

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2014**

In the Chair: Councillor C McShane

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, D F Cunningham, W Graham, N McAllister, C McCambridge, R D McDonnell, R A McIlroy, M A McKillop, S 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
Ms J McMath, Planning Service
Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

14/05:01

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Hunter and D McAllister.

Chairman's Business

Irish Language Week

It was agreed that Linda Irvine would be invited to present to Council as part of Irish Language Week.

Presentation from Experimental Home Media

Reference was made to a request from Experimental Home Media to make a presentation to Council.

After discussion this was approved.

14/05:02

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P McShane declared an interest in item 1.1 of the Addendum to the Development Services Report – Community Small Grants Application – Antrim to Gaza.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th February 2014 having been circulated, were taken as read.

Councillor S McKillop stated that she wished to make an amendment to page 7 of the minutes with regard to 3G pitches to specify Ballycastle, Bushmills and the Glens. She stated that more than one pitch was needed and that this should be stated in the minutes.

It was stated that the feasibility study would look into the towns and decide how many pitches there should be and location and that the minutes should remain for Moyle in general.

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister,
“That the minutes be adopted as they are.”

Councillor Baird proposed an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor S McKillop,
“That a slight amendment be made, to remove the word ‘a’ and put ‘es’ after the word pitch.”

On a vote being taken on the amendment, there were 6 votes in favour of and 7 against the amendment which was lost.

On a vote being taken on the proposal, there were 7 votes in favour of and 6 against the proposal which was carried.

Councillor S McKillop wished it to be recorded that she disagreed with the minutes as being inaccurate.

Page 7 of the minutes

It was agreed that the minutes would be amended as follows;

Page 7 Council agreed they would institute quarterly reviews in year monitoring.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,
“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th February 2014 be adopted.”

14/05:04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2014**

There were no matters arising.

14/05:05 **PRESENTATION BY CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS HERITAGE
TRUST – “THE WORLD HERITAGE SITE”**

A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Andrew Bratton and Nikki Maguire from Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust on the World Heritage Site including the process involved in attaining World Heritage Status and the area covered by this designation.

This was followed by discussion, in which the following issues were raised, the proposed Golf Club development, National Trust charges, protection of birds and biodiversity, ASSI designations, tourist provision and accommodation, trying to keep tourists in the area instead of transport in and out by bus, public realms work and feedback of issues raised to the Steering Committee.

14/05:06 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

Leisure Facilities in Moyle

Reference was made to an Economic Appraisal for the proposed Moyle Leisure/Tourism Centre and a Feasibility Study and Economic Appraisal for a 3G pitch planned for the coming year.

It was stated that this could feed into the upcoming Sport NI Study.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Terms of Reference would be brought to Council.

Swimming Pool Provision

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That the meeting continue in committee.”

Following discussion, it was agreed that there would be no agreement with the Council and the Marine Hotel regarding public access to the Swimming Pool when it reopens.

The meeting continued out of committee.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting at this point.

BTP Review Plan

Reference was made to the review of the Ballycastle Town Masterplan/Development Plan. It was stated that no responses had been received from members and that the partnership were now seeking confirmation of Council's support.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve support for the review of the Ballycastle Town Masterplan.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

Review of Grant Scheme Criteria

Reference was made to the review of Grant Scheme Criteria and areas for amendment as marked in the report were discussed.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson and resolved,
"That Council approve the review of Grant Scheme Criteria outlined in the Development Services Report."

It was also agreed that the typing error on page three of the Community Infrastructure Fund would be amended.

Following comments on the criteria for large festival funding, it was agreed that the criteria for the Large Festival Fund could be considered again if there was a second call.

Good Relations Grant Programme 2014/15

Reference was made to amendments to be made to the Good Relations Grants programme for 2014/15 which were outlined in the pack and discussed.

After discussion, during which the following issues were discussed, the weighting of applications due to meeting criteria to favour groups being successful previously, not eliminating anyone, not excluding anyone from applying for grants and promoting good practice, it was agreed that the proposed amendments to the Good Relations Grant Programme for 2014/15 would be approved.

Good Relations Audit and Action Plan 2014/15

After discussion, it was agreed that the Good Relations Audit and Action Plan 2014/15 be approved by Council.

Northern Ireland's Landscape Charter

After discussion, it was agreed that a decision on the Northern Ireland's Landscape Charter would be deferred until the next Council Meeting.

Single Planning Policy Statement – Consultation

Reference was made to the possible four cluster Councils response to the Single Planning Policy Statement.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
“That agreed to approve a joint response from the four cluster Councils to the Single Planning Policy Statement Consultation, with a Planning Consultant to be agreed.”

