

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **THURSDAY** the **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **December**, 2000 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 – 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2000
  - 1.2 Special Meeting of Council – 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2000
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 2.1 North West '200' Sub-Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2000
  - 2.2 Leisure and Environment Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2000
    - (Item 5.6)** Waterworld Bowling Provision – Tender Report
    - (Item 7.1)** Craigahulliar Phase II Development – Tenderer List
  - 2.3 Planning Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2000
  - 2.4 Policy and Development Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2000
3. Draft Corporate Plan 2001 – 2004 (previously supplied)
4. Correspondence
5. Documents for Sealing

#### **Enclosed for Information:**

Roads Service – Reply to matters raised at meeting of Council on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2000

To: Each Member of Council.

22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2000.

## **COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 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
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. J. Watt
W. H. King	
(Items 3.0 – 10.0)	

### **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour	J. J. Dallat
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	N. F. Hillis
R. S. Bolton	D. McClarty
J. M. Bradley	G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 3.3.1 – 10.0)	R. A. McPherson
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	E. O'Hara
W. T. Creelman	R. D. Stewart

### **Officers in**

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

**Apology:** Councillor Mathews

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the first Council Meeting to be held in the new civic headquarters.

## **2.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2000 and the Special Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2000 were confirmed and signed.

## **3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **3.1 Special Meeting of Policy and Development Committee**

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

- 3.2 Special Meeting of Leisure and Environment Committee 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2000 The Chairman, Councillor O'Hara, moved the adoption of the Special Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Watt and agreed.
- 3.3 Special Meeting of Leisure and Environment Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2000 The Vice Chairman, Alderman King, moved the adoption of the Special Meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church.

Matters arising:

- 3.3.1 Policy – Operation of Council's Cemeteries The Mayor welcomed Messrs. A. Eakin and D. Parker who were in attendance to address members regarding Coleraine Cemetery.

Mr. Eakin again emphasised the continuing objections to the present system operated at Coleraine Cemetery and requested that people should have freedom of choice to erect surrounds if so desired. The need for a greater security presence at Coleraine Cemetery was also highlighted.

Mr. Parker stressed the importance of freedom of choice and re-stated his wish that purchasers of grave plots should have the choice of erecting a grave surround.

As an amendment to the adoption of the Report it was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by Councillor Stewart:

That this matter be referred to the Equality Working Group for consideration.

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

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

- O'Hara, moved the Committee 3.4 Leisure and Environment The Chairman, Councillor adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Watt.

Matters arising:

- 3.4.1 Kilrea Sports Hall Reported that the consultants were still examining the tenders for the construction of Kilrea Sports Hall and a report would be presented to the December meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee.

It was agreed that the Leisure and Environment Committee be granted full Council powers in order to expedite this contract.

3.4.2 Footpath Link from It was agreed that Planning Service be asked to  
Park to Magheramenagh carry out a survey on behalf of the residents  
Lane, Portrush concerning the footpath link from Caldwell Park  
to Magheramenagh Lane in Portrush.

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

3.5 Special Meeting of Planning The Chairman, Councillor  
Committee McLaughlin, moved the adoption of the Special Meeting of Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by the Deputy Mayor and agreed.

3.6 Planning Committee The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor O'Hara and agreed.

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

Matters arising:

3.7.1 Northern Ireland It was proposed by Councillor Dallat,  
Electricity seconded by Councillor McClarty and agreed:

That the Town Clerk and Chief Executive write to Northern Ireland Electricity expressing Council's concern regarding the extent of the recent rise in electricity charges.

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

#### 4.0 HOUSING EXECUTIVE - "CROSSING THE CAUSEWAY" CONFERENCE

Reported that the Chartered Institute of Housing (N.I. Branch) and the Housing Executive were holding a Conference "Crossing the Causeway" on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2000 at the Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College, Portrush.

It was agreed that Councillors McLaughlin and Stewart attend.

**5.0 NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

Tabled:

Northern Health and Social Services Board –  
Annual Report 1999/2000.

**6.0 NATIONAL LOTTERY CHARITIES BOARD**

Tabled:

National Lottery Charities Board – Annual Report  
1999-2000.

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

Tabled:

Minutes of the North-Eastern Education and Library  
Board dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2000.

**8.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL**

Tabled:

Minutes of the Northern Ireland Housing Council  
dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.

**9.0 NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

Tabled:

Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services  
Board dated 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2000.

**10.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Mortgage Council –to- Merchant Investors Assurance

Co. Ltd., Bristol.

2. Conveyance and Counterpart Carthall Open Space – Jasmin Properties Ltd.,  
24 Meadowlands, Portstewart –to- Council.
3. Grant of Easement and Counterpart Lands at Circular Road, Castlerock –  
Council –to- C.N. Developments Ltd.,  
194 Seacon Road, Ballymoney.
4. Contract Documents New Toilet Block at Portballintrae –  
Council –with- Drumdollagh Construction,  
Armoy.  
  
Refurbishment of Portstewart Town Hall –  
Council –with- F. Dillon, Building Contractor,  
Dungiven.
5. Cemetery Titles Registration Nos. 2654 – 2663 inclusive:

Coleraine 8  
Portstewart 2

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**7<sup>th</sup> December, 2000.**

**Convened:** To consider a submission to the Acute Hospital Review Group and a response to the Review Body on Post Primary Education

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

### **Aldermen**

W. H. King  
W. J. McClure

W. J. Watt  
(Items 1.0 – 1.1)

### **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour  
E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
R. S. Bolton  
J. M. Bradley  
(Items 1.0 – 1.1)  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
W. T. Creelman

N. F. Hillis  
G. L. McLaughlin  
R. A. McPherson  
W. Mathews  
E. M. Mullan  
R. D. Stewart

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative Assistant

### **Apologies:**

Aldermen Ms. Alexander and Mrs. Armitage, Councillors Dallat, McClarty and O'Hara

## **1.0 ACUTE HOSPITAL REVIEW GROUP**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded members as to the terms of reference  
of the

Acute Hospital Review Group viz:

- ◆ To review the current provision of acute hospital services and, taking account of the issues of local accessibility, safety, clinical standards and quality of services, to make representations to the Minister on the future of hospital services; and
- ◆ To take into account the views of individuals, organisations and groups with an interest or involvement in the provision of hospital services and to assess the scope for co-operation in the provision of local services with hospitals in other parts of the island.

Members had also been supplied with a copy of "Putting It Right" – The Case For  
Change In Northern Ireland's Hospital Service – A

background paper issued by the previous Minister for Health and Social Services.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which the need to ensure that services provided at the new Causeway Hospital in Coleraine reflecting its acute status was particularly highlighted.

Members also stressed that it was essential to ensure acute hospital services were adequately funded and resourced, the need for an integrated approach, review of administrative structures and provision of specialities at a regional level.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive convey Council's views to the Review Group.

1.1 New Causeway Hospital The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that Council had been invited by the Causeway Hospital Commissioning Team to visit the new hospital.

It was agreed that this visit be arranged for early February 2001.

## 2.0 POST PRIMARY EDUCATION REVIEW

Members noted that the Review Body on Post Primary Education had been established with the following objectives:

- ◆ To identify and consider key issues from the current selective system;
- ◆ To assess the extent to which the current arrangements for post primary education meet the needs and aspirations of children and their parents and the requirements of the economy and society;



- ◆ Report to the Minister for Education its conclusions and recommendations on the future arrangements for post primary education.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which the following issues were highlighted:

- (a) the need to have regard for both academic and vocational education;
- (b) the need to retain a selection system which streamlines pupils sympathetically and at a later stage;
- (c) the desirability of allowing primary school children to complete a full final year of general education;
- (d) the essential need that the post primary system should develop the best abilities of all pupils.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive would convey Council's response to the Review Body.

## NORTH WEST '200' SUB-COMMITTEE

22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2000.

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

### **Aldermen**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

### **Councillors**

O. M. Church (Mrs.) R. D. Stewart  
N. F. Hillis

**Also in Attendance:** Councillor E. T. Black (Mrs.)

### **Representatives from Coleraine and District Motor Club:**

Mr. B. Nutt, Mr. S. Buick, Mr. E. Johnston and Mr. M. White

### **Representatives from R.U.C.:**

Inspector J. Kinkead, Sergeants I. Archibald and K. Lyttle

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Director of Environmental Health, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Tourism and Marketing Officer, Services Manager, Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone, especially visitors, to the meeting.

## **2.0 REVIEW OF NORTH WEST '200' - 2000**

The Director of Environmental Health reported that the 2000 North West '200' had been very successful including the operation of the official camp site.

The accounts for the camp site were circulated to each member for information.

Members congratulated the Club on their donation of £1,500 to Children's Hospice.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. B. Nutt and thanked him for all the tremendous work he had done for the event.

Mr. B. Nutt thanked all the officers for their help over the past years.

### 3.0 PLANNING FOR 2001 EVENT

It was noted that race day would be Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2001.

It was agreed that consideration would be given to the following matters as outlined in the Director of Environmental Health's report:

#### 3.1 Camp Site

- (a) It was recommended that Council fund £3,500 rental for the camp site for 2001;
- (b) Extra toilets would be provided;
- (c) Possibility of carryouts (cans) being available for sale to be investigated;
- (d) Islandtasserty Road being made one way during the duration of the camp site to be investigated.

#### 3.2 Official Car Parks

- (a) Official car parks to be better signed and charges published;
- (b) Operators to be given fuller instructions as to their responsibilities.

#### 3.3 White Rocks and Blackrock Road

- (a) Measures to be taken to prevent camping.

#### 3.4 Trading

The Director of Environmental Health is to investigate the possibility of introducing zoning for trading.

#### 3.5 Grass Areas

Consideration to be given to glass/bottle wombling during race day.

#### 3.6 Off Licences

Off Licences to be requested to sell only cans.

#### 3.7 Operational Centre

Dunluce Centre to be used as contact point for Council officers during race day.

#### 3.8 Council Lands

Lands at Ballyreagh Road, adjacent to McLaughlin's Bar, to be used as quiet camping site if required.

#### 3.9 Family Camp Site

Councillor Stewart to investigate possibility of farm land at Portrush being used for family camp site.

### 3.10 Land at Juniper Hill

It was agreed that no camping would be permitted in the field adjacent to Juniper Hill Caravan Site – the land to be used for car parking only.

### 3.11 Prevention of Unauthorised Camping

A similar operation to last years to be mounted to prevent camping on Council's lands in the Portrush area.

## 4.0 **CIVIC HEADQUARTERS**

Mr. B. Nutt congratulated Council on the new civic headquarters.

Members thanked Mr. Nutt for his kind words. The Tourism and Marketing Officer offered to give visitors a tour of the building.

# LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5<sup>th</sup> December, 2000.

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

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 4.0)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 5.0)

## **Aldermen**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 2.0)

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

## **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour  
(Items 1.0 – 4.0)  
E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 5.5)  
R. S. Bolton  
J. M. Bradley  
(Items 2.0 – 12.0)  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
W. T. Creelman  
J. J. Dallat  
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)

N. F. Hillis  
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)  
D. McClarty  
(Items 1.0 – 2.0)  
G. L. McLaughlin  
(Items 2.0 – 12.0)  
R. A. McPherson  
W. Mathews  
(Items 1.0 – 6.2)  
E. M. Mullan  
(Items 2.0 – 12.0)  
R. D. Stewart

## **Officers in**

**Attendance:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Items 1.0 – 2.0), Director of Leisure Services, Director of Environmental Health, Director of Technical Services, Senior Technical Officer (Items 2.0 – 12.0), Principal Building Control Officer (Items 3.0 – 7.4), Principal Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed members to the first meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee in the new civic offices.

## **2.0 NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Craig Serplus, Northern Ireland Electricity's local Customer Service Centre Manager, who was in attendance to address Committee.

Mr. Serplus outlined Northern Ireland Electricity's network investment in the Borough and elaborated on the company's severe weather preparations and additional services.

Discussion ensued on this topic during which Mr. Serplus answered members' questions. The Chairman thanked Mr. Serplus for his interesting and informative presentation after which he withdrew.

### **3.0 PORTRUSH TOWN HALL**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Marcus Patton from Hearth (Revolving Fund) who was in attendance to address Committee regarding the procedure involved in Hearth undertaking the restoration of Portrush Town Hall on behalf of Council.

Mr. Patton elaborated on the work carried out by The Hearth Revolving Fund in building restoration and the advantages in having such work carried out by a building presentation trust not least affecting access to funding.

Mr. Patton advised that Hearth would require a long lease, up to fifty years, on Portrush Town Hall following which time the building would revert back to Council.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which Mr. Patton answered members' questions.

It was proposed by Alderman Watt, seconded by Councillor McClarty and recommended:

That Council proceed with the restoration of Portrush Town Hall using the services of The Hearth Revolving Fund.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Patton for attending after which he withdrew.

### **4.0 LANDS AT RUGBY AVENUE, COLERAINE**

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

The Director of Leisure Services advised that following the Special Meeting of Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2000 at which the preliminary request from the Rugby Club regarding use of a portion of Council's land at Rugby Avenue, Coleraine had been considered - legal advice had been sought.

A letter from Council's solicitors, Macaulay Wray, was subsequently read to Committee. Their advice was that firstly Council had to formally decide whether this portion of land was surplus to requirements. If this was the case Council had two options to consider, viz:

- (a) Invite proposals for recreational purposes of the land; or

(b) Place the land for sale on the open market.

A full discussion ensued on this topic during which the Director of Leisure Services answered members' questions.

It was proposed by Councillor Mathews and seconded by Alderman Watt:

That Council declare the 3.06 acres of land at Rugby Avenue, Coleraine surplus to Council's requirements.

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

That the Leisure Services Department prepare a report for Committee on possible community usage of the 3.06 acre site.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was lost by seven votes to four.

The proposal was subsequently put to the meeting and was carried by twelve votes to four.

Committee's recommendation to formally declare this site surplus to Council's requirements would be reported to the Policy and Development Committee for consideration.

## **5.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

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| 5.1 <u>Ballyrashane Reservoir</u>                                | Consideration was given to two tenders, as detailed in the report, for the lease of the facilities at Ballyrashane Reservoir from Mr. D. Doherty and Riverview Angling Club (Secretary Mr. B. Magee).<br><br>Following discussion it was recommended that Council accept the tender from Riverview Angling Club at a rental of £200 per annum. |
| 5.2 <u>Cyclepath – Shell Hill Bridge – Coleraine</u>             | Roads Service sought to acquire 472m <sup>2</sup> of Council land between Atlantic Road and Coleraine Cemetery Car Park for the purposes of providing a footpath and cycle route.<br><br>Recommended:<br><br>That Council agree to release this land to Roads Service at a cost of £1,200 as assessed by the Valuation and Lands Agency.       |
| 5.3 <u>Coleraine Leisure Centre - Christmas/New Year Opening</u> | Council is recommended to agree to Christmas/ New Year opening hours at Coleraine Leisure Centre as detailed in the report.  |
| 5.4 <u>Recreation Provision in Forest</u>                        | Consideration was given to a letter (previously  |

## Areas

supplied) from Judith Annett – Countryside Consultancy regarding a review of recreation provision in forest areas on behalf of the Forest Service.

Council's views on this topic were sought.

Discussion ensued on present/possible use of forests in the Borough (information detailed in the report).

It was recommended that the Director of Leisure Services convey members' comments on possible enhancement of such recreational use of forests.

### 5.5 Kilrea Sports Hall

Six tenders had been received for construction of Kilrea Sports Hall viz:

McCloskey & O'Kane Building Co. Ltd.	£416,400.00
O'Neill & Brady	£423,450.00
Martin & Hamilton Ltd.	£434,833.79
T. & A. Kernoghan	£445,000.00
JPM Contracts	£457,000.00
J Kennedy & Co. Ltd.	£491,012.00

The Bill of Quantities for the lowest tender was called for examination and it showed a net underprice of £2,439.60. The contractor confirms that he will stand by the tender figure.

The estimated cost of this scheme in February 1999 was £350,000.

### Possible Savings

Meetings have been held with the Architects and the Quantity Surveyor with a view to reducing the cost of the scheme. List of possible savings of approximately £44,000 on the tender price was circulated.

Following a full discussion it was agreed that Council accept the lowest tender from McCloskey & O'Kane Building Co. Ltd. subject to agreement on savings of approximately £22,000 on the tender price.

### 5.6 Waterworld – Bowling Provision

It was agreed that the report on the tenders for the bowling facility at Waterworld be considered at the December meeting of Council.

## **6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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



Matters arising:

6.1 Bye-laws – Dogs on Beaches

Consideration was given to the finalised bye-laws (previously supplied) prohibiting dogs from specified beach areas along the Borough coastline.

It was agreed that the description of the small beach area at Portballintrae be amended to include reference to the Salmon Rock.

Council is recommended to approve the initiation of the formal approval procedure, as detailed in the report, under Article 91 of the Local Government (N.I.) Act 1972.

6.2 Air Quality

Consideration was given to information, as detailed in the report, on the results of stage one of the air quality review.

It was recommended to await clarification of the availability of grant aid from the Department of the Environment before conducting a second stage review of air quality in the Borough.

## **7.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

7.1 Craigahulliar Landfill Site - Phase 2 Development

Consideration was given to ten applications, as detailed in the report, for inclusion on a select list to tender for Phase 2 Development of Craigahulliar Landfill Site.

The applications had been assessed by Council's consultants, Kirk McClure Morton, and they had recommended that the five category one applicants be invited to tender for this contract viz:

1. White Mountain Quarries
2. Gibson (Banbridge) Ltd.
3. TAL Ltd.
4. Eamey Contracts Ltd.
5. F.P. McCann Ltd.

Following a full discussion it was proposed by Alderman Watt and seconded by Alderman King that the following three additional firms from the original ten applications be added to the list of those to be invited to tender for this contract viz:

1. Crawford Contracts Ltd.
2. R. J. Maxwell & Son Ltd.
3. B. Mullan & Sons

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

That Council accept Kirk McClure Morton's proposal that the five Category 1 Applicants be invited to tender for the contract.

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

**For:** Alderman Ms. Alexander  
Councillors Bradley, Mrs. Church,  
O'Hara and Stewart (5)

**Against:** Aldermen King, McClure and Watt  
Councillors Bolton, Creelman,  
McLaughlin and McPherson (7)

**Abstained:** Councillor Mullan (1)

The amendment was, therefore, lost by seven votes to five.

The proposal was subsequently put to the meeting and the members voted thus:

**For:** Aldermen King, McClure and Watt  
Councillors Bolton, Mrs. Church,  
Creelman, McLaughlin and  
McPherson (8)

**Against:** Alderman Ms. Alexander  
Councillors Bradley, O'Hara and  
Stewart (4)

The proposal was, therefore, carried by eight votes to four.

The Director of Technical Services would advise Kirk McClure Morton of Committee's recommendation that three additional firms be invited to tender for the contract and report back to the December meeting of Council.

## 7.2 Building Control

### 7.2.1 Approvals

Approval had been given for forty-five applications.

## 7.3 North West Regional Waste Management Strategy Group

The Director of Technical Services updated members as to the current position of this project.

Committee noted that it was proposed that an intensive consultation process be undertaken on a three phased basis viz:

- (i) An information booklet be distributed in all member Council areas with relevant costs of all waste management options;
- (ii) An independent survey be carried out throughout the entire area;
- (iii) Public conferences/meetings in all Council areas.

#### 7.4 For Information

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

- (a) Kilrea Amenity Area;
- (b) Portballintrae Toilet Block.

### **8.0 SALE OF OFFICE FURNITURE**

Information regarding the forthcoming sale of office furniture at the former Cloonavin Offices was circulated to each member.

### **9.0 DUNLUCE CENTRE - SUB-COMMITTEE**

The report on the meeting of the Dunluce Centre Sub-Committee (circulated) was considered and the contents noted.

### **10.0 CAFÉ - COLERAINE LEISURE CENTRE**

Reference was made to the closing times of the café at Coleraine Leisure Centre.

The Director of Leisure Services reported that the café generally closed at 8.00 p.m. each evening.

### **11.0 FLY-POSTING**

Reference was made to recent incidents of fly-posting in the Borough.

The Director of Technical Services was aware of the situation and would be speaking with those responsible.

### **12.0 RE-CYCLING FACILITY - CAUSEWAY STREET, PORTRUSH**

Reference was made to recent complaints regarding the frequency of collection of material from the re-cycling facility at Causeway Street, Portrush.

The Director of Technical Services would speak with the collection company with a view to increasing the frequency of collections.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

12<sup>th</sup> December, 2000.

**Present:** Councillor G. L. McLaughlin in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 2.14)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor B. E. Dempsey (Mrs.)  
(Items 1.0 – 2.22)

### **Aldermen**

C. S. Alexander (Ms)	W. H. King
P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)	W. J. McClure
(Items 1.0 – 2.22)	W. J. Watt

### **Councillors**

D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
E. T. Black (Mrs.)	R. A. McPherson
R. S. Bolton	W. Mathews
(Items 1.0 – 2.30)	(Items 1.0 – 2.22)
J. M. Bradley	E. O'Hara
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	(Items 1.0 – 2.22)
W. T. Creelman	R. D. Stewart
J. J. Dallat	(Items 1.0 – 2.21)

### **Also in**

**Attendance:** Representatives from the Planning Service –  
Mr. G. Scott and Mr. A. Meenagh

### **Officers in**

**Attendance:** Senior Environmental Health Officer and  
Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** Councillors McClarty and Mullan

## 1.0 **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Andy Meenagh from the Planning Service to his first meeting of Committee and extended best wishes to him in his new post in Coleraine.

## 2.0 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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

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| 2.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u><br><u>C/2000/0263/F</u><br><u>Erection of 14 no. apartments</u><br><u>(three storey) on lands between</u><br><u>Blackstone Cottage and 58 Main</u><br><u>Street (opposite former Swimming</u><br><u>Pool Complex), Castlerock for</u><br><u>Northern Builders</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.<br><br>It was agreed that the application be approved.   |
| 2.2 | <u>Application No. D2</u><br><u>C/2000/0664/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling at 68</u><br><u>Drumcroone Road, Coleraine for</u><br><u>G. Connor</u>  | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.<br><br>It was proposed by Alderman Watt, seconded by Councillor Dallat and unanimously agreed:<br><br>That the application be approved. |
| 2.3 | <u>Application No. D3</u><br><u>C/2000/0681/O</u>   | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.   |

	<u>Site for dwelling on land west of Bratwell Road, Castlerock for Rev. J. McCaughan</u>	It was agreed that the application be refused.
2.4	<u>Application No. D4</u> <u>C/2000/0707/O</u> <u>Site for replacement dwelling on land adjacent to No. 54 Newmills Road, Coleraine for Mr. E. Irwin</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  The application had now been withdrawn.
2.5	<u>Application No. D5</u> <u>C/2000/0721/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling at Ballyhome Road, Bushmills for Mr. S. A. Cochrane</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be refused.
2.6	<u>Application No. D6</u> <u>C/2000/0724/O</u> <u>Proposed site for dwelling at site at Moneybrannon Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine for Mr. J. Arthur</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that if the application was not withdrawn within one week it would be refused.
2.7	<u>Application No. D7</u> <u>C/2000/0735/F</u> <u>10 no. apartments, 1 no. shop, 4 no. bedsits (Golf Hotel use), (3 previous individual submissions) and alterations and extensions to Bertha's Bar at 6 Sea Road, Castlerock for Mr. S. Lyle</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  It was proposed by Alderman Watt and seconded by Councillor Dallat:  That the application be approved.  On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, twelve members voting in favour and two members voting against.

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| 2.8  | <u>Application No. D8</u><br><u>C/2000/0741/O</u><br><u>Site of dwelling and garage at</u><br><u>Boveedy Road, Boveedy, Kilrea</u><br><u>(south of No. 4 Dullaghy Road,</u><br><u>Boveedy) for Mr. R. Bradley</u> | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that if the application was not withdrawn within one week it would be refused.</p>  |
| 2.9  | <u>Application No. D9</u><br><u>C/2000/0742/O</u><br><u>Dwelling and garage opposite No.</u><br><u>65 Mettican Road, Garvagh for</u><br><u>Mr. D. Turner</u>  | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be approved.</p>  |
| 2.10 | <u>Application No. D10</u><br><u>C/2000/0744/O</u><br><u>Site for dwelling on land adjacent</u><br><u>to Ballyhome Primary Schol,</u><br><u>Ballyhome Road, Portrush for</u><br><u>Mr. A. McAuley</u>             | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that if the application was not withdrawn within one week it would be refused.</p>  |
| 2.11 | <u>Application No. D11</u><br><u>C/2000/0766/O</u><br><u>Dwelling and garage at Grove</u><br><u>Road, Swatragh, Maghera for</u><br><u>D. McKeague</u>   | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Bolton:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.</p> |
| 2.12 | <u>Application No. D12</u>  | <p>The opinion of the Planning Service</p>   |

C/2000/0793/F

Erection of 4 no. apartments  
(redevelopment) at 45 Portstewart  
Road, Coleraine for A M C  
Developments

was to refuse.

It was proposed by Alderman Watt,  
seconded by Councillor Barbour and  
agreed:

That the application be  
deferred for two weeks  
to facilitate further  
discussions with the  
applicant.

If agreement could be reached the  
application would be approved  
otherwise the application would be  
refused.

2.13

Application No. D13  
C/2000/0800/F  
Provision of 7 no. additional static  
caravan sites to existing caravan  
park at Bellemont Caravan Park  
(adjacent to 10 Islandtasserty  
Road, Coleraine for Mr. G. Auld

The opinion of the Planning Service  
was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be  
approved.

