

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002 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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2002
  - 1.2 Special Meeting - 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2002
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee - 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2002

**(Item No. 3.4)** Entertainments Licences

**(Item No. 3.4.1)** Exodus, 9 Garden Avenue, Portstewart

An objector and the applicant will be in attendance to address Council.

**(Item No. 3.4.2)** Traks Complex, 16C Eglinton Street, Portrush

Mr. B. Moore will be in attendance to address Council on behalf of the applicant.
  - 2.2 Community Police Forum - 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2002
  - 2.3 Planning Committee - 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2002
  - 2.4 Special Policy and Development Committee - 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2002
  - 2.5 Policy and Development Committee - 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2002

3. Causeway Institute of Further and Higher Education  
Mr. J. Williams, Director and Mr. I. Houston, Deputy Director will be in attendance to address Council.
4. Department for Employment and Learning - "Role of the Statutory Further Education Sector" - Consultation Paper (enclosed)
5. Correspondence
6. Documents for Sealing

**Enclosed for Information:**

Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2002

To: Each Member of Council.

22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2002.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2002 at 7.30 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

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

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin  
(Items 2.1 - 15.0)

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

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

### **Officers in**

#### **Attendance:**

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

### **Apologies:**

Councillors Hillis and Mullan

## **1.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 and the Special Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 were confirmed and signed.

## **2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee**

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

Matters arising:

2.1.1 The Crescent, Coleraine It was agreed that the officers consider an appropriate scheme for The Crescent, Coleraine to be discussed at the Special Meeting of the Policy and Development Committee to discuss the 5 Year Capital Programme.

2.1.2 Christmas Switch-On - Garvagh It was noted that the Christmas switch-on date for Garvagh would be 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2002.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted.

2.2 Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor Bradley, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Watt and agreed.

2.3 Policy and Development Committee The Vice Chairman, Councillor McQuillan, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McClarty.

Matters arising:

2.3.1 Causeway Hospital The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the Chief Executive of the Causeway Trust would attend a Special Meeting of Council to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2002.

The Committee Report was, therefore, adopted.

### **3.0 COLERAINE MINISTERS' COUNCIL**

An invitation had been received from Coleraine Ministers' Council inviting members to 'Prayer in the heart of the community' in Coleraine Town Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2002 from 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Noted.

### **4.0 CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL**

Read letter from Crown Castle International advising Council that a request had been received from Hutchinson 3G to install equipment on their existing telecommunications mast at 61 Newbridge Road, Coleraine. Comments on the proposal were invited before making an application to the Planning Service.

Members were advised to forward any comments direct or through the Senior Environmental Health Officer.

Noted.

**5.0 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR - CAUSEWAY  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST**

Reported that Mrs. Jean Jefferson had been appointed Chair to the Board of Causeway Health and Social Services Trust for a period of four years from 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2002.

Noted.

**6.0 NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
SERVICES BOARD**

Tabled:

Northern Health and Social Services Board Annual Report 2001/2002.

**7.0 POSTWATCH NORTHERN IRELAND**

Tabled:

Postwatch - Annual Report 2001-2002.

**8.0 RENT OFFICER SERVICE (N.I.)**

Tabled:

Annual Report of the Rent Assessment Panel for Northern Ireland - 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2001 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2002.

**9.0 NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE  
SERVICE**

Tabled:

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service - Annual Report 2001-2002.

**10.0 CIVIC FORUM**

Tabled:

Civic Forum Document - 'Can do better' (Educational disadvantage in the context of lifelong learning).

**11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE**

Tabled:

Northern Ireland Housing Executive - The Homelessness Strategy.

**12.0 NORTH-EASTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD**

Tabled:

Minutes of the North-Eastern Education and Library Board dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2002.

**13.0 COLERAINE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

Read letter of thanks from the Coleraine Riding for the Disabled Rebuilding Fund Committee for the financial contribution of £4,542.80 arising from the Mayor's Charity Ball held in May 2002.

Noted.

**14.0 DATES FOR DIARY**

Members noted the following dates for Special Meetings and Christmas Functions:

**Special Meetings**

Council - Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2002 - Causeway Trust  
Policy and Development Committee - Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 - Capital Programme  
Policy and Development Committee - Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 - Windfarm

**Christmas Functions**

Council Dinner (Royal Court) - Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2002  
Christmas Receptions (Bann Gallery) - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2002  
Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2002 - Staff - Family Night - Dunluce Centre

**15.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Voluntary and Community Unit of the Charities Branch (Department for Social Development) Proposed sale of portion of Anderson Park, Coleraine;  
Council to David Patton & Sons (N.I.)
2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial Deed;  
Register Nos. 2833 - 2837 inclusive:  

Agherton	-	Kilrea	-
Ballywillan	1	Portstewart	2
Coleraine	2		

Advanced Deed Register Nos. 0040 - 0041  
inclusive:

Agherton	-	Coleraine	2
Ballywillan	-	Portstewart	-

3. Contract Document and  
Counterpart

Refurbishment of existing listed building and  
construction of new Arts Centre at Flowerfield  
Arts Centre, Portstewart; Council and JPM  
Contracts Ltd., 79 Main Street, Dungiven.

4. Contract Document and  
Counterpart

Arcadia, Portrush - Phase II;  
Council and JPM Contracts Ltd., 79 Main  
Street, Dungiven.

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**29<sup>th</sup> October, 2002.**

**Convened:** To meet with Ms. N. Evans, Chief Executive of the Causeway Health and Social Services Trust, to discuss issues relating to the operation of Causeway Hospital.

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

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour	R. A. McPherson
T. J. Deans	A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	E. M. Mullan
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)	R. D. Stewart
W. A. King	W. J. Watt

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative Assistant

### **Apologies:**

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Armitage, Councillors Ms. Alexander, Bradley, Dallat, Hillis and McClarty

The Mayor welcomed Ms. N. Evans, Chief Executive, Mrs. J. Jefferson, Chairman and Directors from the Causeway Health and Social Services Trust who were in attendance to discuss issues relating to the operation of the Causeway Hospital.

Mrs. Jefferson thanked members for their good wishes in her new role as Chairman and explained that she was already meeting staff and learning more about the various services provided by the Trust.

Ms. Evans introduced the four Directors as follows:

Mr. J. Loughrey - Director of Child and Community Care  
Mr. A. Braiden - Director of Acute Causeway Services  
Mr. N. Oliver - Director of Business and Corporate Affairs  
Mr. N. Guckian - Director of Finance

and then elaborated on the budgetary and operational context within which services were provided by the Trust. Messrs. Loughrey and Braiden further highlighted aspects of the individual services and a full discussion ensued on the current problems which were affecting the Trust.



Members raised a wide variety of questions which were responded to by the representatives.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their informative presentation and the undertaking to communicate regularly with Council.

## LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.

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

### **Aldermen**

W. T. Creelman  
B. Leonard

W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

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E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
N. F. Hillis  
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

W. A. King  
D. McClarty  
R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
E. M. Mullan  
(Items 2.4 - 3.4.2)  
R. D. Stewart  
W. J. Watt

**Officers in Attendance:** Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical Services, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Senior Technical Officer (Items 3.1 - 12.0), Principal Building Control Officer, Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

**Apology:** Alderman Mrs. Armitage

## **1.0 CONGRATULATIONS**

The Chairman referred to the Dunluce Centre having been voted Best Visitor Attraction 2002 at the recent Northern Ireland Travel and Tourism Awards. Coleraine had also recently won the Town Category Award in the Ulster in Bloom Competition and had been invited to represent Northern Ireland in the Britain in Bloom Awards in 2003. At the Northern Ireland Amenity Council Best Kept Awards, Coleraine and Kilrea had been placed runners-up respectively in the large town and village sections.

The Chairman extended congratulations to all staff involved in the achievement of these awards and members asked to be associated with these comments. It was agreed that a congratulatory note be forwarded to all relevant staff and a celebratory reception organised prior to Christmas.

## **2.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Portrush Community Development Group

Recommended:

That Portrush Community Development Group be granted temporary use of the pavilion at Portrush Recreation Grounds subject to an agreed rental and evidence of the appropriate insurance cover.

2.2 Coleraine Cemetery (Fencing)

Four tenders had been received for the supply, delivery and installation of security fencing at Coleraine Cemetery. Only one tender met the specification, namely that of N.K. Fencing, Carrickfergus for £50,359.00.

Council is recommended to accept this tender. An allowance had been made in the Capital Programme.

2.3 Caldwell Lane, Portrush

Committee welcomed the news that ownership of Caldwell Lane, Portrush now rested with Council.

The Countryside and Access Officer would now prepare the necessary upgrading proposal. A further report would be presented to Committee at a future meeting.

2.4 Coleraine Leisure Centre, Dunluce Centre and Waterworld - Christmas Opening

Council is recommended to agree to the proposed Christmas opening hours for Coleraine Leisure Centre, Dunluce Centre and Waterworld as detailed in the report.

2.5 For Information

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

- (a) Portrush Town Hall;
- (b) Flowerfield Arts Centre.

### **3.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

3.1 DRD - Roads Service

3.1.1 Waiting Restrictions - Portballintrae

Roads Service proposed to extend the NO WAITING RESTRICTION on Bayhead Road, Portballintrae outside the Bayview Hotel by approximately 25 metres.

Following discussion it was recommended that the Director of Technical Services seek a reduction in the proposed extension of the no waiting restriction at this location.

3.1.2 New Row, Kilrea

Committee expressed its disappointment that Roads Service was not prepared to provide additional signage or a roundabout at this location.

It was agreed that members' concerns be raised with the Divisional Roads Manager at the December meeting of Council.

3.2 Waste Management

3.2.1 North West Region Waste Management Plan

Committee noted that the final version of the North West Region Waste Management Plan would be presented to Council at the December meeting for adoption.

3.2.2 Recycling Tenders

Tenders had been sought for the short term provision of a mixed dry recycling processing service and a fridge/freezer outlet for end of life units.

Noted.

3.2.3 Waste Management Grant Scheme

Committee noted that Council had been allocated £95,225.12 by the Department of the Environment under the 2002/3 Waste Management Grant Scheme.

Council is recommended to agree to the purchase of additional wheelie bins with £86,872.04 available from this funding. This would enable the purchase of approximately 6,500 bins to facilitate the expansion of the proposed two bin recycling system within the Borough.

3.2.4 Recycling Facility

Council is recommended to agree to planning permission being sought for the erection of a transfer storage building at Craighulliar as detailed in the report.

3.3 Recycling Facility - Portrush

Following discussion it was agreed that the Director of Technical Services meet with the members representing The Skerries District Electoral Area to consider possible alternative sites to the present Causeway Street location for a recycling facility.

3.4 Entertainment Licences

- 3.4.1 Exodus, 9 Garden Avenue, Portstewart Committee noted that as an objection had been received to the application for the renewal of the Entertainments Licence this matter would be considered at the November meeting of Council.
- 3.4.2 Traks Complex, 16C Eglinton Street, Portrush An application had been received for variation of the Entertainments Licence to include extension of hours to 1.30 a.m. as detailed in the report.
- Following a full discussion it was agreed that this matter be deferred to the November meeting of Council, when the applicant would be afforded the opportunity to address the meeting.
- 3.5 Street Trading Act (N.I.) 2001
- 3.5.1 Stationary Site Licence - Ballysally Council is recommended to agree to the issue of a stationary street trading licence to Mr. and Mrs. P. Newman, 21 Daneshill Road, Coleraine for the remainder of the current 2002/3 licence period as detailed in the report.
- 3.6 Building Control
- 3.6.1 Approvals Approval had been given for seventy-six applications.
- 3.7 Duty of Care Legislation Committee noted that the Controlled Waste (Duty of Care) Regulations (N.I.) 2002 had come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2002.
- The legislation placed a legal responsibility on anyone who provides imports, stores, transports, treats, recycles or disposes of waste to take the necessary steps to keep it safe and prevent it from causing harm especially to the environment or to human health.
- 3.8 Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock Committee expressed concern at a recent incidence of vandalism at Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock.
- 3.9 Derelict Buildings, Railway Road, Coleraine Concern was expressed at the dilapidated condition of a number of buildings at Railway Road, Coleraine.
- It was agreed that this matter be raised at the first meeting of the inter-agency group established to co-ordinate Coleraine's entry for next year's Britain in Bloom.

- 3.10 Emergency Planning Exercise - Coleraine Reference was made to a recent Emergency Planning exercise held in Coleraine.

#### **4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

- 4.1 Director of Environmental Health The Chairman extended best wishes to the Director of Environmental Health on his recent return to work following illness.
- 4.3 Proposals by Environment and Heritage Service - Waterways and Underground Strata Committee noted information, as detailed in the report, that the Environment and Heritage Service of the Department of the Environment were proposing to introduce charges for:
- (a) The processing of all applications for discharge consent (septic tanks);
  - (b) The monitoring of all discharge consents for compliance under the Department's compliance assessment monitoring programme.
- 4.4 The Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (N.I.) 2003 (I.P.P.C.) Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on a consultation paper issued by the Department of the Environment on the introduction of The Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (N.I.) 2003 (I.P.P.C.).
- The Northern Ireland Pollution Group was in the process of preparing a detailed response to the regulations.
- Council is recommended to support the concept of the regulations, in principle, together with the response produced by the Pollution Group.

#### **5.0 CONSULTATION PAPER**

The Principal Administrative Officer reported that the undernoted consultation paper had been received and was available for members who wished to consider making a response:

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety - "Review of Mental Health Legislation, Policy and Provision".

#### **6.0 CRITERIA FOR THE PROVISION OF RURAL STREET LIGHTING**

Consideration was given to a letter from the Chief Executive DRD - Roads Service (previously supplied) advising of the outcome of a review of the criteria for the provision of

rural street lighting. As a result of this review the Minister had approved a revision of the Department's criteria regarding this topic.

Members expressed their concern at the proposed criteria for such provision. The Principal Administrative Officer would convey members' concerns to Roads Service.

**7.0 DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, ARTS  
AND LEISURE - SPORTS COUNCIL  
OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

Read letter from the Divisional Management Unit of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure advising that they were seeking to appoint a Vice-Chairperson and members to the Board of the Sports Council of Northern Ireland.

Recommended:

That Alderman Leonard, Councillor Bradley and Mr. I. M. Lee be nominated for consideration for appointment.

**8.0 ULSTER SPORTS TRUST**

Read letter of thanks from the Ulster Sports Trust for Council's contribution of £1,000.00 to the work of the Trust for 2002.

Noted.

**9.0 NORTHERN IRELAND MUSEUMS  
COUNCIL**

Tabled:

Annual Report for 2001 - 02.

**10.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORT  
(POLICY AND SUPPORT) DIVISION**

Tabled:

The Rural Transport Fund Year 3 Report.

**11.0 RIVERS AGENCY**

Tabled:

Corporate Plan 2002/07 and Business Plan 2002/03.

**12.0 DATES FOR DIARY**

Members noted the undermentioned dates:

(a) Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November - 3.00 p.m. - Council Chamber - Meeting of

Property Sub Group

Update on Coleraine Market Yard Development by Council's Consultants  
(Helen Harrison of BDP and Denis Myles of Myles Danker)

- (b) Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November - 5.30 p.m. - Council Chamber - Special Meeting of Policy and Development Committee - Proposed Wind Farm
- (c) Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November - 7.00 p.m. - Council Chamber - Special Meeting of Policy and Development Committee to hear the three stage 2 presentations for the development of Coleraine Market Yard



**POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE**  
**COMMUNITY/POLICE FORUM**

**7<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.**

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

**Aldermen**

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

**Councillors**

D. D. Barbour                                      E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
J. M. Bradley                                        N. F. Hillis  
(Items 2.0 - 4.0)                                      (Items 2.0 - 4.0)  
T. J. Deans                                            R. A. McPherson  
(Items 2.0 - 4.0)                                      R. D. Stewart

**Representatives**  
**from Other**

**Bodies:**

Mr. G. Hassan - Dominican College, Portstewart  
Ms. A. Watson - Coleraine Women's Aid  
Mr. O. Houmann - Peter Thompson Hall and Management  
Committee, Castlerock  
Mr. S. H. Arbuthnot - Garvagh and District Development  
Association  
Mr. J. Moulden - Portrush/Portstewart and District Road  
Safety Committee  
Mr. M. Burke - Northern Education and Library Board  
Mrs. I. Leacock - Coleraine Standing Conference of  
Women's Organisations  
Ms. E. Mercer - Dunluce School, Bushmills  
Ms. J. Baird - N.I. Housing Executive  
Mr. K. White - Coleraine Times  
Miss L. Smyth - Coleraine Chronicle

**Representatives**  
**from P.S.N.I.:**

Chief Superintendent R. Russell and Constable  
T. McKendry

**Officers in**  
**Attendance:**

Principal Administrative Officer, Administrative Officer  
(temporary) and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor  
Alderman McClure  
Councillors King, McClarty, McQuillan and Watt  
Chief Inspector N. Kyle  
Mr. T. McGonigle - Community Relations Officer  
Mr. D. Grainger - Coleraine College

Mrs. E. Dunbar - Triangle Housing Association Ltd.  
Mrs. D. Hutchieson - Coleraine High School  
Ms. N. Evans - Causeway Health and Social Services  
Trust  
Ms. M. Shiels - Probation Board for Northern Ireland  
Mr. J. Frizelle - North Coast Integrated College  
Mrs. R. Morrison - Soroptimist International of Coleraine  
Mr. J. Clyde - Garvagh High School  
Mrs. A. Kelly - Ballysally Youth and Community Centre

## **1.0 VICTIM SUPPORT**

The Principal Administrative Officer advised members that Ms. I. McErlean, Branch Manager of Victim Support was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Noted.