Addendum to the Development Services Report

Community Small Grants Application

Community Small Grant Application – Antrim to Gaza Group.

Recommended for approval.

After discussion, during which the following issues were discussed, grants criteria, aims of the group, conflict of interest with Council’s Good Relations policy, benefit to the district, aid organisations working in this area, qualification to get involved in other conflicts, charitable status, meeting the criteria and recommended for approval, humanitarian basis and encouraging volunteering in the district,

Councillor M A McKillop proposed,
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister,
“That the recommendation be approved.”

Councillor S McKillop proposed an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Baird,
“That the criteria be reviewed to bring it in lien with the Good Relations Policy”.

It was stated that Grants Criteria had just been reviewed.

On a vote being taken on the amendment, there were four votes in favour of and eight against the amendment which was lost.

A recorded vote was taken on the proposal.

On a recorded vote being taken, Councillors Blaney, Cunningham, N McAllister, McCambridge, M A McKillop, C McShane and Thompson voted in favour of and Councillors Baird, Graham, McDonnell, McIlroy and S McKillop voted against the proposal which was carried. Councillor P McShane had declared an interest and therefore abstained from the vote.

Councillor S McKillop wished to record that she had voted against the conflict with the Council's Good Relations Policy.

Extension to Infrastructure Letter of Offer

After discussion, it was agreed to approve an extension to an Infrastructure Letter of Offer for Bushmills Trust in association with the Bushmills Village Forum until 31st May 2014.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
"That the Development Services Report and Addendum be adopted."

It was agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 9 at this point to allow speakers from the public gallery.

14/05:09

THAT THIS COUNCIL: a) Supports the residents of Craigagh View in Cushendun. b) Writes to the DSD Minister Danny Kennedy calling for his department, under Article 22 of the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980, to carry out the necessary/unfinished road works in Craigagh View, including installing street lighting, to eliminate the health and safety risks to persons and vehicles.

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

Frances McNeill from Craigagh View Road had requested speaking rights and outlined the current situation regarding the unfinished state of roads, no lighting, flooding and health and safety issues in the estate.

Reference was made to correspondence from the Minister with regard to responsibility for the finishing of works like these.

After discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the DRD Minister Danny Kennedy calling for his department to carry out the necessary/unfinished road works in Craigagh View, including installing street lighting, to eliminate the health and safety risks to persons and vehicles. It was agreed that the appropriate wording regarding which act should be quoted would be decided upon following liaison with Councillor Thompson.

It was agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 11 at this point to allow speakers from the public gallery.

14/05:11

CUSHENDUN CARAVAN PARK UPDATE RE – EVICTION NOTICES

(Requested by Councillor C Thompson)

Reference was also made to item 1.3 in the Interim Environmental Services Report, which had been circulated and was taken as read.

Kevin McMahon and Eugene McKenna had requested speaking rights and outlined the current situation, on behalf of a newly formed Residents Association, with regard to the removal of wooden storage boxes and sheds at the Caravan site which did not meet Fire Regulations and replacement of these with metal alternatives.

Following discussion, in which the following issues were raised, consultation with the residents, the Provisions of Caravan Act 2011, wooden sheds being on the site with the previous consent of Council staff, financial losses in replacement, eviction notices, length of occupancy, risk assessments, fire regulations, insurance and notice given,

Councillor Thompson proposed,

Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,

“That the licence would be issued (based on existing conditions) and that the Council Officers would consult with the resident’s forum on the disputed condition of removal and replacement of wooden sheds and containers with metal sheds and containers. It was agreed that if there was no agreement on this condition following consultation that Council could then terminate the licence with those residents who failed to comply with the conditions.”

14/05:07

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Councillors M A McKillop, McAllister and McIlroy left the meeting at this point.

Ballintoy Teahouse – Rent Review

Reference was made to an assessment made of the current rent by LPS.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the rent review assessment for the Ballintoy Teahouse.

Councillor S McKillop asked that it be recorded that she disagreed with the assessment and stated that the rent was too high.

CCTV Installation

Councillor M A McKillop returned to the meeting. Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would avail of PSNI grant for the Installation of CCTV in Bushmills.

Ballycastle Town Market

After discussion, it was agreed that the request from Ballycastle Town Market to trade at the Seafront Green Ballycastle on the following dates; 4th May, 29th June, 13th July, 3rd August and 24th August 2014 would be agreed.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

Addendum to the Corporate Services Report

Trading Concessions

After discussion, it was agreed that the tenders for the annual Trading Concessions as outlined in the report would be approved including the amount for Legge Green which had not met the reserve amount.

The Draft Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors

After discussion, with regard to the consultation on the Draft Northern Local Government Code for Conduct for Councillors, it was agreed that Council would await information from Nilga before considering Council's response.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
"That the Corporate Services Report and Addendum be adopted."

14/05:08

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INTERIM REPORT

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

Dundarave Soccer Pitch Fencing

Reference was made to a meeting held with the Bushmills Review Group and Councillors regarding new fencing and the impact on the location of the bonfire in Dundarave.

Members were offered five options to consider.

Following discussion, during which the following issues were raised, removable fencing posts, moving the pitch closer to the pavilion, identification of another site close by, introduction of a beacon instead of a bonfire, funding being attracted for an upgrade of the entire site, scorch damage to the pitch, reduction in the size of the pitch, the need to retain the full size soccer pitch, damage to grass areas caused by the bonfire, respect for tradition and culture, improvements made to the bonfire and site, grants for a beacon, community being held to ransom, speaking to the footballers regarding the size of the pitch, lack of green field sites and looking at all the options before a decision be taken,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson,
“That no money would be spent at the site until the Bonfire issues had been resolved.”

Councillor McIlroy proposed an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor S McKillop,
“That Option A be approved; removable fencing posts be used so that the fencing close to the bonfire can be removed and reinstated after the bonfire.”

A recorded vote was called for.

On a recorded vote being taken on the amendment, Councillors Graham, McDonnell, McIlroy and S McKillop voted in favour of and Councillors Blaney, Cunningham, McCambridge, M A McKillop, C McShane, P McShane and Thompson voted against the amendment which was lost.

On a recorded vote being taken on the proposal, Councillors Cunningham, McCambridge, M A McKillop, C McShane, P McShane and Thompson voted in favour of and Councillors Councillors Graham, McIlroy and S McKillop voted against the proposal which was carried. Councillors Blaney and McDonnell abstained.

Light it Up Blue – World Autism Awareness Day 2nd April 2014

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from Autism NI to put up blue lights and if they wished to organise a coffee morning this would be facilitated by Council.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
“That the Environmental Services Interim Report be adopted.”

14/05:10

CLARIFICATION ON BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR EACH AREA FOR THE GIRO D’ITALIA

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

An update was provided on the arrangements for the Giro D’Italia and the allocation of funding.

14/05:12

COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE TIDAL ENERGY PROJECTS AT FAIR HEAD AND TORR HEAD AND WRITES TO THE REGULATOR, SONI AND NIE TO CONFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE PLANNED 10MW DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WITH EXPERT CABLE LANDFALL AT BALLYCASTLE WHICH IS PART OF THE FAIR HEAD PROJECT.

(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would reaffirm its support for the Tidal Energy projects at Fair Head and Torr Head and write to the Regulator, SONI and NIE to confirm support for the planned 10MW demonstration project with export cable landfall at Ballycastle which is part of the Fair Head project.

14/05:13

CONFERENCES, COURSES

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
“That Councillor Cunningham be nominated to attend the Strategic Planning Policy Statement Conference on 3rd April 2014.”

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,
“That Councillor S McKillop be nominated to attend the Ulster Scots Academy Conference on 25th – 26th March 2014.”

14/05:14

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

National Trust Enterprises Ltd, Application for Transfer in respect of intoxicating Liquor Licence relating to The Causeway Hotel, Giants Causeway, Bushmills.

There were no objections to this application.

14/05:15

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

14/05:16

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 12th February 2014 from Northern Group Building Control regarding the post of Group Chief Building Control Officer

Letter dated 18th February from Mark Durkan MLA – Department of Environment in response to Councils letter dated 30th January 2014 regarding Councils motion in support of the community transport partnerships

Invitation to Glenariffe Recreation and Community Centre Coffee Morning and Information Session to be held on Friday 14th March 2014 at Laragh Lodge, Glenariffe

Letter dated 20th January 2014 from Carrickfergus Borough Council in response to Councils letter dated 20th January 2014 seeking support for the retention of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Housing Council

Letter dated 25th February 2014 from Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister in response to Councils letter of 27th November 2013 in respect of the Social Investment Fund

Letter dated 28th February 2014 from NILGA in response to Councils letter dated 21st February 2014 in relation to the retention of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Housing Council

All correspondence was noted.

14/05:17

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the DES would chase up the lighting that needed to be fixed at the Bushmills war memorial.

The meeting concluded at 23:15pm


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CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE