Masts - Permitted Development Notifications

Council is recommended to agree that a standard response be made in respect of all future notifications of permitted development, requesting that the applicant be required to submit a normal planning application, as per the Stewart Report recommendations.

4.3 Housing and Health -
Towards a Shared Agenda

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on the consultative document from N.I. Housing Executive outlining its proposed approach to the impact that housing can have on community health.

Following discussion it was recommended that the omission from the document of district council involvement be highlighted to the Housing Executive.

4.4 Proposals for Relaxation of
the Export Ban in Northern
Ireland in Recognition of
its Very Low Levels of BSE

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on the consultation paper issued by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the relaxation of the export ban on cattle and bovine products of Northern Ireland origin.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council support the proposed relaxation of the export ban.

4.5 Northern Ireland River
Conservation Strategy

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on the draft consultation paper issued by the Environment and Heritage Service setting out its proposed approach to the Northern Ireland River Conservation Strategy.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council request the Environment and Heritage Service to expand the documents remit or produce a parallel strategy to fully address all issues relating to the Province's rivers.

5.0 PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

Consideration was given to the consultation paper (previously supplied) from The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister seeking Council's views on the Programme for Government.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this topic to a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, 11th September, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

6.0 COLERAINE RUGBY FOOTBALL AND CRICKET CLUB

The Chairman declared an interest in this item and vacated the Chamber whilst it was discussed.

The Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Consideration was given to a letter (previously supplied) from the Chairman of

Coleraine Rugby Football Club Development Committee.

Committee noted that the Club was proposing the development of a Sporting Centre at Rugby Avenue which would entail the purchase of Council land at this location to facilitate their proposals. In return the Club had suggested that it would provide a synthetic pitch for community use.

A full discussion then ensued during which concern was expressed that only certain members had been invited to attend a previous meeting at the Rugby Club to hear a presentation on the proposed scheme.

It was agreed that a Special Meeting of Committee be arranged to fully consider the Club's proposals; representatives from the Rugby Club would be invited to make a presentation on their proposals.

7.0 NORTHERN IRELAND CYCLING STRATEGY

A copy of the Northern Ireland Cycling Strategy had been circulated to each member.

8.0 POLICE AUTHORITY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND - ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Read letter from the Police Authority for Northern Ireland inviting members to attend its Annual Public Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th September, 2000 at the BT Studio, The Waterfront Hall, Belfast.

Noted.

9.0 ROADS SERVICE - PORTSTEWART PROMENADE RAILINGS

Read letter from the Traffic and Network Development Manager advising that Roads Service now intended to erect railings along the whole length of Portstewart Promenade (except around the War Memorial) commencing in September 2000.

Noted.

10.0 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reported that the Annual General Meeting of the National Association of Councillors would be held on 23rd/24th September, 2000 in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry.
Recommended:

That Councillors Hillis, McLaughlin and Stewart attend the meeting.

11.0 ROADS SERVICE - GREEN TRAVEL PLAN CONFERENCE - 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2000

Reported that Roads Service Transportation Unit would be holding a Green Travel Plan Conference on 26th September, 2000 in the Ecos Millennium Environmental Centre in Ballymena.

Noted.

12.0 COLERAINE FOOTBALL CLUB

Read letter of thanks from the Secretary of Coleraine Football Club for Council's assistance and the hospitality provided on the occasion of their recent match with Orgryte IS of Sweden.

Noted.

13.0 WATER SERVICE

Tabled:

Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000
Corporate/Business Plan 2000/2005

14.0 CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

Tabled:

Corporate Plan 2000/01 and Business Plan 2000/01

15.0 HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND AND NATIONAL HERITAGE MEMORIAL FUND

Tabled:

Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000

16.0 RIVERS AGENCY

Tabled:

Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000

17.0 OCTOBER - LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the Portrush Traffic Scheme and Portrush Town Hall would be considered at the October meeting of Committee.

18.0 NEW CIVIC HEADQUARTERS

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that due to continuing delay by the contractor in a number of important areas of the building, the move to the new civic

headquarters would be postponed to a date yet to be determined. This would be no earlier than November.

