

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2015**

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, W Graham, S Hunter, RD McDonnell,
R McIlroy, MA McKillop, P McShane,

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

Mrs E Gaston, Arts Officer

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

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APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Blaney, D McAllister, McCambridge, S McKillop and C McShane.

Chairman's Business

Congratulations

Congratulations were offered to Councillor Baird who had been awarded an OBE in the Queens New Year's Honours List for Services to Housing and the Community in Northern Ireland.

Save the DAL Campaign

The Chair reported that following the decision to temporarily close Dalriada Hospital Immediate Care Services and Multiple Sclerosis Respite Centre being withdrawn, it was agreed that Council would now seek an early cross party meeting with the Northern Trust.

Project Funding – Coastal Communities Fund

The Chair congratulated the four Moyle based projects which are to receive funding from the Coastal Communities Fund, Ballycastle Town Market, Rathlin Development and Community Association, Kelp producers 'Ocean Veg' Rathlin and Causeway Enterprise Agency in Bushmills.

Coffee Morning

The Chair reported that a coffee morning would take place in the Mayors Parlour on Friday 16th January 2015, from 10.30am until 2pm to raise funds for the Lyttle family of Ballycastle.

Rathlin Ferry

The Chair confirmed that Rathlin Ferry had been isolated for a few days and that should the problem become critical then liaison with other statutory bodies would be sought.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th December 2014 were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th December 2014 be adopted.”

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2014

There were no matters arising.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Arts Update

A comprehensive progress report was delivered by the Arts Officer including a summary of Arts activities from April 2014-March 2015, location of the projects in the Moyle District 2014-2015, Funding Sources 2014-2015, the Moyle Arts Projects (draft) planned from April to December 2015 and an Arts Summary 2006-2015.

Members thanked the Arts Officer for her contribution over the years, often on a limited budget, and that Moyle looked forward to the future with a larger Council and budget.

Bo-Lane – Laneway between Quay Road and Strand View Road

Reference was made to the correspondence received from the owner of the lane on the alleged unauthorised use of the laneway by tankers, lorries, cars and motorbikes.

After discussion, which included it being a pedestrian right of way and the need to establish if it was also a vehicular right of way, it was agreed that Council would erect a bollard at the Strandview Road end of the laneway between Strandview Road and Quay Road at the request of the owners of the laneway.

Mountain Bike Trail Design Glenariffe and Ballycastle Forests

As reported at the Council Meeting on 13th October 2014, ORNI was informed by NITB that funds for NITB to operate the Tourism Innovation Fund (TIF) were not available and subsequently Council instructed officers to investigate if there was any scope in the Councils Budget to facilitate this project.

Following investigation it was reported that approximately £30,000 of the required £53,000 could be identified.

After discussion, which included a good project for rural development in the future for the CC&G Council, and that it should be viewed as an economic driver,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council would defer this project to a later date when alternative funding might become available.”

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter 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.

Land Lettings

With reference to the land lettings for Burnbrae, Lisnaginagh, after discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council accept the expression of interest from Carson Glass -
£50.00.”

Reminder – Consultation Invitation – Commissioner’s Guidance on the NI Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors

The DCS reported that this document would be going to CG&G Council for comments and that the closing date for responses was 30th January 2015.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and resolved,
“That the Corporate Services Report be adopted.”

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CONFERENCES AND COURSES

- (a) Northern Ireland Housing Conference – The Future Shape of Housing to be held on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast.

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,
“That Councillor Baird 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 objections to the application for an Occasional Licence for Stanley & James McFarland of 51 Main Street, Bushmills, Co Antrim, BT57 8LX between the hours of 7pm on Friday 16th January 2015 and 1am on Saturday 17th January 2015 for a Burns Supper & Social Evening for Ballintoy Masonic Lodge at Ballintoy Masonic Hall.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 9th December 2014, from The Consumer Council/Post Office with reference to the Post Office Community Branch Fund.

The above correspondence was marked as read.

- (b) Letter dated 22nd December 2014, from TransportNI – Responses to questions asked by Councillors with reference to the Roads Programme Autumn Consultation Presentation to Council 10th November 2014.

With reference to Item 2.6 of the responses by TransportNI, it was agreed that Council would write to Translink NI to request that they erect a bus stop signage at Ballintoy Parish Hall at the Junction of the A2 and B15.

- (c) Letter dated 6th January 2015 from ME Support Northern Ireland with reference to their Shine a Light on ME Campaign 12th May 2015 – ME Awareness Day.

The above correspondence was marked as read.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE

NI Electricity - Power Cuts

(Requested by Councillor McIlroy)

Reference was made to NI Electricity power cuts which occurred over the Christmas period, and lasted over two days. This had caused various problems, with burglar alarms in business premises and no method of heating homes, which was a concern especially for the most vulnerable residents in Moyle.

After discussion, which included inordinate delays, recompense for delays over 36hrs, and NI Electricity possibly keeping records of elderly and vulnerable people in the area, it was agreed that Council would write to NI Electricity to express concern over the neglect of the electricity supply in Moyle.

Unsafe Buildings in Bushmills

(Requested by Councillor McIlroy)

Reference was made to two unsafe buildings in Bushmills, the old Spar shop in the main street where debris had fallen from the roof onto a car and another property close by, where a wall had collapsed.

The DES reported that Building Control had looked at the area where the wall had collapsed and a safety barrier had been erected and the owners of the property contacted. After discussion, it was agreed that Building Control would be made aware of the situation at the old Spar shop and that the area would be made safe.

The meeting concluded at 19:50


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CHAIRMAN


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CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE