

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

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, W Graham, S Hunter,
C McCambridge, RD McDonnell, R McIlroy,
MA McKillop, S McKillop, C McShane, P McShane,
CC Thompson

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

Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services

Mrs E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Mr J McKinley – Transport NI, Section Engineer

Mr A Hitchenor – Transport NI, Strategic Road
Improvements Manager

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

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APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies

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

Chairman's Business

It was agreed that Item 8 on the agenda would be taken as Item 5.

Ballinasloe October Fair

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council would retrospectively approve the nomination for Councillor
Graham to attend the Ballinasloe October Fair 2014.”

Congratulations

Congratulations were offered to Antrim Camogie Team for their win in the Ulster
Comogie Final which involved players from Moyle and to Cairns Residents Group
on winning an award of £1000 from Lloyds Community Vote.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was recorded that:

Councillor Thompson declared an interest in item 1.4 of the Development Services Report – Community Small Grant Application – Cushendall Development Group.

Councillor MA McKillop declared an interest in the email received from Cairns Resident Group, dated 5th November 2014 updating Council on current projects.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th October 2014 were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor M A McKillop proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th October 2014 be adopted.”

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2014

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(Requested by Councillor M A McKillop)

With reference to Item 14/19:09 of the Council Meeting Minutes of 13th October 2014, it was agreed that Council would write to Ark Housing Association, in addition to the NI Housing Executive, to enquire about the possibility of incorporating a Play Area at Carneill Park, Waterfoot.

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CLOSURE OF DALRIADA HOSPITAL – DISCUSSION AS TO THE WAY FORWARD (Originally Item 8)

The Chair reported that a public meeting to discuss the closure of Dalriada Hospital held on Monday evening 3rd November 2014 in Sheskburn House, was greatly supported and thanked everyone for attending. Further public meetings were to take place on Wednesday 12th October 2014 at 7pm in the Parish Centre, Cushendall and Tuesday 18th October at 7pm at Dunluce Centre, Bushmills. Members should encourage as many people as possible to attend. He also stated that fundraising events had taken place and that this would help to keep the campaign in the media spotlight.

Councillor S McKillop entered the meeting.

The Chair reported a legal challenge was now being brought by a user of the MS Respite Centre on the basis that NHSCT failed to carry out adequate consultation with patients and staff before taking the decision to close Dalriada Hospital. Staff were to be transferred as early as next week. He also stated that Council had written to the Health Minister but had not yet received a reply.

On Saturday afternoon 8th November 2014, a huge number of people gathered on the streets of Ballycastle as a white-line picket, which extended from Dalriada Hospital through the town centre towards North Street/Strandview junction, approximately 2 miles.

Dr Réamaí Mathers was invited speak to Council. He stated that the campaign to save Dalriada Hospital was very reactive, the community was incensed and energised and it was very uplifting how everyone was coming together. He continued to say that information from the NHSCT was scant at this moment and it had been reported that the Chief Executive's priorities were that of patient safety and to balance the books, but the figures quoted did not add up.

Dr Mathers also reported that the NHSCT were not forthcoming with economic figures and had not let people know on what basis the decision to close the hospital was made on.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

Points discussed included work being done behind the scenes, support from the Church and medical consultants, plans to privatise Dalriada Hospital, the handing out of petitions by Dalriada staff, transferring of staff to other hospitals, proposed meeting with the Minister, a meeting with CC&G Council, relocation of patients, NHSCT's advertisement of 8 advertised posts and Moyle's lack of representation on the NHSCT Board.

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

Members thanked Dr Mathers.

Councillor S McKillop and Councillor C McShane left the meeting.

14/21:06

PRESENTATION BY TRANSPORT NI NORTHERN DIVISION – INTERIM REPORT 2014/2015

Mr John McKinley and Mr Andrew Hitchenor were welcomed to the meeting.

Reference was made to Transport NI's Interim Report 2014/2015 which had been circulated and was taken as read.

A press release, issued by DRD NI on the progress on £1.7M investment in Moyle was circulated.

Members were requested to fill in their individual Query Sheet.

Councillor S McKillop returned to the meeting.

Mr McKinley and Mr Hitchenor delivered the presentation covering Strategic Road Improvements, Network Maintenance, Network Development and Network Planning, followed by questions and answers.

Discussions took place on rubble situated in the fields near Whitepark Road and Castlenagree Road, stone walls covered in grass, blocked road recesses, safety of narrow road at Market Street – protruding step and cellar, traffic management in Cushendall and resurfacing at Glendun and Glenan Road in Cushendall.

Councillor Thompson and Councillor Cunningham left the meeting.
Councillor Thompson Councillor C McShane returned to the meeting.

Other issues raised included parking spaces required for buses at The Diamond and Seafont, warning sign at Ballybrack Road to alert drivers of the road not suitable for wider vehicles, overflowing of drains at Whitepark Road in Ballintoy, drainage at Glenshesk Road, A26 dualling scheme, stone bridge in Liscolman falling into disrepair, weed spraying and Japanese Knotweed control.

Councillor Cunningham returned to the meeting.

14/21:07

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Tourism Update

The DDS reported that the Tourism Development Manager was currently off sick and would be presenting her update on Tourism at the next Council Meeting.

Riverside Walk - Bushmills

Reference was made to the decision made at the Council Meeting of 13th October 2014, at which Council agreed to write a letter of endorsement to Bushmills Forum for the proposed Millennium Riverside Park to Salmon Leap Walkway to be situated on the East Bank. It was reported that an email had subsequently been received from Mr Alan Summers, dated 1st November 2014, requesting Council to confirm things would be now be moving forward and Council's solicitors would be approaching the landowners and their solicitors for proof of ownership.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

Discussion included the Technical Grant already awarded from the Infrastructure Fund, considerable cost to Council, identifying money from a new source - CC&G Council and current contact with the group and advice and information already provided.

After further discussion, it was agreed that Council would not be able to incur implementation costs but that Council would continue to provide advice on the way forward on this going to the new Council.

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.
Councillor C McShane left the meeting.

Older Peoples Christmas Event Grant

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the requests for Community Grants in relation to the allocation of Older Peoples Christmas Event Grants as detailed in item 1.3 of the Development Services Report 10th November 2014 (list of applications circulated on the night).

Community Small Grant Applications

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from Cushendall Development Group for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards their Cushendall Community Resilience Project.

Request from Ruairi Og CLG for a further extension to their Community Infrastructure Fund Grant

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the request from Ruairi Og CLG Cushendall for a further extension to their Community Infrastructure Fund Grant for constructing a Training Ball Wall, until 31st January 2015, in order to allow for necessary lighting work to be completed and receipt of outstanding invoices.

Good Relations Grant Scheme

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from Bushmills Locality Group (BCYPS) for a Good Relations Grant of £400 for 'The Den Drop In and WOMAD Legacy Project'.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.
Councillor C McShane returned to the meeting.

Bo-Lane – Laneway between Quay Road and Strandview Road, Ballycastle

Reference was made to the removal of a bollard at the Strandview end of the lane way between Quay Road and Strandview Road. It was reported that Council did not have authority to erect a bollard at this location as they were not owners of the land, therefore did not have the authority to intervene in this matter.

After discussion,

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

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CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Further Education Request

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the Further Education request received from the Leisure Services Manager to undertake a BSc Hons Management Practice (BSC Hons MP).

After discussion,

Councillor M A McKillop proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,
“That the Corporate Services Report be adopted.”

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CONFERENCES AND COURSES

Belfast Health City – Re-uniting Planning and Health; Tackling Disadvantage Conference to be held on 14th November 2014 at 9.30am- 3.30pm in the Hilton Hotel Belfast.

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,
“That Councillor S McKillop be nominated to attend.”

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

There were no applications.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 28th October 2014 from Post Office Ltd regarding the proposed move of Ballycastle Post Office from 27 Ann Street, Ballycastle, BT54 6AA to Spar, 36 Castle Street, Ballycastle, BT54 6AR.
- (b) Letter dated 30th October 2014, from Rathlin Energy (UK) Ltd with reference to Rathlin's proposed second exploratory well at Kilmahamogue.
- (c) Letter dated 31st October 2014 from Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) with reference to the 'Commissioner's Participation Awards 2014-2015'.
- (d) Letter dated 3rd November 2014 from Department for Social Development in response to Councils letter of 15th October 2014 regarding the future of the Northern Ireland Housing Council under local Government Reform.
- (e) E-mail from Cairns Residents Group dated 5th November 2014 on an update of projects currently being undertaken.

The above correspondence were all marked as read.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 20:55


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