## **NEW APPLICATIONS**

2.14

Application No. 7  
C/2000/0706/O  
Site for dwelling opposite 58  
Ballyrogan Road, Garvagh for  
Mr. Doherty

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.

2.15

Application No. 8  
C/2000/0718/O

The opinion of the Planning Service  
was to refuse.



	<u>Site for bungalow (renewal) at 75A Coleraine Road, Garvagh for Mr. T. F. Jackson</u>	It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further consideration by the Planning Service.
2.16	<u>Application No. 9</u> <u>C/2000/0720/O</u> <u>Site of farm retirement dwelling and garage at 34 Ballymadigan Road, Castlerock for Mr. W. Thompson</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 regarding an alternative site.
2.17	<u>Application No. 13</u> <u>C/2000/0755/F</u> <u>Erection of a two storey rear extension and single storey conservatory to side of existing property at 158 Castleroe Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. T. Neill</u>	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.
2.18	<u>Application No. 14</u> <u>C/2000/0759/F</u> <u>Erection of 9 no. detached two-storey dwellings and detached garages, with associated roadways, services and landscaping on land opposite Nos. 32-44 Glenkeen Road, Aghadowey for Mr. P. McIntyre</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  It was agreed that the application be approved subject to Article 40 legal agreement regarding landscaping.
2.19	<u>Application No. 16</u> <u>C/2000/0764/F</u> <u>Erection of dwelling and garage at</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

	<u>site between 99 and 107 Gorran Road, Garvagh for Mr. C. McIntyre</u>	It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
2.20	<u>Application No. 19</u> <u>C/2000/0786/O</u> <u>Site for two-storey dwelling and garage to rear of 45 Greenhill Road, Blackhill, Coleraine for Mr. P. Taylor</u>	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.
2.21	<u>Application No. 22</u> <u>C/2000/0798/F</u> <u>Demolish existing buildings on site and provide new building with 12 no. apartments on 3 ½ floors at 6 and 7 Hillside, Portstewart for Mr. S. Mulvenna</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  The application had now been withdrawn.
2.22	<u>Application No. 40</u> <u>C/2000/0830/F</u> <u>Redevelopment of former hotel and associated car parking area to provide 39 no. bed spaces (30 flats) in Fold Sheltered Housing with supervisor and ancillary facilities (three-storey building); 18 no. apartments for sale (4 – 5 storey building) and associated parking area at former Beach Hotel, Beach Road, Portballintrae for Fold Housing Association/Kennedy Group</u>	Councillor O'Hara declared an interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion.  The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  No further representations had been received within the statutory consultation period.  Members expressed concern regarding the proliferation of more apartments in Portballintrae.  It was agreed that the application be

		refused.
2.23	<u>Application No. 30</u> <u>C/2000/0815/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling at Gelvin Road,</u> <u>Garvagh for Mrs. H. McKeown</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p>
2.24	<u>Application No. 35</u> <u>C/2000/0822/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling and garage at</u> <u>Carrowreagh Road, Garvagh for</u> <u>Mr. R. McFetridge</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p> <p>It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.</p>
2.25	<u>Application No. 43</u> <u>C/2000/0836/F</u> <u>Provision of new entrance and</u> <u>exit roads, erection of new</u> <u>boundary fence including</u> <u>concrete pier and metal gates at</u> <u>St. Mary's Primary School, Agivey</u> <u>Road, Aghadowey for St. Mary's</u> <u>Primary School</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p>
2.26	<u>Application No. 49</u> <u>C/2000/0844/F</u> <u>Single storey extension to provide</u> <u>2 no. science rooms and 1 no.</u> <u>prep room at Garvagh High</u> <u>School, 142 Main Street, Garvagh</u> <u>for N.E.E.L.B.</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.</p> <p>No representations had been received within the statutory consultation period and the application would be approved.</p>
2.27	<u>Application No. 50</u> <u>C/2000/0846/F</u>	<p>The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.</p>

	<u>Proposal for replacement cottage at site at Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart for N M Developments</u>	The application had now been withdrawn.
2.28	<u>Application No. 53</u> <u>C/2000/0851/F</u> <u>Erection of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings (to rear of No. 50) at 50 Coleraine Road, Garvagh for Abercorn Homes</u>	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.
2.29	<u>Application No. 57</u> <u>C/2000/0856/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling on land off Ballyhackett Lane, Castlerock for Mr. A. Tanner</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was proposed by Alderman King, seconded by Alderman Watt and agreed:  That the application be deferred for two weeks to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.  If agreement could be reached the application would be approved otherwise the application would be refused.
2.30	<u>Application No. 58</u> <u>C/2000/0857/F</u> <u>Erection of replacement dwelling</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

	<u>at 7 Glen Road, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. S. McNicholl</u>	It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate further discussions with the applicant.
2.31	<u>Application No. 66 C/2000/0867/F 2 no. semi-detached dwellings at 26 Inishowen Park, Portstewart for M &amp; A Builders</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
2.32	<u>Application No. 67 C/2000/0869/F Erection of single storey side and rear extension at 62 Dunsuivinish Avenue, Portstewart for Mr. A. Toms</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.
2.33	<u>Application No. 68 C/2000/0870/O Site for dwelling at Tirkeeran Road (adjacent to Culbane Terrace), Garvagh for Mr. S. McNicholl</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.  It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate a Council site visit.
2.34	<u>General Matters</u>	(a) Bayview Hotel, Portballintrae – Height of building.

### **3.0 THANKS**

Mr. Scott thanked members for their help over the years and wished them well for the future.

Members extended best wishes to Mr. Scott.

### **4.0 PLANNING SERVICE - CONSULTATION PAPER**

## **ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

Consideration was given to the Planning Service – Consultation Paper on Telecommunications (previously supplied). Planning Service sought Council's views on proposals to amend planning legislation under Part 17 of Schedule 1 to the Planning (General Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992 (as amended) (the 'GDO') and on a draft Planning Policy Statement for telecommunications.

It was proposed by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Alderman Watt and agreed:

That each telecommunications mast should have full planning approval and that each mast should be shared if possible.

### **5.0 3 DUNLUCE AVENUE, PORTRUSH**

Reference was made to the change of use of premises at 3 Dunluce Avenue, Portrush from a café to a carryout.

This matter had been the subject of enforcement action for some considerable time, however, the business continues to operate in breach of the approved use.

It was agreed that Council write to the Planning Service seeking a formal response for discussion at the Planning Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2001.

## **POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**19<sup>th</sup> December, 2000.**

**Present:** Councillor J. M. Bradley, in the Chair

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

### **Aldermen**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)

(Items 2.0 – 24.0)

P. E. A. Armitage (Mrs.)

(Items 1.0 – 4.0)

W. H. King

W. J. McClure

W. J. Watt

### **Councillors**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

R. S. Bolton

O. M. Church (Mrs.)

W. T. Creelman

(Items 2.0 – 24.0)

J. J. Dallat

N. F. Hillis

D. McClarty

G. L. McLaughlin

R. A. McPherson

E. M. Mullan

(Items 2.0 – 24.0)

E. O'Hara

(Items 1.0 – 22.0)

R. D. Stewart

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Policy Development Officer, Finance Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Personnel Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Information Technology Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.0) and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** The Mayor, Councillors Barbour and Mathews

## **1.0 CONGRATULATIONS**

The Chairman and members extended congratulations to Councillor Mullan on the birth of a son.

## **2.0 UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER**

**The Chairman welcomed Professor Peter Roebuck, Provost of the Coleraine Campus and Dr. Chris Barnett, Chief Executive of Coleraine Science Research Park, who were in attendance to address Committee.**

Professor Roebuck updated members on the University's development plans and highlighted the major contribution the University makes to the local economy as one of the largest employers in the Province.

Dr. Barnett elaborated on the proposals for the development of the Coleraine Science Research Park on the Coleraine campus.

The first phase would be the development of a 28 acre green field site to locate companies in the bio-technology and life and health technology sectors.

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

Professor Roebuck and Dr. Barnett then presented Council with a replica of the granite foundation stone of the new Science Park as a symbol of the close partnership which exists between Council and the University on this project.

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

### **3.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Tenders for Provision of Insurance and Broking Services Two applications had been received for inclusion on a select list for the provision of Council insurances and associated broking services for a three year period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2001 viz:

- (a) Marsh (U.K.) Ltd.
- (b) Willis Harris Marrian Ltd.

Council is recommended to invite both companies to tender.

3.2 Requests for Financial Assistance

3.2.1 William Keown Trust

Following discussion it was recommended that Council contribute £350 to the William Keown Trust for 2000/01.

3.2.2 Coleraine and District Tractor Ploughing Society

Recommended:

That Council contribute £200 to the Coleraine and District Tractor Ploughing Society towards the costs of the annual ploughing match on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2001.

3.3 Grounds Maintenance Section

Council employed 22 seasonal employees in Grounds Maintenance, each of whom were employed for up to ten months of the year.

Due to an increased workload and to assist improved maintenance at various facilities, Committee was asked to agree that three of the seasonal vacancies be made permanent full-time posts.



Following discussion it was agreed that this matter be deferred to the January meeting of Committee to allow more detailed information on costs, etc. to be presented.

3.4 Proposed Review of Members' Travelling and Subsistence Allowances

Committee noted that the Department of the Environment (Local Government Division) intended to review the level of travelling and subsistence allowances payable to members.

3.5 Accounts

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

Revenue A/C - £593,452.51

Capital A/C - £169,297.81

## **Personnel**

3.6 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**

Marketing Executive (Job Share) – Mrs. C. Balmer

### **Leisure Services Department**

Part-Time Fitness Attendant (Replacement) – Mr. N. Langley

Part-Time Cleaner (Replacement) – Mrs. I. Goddard

### **Technical Services Department**

Street Cleaner (Replacement) – Mr. J. MacKenzie

### **Environmental Health Department**

Environmental Health Officer (Job Share) – Mrs. O. M. Dysart

3.7 Craigahulliar Landfill Site - Landfill Tax Refund

The Director of Corporate Services reported on the outcome of the recent discussions with Customs and Excise regarding the refund of landfill tax in respect of Craigahulliar Landfill Site.

Council had received an overall refund of some £480,000, although substantial refunds would have to be made to those companies who had deposited waste at the landfill site during the period in question.

#### **4.0 THANKS**

Councillor Mullan thanked members for their kind wishes on the birth of his son.

#### **5.0 NEW CIVIC HEADQUARTERS**

Reference was made to continuing problems regarding the heating in the Council Chamber.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that this was being urgently addressed.

#### **6.0 NORTHERN IRELAND EXECUTIVE - DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT**

Consideration was given to the Northern Ireland Executive's Draft Programme for Government (previously supplied).

Following a full discussion it was recommended that Council endorse the draft programme and request that in future years additional time be allowed for consultation on this topic.

#### **7.0 CONSULTATION PAPER ON BEST VALUE LEGISLATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

Consideration was given to the Department of the Environment's consultation paper (previously supplied) on Best Value Legislation for Local Government in Northern Ireland.

Following discussion it was recommended that Council support the proposed legislation.

#### **8.0 LAND AND PROPERTY**

##### **8.1 Improvements to Sewage Pumping Station - The Promenade, Castlerock**

The Valuation and Lands Agency had recommended that Council accept a premium of £2,000 for the purchase by Water Service of 35m<sup>2</sup> of land at the Sewage Pumping Station, The Promenade, Castlerock. This would include the temporary use of an additional area of 210m<sup>2</sup> at this location.

Council is recommended to agree.

##### **8.2 Mr. D. Small, 4 and 5 Sandune Terrace, Portrush**

The Valuation and Lands Agency had reached agreement with Mr. D. Small regarding the premium for the granting, by Council, for formal access to the new development at 4 and 5 Sandune Terrace via its car park at East Strand.

Council is recommended to accept the premium of £2,000.

##### **8.3 Development of Coleraine Baptist Church**

Reported that an enquiry had been received from Gary Harpur, Architect, Saintfield, on behalf of

Coleraine Baptist Church seeking to acquire a Council flowerbed to the rear of the church property.

Council is recommended to agree subject to the continued planting/maintenance of the flowerbed being carried out by the church authorities.

8.4 Lands at Rugby Avenue, Coleraine

Consideration was given to the Leisure and Environment Committee's recommendation:

That Council declare 3.06 acres of land at Rugby Avenue, Coleraine surplus to Council's requirements.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Watt and seconded by Alderman McClure:

That Committee endorse the Leisure and Environment's recommendation to declare this land surplus to Council's requirements.

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

That the Director of Leisure Services prepare a report for Committee on possible community usage of the 3.06 acre site.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was lost by eight votes to four.

The proposal was subsequently put to the meeting and was carried by eight votes to four.

9.0 AREA OF LAND AT DUNMORE STREET, COLERAINE

Reference was made to the ownership of an area of land at Dunmore Street, Coleraine.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive agreed to investigate this matter.

10.0 KING GEORGE VI HALL - KILLOWEN, COLERAINE

Reference was made to progress regarding the transfer of ownership of these premises from the Housing Executive to Council.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the Executive was prioritising the redevelopment of the former Spencer Row site.

**11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY -  
TARIFFS INCREASE**

Consideration was given to a letter from the Managing Director, Northern Ireland Electricity, in reply to Council's letter expressing concern at the recent tariffs increase.

Committee noted that NIE and Ofreg had produced a package of measures which would assist off-setting the increase, particularly for low consumption and fuel poor customers.

**12.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT  
OFFICE**

Reported that the Local Government Auditor would be in attendance on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2001 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of auditing Council's accounts for 1999/2000.

Noted.

**13.0 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL  
SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY -  
CARDIAC SURGERY REVIEW**

Read letter from the Secretary to the Cardiac Surgery Review Steering Group advising Council of a Review of Cardiac Surgery in Northern Ireland.

Four public meetings facilitated by the Health and Social Services Council were to be arranged to further communicate the process and issues of the Review.

Council is recommended to send representatives to one of the public meetings on this topic.

**14.0 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CONTACT  
NUMBERS**

An update list of Emergency Telephone Contact Numbers for Council officers and other agencies had been circulated to each member.

**15.0 RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Tabled:

Annual Report 1999 – 2000.

**16.0 FOLD HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

Tabled:

Annual Review 1999/2000.

**17.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL**

Tabled:

Annual Report 2000.

**18.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Tabled:

Annual Report 1999/2000.

**19.0 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Tabled:

Annual Report 1999/2000.

**20.0 DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT - TRUST PORTS**

Reported that the Minister for Regional Development had announced his intention to bring forward legislative proposals affecting the Province's Trust Ports including Coleraine Harbour.

Noted.

**21.0 OLD CLOONAVIN - SALE OF FURNITURE**

Reported that some 20 per cent of the furniture had been purchased by members and staff at the recent sale.

It was recommended that the most appropriate method of disposal of the remaining 400 lots would be by public auction in January 2001.

Council is recommended to agree.

**22.0 MAYOR'S RECEPTIONS - 20<sup>TH</sup>/21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2000**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that due to the numbers invited to each Mayoral Reception it would be impractical to arrange tours of the building on these evenings.

Tours of the building for the general public would be arranged during January 2001.

**23.0 PARKING FOR BICYCLES AND MEMBERS' CARS**

Reference was made to the possibility of providing designated parking spaces for bicycles and members' cars at the civic offices.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that these matters would be considered at the next meeting of the Civic Offices Steering Group which would be held early in January 2001.

#### **24.0 SEASONAL GREETINGS**

The Chairman extended seasonal greetings to all present.