## **2.0 CRIME REPORT**

Chief Superintendent Russell reported on statistics regarding crime and drug seizures in the area. The Chief Superintendent answered various questions posed by members on these statistics.

The Chairman thanked Chief Superintendent Russell for his comprehensive and detailed report.

## **3.0 GENERAL MATTERS**

The following matters were raised:

- 3.1 C.C.T.V.
- 3.2 Underage drinking;
- 3.3 'Safe Driving for Young People' - Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney;
- 3.4 Killowen, Coleraine - Vandalism;
- 3.5 Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock - Vandalism;
- 3.6 Legislation re fireworks;
- 3.7 Police resources - Coleraine;
- 3.8 Attacks on persons - Police response time;
- 3.9 Vintners - Glasses outside public houses;
- 3.10 Stormont raids;
- 3.11 Nightclubs - Extension of opening hours - Police response;
- 3.12 Causeway Hospital/Accident and Emergency Department - Drunks;
- 3.13 Unlicensed gaming machines;
- 3.14 Overall view of P.S.N.I.;
- 3.15 New Police Station - Coleraine;
- 3.16 Vehicles - Faulty lights/fog lights;
- 3.17 Water ponding on roads;
- 3.18 Vehicles speeding;
- 3.19 Rambles Scheme;
- 3.20 Youth Forum, Garvagh;
- 3.21 Launch of N.I. Road Safety Strategy;
- 3.22 Back seat passengers - seatbelts;

#### 4.0 **THANKS**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

12<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.

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

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 - 2.26)  
W. T. Creelman

B. Leonard  
W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
D. D. Barbour  
T. J. Deans  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)  
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
W. A. King

R. A. McPherson  
A. McQuillan  
E. M. Mullan  
(Item 1.0)  
R. D. Stewart  
W. J. Watt

**Also in Attendance:** Representatives from the Planning Service -  
Mr. E. Lynch and Miss J. McMath  
Mr. P. Fleming, BDP Planning (Item 1.0)

**Officers in Attendance:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Principal  
Administrative Officer, Administrative Officer  
(Temporary) - Item 1 and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** Alderman Mrs. Armitage, Councillors Dallat, Hillis  
and McClarty

### **1.0 PLANNING APPLICATION NOS C/2000/0937 AND C/2000/0938 - HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DHU VARREN, WEST BAY, PORTRUSH - AMENDED PROPOSAL - SEAPORT INVESTMENTS LTD.**

The Chairman explained that two requests had been received to address Committee on the amended proposals. These requests were on behalf of:

- (a) Seaport Investments Ltd. (the applicant) and
- (b) West Strand Area Group

In order to facilitate and inform the proper consideration of the proposals and the report before Council from BDP Planning, both parties were invited to make their presentations to Committee in advance.

Mr. S. Sweeney, on behalf of Seaport Investments Ltd. (the applicant), accompanied by Dr. D. Singleton, Chartered Planner, Mr. E. Porter, Kirk McClure Morton and Mr. I. Stewart, Coogan & Co. Architects Ltd. addressed Committee and elaborated on the revised proposal.

Members raised a wide variety of questions which were responded to by the representatives.

Mrs. N. Taggart and Mr. R. Metcalfe were in attendance representing the West Strand Area Group and Mrs. Taggart addressed Committee and spoke in opposition to the applications.

The Chairman then referred to the letters of objection received from the Acting Principal and the Chair, Board of Governors, Mill Strand Integrated Primary School, Portrush which had been circulated to members.

At this point the Town Clerk and Chief Executive referred to a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 from Seaport Investments Ltd. in which a number of allegations had been made against Mr. P. Fleming of BDP Planning and himself regarding the handling of these applications. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Mr. Fleming then read the following statements:

1. Town Clerk and Chief Executive

“Before the Committee begins its consideration of these applications this evening, I would wish to comment on a letter which has been addressed to the Council by the applicant, Seaport Investments Ltd.

In this letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> November, which I believe has also been circulated to many of you on an individual basis, the applicant makes a number of serious allegations regarding both my role and the role of your independent planning consultant, Mr Peter Fleming of BDP Planning, in the handling of the consultation process in regard to these applications.

The applicant makes a number of specific allegations – and I quote two in particular:

1. “we are concerned that by both your actions and that of your Planning Consultant the orderly process of the above applications has been unduly influenced”
2. “we believe that by your intervention and that of Council’s Planning Consultant the progress of our planning applications have been impeded”

The applicant also challenges the use by Council of our independent planning consultant on these amended applications, the way in which Council’s views have been presented to the Article 31 Unit and criticises the idea of our planning consultant even offering comments to Council on points of detail within the applications.

I totally refute these allegations and would firmly contend that advice offered to Council by either myself or Mr Fleming has been entirely objective and intended to assist Council in making a constructive input to what has been recognised by its Article 31 status as a very important planning decision.

As principal adviser to Council I have consistently emphasised to members the importance of making a constructive contribution to the spatial planning process in the Borough and indeed within Northern Ireland. That has been done successfully already in a variety of ways, in which, incidentally, our planning consultant has played a major part.

- (1) Shaping our Future – The Regional Development Strategy
- (2) Northern Area Plan
- (3) Development of Planning Policies and Statements
- (4) Providing input to major planning applications where the Department has attached Article 31 status.

My duty is to help ensure that members are as well informed as possible about these issues in order to promote good decision-making. Members are, of course, free to weigh up and accept all, some or none of the advice and that is quite rightly for members to decide. However, I wish to state very firmly here tonight that, in fulfilling my advisory responsibilities to Council, I will not be deflected by pressure from any source, either applicants or objectors.”

## 2. Mr Peter Fleming, BDP Planning

"As Planning Consultant to the Council my responsibility is to provide professional planning advice for the consideration of the Council. At no time have I sought to unduly influence the orderly process of or to impede the progress of the applications. My role as Planning Consultant requires the provision of advice to Council on the revised proposals and does not conclude with the provision of comments on the original Applications. In relation to this matter, it should be noted that the original Applications were submitted to the DoE on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2000 and amended proposals on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2002. The Article 31 Unit advised me, by telephone on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2002, that the Applicant had submitted a revised plan which incorporated changes to the access not shown on the amended proposals.

The Applications have been designated as “major planning applications” and are being processed by the DoE under Article 31 of the Planning (NI) Order 1991 i.e. “special procedure for major planning applications”. An integral part of this process is consultation by DoE with the District Council and other consultees. It is the responsibility of the DoE, as the Planning Authority, to consider the full range of consultation responses and representations and weigh these as part of the decision-making process. The decision of the DoE on an Article 31 application may be a Notice of Opinion to Approve, a Notice of Opinion to Refuse or a Public Local Inquiry.

The statement that I phoned the Article 31 Unit on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2002 to discuss my views on the Application is false. The Article 31 Unit phoned me and I was interrupted in a meeting to take the call from the Article 31 Unit. In response to a query from the Article 31 Unit I confirmed that the Council’s comments could not be provided to the Unit until they had been considered by the Council.

At no stage have I sought to influence in an undue or unwarranted way the Article 31 Unit, Elected Members or the Council. My responsibility is to provide objective professional planning advice to the Council and, thereby, support the key consultative role of the District Council in the planning process.”

At this point the Chairman declined to accept questions or comment on either statement.

Consideration was then given to the Report prepared by BDP Planning on the amended proposal (previously supplied to members) and Mr. Fleming elaborated on the main points.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston:

That the concluding comments in the Report from BDP Planning form Council's response to the Article 31 Unit.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman Leonard:

That the complete report from BDP Planning form Council's response to the Article 31 Unit.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried, ten members voting in favour and no one voting against.

Councillor Watt asked to be recorded as being dissatisfied with the order of proceedings.

Alderman Leonard asked that it be recorded that he felt that proceedings had been conducted in an exemplary way.

## **2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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

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| 2.1 | <u>Application No. 1</u><br><u>C/2002/0177/F</u><br><u>Demolition of existing dwelling and</u><br><u>erection of 18 no. dwellings (revised</u><br><u>layout) at 100 Castlerock Road,</u><br><u>Coleraine for C. N. Development</u><br><u>Ltd.</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>Mr. Lynch outlined the amendments which had been made to the proposal.</p> <p>Mr. G. E. Gillard was in attendance and spoke against the application on behalf of the Residents' Group.</p> <p>Mr. D. Sutherland, applicant's agent addressed Committee and outlined the proposal.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Deans and agreed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p> |
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| 2.2 | <u>Application No. 2</u><br><u>C/2002/0219/F</u><br><u>Redevelopment of 46 Lower</u><br><u>Captain Street, Coleraine for 8 no.</u><br><u>bedsit flats (amendment to scheme)</u><br><u>at 46 Lower Captain Street,</u><br><u>Coleraine for Cass Housing</u><br><u>Developments</u>                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>Reported that satisfactory amended plans had been received and the application would be approved.</p>                                                                                      |
| 2.3 | <u>Application No. 3</u><br><u>C/2002/0551/F</u><br><u>Proposed 6 mtr. high R&amp;T Swann</u><br><u>type A stub column supporting 6 no.</u><br><u>DB/DP antenna and 4 no. 0.6 mtr.</u><br><u>transmission dishes and the</u><br><u>installation of a 2H cabin at ground</u><br><u>level on the rooftop of BT</u><br><u>Telephone Exchange, Nursery</u><br><u>Avenue, Coleraine for Orange</u><br><u>Personal Communications Service</u><br><u>Ltd.</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Stewart and unanimously agreed:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the application be refused.</p> |
| 2.4 | <u>Application No. 4</u><br><u>C/2002/0633/O</u><br><u>Site for single storey dwelling</u><br><u>adjacent to 24 Isle Road,</u><br><u>Macosquin, Coleraine for</u><br><u>Mr. R. Madden</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved subject to conditions relating to the dwelling being single storey and improving the vegetation on the eastern boundary of the site.</p>    |
| 2.5 | <u>Application No. 5</u><br><u>C/2002/0709/F</u><br><u>Proposed single storey cottage and</u><br><u>detached garage 140m north east</u><br><u>of 77 Moneybrannon Road,</u><br><u>Aghadowey for</u><br><u>Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelly</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p>                                                                                                                                        |
| 2.6 | <u>Application No. 6</u><br><u>C/2002/0717/F</u><br><u>Demolish existing dwelling and</u><br><u>construct new three storey and two</u><br><u>and a half storey building</u><br><u>comprising of 4 apartments and 2</u><br><u>duplex apartments and car parking</u><br><u>at 1 Heathmount, Portstewart for</u><br><u>Mrs. L. Peyton</u>                                                                                                                 | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be refused.</p>                                                                                                                                          |
| 2.7 | <u>Application No. 7</u><br><u>C/2002/0721/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling at Grove Road,</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                |



Garvagh for Mr. R. Neely

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

That the application be approved.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, fifteen members voting in favour and no one voting against.

- 2.8 Application No. 8  
C/2002/0745/O  
Site for dwelling north of 100  
Cashel Road, Coleraine for Nevin  
Electrics
- 2.9 Application No. 9  
C/2002/0749/O  
Site for dwelling at Dunboe Road,  
Coleraine for Mr. J. Hutchinson
- 2.10 Application No. 10  
C/2002/0762/O  
Site for dwelling at Brockagh Road,  
Garvagh for Mr. K. McGilligan
- 2.11 Application No. 11  
C/2002/0779/F  
Change of use from garage to office  
at 57 Portstewart Road, Coleraine  
for Mr. F. Madden
- 2.12 Application No. 12  
C/2002/0781/O

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved subject to conditions relating to the dwelling being single storey and improving the vegetation.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussion with the Planning Service.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed:

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

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Site for dwelling 250m north west of 11 Ballyhackett Lane, Castlerock for Mr. W. Purcell

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

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

- 2.13 Application No. 13  
C/2002/0801/O  
Site for dwelling adjacent to 165 Bann Road, Coleraine for Mr. Green
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 2.14 Application No. 14  
C/2002/0802/O  
Single storey dwelling with one main room in roof and with detached garage 340m south of Ballywildrick School, Dunboe Road, Articlave, Castlerock for Ms. J. Norris
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.

### **New Applications**

- 2.15 Application No. 2  
C/2001/0589/F  
Proposed housing development - 20 no. detached two storey; 10 no. semi-detached two storey; 48 no. two storey town houses; 23 no. apartments and roadway for private streets determination off Agherton Road, Portstewart (adjacent to Cromlech Gardens - opposite Ballyleese Park) for Three/Four Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was noted that the proposal had changed to 45 town houses, 14 semi-detached, 13 detached and 23 apartments.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.16 Application No. 3  
C/2001/0592/F  
Proposed housing development, 56 no. townhouses, 70 no. semi-detached, 46 no. detached, open space and roadways for private streets determination (amended scheme) off Hopefield Road
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Mr. S. G. Short was not in attendance to address Committee.
- It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a

	<u>(opposite Cormenagh Court/Hopefield Private Nursing Home), Portrush for Kennedy Holdings Ltd.</u>	Council site visit.
2.17	<u>Application No. 9 C/2002/0459/F Conservatory to the front of 1 Thompson Cresent, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. McCafferty</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate the receipt of amended plans.
2.18	<u>Application No. 10 C/2002/0487/O Development of a number of dwellings for residential use at Mayboy Road, Garvagh for Mr. P. Higgins</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions with the Planning Service.
2.19	<u>Application No. 11 C/2002/0489/O Development comprising of six holiday/fishing cottages on land off Corbally Road, Portrush (Craigahulliar townland) for Mr. D. Alexander</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  Councillor Ms. Alexander declared an interest in this application and left the Meeting during the discussion.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
2.20	<u>Application No. 12 C/2002/0526/F Guest house and dwelling at 76 Coleraine Road, Portrush for Mr. E. Woods</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate the receipt of amended plans.
2.21	<u>Application No. 14 C/2002/0594/O Site for dwelling and garage one and a half storey or two storey adjacent to 12 Station Road, Garvagh for T. Reid</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  It was agreed that the application be approved subject to conditions relating to the dwelling being one and a half storey, restriction on ridge height, velux roof lights and amenity space at rear.
2.22	<u>Application No. 17 C/2002/0636/O 3 no. apartments - 1 no. two bedroom and 2 no. three bedroom with car parking/bins space at</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a

	<u>Eglinton Lane, Portrush for Mr. G. Morelli</u>	Council site visit.
2.23	<u>Application No. 36</u> <u>C/2002/0808/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage to rear of No. 75 and 77 Moneybrannon Road, Coleraine for R. Holmes and G. Dodds</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.
2.24	<u>Application No. 38</u> <u>C/2002/0810/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling off Isle Road, Coleraine (260 metres south of junction with Windyhill Road) for Mr. and Mrs. Millen</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.
2.25	<u>Application No. 39</u> <u>C/2002/0811/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling off Windyhill Road, Coleraine (opposite Knockmult Farm) for Mr. and Mrs. Millen</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.
2.26	<u>Application No. 53</u> <u>C/2002/0835/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling 300m west of Moneydig/Erganagh Road junction, Kilrea for Mr. C. Callion</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.
2.27	<u>Application No. 68</u> <u>C/2002/0863/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling opposite No. 40 Ballyclogh Road, Bushmills for Mr. D. G. Ramage</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.
2.28	<u>General Matters</u>	(a) Skerries Caravan Park, Portrush - Removal of trees; Tree Preservation Order to be issued on trees remaining.  (b) Ballintrae House, Portballintrae - Enforcement.

### **3.0 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING SUBMISSION FOR PROPOSED ORANGE RADIO TRANSMITTER**

Read letter from Orange PCS Ltd. advising Council of an application, recently submitted to the Divisional Planning Office, regarding a proposed Orange radio transmitter site at the grass verge/lay-by, A37 Dunhill Road, Coleraine.

Noted.

**4.0 NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY - COMMITTEE  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT - INTERIM REPORT ON  
THE PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL**

Tabled:

Northern Ireland Assembly - Committee for the Environment -  
Interim Report on the Planning (Amendment) Bill (NIA 12/01)

## SPECIAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.

**Convened:** To further consider the proposed North Coast Wind Farm Project with the assistance of a number of submissions.

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

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	W. A. King
D. D. Barbour	D. McClarty
J. J. Dallat	R. A. McPherson
T. J. Deans	A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt
E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)	

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Environment Officer, Assistant Environment Officer, Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

The Chairman welcomed Ms. M. Mann, Head of Development Services, Mr. J. Allen, Environment Officer and representatives of the Coast SOS Group who were in attendance to present submissions on the proposed North Coast Wind Farm Project.

