

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 08<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

**In the Chair:** Councillor S Hunter

**Members Present:** Councillors D F Cunningham, W Graham, N McAllister,  
C McCambridge, R D McDonnell, R McIlroy,  
M A McKillop, S McKillop, C McShane, P McShane,  
C C Thompson.

**Also Present:** Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services

Mrs E Mullholland, Director of Development Services

Ms M Craig, Economic Development Officer

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

13/09:01

**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Baird and Blaney.

**Chairman's Business**

Sympathy

The Chair and members expressed their deepest sympathy to Vice-Chairman Seamus Blaney and his wife Kathleen on the sudden death of his sister-in-law and that their thoughts were with the family at this sad time.

Reference was made to the death of Baroness Thatcher who had died earlier in the day. Whilst some members extended their sympathy this view was not shared by all the members.

The Marine Hotel, Ballycastle

Congratulations were offered to the new owners of the Marine Hotel, Ballycastle and the Chair wished them every success for the future. It was stated that it would be of great benefit to the area socially and economically and would provide much needed employment to the Moyle District area.

13/09:02

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

The minutes of the Council Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 having been circulated, were taken as read.

With reference to Page 2 under Matters Arising from the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 it was agreed that it be amended to read "11<sup>th</sup> February 2013."

After discussion,

Councillor W Graham proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister and resolved,  
"That the minutes of the Council Meeting Minutes held on  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 be adopted."

13/09:03

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

There were no matters arising.

13/09:04

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

The Development Services Report, having been circulated, was taken as read.

The Economic Development Officer delivered an update on the progress being made on the Local Economic Development Plan, followed by questions and answers.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor S McKillop and resolved,  
"That Council would approve the 2013 – 2014 Annual Plan and Business Research Activities proposal and also the Retail and Markets Programme proposal."

Councillor P McShane left the meeting at this point.

It was stated that the Retail and Markets Programme would offer assistance to existing business and market traders by helping them to upgrade their retail skills to make their business more competitive.

In response to a query raised, the Economic Development Officer stated that the Revitalisation Scheme was launched by Invest NI to provide grants to business owners to help them overhaul their shop fronts, signage and refurbish internal buildings etc. but required that some investment was required by the business owner.

After further discussion, it was also agreed that Council would write to Minister Foster to ask her to show support for the applications to Invest NI for the proposed new hotel and the Marine Hotel Ballycastle.

Marconi's Cottage, Carrickmore Road, Ballycastle

The meeting continued in Committee.

After discussion, relating to the exact location to which the Abandonment Order referred to, it was agreed that Council would write to the applicant and state that the Council's position on the resolution of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 which was made without prejudice, would remain the same.

Councillors P McShane and McIlroy left the meeting.

Draft Rathlin Island Action Plan 2013-2015

Councillor N McAllister left the meeting.

The Draft Rathlin Island Action Plan 2013-2015 was circulated to members and it was stated that this high level plan would allow for more Working Groups to be formed.

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the draft Rathlin Island Action Plan 2013-2015.

The meeting continued out of committee.

Good Relations Grant Scheme Application

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the grant of £250 to the Rotary Club of Ballycastle for their Connect 4 Peace project.

Community Festivals Fund – Recommendations from Community Grant Assessment Panel

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Panel re the allocation of Community Festival Fund grants.

Councillor S McKillop left the meeting.

Tourism Events Fund – Recommendations from Community Grants Assessment Panel

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Panel re the transfer of £1,520 from the Community Festivals fund to the Tourism Event Fund and the allocation of Tourism Event Fund grants.

Councillor S McKillop returned to the meeting.

### Marine Hotel Pool Facilities Building

The meeting continued in committee.

Reference was made to correspondence received from the Marine Hotel, Ballycastle enquiring Council to consider renting and running the Hotel's swimming pool facilities.

Councillor McIlroy, C McShane and N McAllister returned to the meeting.

After discussion, in which issues raised included budget and staffing, it was agreed that Council would further explore these options with a view to presenting a discussion paper for consideration at a future meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
"That the Development Services Report be adopted."

13/09:05

### CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

The Corporate Services Report, having been circulated, was taken as read.

The meeting continued in committee.

### Tourist Information Receptionist

Reference was made to the new TIC and for the requirement for it to be open every Saturday and Sunday during the summer months. This had created a permanent post for a Tourist Information Receptionist for 6 core hours on Saturdays and 4 core hours on Sundays --Scale 3 post.

The meeting continued out of committee.

### LGRJF – RPA Staff Severance Scheme for Local Government

A copy of the staff severance scheme had been circulated.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,  
"That Council would approve the RPA Staff Severance Scheme for Local Government."

It was also agreed that the DCS would email the Councillors Severance Scheme website link to Councillors and if any member required a hard copy this would be available upon request.

Telecommunications - Mobile

Councillor McDonnell left the meeting.

With reference to Council mobile phones, after discussion, it was agreed that Council would remain with 02 network provider but switch from NIBC to Barclay Communications, subject to satisfactory references.

Former Amusement Arcade

Councillor McDonnell returned to the meeting.

The meeting continued in committee.

With reference to correspondence received from a local business, and an expression of interest by a local community group, after discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,  
"To lease the former Amusement Arcade to a local business for £250 per month plus rates with the stipulation that the lease would be reviewed after twelve months.

The meeting continued out of committee.

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
"That the Corporate Services Report be adopted."

13/09:06

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO MOYLE PCSP 2013/14**

With reference to the appointment of Chair to Moyle PCSP, after discussion it was agreed that members of the UUP and SDLP parties would discuss this and come to an agreement and would inform Council of the outcome at the next meeting.

13/09:07

**THAT THIS COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN THAT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS REJECTED A LEGAL MEASURE THAT WOULD RESTRICT ABORTION AVAILABILITY IN THE NORTH. THAT AN AMENDMENT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL WAS DEFEATED BY A PETITION OF CONCERN! AND THAT THIS COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT IT IS WRONG TO PRIVATISE ABORTIONS AND THAT IT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD AT WILL.**

**THAT THIS COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE ONLY PLACE WHERE MEDICAL ADVICE, BOTH COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPASSIONATE, CAN BE DELIVERED FOR THE BEST OUTCOMES, FOR THE MOTHER AND CHILD, IS WITHIN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE. THAT THE PETITION OF CONCERN INSTIGATED IN THE ASSEMBLY IS A STEPPING STONE TO THE 1967 BRITISH ABORTION ACT AND 24 WEEK TERMINATIONS AT WILL.**

(Requested by Councillor P McShane)

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed an amendment,

Seconded by Councillor N McAllister,

“That this Council welcomes the continuing commitment from the major parties in the Assembly to withhold the extension of the 1967 Act relating to abortion to the North of Ireland.

That this Council welcomes the support of all the major parties for a pregnant woman to have the option for a termination when her life is at risk.

That this Council calls on the Health Department to publish guidance to provide clarity and reassurance to medical clinicians and practitioners of their responsibilities in such circumstances.

That this Council supports the need for all agencies providing services relating to pregnant woman to operate fully within the law and to be regulated by the relevant government agency.

That this Council notes the decision of the Assembly to reject an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill which, in the absence of the necessary guidance, could only have had the effect of ensuring that a woman whose life is at risk would not have the option for a termination.

That this Council calls on the Assembly to ensure that any legislation with regard to this important and sensitive issue is fully consulted on and not treated as an add-on in any on-going legislative process.”

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed a further amendment,

Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,

“That this Council notes the recent debate on amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill; reaffirms its opposition to the extension of the 1967 British Abortion Act to Northern Ireland; and calls on the Executive to ensure all providers of reproductive health services operate strictly within the law and are fully regulated.”

After further discussion,

Councillor McDonnell proposed a further amendment,  
Seconded by Councillor S McKillop,  
“That this matter should be pursued through the parties in the Assembly and not through Council.”

It was agreed that Council would leave this matter to be pursued through the parties in the Executive.

13/09:08

**THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITE TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, EDWIN POOTS ASKING HIM TO VISIT CUSHENDALL FIRE STATION**  
(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

Councillor P McShane left the building.

After discussion, in which it was stated that Cushendall Fire Station provided a good service but from an inadequate building,

Councillor Thompson proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,  
“That Council would write to the Minister for Health, Edwin Poots to invite him to visit the Cushendall Fire Station Building.”

13/09:09

**GLENARIFF IMPROVEMENT GROUP – GLENARIFF BEACH OLD TOILET BLOCK PROJECT**  
(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

This item was withdrawn from the meeting.

13/09:10

**SEVERANCE PAY TO COUNCILLORS RE N.A.C.**  
(Requested by Councillor Blaney)

This item was withdrawn from the meeting.

13/09:12

**THAT THIS COUNCIL NOTES WITH CONCERN THE IMPACT OF THE RECENT ADVERSE WEATHER ON THE RESIDENTS OF MOYLE, ALSO NOTES WITH CONCERN INCOMPLETE ISOLATION OF RURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE GLENS AND THE INABILITY TO ACCESS VITAL SERVICES INCLUDING EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HOSPITALS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME OVER THE WEEKEND.**

**THIS COUNCIL IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT THE WEATHER HAS HAD ON THE FARMERS, THEIR LIVESTOCK AND THEIR LIVESTOCK AND THEIR LIVELIHOODS.**

**WHILE THIS COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE STERLING WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE AGENCIES AND COMMENDS THE WORK BY THE COMMUNITY AND MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSISTED WITH THE CLEAR UP IN THEIR OWN AREAS, THIS COUNCIL RECOGNISES THAT A MORE STRATEGIC RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IS REQUIRED FOR FUTURE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

**THIS COUNCIL NOTES ITS OWN RESPONSIBILITIES IN TERMS OF RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND RECOGNISES THAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT IN FUTURE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WE AS A COUNCIL HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN IN PLACE WHICH IS FIT FOR PURPOSE AND OFFERS REAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF MOYLE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

**THIS COUNCIL THEREFORE WISHES TO CALL A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE RECENT WEATHER, TO DISCUSS GAPS IN OUR CURRENT PLAN AND TO SHAPE THE EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.**

(Requested by Councillor C McShane)

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

It was agreed to bring this item forward in the meeting.

The DCS informed members that the Emergency Plan Procedure was currently under review.

Councillor S McKillop proposed an amendment,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham,

“That Council especially wants to place on record its thanks to the Royal Air Force whose Chinook helicopters brought help to farmers from all sections of the community and undoubtedly saved the lives of many animals”

This was rejected by the Chairperson as she felt it was wrong to highlight one agency since so many agencies were involved in the Emergency Plan operation.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister,

“That Council would call a workshop type meeting to discuss the impact of the recent adverse weather conditions and how the current emergency plan could be improved for the future.”



13/09:11

**THAT THIS COUNCIL SEEKS A MEETING WITH DRD ROADS SERVICE MINISTER DANNY KENNEDY TO DISCUSS AND LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES OVER THE RECENT BAD WEATHER. FURTHERMORE IT SEEKS RECOMPENSE FOR THE CONTRACTORS WHO DUG OUT THE ROADS IN EMERGENCY INCIDENTS**

(Requested by Councillor P McShane)

After discussion, in which issues raised included delays in opening some roads, abandonment of clearing some roads and idle machines with no one to make decisions, it was agreed that Council would write to DRD Minister Danny Kenny to discuss and learn from experiences over the recent bad weather but would postpone this until after the workshop type meeting had been held.

It was also agreed to write to Mr McKinley of Roads Service and invite him to answer Council's concerns before writing to Minister Danny Kennedy.

13/09:13

**CONFERENCES AND COURSES**

- (a) Playboard Northern Ireland Seminar – A Richer Understanding of Article 31 – The Implications of the UN General Comment for Children in Northern Ireland to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the Mount Business/Conference Centre, Belfast.  
(Conference cost free, plus travel).

There were no nominations.

13/09:14

**NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS UNDER THE LICENSING (NI) ORDER 1996 AND BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985**

- Application for the Transfer of a Licence – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013, The Marine Hotel, 1-3 North Street, Ballycastle

There was no objection to the above application.

13/09:15

**RENEWALS UNDER REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ORDER 1996**

There were none.

13/09:16

**SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 from Alistair Ross MLA in response to Council's letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 re Cushendall Fire Station.
- (b) Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 from Department for Regional Development re Northern Ireland Water's planning application for a proposed extension to the existing wastewater treatment works at Ballycastle.
- (c) Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 from Campbell & Co Solicitors re Agreement & Lease Giant's Causeway & Bushmills Railway Company.

It was agreed that the above correspondence would be marked as read.

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE**

Roaming Deer

(Requested by Councillor S McKillop)

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would write to Roads Service to request them to erect roaming deer warning signs on Castlecatt Road and Moycraig Road.

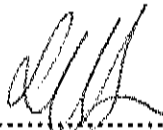
Christian Outreach Week

(Requested by Councillor R McIlroy)

It was stated that at the previous Council Meeting Pastor Mark Taylor was granted permission to hold a Christian Outreach Week 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2013 in the Millennium Park, Bushmills.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would allow a request from Pastor Taylor to postpone this for one week to 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

**The meeting concluded at 20:15 pm**



CHAIRMAN



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