Noted.

19.0 COMMUNITY FACILITY - PORTBALLINTRAE

Reference was made to the need for the provision by Council of a community facility in Portballintrae.

It was agreed that this topic be considered at the forthcoming annual review of the capital programme.

20.0 CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended to the cleansing staff responsible for the excellent standard of the public toilets in the Borough. Events promotion staff were also congratulated for their work.

21.0 SALMON SCULPTURE - NEW CIVIC HEADQUARTERS

Reference was made to the cost of the provision of the salmon sculpture at the site entrance to the new civic headquarters.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the sculpture had been provided within the agreed budget of £25,000.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

12th September, 2000.

Present:

Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.3 – 4.0)
W. H. King
(Items 1.3 – 4.0)

W. J. McClure
W. J. Watt
(Items 1.0 – 1.27)

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
(Items 1.0 – 1.35)
E. T. Black (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman
J. J. Dallat
(Items 1.3 – 1.22)
N. F. Hillis
(Items 1.3 – 4.0)

R. A. McPherson
W. Mathews
E. M. Mullan
(Items 1.3 – 4.0)
E. O'Hara
(Items 1.0 – 1.35)
R. D. Stewart

Also in

Attendance:

Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. W. Robinson and Miss J. McMullan

Officers in

Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Senior Environmental
Health Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Alderman Mrs. Armitage, Councillors Bolton and
McClarty

1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of eighty-six applications was considered (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

1.1

Application No. D1
C/2000/0217/O
Proposed dwelling with detached
garage adjacent to No. 13 Lisnamuck

The opinion of the Planning Service
was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be

- Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine for Mr. N. McIlroy approved subject to conditions relating to siting and design.
- 1.2 Application No. D2
C/2000/0252/F
Alterations and extension to dwelling at The Lodge, Ballyhome Road, Crocknamolt, Portrush for Mr. A. F. I. McCullough The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.3 Application No. D3
C/2000/0312/F
Erection of detached domestic garage at 12 Beaghville Drive, Portrush for Mr. T. Gamble The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Alderman McClure:

That the application be referred to the Planning Service Management Board for decision with a recommendation to refuse.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, six members voting in favour and four members voting against.
- 1.4 Application No. D4
C/2000/0377/F
Erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings adjacent to 106 Coleraine Road, Portrush for Mr. P. J. O'Kane The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.5 Application No. D5
C/2000/0456/O
Site for replacement dwelling at 15 Mayoghill Road, Garvagh, Coleraine for Mr. J. Stewart The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman King, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
- 1.6 Application No. D6
C/2000/0481/O
Dwelling 160 metres west of No. 11 Ballyhackett Lane, Castlerock for Mr. W. Purcell The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.

1.7 Application No. D7
C/2000/0488/F
Erection of two storey building
containing 3 no. single bedroom
dwellings and three garages at
1 Crocknamack Street, Portrush for
Mr. C. Gardner

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.

1.8 Application No. D8
C/2000/0490/O
Site for new one-and-a-half storey
dwelling at Ardreagh Road,
Aghadowey for Mr. J. Kelly

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the applicant be allowed one week to withdraw the application otherwise the application would be refused.

New Applications

1.9 Application No. 1
C/1998/0718
Side extension to existing foodstore
(727 sq. m. additional) at Sainsburys
Supermarket, Riverside Regional
Centre, Coleraine for Sainsburys
Supermarkets Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

That the application be refused.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That the application be deferred for one month.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was lost, eight members voting in favour and nine members voting against.

It was, therefore, agreed that the application be refused.

1.10 Application No. 10
C/2000/0474/O
Site for bungalow at 51 Belraugh
Road, Freugh Td., Garvagh for
Mrs. N. Bryson

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

1.11 Application No. 11
C/2000/0482/O
Development of site for static
caravan park (with area reserved for
6 no. tourers) adjacent to 41

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate

	<u>Ballyhackett Road, Castlerock for Mr. W. Purcell</u>	further discussions with the applicant.
1.12	<u>Application No. 12</u> <u>C/2000/0489/O</u> <u>Site for erection of farm retirement dwelling at Camus Lane, (Camus Td.), Coleraine for Mr. W. J. Moore</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
1.13	<u>Application No. 14</u> <u>C/2000/0501/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling at site adjacent to No. 10 Magheramore Road, Garvagh for Mr. J. Linton</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
1.14	<u>Application No. 21</u> <u>C/2000/0525/F</u> <u>Erection of detached garage at 22 Sandel Park, Coleraine for Mr. S. Fraser</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. Reported that satisfactory amended plans had now been received and the application would be approved.
1.15	<u>Application No. 23</u> <u>C/2000/0538/F</u> <u>Erection of one block of 2 no. town-houses and one block of 4 no. apartments at Sites 4 and 5 Meadowlands, Portstewart for Mr. B. Kearney</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
1.16	<u>Application No. 24</u> <u>C/2000/0540/F</u> <u>Conversion of ex-dwelling into 2 no. apartments with extension to same at 9 Millbank Avenue, Portstewart for Mr. S. Forde</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hillis and seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed: That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
1.17	<u>Application No. 26</u> <u>C/2000/0548/F</u> <u>Housing development – 31 no. bungalows; 19 no. chalet bungalows; 10 no. detached houses, 14 no. semi-detached houses (74 total) with detached garages on land off Magheramenagh, Portrush for</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.

N M Developments

- 1.18 Application No. 27
 C/2000/0549/O
Site for dwelling on land off Rusky
Park, Aghadowey, Coleraine for
 Mr. W. Kelly
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
- 1.19 Application No. 28
 C/2000/0553/O
Site for dwelling on land off Kurin
Road, Garvagh for Mr. J. McNicholl
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council Site visit.
- 1.20 Application No. 32
 C/2000/0566/O
Site for dwelling on land at
Ballylntagh Road, Culdrum Td.,
Coleraine for Mr. W. W. Reid
- 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.
- 1.21 Application No. 33
 C/2000/0572/F
Erection of a two-storey office head-
quarters building at Sandel Village
Centre, Knocklyn Road, Coleraine for
D G K Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 1.22 Application No. 35
 C/2000/0576/F
Proposed dwelling and detached
garage at Liswatty Upper Td.,
Liswatty Road, Coleraine (adjacent to
No. 14) for Mr. B. 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.
- 1.23 Application No. 38
 C/2000/0580/O
Site for dwelling and garage 200m
east of 22 Tamneyrankin Road,
Swatragh for Mr. J. P. Tohill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to enable the applicant to discuss the proposal with the Planning Service. If agreement could be reached the application would be approved otherwise the application would be refused.
- 1.24 Application No. 39
 C/2000/0581/O
Site for dwelling and garage 310m
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

	<u>(approx.) north of 61 Cullyrammer Road, Garvagh for Mr. J. Taylor</u>	It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
1.25	<u>Application No. 40</u> <u>C/2000/0585/F</u> <u>Demolition of existing building and erection of 14 apartments (four-storey) at 5/6 Ramore Avenue, Portrush for J. Milliken</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
1.26	<u>Application No. 50</u> <u>C/2000/0607/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling adjacent to 15 Ballygawley Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. E. Millsopp</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
1.27	<u>Application No. 57</u> <u>C/2000/0627/O</u> <u>Site for new dwelling adjacent to 28 Blackrock Road, Kilrea for Mr. O. Shiels</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
1.28	<u>Application No. 61</u> <u>C/2000/0633/O</u> <u>Proposed dwelling house with detached garage 60m north of 46 Glebe Road, Castlerock for Mr. W. Holmes</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse both applications. It was agreed that the applications be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
	<u>Application No. 62</u> <u>C/2000/0634/O</u> <u>Proposed dwelling house with detached garage 140m north of 46 Glebe Road, Castlerock for Mr. W. Holmes</u>	
1.29	<u>Application No. 67</u> <u>C/2000/0641/F</u> <u>Erection of side and rear extensions, front porch, conservatory and dormer windows at 204 Ballywillan Road, Portrush for Mr. B. Taylor</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
1.30	<u>Application No. 70</u> <u>C/2000/0647/F</u> <u>First floor side extension and alterations to dwelling (amended design) at 22 Ratheane Avenue,</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. No further representations had been received within the statutory

	<u>Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for Mr. I. Murray</u>	consultation period.
		It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
1.31	<u>Application No. 71</u> <u>C/2000/0648/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling adjacent to 40 Ballyhackett Road, Castlerock for Mr. R. Dixon</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to enable the applicant to discuss the proposal with the Planning Service. If agreement could be reached the application would be approved otherwise the application would be refused.
1.32	<u>Application No. 72</u> <u>C/2000/0650/F</u> <u>One-and-a-half-storey dwelling at Site 24 Meadowlands, Portstewart from Mr. D. Dalzell</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.
1.33	<u>Application No. 74</u> <u>C/2000/0652/A</u> <u>Display of illuminated projecting sign at Market Court, 61 New Row, Coleraine for Mr. D. Cochrane</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
1.34	<u>Application No. 76</u> <u>C/2000/0654/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage at Gortmacrane Road, Kilrea for Mr. N. McAllister</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
1.35	<u>General Matters</u>	(a) Caravan sites – spacing; (b) Regulations – Change of use of retail premises; (c) Location of petrol signs; (d) Bayview Hotel, Portballintrae – Height of building; (e) Waxworks – Dunluce Avenue, Portrush; (f) Ballintrae Hotel, Portballintrae – Car Parking.

2.0 CONSULTATION PROCESS

Reference was made to the need to review the current planning consultation process with a view to identifying potential areas of improvement.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that discussions on this topic were ongoing with Planning Service and a special meeting of Committee would be called to consider the various options.

3.0 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION

Tabled:

- (a) Planning Appeals Commission's Bulletin – July, 2000;
- (b) Chief Commissioner's Annual Report – 1999/2000.

4.0 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE

Tabled:

- (a) Environment and Heritage Service's Corporate and Business Plan 2000 – 2003;
- (b) Scheduled Historic Monuments – 31st March, 2000.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19th September, 2000.

Present:

Councillor J. M. Bradley, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 7.0 – 27.0)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)

Aldermen

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

W. J. McClure

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

W. J. Watt

Councillors

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

R. A. McPherson

R. S. Bolton

E. M. Mullan

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

(Items 3.2 – 27.0)

W. T. Creelman

E. O'Hara

J. J. Dallat

R. D. Stewart

G. L. McLaughlin

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services (Items 1.0 – 3.6), Tourism and Marketing Officer, Policy Development Officer, Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.6), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.6) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Alderman King, Councillors Barbour, Hillis, McClarty and Mathews

1.0 ILLNESS

The Chairman reported that Councillor Barbour's son, Paul, had sustained a sporting injury and Councillor Barbour was unavailable to chair the meeting. Members extended best wishes for a speedy recovery.

2.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

Finance

2.1 Councillors' Allowances

Consideration was given to the Department of the Environment's consultation paper (previously supplied) on proposals for the amendment of the

current system of Councillors' Allowances.

Following discussion it was agreed to defer this topic to the September meeting of Council in order to allow the views of the National Association of Councillors to be obtained.

2.2 Loan Sanctions

Recommended:

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

	£
	1. Anderson Park Environmental
Scheme	355,000
	2. Loughanhill Civic Amenity Site
	170,000
3. Craighulliar Landfill Site – Capping	140,000
4. Portstewart Town Hall – Refurbishment	145,000
5. Portballintrae Public Conveniences	117,000
6. Leachate Holding Tank – Construction	35,000
7. Purchase of Machinery – Grounds Maintenance	60,000
8. Purchase of Machinery – Street Cleansing	18,000
9. Purchase of Compactor – Loughanhill Depot	18,000

2.3 Accounts

Committee noted that creditors' payments, as per lists circulated, had been issued as follows:

July

Revenue A/C - £980,851.03

Capital A/C - £803,784.42

August

Revenue A/C - £1,020,172.37

Capital A/C - £627,051.92

2.3.1 Osprey Future Image Reference was made to payments to Council's P.R. Consultants, Osprey Future Image. The Tourism and Marketing Officer would update Alderman Ms. Alexander on this topic.

2.4 Report of Local

Consideration was given to the report of the Government Auditor Local Government Auditor on Council's Accounts for 1998/99 and the contents noted.

Personnel

2.5 New Appointments

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

Chief Executive's Department

Tourist Information Assistant (Job Share)
(Existing Post) – Mrs. S. Duggan

Technical Services Department

Street Cleaner (Gum Machine) (New Post) –
Mr. C. McGowan

Leisure Services Department

Centre Attendant (Replacement) – Mr. J. Allen

3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 CORE Network – Progress Report

Consideration was given to the progress report (previously supplied) on the work of the CORE Network of Councils and the contents noted.

3.2 Bio-Northern Ireland Conference – 1st – 3rd October, 2000

Committee noted that all preparations for the Bio-Northern Ireland Conference – 1st – 3rd October, 2000, as detailed in the report, had been confirmed.

3.3 Tourism Development Strategy

Committee noted that consultation on the draft tourism strategy would close at the end of September.

Following discussion it was agreed that a Special Meeting of Committee be arranged to discuss this topic.

3.4 British Airways Tourism Awards

Committee noted that nominations, as detailed in the report, had been submitted for the 2000 British Airways Tourism Awards.

3.5 Clare Tourism Conference

Recommended:

That Councillors Mrs. Black and Dallat and an officer attend the Clare Tourism Conference entitled "Tourism – Delivering the Product" – 24th/25th November, 2000.

3.6 National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies Recommended:

That Council host a welcome reception for delegates attending the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies' Annual Conference to be held at the University of Ulster, Coleraine – 10th – 13th September, 2001.

4.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL FRAMEWORK - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS

Consideration was given to the Department of the Environment's consultation paper (previously supplied) on a proposed framework for a code of conduct for Councillors.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and recommended that Council endorse the implementation of the code of conduct as outlined.

**5.0 (a) ACUTE HOSPITAL REVIEW GROUP
(b) PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Council had been invited to comment on these topics.

Following discussion it was agreed that a Special Meeting of Committee be arranged to help formulate a response.

6.0 ALLOCATING RESOURCES TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS

Consideration was given to a letter from the Capitation Formula Review Group (previously supplied).

Council had been invited to comment on proposals to change the capitation formula for the allocation of revenue resources to the four Health and Social Services Boards.

To assist this process pre-consultation workshops had been arranged at a number of venues between 20th – 28th September, 2000.

Councillors McLaughlin and Stewart indicated that they would attend one of the workshops. Any other member interested in attending was requested to notify the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

7.0 INQUIRY INTO TRANSPORT USED FOR CHILDREN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Consideration was given to a letter (previously supplied) from the Northern Ireland Assembly Environment Committee advising that it would be holding a formal inquiry into

transport used for children travelling to and from school. Council had been invited to make a submission on this topic.

Following a full discussion it was recommended that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive make a submission highlighting members' concern at the urgent need to improve safety in relation to school transport.

8.0 REVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Consideration was given to the Review of the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland (previously supplied).

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive elaborated on the potential impact on Council of the proposals regarding community safety.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council broadly welcome the review.

9.0 EQUALITY WORKING GROUP - MEMBERSHIP

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that he had received the following party nominations for membership of the Equality Working Group:

Alliance – The Deputy Mayor
DUP – Alderman McClure
SDLP – Councillor Dallat
Ulster Unionist – Alderman Mrs. Armitage and Councillor McPherson

Both Independent members had indicated their wish to participate in this working group. Alderman Ms. Alexander subsequently withdrew and, therefore, Councillor Bolton would be the Independent member on the group.

An early meeting of the Group would be needed to update members on the programme of work.

10.0 INTERIM REPORT - RAILWAYS TASK FORCE

Consideration was given to an overview of the Interim Report of the Railways Task Force (previously supplied) which identified the decisions needed to be taken on the future of the Province's railways.

It was agreed that the Northern Corridor Railways Group should continue to lobby Government to secure funding for the retention and enhancement of the Londonderry/Belfast rail link.

11.0 CIVIC HEADQUARTERS PROJECT

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Civic Headquarters Project Steering Group Meeting of 1st September, 2000 (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that following this meeting a completion date had now been agreed with the main contractor (O'Hare & McGovern). The move to the new

offices would take place during week commencing 13th November, 2000.

Noted.

12.0 STAFF RESOURCES

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's report (previously supplied) on staff resources.

Committee noted that the Directors had been requested to provide an indication of their requirements regarding staff resources both in the short and medium terms.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive would present a report on the composite requirements to the October meeting of Committee.

13.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

13.1 Access – Rear of Eglinton Street, Portrush

Reported that the Valuation and Lands Agency had advised that agreement had been reached with The Ulster Defence Regiment Benevolent Fund for the granting, by Council, of an access onto the East Strand Car Park, Portrush. The Benevolent Fund's representative had indicated that the access would be used eight to ten times per annum. The recommended premium was £500.

Council is recommended to agree.

Reference was made to the frequency of use of this access. This matter would be taken up with the applicants.

13.2 Portballintrae Caravan Park

Reported that a request had been received from McClenahan Crossey & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of the owners of Portballintrae Caravan Park.

The caravan park owners were requesting Council to remove a condition, attached to the original lease of the site, requiring that 40 touring sites be maintained within the park.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council decline the request to remove this condition.

14.0 ULSTER FARMERS' UNION/ NORTHERN IRELAND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Read letter of thanks from both organisations thanking Council for participating in the Agricultural Crisis Committee meeting with the Minister for Agricultural and

Rural Development on 6th September, 2000.

Noted.

15.0 NORTHERN IRELAND MILK CUP

Read letter of thanks from the Organising Committee of the Northern Ireland Milk Cup for Council's assistance and support with this year's tournament.

Noted.

16.0 THE SAMARITANS

Read letter of thanks from the Coleraine and District Branch of The Samaritans for Council's financial donation towards the work of the organisation.

Noted.

17.0 CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Read letter of thanks from Coleraine Citizens' Advice Bureau for Council's financial assistance towards their acquisition of new premises.

Noted.

18.0 BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LTD.

Read letter from the Managing Director of Belfast International Airport offering the opportunity to make Council aware of development proposals for the airport.

It was agreed that representatives be invited to make a presentation on this topic at a future meeting of Committee.

19.0 BURNSIDE POST OFFICE

Read letter from the Post Office advising that Burnside Post Office, 54 Prospect Road, Portstewart had closed on 31st July, 2000. The Post Office Network was seeking ways of maintaining post office services at this office and Council would be informed of any progress on this matter.

Noted.

**20.0 SOLACE CONFERENCE -
19TH/20TH OCTOBER, 2000**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the annual SOLACE Conference would take place on 19th/20th October, 2000 at Newcastle, Co. Down.

Recommended:

That the Mayor, Councillors Barbour and McLaughlin accompany the Town Clerk and Chief Executive to the Conference.

**21.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING
EXECUTIVE**

Tabled:

29th Annual Report – 1st April, 1999 – 31st March, 2000.

**22.0 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT
AGENCY**

Tabled:

Operating Plan 2000/2001.

**23.0 DRIVER AND VEHICLE LICENSING
N.I.**

Tabled:

Corporate Plan 2000/2001 to 2002/2003
Business Plan 2000/2001.

24.0 RATE COLLECTION AGENCY

Tabled:

Corporate and Business Plan 2000 – 2003.

25.0 THE CROWN ESTATE

Tabled:

Report for the year ended 31st March, 2000.

**26.0 PLANNING CONSULTATION
PROCESS**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee would be called to consider options for improving the process.

27.0 COUNCIL DEPUTATION - ROAD SAFETY

Reference was made to Council's request for the Minister to meet a deputation regarding road safety.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive would clarify the position with the Minister's Office.