A letter from B9 Energy Offshore Developments Ltd. and illustrative photomontages of preliminary layouts of the project had been previously supplied for members' information.

Members then heard the following presentations:

- A Tourism Perspective - Moira Mann, Head of Development Services
- A Sustainable Perspective - Jim Allen, Environment Officer
- Presentation - Coast SOS Group - Dr. Bruce Styne on behalf of the Group

Discussion ensued following each presentation during which members raised a variety of questions which were responded to by the presenters.

The Chairman thanked those concerned for their interesting and informative presentation.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive updated members on the position currently being taken by other neighbouring Councils and the National Trust.

Following further discussion on this topic it was proposed by Alderman Leonard, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Armitage and recommended that:

In light of the Council's careful consideration of the proposal over several months Council registers its strongest concerns and objections to aspects of the development at Tunes Plateau. We instruct Council Officers to develop an action plan to articulate these concerns and points of opposition in co-operation with all other councils in the region.

## POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.

### Present:

Councillor N. F. Hillis, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor O. M. Church (Mrs.)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. L. McLaughlin

### Aldermen

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

W. T. Creelman

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

B. Leonard

(Items 1.0 - 6.0)

W. J. McClure

### Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

(Items 1.0 – 5.0)

W. A. King

J. M. Bradley

D. McClarty

J. J. Dallat

R. A. McPherson

(Items 1.0 – 4.5)

A. McQuillan

T. J. Deans

E. M. Mullan

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

W. J. Watt

### Officers in

### Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Leisure Services (Items 1.0 – 4.4), Head of Development Services, Economic Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 5.0), Policy Development Officer, Principal Administrative Officer, Finance Officer, Administrative Officer (Temporary) and Administrative Assistant

### Apologies:

Councillors Barbour and Stewart

## **1.0 SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER AND COUNCIL**

The Chairman welcomed Professor G. McKenna and Professor P. Roebuck to the meeting. The Memorandum of Agreement between Coleraine Borough Council and the University of Ulster was then presented to Committee and the Mayor and Professor McKenna were invited to sign the document.

Following the signing ceremony Professor McKenna proceeded to address Committee on current developments and future potential for ongoing co-operation in a wide range of issues which would benefit the Borough and region.

The Chairman thanked Professors McKenna and Roebuck, following which they withdrew from the meeting.



## 2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

### 2.1 North West Economic Development Forum

The Head of Development Services outlined the work of the North West Economic Development Forum, as detailed in the report.

Council is recommended to agree a contribution of £10,000 per annum to the North West Economic Development Forum with individual initiatives being bought into on a project by project basis.

### 2.2 Causeway Coast & Glens Promotional Activity 2003

Consideration was given to the timetable for the Causeway Coast & Glens promotional activity for 2003, as detailed in the report.

Council is recommended to approve staff assistance, where relevant, during the forthcoming season.

### 2.3 Northern Ireland Tourism Awards 2002

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board had invited entries for their annual awards scheme and a number of recommendations for nominations, in principle, were made.

Members were requested to contact the Head of Development Services with any further nominations.

### 2.4 For Information

#### 2.4.1 Coleraine Relationships, in Equity, Diversity and Interdependence

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

A workshop to meet the CREDI Development Group would be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2003.

#### 2.4.2 Community Support Plan – Implementation

Members noted information, as contained in the report, on the implementation of the Community Support Plan and the initiatives which had commenced, viz:

- Business Mentoring Programme
- Youth Forum
- Call for Grants
- Advice Centre Funding

#### 2.4.3 Update on the Maine

The Head of Development Services updated

Trade Visit

members on the programme for the trade visit to Maine.

Professor Gerry McKenna, Vice Chancellor of the University; Professor Chris Barnett, CEO of the Science Research Park and Professor Bernie Hannigan, Dean of Life Sciences would accompany the two Council delegation on the visit.

2.4.4 Launch of Economic Development Strategy

Members noted that the launch of the Economic Development Strategy would take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 at 5.00pm in Cloonavin.

2.4.5 Environment and Waste Enterprise Workshop

Members noted information on a half-day seminar to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2002 as detailed in the report.

2.4.6 Economic Development Manager

The Head of Development Services informed members that Ms. K. Burns, Economic Development Manager, would be leaving Council in late December to take up appointment as Chief Executive with the Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN).

Members congratulated Ms. Burns on her new post and expressed their appreciation for her work for Council.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive also paid tribute to the contribution made by Ms. Burns.

**3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Freedom of Information – Draft Publication Scheme

The Director of Corporate Services presented an outline to Committee of the draft scheme (previously supplied).

Council is recommended to adopt the scheme, which will then be submitted to the Information Commissioner for approval.

3.2 Caravan Park Charges

Members considered two proposals, as detailed in the report, for increasing charges on caravan parks, viz

- increase site fees by 10%
- increase site fees by 5%

Discussion ensued during which the Director of Corporate Services suggested that site fees be increased by 5% and a fundamental review of caravan park charges be carried out for the following year.

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

That Council approve an increase of 5% for the coming year and that a review of caravan park charges be carried out for the following year.

### 3.3 For Information

#### 3.3.1 Review of Rating Policy

Consideration was given to the Department of Finance and Personnel's "First Findings Report" (previously supplied).

Noted.

#### 3.3.2 Annual Report and Accounts 2001/2002

The Annual Report and Accounts for 2001/2002 were considered (previously supplied).

The Finance Officer detailed various issues contained in the report and members noted that the Local Government Auditor was currently carrying out the usual annual audit.

#### 3.3.3 Financial Statement Accounts

Committee noted that the Financial Statement for the six month period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2002 showed Council's Net Operational Cost of Services to be £4,117,223 (57% of the annual budget).

Preparation of the annual rate estimates was currently underway.

#### 3.3.4 Accounts

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

Revenue A/C	-	£348,563.89
Capital A/C	-	£399,949.29

Payments made through the Petty Cash Account, posted to the General Ledger, had totalled £243,520.72.

#### 3.3.5 New Appointments

The following appointments had been made in accordance with the Local Government Staff

Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection.

Chief Executive's Department

Tourist Information Assistant (Job Share)  
(Replacement): Mrs. L. Mullan

Leisure Services Department

Centre Attendant (Replacement): Mr. A. Dowey

2 x Part-Time Centre Attendants (Replacements):  
Mr. E. McKay and Mr. S. J. Arbuthnot

**4.0 LAND AND PROPERTY**

The report of the Principal Administrative Officer on Land and Property was considered (previously supplied).

4.1 Land at Coleraine Road, Kilrea Mullin's Ice Cream, Kilrea had indicated that they would like to purchase a piece of Council owned land, amounting to 0.5 acres, at Coleraine Road, Kilrea to facilitate expansion of their business. A plan of the area was viewed at the meeting.

Council is recommended to agree, in principle, to the transfer of the land subject to:

- (i) agreement of a premium as assessed by the Valuation and Lands Agency; and
- (ii) the necessary consent being obtained from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to a change of use from recreational to commercial/industrial with associated retail.

4.2 20 Drumadragh, Coleraine A request had been received from Mr. D. Collins, 20 Drumadragh, Coleraine for permission to create a small opening in the boundary fence between his property and the Council owned right-of-way leading to Ballylagan Road. A plan of the area was viewed at the meeting.

Committee noted that a letter and petition had been circulated to some members by Mrs. M. Millen, 17 Drumadragh, Coleraine expressing objection to this request.

A number of other letters of objection were also circulated to members.

A full discussion ensued during which it was

proposed by Alderman Mrs. Armitage and seconded by Councillor McClarty:

That the application be deferred to facilitate a Council site visit.

It was proposed, as an amendment, by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Deans:

That Council approve the application subject to an appropriate licence being issued to Mr. Collins with a condition that the permission could be withdrawn by Council at any time upon one week's written notice.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was lost by seven votes to six and the proposal carried by twelve votes to two. It was, therefore, recommended:

That the application from Mr. D. Collins be deferred to facilitate a Council site visit.

4.3 Coleraine Market Yard Development Brief

Committee noted that a Special Meeting would be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2002 at 7.00pm to hear the three stage 2 submissions for the development of Coleraine Market Yard.

4.4 Mall Car Park, Coleraine

Committee noted that the Department for Social Development would proceed to make a Vesting Order in respect of lands known as the Mall Car Park, Coleraine once it had updated details of persons having an interest in the land.

The Order would be made subject to the development brief for the site, stipulating that a pedestrian access from any new development be positioned directly opposite the rear entrance to the Diamond Arcade, as required by the Planning Appeals Commission.

4.5 Stain Glass Window – Coleraine Town Hall

A copy of the final design for the stain glass window, which it was hoped would be installed in the early part of 2003, was viewed at the meeting.

Discussion ensued during which the Principal Administrative Officer answered members' questions following which it was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor King:

That Council approve the design.

It was then proposed as an amendment by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and seconded by Councillor McPherson:

That the design be referred back to the Jubilee Window Sub-Committee for further consideration.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by eight votes to seven.

#### **5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR D. McCLARTY**

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor McClarty, seconded by Councillor Watt and unanimously agreed for recommendation to Council:

“That Coleraine Borough Council, in recognition of the widespread benefit and prestige for the community which has been derived from these two locally-organised, long-standing annual events grant the Freedom of the Borough of Coleraine to –

- (a) Coleraine and District Motor Club for its organisation of the North West 200 International Motor Cycle Race; and
- (b) The Northern Ireland Milk Cup Committee for its organisation of the N.I. Milk Cup International Youth Soccer tournament.”

#### **6.0 EMERGENCY PLANNING EXERCISE - UPDATE**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive updated Committee on the events of the Emergency Planning Exercise held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2002 and advised that a full debriefing session, including all the agencies involved, would be held in December 2002.

#### **7.0 COLERAINE DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE**

Committee noted that shortlisting for independent members had been completed and that interviews would take place at the end of November/beginning of December 2002 with appointments being made early in the New Year by the Policing Board for Northern Ireland. The recruitment process for a DPP Manager would commence early in December, 2002 with a training programme for members commencing in the New Year.

#### **8.0 PROPOSED COLERAINE HARBOUR ORDER**

Committee noted information on the proposed Coleraine Harbour Order, as contained in the letter from the Department for Regional Development including the draft River Bann Navigation Order (Northern Ireland) (previously supplied).

## **9.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 Northern Ireland Housing Council**

Committee noted the information on the nomination of members, as contained in the letter from the Northern Ireland Housing Council (previously supplied).

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

That Council approve the nomination of its current member to the end of the electoral term in 2005.

On being put to the Meeting, the proposal was carried by nine votes to five.

### **9.2 Consignia**

Committee noted information on the Urban Post Office™ Branch Network, as contained in the letter from Consignia (previously supplied).

## **10.0 CONSULTATION PAPER**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the following consultation paper had been received and was available for members who wished to consider making a response:

- (I) Department of the Environment – Driver & Vehicle Testing Agency – Mandatory Display of MOT Disc

Comments due by: 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2003

## **11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE**

Tabled:

Corporate Plan 2002 – 2005 and Business Plan 2002/2003

## **12.0 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Tabled:

Thirtieth Anniversary Annual Report 2001 – 2002

## **13.0 NORTHERN IRELAND CONSUMER COMMITTEE FOR ELECTRICITY**

Tabled:

Annual Report 2002

**14.0 RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Tabled:

Annual Report 2001 - 2002

**15.0 NORTHERN IRELAND FEDERATION  
OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS**

Tabled:

Annual Report 2001 – 2002

**16.0 COMMUNITY FUND**

Tabled:

Annual Report 2001 - 2002