

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2013**

In the Chair: Councillor R Mellroy

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, D F Cunningham, W Graham, S Hunter,
C McCambridge, R D McDonnell, M A McKillop, P McShane,
C C Thompson.

Also Present: Mr R G Lewis, Clerk and Chief Executive

Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Mrs E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Mrs E Gaston, Arts Officer

Gareth Christie, Armoy Rugby Club

Tony Morrison, Sports Consultant Armoy Rugby Club

Paul Glackin, Armoy Rugby Club

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

13:26:01

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Blaney, C McShane, D McAllister and N McAllister.

Chairman's Business

Delegation to London

Reference was made to Councillor Mellroy representing Council in place of the Chairperson regarding Job cuts at the DVA in Coleraine.

It was agreed that this would be an approved duty for Councillor Mellroy.

13:26:02

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13:26:03

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2013

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th November 2013 having been circulated, were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th November 2013 be adopted.”

13:26:04

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2013

There were no Matters Arising for discussion.

13:26:05

PRESENTATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF ARMOY RFC

A comprehensive presentation was delivered by representatives of Armoys RFC on the proposed plans for redevelopment, followed by questions and answers.

Councillor M A McKillop left the meeting.

During discussion, members expressed their support of the project and wished the club well in their endeavours.

Following further discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That Council support the proposed project”.

13:26:06

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

A comprehensive progress report was delivered by the Arts Officer including a summary of Arts activities April – October 2013, the location of the projects in the Moyle District and Arts projects planned for 2014 – 2015.

Community Small Grants Applications

The following applications were recommended for approval for a grant of £150;

Marconi Radio Group for a centenary special event station

Ballycastle Over 55s Club for a Christmas Outing and Dinner

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,
“That both grants be approved.”

Following discussion, it was agreed that a workshop would be arranged in the New Year to look at the criteria for all grants and a Capital Workshop.

Addendum to Development Services Report to Council

Bushmills Heritage Trail

An update was provided regarding the development of the Bushmills Heritage Trail.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would agree to fund the shortfall of £10,000 for the creation of two rest stations on the Bushmills Heritage Trail. As these are to be on Council land it was agreed that these could be added to the cost of the current years Capital programme.

Request from Rathlin Development and Community Association

It was confirmed that funding of £19,963 had been awarded to Moyle District Council for the provision of a set of outdoor gym equipment along the seafront.

The meeting continued in committee.

Moyle Forest Project – Update

Reference was made to discussions with Forest Service regarding the proposed Moyle Forest Project and the request for Council to apply for planning permission for works at Ballypatrick and Ballycastle.

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson and resolved,
“That Council apply for Planning permission for; change of use for Ballycastle Dunamallaght entrance; extension to the car-park and caravan facilities including amenities block at Ballypatrick.”

The meeting continued out of committee.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That the Development Services Report and Addendum be adopted.”

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Land & Property Services (LPS) – Data Sharing Protocol Agreement

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,
“That Council approve the Land & Property Services (LPS) Data Sharing Protocol Agreement.”

Seafront Exhibition Centre

Following discussion, it was agreed to proceed with advertising the Seafront Exhibition Centre with the Local Estate Agent with occupancy being available from 1st April 2014.

Trading Concessions

After discussion,

Councillor Mellroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council proceed with sealed bids for the Annual Trading Concessions.”

Land Lettings

Reference was made to land lettings at Burnbrae and Lisngunagh which had been advertised.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the land lettings at Burnbrae and Lisnagunagh for a sum of £50.00.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That the Corporate Services Report be adopted.”

Interim Report for Environmental Services

Big Belly Bins

The results of the Tender process for the supply of Solar Powered Waste Compacting Receptacles were outlined.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council agree to appoint Kyron Energy and Power Ltd to undertake the works in relation to Big Belly Bins for the sum of £41,500.

13:26:08

THAT COUNCIL WRITES TO THE ROAD SERVICE CALLING FOR WARNING SIGNAGE AND A CRASH BARRIER AT THE CORNER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE GLENDUN VIADUCT ON THE A2 BETWEEN CUSHENDALL AND BALLYCASTLE

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Roads Service calling for warning signage and a crash barrier at the corner immediately before the Glendun Viaduct on the A2 between Cushendall and Ballycastle.

At Councillor Graham’s request, it was also agreed to include a request for street lighting on Whitepark Road and the end of the Castlenagree Road.

13:26:09

THAT COUNCIL REVIEWS IT’S CHARGING POLICY FOR RECREATION/COMMUNITY FACILITIES WITH A VIEW TO DISCOUNTING ADMISSION/HIRE FEES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND REGISTERED DISABLED PERSONS

(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion, it was agreed that further information would be brought back from neighbouring councils on charging policies for recreation/community facilities with regard to discounting admission/hire fees for Senior Citizens and Registered Disabled persons.

13:26:10

COUNCIL RECORDS ITS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT TARGET TO MAKE THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY OPERATIONAL IN 2013 WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED

(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion, it was agreed that Council records its disappointment that the Programme for Government target to make the Education and Skills Authority operational in 2013 will not be achieved.

13:26:11

CONFERENCES, COURSES

Changing Landscapes. To be held on 16th January 2014 at Craigavon Civic Centre, Craigavon Borough Council

There were no nominations for this conference.

13:26:12

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

There were no applications for consideration.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 20th November 2013 from Ballymena Borough Council regarding Plans for Group functions within the Local Government Reform Process

It was agreed that Council would support Ballymena Borough Council regarding plans for Group functions within the Local Government Reform Process.

Letter dated 27th November 2013 from The Consumer Council regarding Review of Consumer Council

Following discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council recognises the vital role that the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland undertakes to protect consumer interests and believes that its current structure and role be maintained and strengthened.”

It was therefore agreed that a letter would be sent to DETI and the Consumer Council in support of the retention of the Consumer Council.

Email dated 29th November 2013 from Mark Gibson regarding Post Office Funding Announcement

This email was noted.

Letter dated 29th November 2013 from the Chief Executive of Libraries NI regarding Mobile Library Service Strategy

This letter was noted.

Letter received on 28th November 2013 from BT regarding removal of public payphone

It was agreed that further information would be requested from BT regarding usage levels of the payphone in Capecastle Road which was scheduled to be removed.

Letter dated 26th November 2013 from Nipsa regarding Public Consultation on Defi's proposals for future consumer representation in Northern Ireland

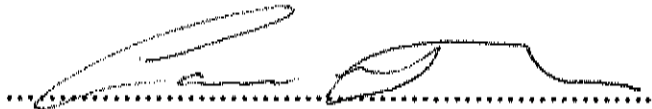
This letter was noted.

Any Other Business

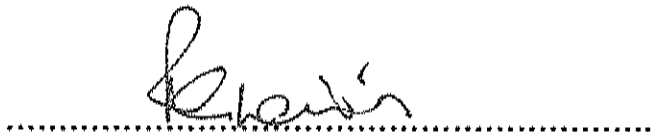
Discussion was held regarding Stoney Lonan, Cushendall and who the responsibility lay with for the maintenance of this road and pathway. It was stated that the road was becoming a health and safety issue as it had become badly overgrown and the condition of the surface was badly deteriorated.

After discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Road Service to suggest that Council believe that the responsibility should be with Road Service for the maintenance of Stoney Lonan in Cushendall.

The meeting concluded at 20:30pm



CHAIRMAN



CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE