

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2013**

In the Chair: Councillor S Blaney

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, D F Cunningham, W Graham,
R D McDonnell, R Mellroy, M A McKillop,
C McShane, 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 Mullholland, Director of Development Services

Mr M Gibson, Post Office Ltd

Mr C Bailey, Director - Northern Ireland Museums Council

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

13/07:01

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors N McAllister, McCambridge, Hunter and S McKillop.

Fire Station Cushendall

Reference was made to the Glens Action Group meeting at the Glens Hotel and support given to this cause and everyone was urged to go on line and sign the petition.

Diabetes

Members expressed alarm at the sharp rise in the diabetes diagnosis figures and noted that the Northern Trust now has the highest diabetes population in the North. Council were concerned that the Northern Trust had recently lost the services of a renowned Diabetes consultant and urged that the vacancy be filled as soon as possible, as well as funding put in place for the delivery of the Structured Diabetes Education. It was felt that there needs to be stronger commitment to this issue from the Trust.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2012 AND 11TH FEBRUARY 2013

The minutes of the Council Meeting on 18th December 2012 and 11th February 2013 having been circulated, were taken as read.

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting 18th December 2013

With reference to Day Care Services in Rathmoyle it was agreed to insert "Council called for the Trust through their Mental Health and Disability Services Directorate to facilitate a stakeholder group to deal with the future provision of Adult Day Care Services in Ballycastle."

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
"That the minutes of the Council Meeting Minutes held on 18th December 2102 and 11th February 2013 be adopted."

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2012 AND 11TH FEBRUARY 2013

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 18th December 2012.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th February 2013

Cushendall & Ballycastle Fire Station
(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

With reference to Item 13/06:07 and Item 13/06:08 it was agreed that Cushendall and Ballycastle Fire Stations would be dealt with as two separate cases. It was also agreed that Council would seek a meeting with the Minister and also the support of the 12 MLA's in both North and East Antrim for both Cushendall and Ballycastle.

Council Minutes

Reference was made to page 1 of the minutes under AOB regarding internal matters discussed in the Council meetings. After discussion, it was agreed that there would, in future, be no reference relating to internal matters included in the minutes of the Council meetings.

13/07:03

POST OFFICE LTD – MODERNISING THE POST OFFICE NETWORK

Mr Mark Gibson from the Post Office Ltd was welcomed to the meeting and began by stating that the Post Office Network was a publically owned business separate from Royal Mail.

A comprehensive presentation was delivered on the impact of the Post Office Network Transformation Programme, followed by questions and answers.

In summary Mr Gibson stated that the Network Transformation programme was a 3 year modernisation programme which would see approximately 6000 post offices converted to new style branches - 4000 main and 2000 local by 2015, with longer opening hours offering better access and customer service, and no programme of branch closures.

Questions and answers were taken and points raised included extended opening hours, security and security screens, position of counters and access for the elderly and disabled, acceptance of cheques, Post Office and Retail counters, products and services available and training of staff.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Gibson for his presentation.

13/07:04

NORTHERN IRELANDS MUSUEMS COUNCIL – ‘THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND’S LOCAL MUSEUM SERVICES’

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

Mr Chris Bailey, NIMC Director, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the report - ‘The Future of Northern Ireland’s Local Museum Services’

A comprehensive presentation was delivered on the impact of RPA on the museum sector, followed by questions and answers.

Points discussed included the importance of the Museum Service, how to go about setting up a museum heritage project, underutilisation of Ballycastle Museum and the need for forward planning to look at services that can be delivered and closure of the Old Causeway School Museum.

The Chair thanked Mr Bailey for his presentation.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

The meeting continued in Committee.

Carrickmore Road, Ballycastle Public Right of Way

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham and resolved,
“That Council would approve the assertion of the Public Right of Way from Carrickmore Road to Fairhead.”

After further discussion on whether the path could be extended,

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council would ask the Countryside Officer to look at continuing this path further.”

Councillors P McShane, McIlroy and M A McKillop left and then returned to the meeting.

The meeting continued out of Committee.

Tender for Provision of Generalist Voluntary Advice Service in Moyle District 2013-14

After discussion, it was agreed that this Council would accept the tender from Causeway Citizens Advice Bureau for the provision of Generalist Voluntary Advice in the District from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.

Good Relations Grant Scheme Applications

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the grant of £250 to Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum for their “Easter Trip to Carrickfergus Castle”.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the grant of £250 to Needles and Pins Group, Bushmills for their “Networking Culture & Craft Event”.

2013-14-2020 EU Funding and Local Government

Reference was made to discussions held by Department of Finance and Personnel on Local Government involvement in the delivery of the 2014-2020 EU, and that a comprehensive local government response was requested by the Department by 29th March 2013.

It was agreed that Councillors would study the paper prepared by SOLACE and get back to the DDS with any questions by 19th March 2013.

Small Community Grant Application – Cairns Residents Group

Reference was made to the exclusion of the individual names and address of applicants requesting grants. It was confirmed that these details were withheld under the Data Protection Act and that all Groups were constituted bodies and details of these Groups were held on file and checked before a letter of offer is made.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the Community Small Grant of £100 to Cairns Residents Group.

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham and resolved,
“That the Development Services Report be adopted.”

13/07:06

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Receptionist

Reference was made to the receptionist post at Moyle District Council following the retirement of the previous receptionist.

After discussion, it was agreed to replace the former full time permanent Reception post with two part-time permanent posts, split into two shifts, 8:45–13:00 and 12:15–17:00.

Agency Contract

With reference to the supply of Agency staff, after discussion, it was agreed to accept the service proposal and revised pricing schedule from Riada Resourcing which would be subject to review after one year.

Health and Safety Policy

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the Health and Safety Policy of March 2013.

Annual Trading Concessions - Update

With reference to Annual Trading Concessions, after discussion, it was agreed that prior to next years' auction, Council would review the process (public auction versus sealed bids) along with minimum reserve amount.

Former Amusement Arcade

Reference was made to the three cost options for refurbishing the former Amusement Arcade – Bayview Road and the DCS stated that there had been two informal requests one being a charity.

Points raised included Councils responsibility, costs to ratepayers, peppercorn rent, the possibility of a licence not a lease and the possibility of other interested charities.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council would go with Option 1 to cover Health and Safety issues and carry out minimal refurbishment to the building prior to an advert being placed.

Giants Causeway & Bushmills Railway (GCBR)

The meeting continued in Committee.

Reference was made to the letters dated 24th September 2012 and 12th February 2013 received from Giant's Causeway & Bushmills Railway in relation to the operating agreement and lease.

After discussion, it was agreed that this Council would take legal advice with regards the Councils involvement in this matter.

It was also agreed that subject to the outcome of the above Council would then look at whether to instigate the rent review mechanism in November 2013.

The meeting continued out of committee.

Managed Print Services (MPS)

With regards to the disposal of old printers, after discussion, it was agreed that Council would retain some of the printers for other locations, such as the depot, the marina and the caravan parks. Thereafter it was agreed that the printers would be offered commercially to staff, councillors and to local small businesses and any remaining printers would then be gratis to the voluntary sector.

Network NI

Reference was made to the letter from DOE offering Departmental Funding that would enable Moyle District Council to access a network that provides a secure portal to the Local Government sector, allows the new Council clusters to communicate safely with each other and to share services which would comply with the requirements placed upon them in the Review of Public Administration (RPA). This was to commence by June 2013.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would accept the letter of offer from DOE offering Departmental Funding of £13.5K to enable Moyle District Council to cover the cost of connection to Network NI.

After discussion,

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

THAT COUNCIL AGREE IN PRINCIPLE (SUBJECT TO COUNCIL BEING PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND INFORMATION) TO BECOME THE LEAD APPLICANT FOR FUNDING FOR GLENARIFFE IMPROVEMENTS GROUP'S PROJECT FOR THE OLD TOILET BLOCK ON GLENARIFF BEACH

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

It was agreed that this item be brought forward.

Reference was made to the lease on the old toilet block on Glenariffe Beach which was only a 5 year rolling lease due to vesting, and that Glenariffe Improvements Group has requested if Council could consider becoming the lead applicant for funding.

After discussion, in which points raised were feasibility, economic viability and sustainability, match funding, financial implications for MDC and urgency of the request it was agreed, in principle, that Council being provided with the necessary paperwork and information would consider becoming the lead applicant for funding for Glenariff Improvements Group's project for the old toilet on Glenariff Beach.

Councillor Thompson left the meeting

13/07:07

INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Rathlin Dredging and Pontoon Extension

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

Reference was made to a letter received from DARD stating that there would no longer be extensions to projects. The DES stated that he is aware of the pressures being put on by DARD to complete projects and that MDC had been pro-active in getting schemes progressed.

After discussion, it was agreed to award AG Wilson the contract for Rathlin Dredging and Pontoon Extension for a sum of £380,727 + VAT.

After discussion,

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

13/07:08

THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITES TO MINISTER ATTWOOD TO ASK THAT THE DVNLI IN COLERAINE BE RETAINED

(Requested by Councillor Blaney)

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That this Council writes to Minister Attwood supporting his efforts for the DVNLI Office in Coleraine to be retained.

It was also agreed that Council would write to Stephen Hammond Under Secretary of State for Transport on this matter.

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(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

This was covered earlier in the meeting.

13/07:10

THAT COUNCIL WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGARDS THE FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RATHLIN HARBOUR TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE RATHLIN FERRY

(Requested by Councillor C McShane)

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would write to the Department of Regional Development regards the future infrastructure for Rathlin Harbour to meet the needs of the continued operation of the Rathlin Ferry.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

13/07:11

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

- (a) Consultation Event on Policy Proposals for an Offshore Renewable Energy Bill to be held on Tuesday 26th March 2013 in Newcastle Centre, Central Promenade, Newcastle, Wednesday 27th March 2013 in Netherleigh, Massey Avenue, Belfast and Tuesday 9th April 2013 in The Coastal Zone at Portrush, Bath Road, Portrush (Conference cost free, plus travel).

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
"That Councillor C McShane be nominated."

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Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
"That Councillor P McShane be nominated."

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson and resolved,
"That Councillor Cunningham be nominated."

It was agreed that any Councillor wishing to attend this consultation event would email their preferred date to DETI using the link www.energy.detini.gov.uk.

13/07:12

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

- Application for the renewal of a Licence for The Cellar Restaurant, The Diamond, Ballycastle.
- Application for an Occasional Licence – Friday 22nd March 2013, Robert Gray, at Ballinlea Orange Hall
- Application for an Occasional Licence – Friday 29th March 2013, Robert Gray at Ballinlea Orange Hall

There were no objections to the above applications.

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RENEWALS UNDER REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ORDER 1996

There were none.

13/07:14

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
"That Council sign and seal the Public Right of Way Assertion Statement
Folios: 15946/15874/14821 Co Antrim."

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
"That Council sign and seal Cushendall Golf Club Review – Memorandum of
Agreement."

13/07:15

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 13th February 2013 from NIPSA re Abolition of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE).

After discussion, it was agreed that NIPSA be invited to address Council on their proposals.

- (b) Letter dated 19th February 2013 from David Hilditch MLA in response to Council's letter dated 14th February 2013 with reference to the replacement of the temporary fire station in Cushendall.
- (c) Letter dated 20th February 2013 from the Director of Housing - Health, Social Services and Public Safety re Consultation on Draft Inter-Departmental Review of Housing Adaptations Services.
- (d) Letter dated 21st February 2013 from Councillor Paul Frew MLA in response to Council's letter dated 14th February 2013 re Cushendall Fire Station.
- (e) Letter dated 22nd February 2013 from J H Allister QC MLA in response to Council's letter dated 14th February 2013 re Cushendall Fire Station.
- (f) Letter dated 22nd February 2013 from The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland with reference to Registration of Electors.
- (g) Letter dated 25th February 2013 from Northern Ireland Water in response to Council's letter dated 6th February 2013 regarding Ballycastle Wastewater Treatment Works.
- (h) Letter dated 26th February 2013 from David McIlveen MLA in response to Council's letter dated 14th February 2013 re Cushendall Fire Station.

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

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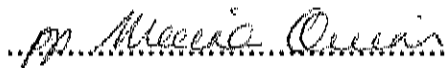
ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 21:35 pm



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