

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

**In the Chair:** Councillor S Hunter

**Members Present:** Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, D F Cunningham,  
W Graham, N McAllister, R D McDonnell, R McIlroy,  
M A McKillop, S 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  
  
Ms M Craig, Economic Development Officer  
  
Mrs C Carey, Acting Tourism Manager  
  
Ms D Mackle, DRD Roads Service  
  
Mr J McKinley, DRD Roads Service  
  
Ms F Barbour, Outdoor Recreation NI  
  
Ms C Ferris, Outdoor Recreation NI  
  
Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

13/11:01

**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Cambridge.

**Chairman's Business**

**AGM**

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on Monday  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 6.30pm.

**Sport**

Congratulations were offered to Ruairi Og Hurling Team for their victory in the  
Darragh Cup Final against Ballycastle, this being their fifth consecutive victory.

Congratulations were also offered to Ballycastle United for their victory at the weekend. It was suggested that the Chairman include Ballycastle United Football Club in the Night of Hero's as they had won the cup and league.

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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013**

The minutes of the Council Meeting on 08<sup>th</sup> April 2013 having been circulated, were taken as read.

With reference to the minutes of the Council Meeting on 08<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Item 13/09:12 Page 7 and 8,

After discussion,

Councillor S McKillop proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
"That the amendment "Council especially wants to place on record its thanks to the Royal Air Force whose Chinook helicopters brought help to farmers from all sections of the community and undoubtedly saved the lives of many animals" be inserted in the minutes.

It was also agreed that the words "rejected by the proposer" be amended to read "rejected by the Chairman".

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,  
"That the minutes of the Council Meeting Minutes held on 08<sup>th</sup> April 2013 be adopted."

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013**

There were no matters arising.

13/11:04

**ROADS SERVICE – SPRING CONSULTATION PRESENTATION**

Ms Deidre Mackle and Mr John McKinley were welcomed to the meeting.

Reference was made to the Roads Service Northern Division Annual Report 2013/2014 which had been circulated and was taken as read.

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

The Chair and members thanked Roads Services for all the work that had been completed and also in clearing the snow during the adverse weather conditions in March of this year. Members raised the issue of communication problems with Roads Service during this time.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

Questions raised included problems with Fermus Gas traffic lights in Bushmills, Clare Road, Ballycastle resurfacing – road not tarmacked up to the wall, bus stop removed from Castle Street in Ballycastle, road surface deterioration at Ballinlea Road – Roads Service working closely with NI Water, the need for traffic calming measures in Ballintoy Village and Bushmills, the 20 mile per hour pilot scheme at Whitehall, Ballycastle, pedestrian safety at Rathlin Harbour Road and the provision of a safety barrier at the A44 Magerahmore Road.

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

Other issues raised were flooding in the Glens and at Carnbore Road, visibility at Whitepark Bay/Whitepark Road junction, diversion and road closed signs, road edging and mud on roads, lining of the roads at junctions and overgrown bushes on the Glenariff Road.

Councillor C McShane returned to the meeting.

Councillors McIlroy, N McAllister and Baird left the meeting.

13/11:05

**PRESENTATION BY OUTDOOR RECREATION NI – SCOPING STUDY OF TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN MOYLE FORESTS**

Councillors McIlroy, N McAllister and Baird returned to the meeting.

Ms Fiona Barbour and Ms Caroline Ferris from Outdoor Recreation NI were welcomed to the meeting.

A presentation was delivered on a ‘Snapshot’ Scoping Study – Assessing the Opportunities for Tourism and Outdoor Recreation in Moyle Forests which was followed by questions and answers.

The study consisted of Use and Management Issues and Opportunities on three forests studied in Glenariff Forest Park, Ballypatrick Forest and Ballycastle Forests.

The key findings were that Glenarrif Forest Park was the largest, had the greatest potential with good tourist attractions and plenty of activities and visitor services and facilities. Ballypatrick was an undiscovered gem with less to do but more walking trails and Ballycastle was the smallest but situated on a unique site on the urban fringe. However it was stated that none of the forests were in an acceptable state. There was a lack of customer focus and visitor inspiration and priority should be given to improving the existing infrastructure.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

During questions, points discussed included the need to improve facilities in Glenariff Park , interior and exterior i.e. Tea House and Gift Shop, toilets, wheelchair access, signage, opening times, camping area and the associated costs of the implementing these improvements. Dog fouling was also a major problem.

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor C McShane and resolved,  
“That Council would adopt the Report in principle and enter into further discussions with the Forest Service.”

Councillors C McShane and N McAllister left the meeting.

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## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

Councillors C McShane and N McAllister returned to the meeting.  
Councillors Graham and McIlroy left the meeting.

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

Councillors Graham and McIlroy returned to the meeting.  
Councillor Cunningham left the meeting.

### **Tourism**

Councillor Cunningham returned to the meeting.

The Acting Tourism Manager presented a review and update on tourism - Development, Tourism and Leisure followed by questions and answers.

It was stated that the Tourist Information Centre had been renamed the Ballycastle Visitor Centre which went under the Causeway Coastal Route Banner and that Portnagree House was getting a better visitor experience as people stood to talk longer.

During questions and answers, issues discussed included the appearance and layout of the Information Centre, possibility of extended opening hours in the evening during the week in July and August, recruitment of additional staff in the high season or sharing resources with the Marina, the improving visitor figures and the need to host events to encourage visitors to stay overnight in the Moyle area.

#### Tourist Information Bushmills

It was stated that there was still a huge requirement for the Tourist Information Centre in Bushmills as shop-owners had been inundated with large volumes of visitors and that that this project should be brought forward in time for summer 2013.

During discussion, points raised included funding that had been previously earmarked for this project, the associated costs for painting and carrying out general repairs to the existing building, staffing costs and the need to provide evidence that this facility would be a good long term investment which would provide a basis for future funding.

Councillor S McKillop wished it to be recorded that the Bushmills Traders Association were not in favour of the idea of spending £7,000 on refurbishing the current building as they were not sure if the current proposed location was right, and that Council should hold off on a decision until the Bushmills Traders Association had held their meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

After discussion,

Councillor S McKillop proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor W Graham and resolved,  
“That the proposed Tourist Information Bushmills project would be brought back to the Council meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.”

After further discussion, on the disappointment at the rejection of this project by DARD, Councillor Baird wished it to be recorded that she believed that this Council did not do enough to challenge the decision and feels strongly that the consultants who prepared the appraisal should be made accountable.

It was agreed to move Item 11 on the Agenda.

**THIS COUNCIL NOTES WITH CONCERN THE NORTHERN TRUSTS RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ALL NINE RESIDENTIAL HOMES WILL CLOSE. RECOGNISES THAT THIS IMPACTS GREATLY ON THE STAFF AND RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND IN PARTICULAR THE IMPACT FOR THOSE WITHIN RATHMOYLE HERE IN MOYLE. THIS COUNCIL IS CONCERNED THAT THESE CLOSURES ARE MORE ABOUT A PRIVATISATION AGENDA BY THE DUP HEALTH MINISTER THAN A GENUINE EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF THESE RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS AND RECOMMENDS THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITES TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE NORTHERN TRUST TO INVITE HIM TO A MEETING WITH THIS COUNCIL.**

(Requested by Councillor C McShane)

Councillors McIlroy and Hunter left the meeting.

Councillor Hunter returned to the meeting.

Colin Burns from UNISON was permitted to address the meeting. He stated that the halt on the closure of Rathmoyle was a temporary measure and that the Minister had made it clear that all homes would close but over a longer period and that Rathmoyle was earmarked for November 2013. This would impact greatly on the health of the residents of Rathmoyle.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

During discussion, it was stated that the closing of NHS homes was offloading the cost from the state to the private sector and that individuals would have to pay by selling their homes and questions arose on how those charges would be regulated.

James McCarry from Ballycastle Steering Group addressed the meeting and stated that the Trust had said that Housing Executive had been nominated to take this process forward and that they were unaware what they were to do after March 2014 when the money had run out.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,

Seconded by Councillor N McAllister,

“That Council notes with concern the Northern Trusts recent announcement that all nine residential homes will close and recognises that this impacts greatly on the staff and residents and their families and in particular the impact for those within Rathmoyle here in Moyle. This Council is concerned that these closures are more about a privatisation agenda by the DUP Health Minister than a genuine effort to improve the lives of the elderly residents of these residential setting. That this Council writes to the Health Minister to invite him to a meeting with this Council to discuss the proposed closures.”

After further discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed an amendment,  
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,  
“That Council invites the Health Minister, Edwin Poots, to meet with  
Councillors to discuss the continuing requirement and need for a residential  
home in Ballycastle and the wellbeing of the current residents in  
Rathmoyle, Ballycastle, and also the on-going need for respite care within the  
community.”

After discussion, in which reference was made to the good work being done by the  
Steering Group in Ballycastle,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,  
“That Council would ask the Steering Group in Ballycastle to continue with  
their on-going efforts.”

All members were in agreement that Rathmoyle Residential Care Home should be  
kept open.

13/11:07

#### **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

It was agreed that this item would be brought forward in the meeting.

#### **Cycle2Work Scheme**

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the Cycle2Work Scheme and adopt the  
Cycle2Work Scheme Policy as outlined in the Corporate Services Report.

Councillor Baird left the meeting.

13/11:08

#### **INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

It was agreed that this item would be brought forward in the meeting.

#### **Request from the French Naval Vessel ‘Etoile’ (Tall Ship)**

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request received from the French  
Naval Vessel ‘Etoile’ Tall Ship to berth in Ballycastle Harbour from Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 2013 to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Update on the designations for Street Trading on Fairhill Street and Ann Street during the Lammas fair 2013

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would permit trading on the left side of the road from the Mill Street junction to Fair Green on Fairhill Street in agricultural goods and services, and trading between number 50 Ann Street and the junction with Rathlin Road in arts, crafts and speciality foods and permit trading by a single ice cream van in a portion of lay by on the Carrickmore Road as a stationary trader.

13/11:13

**REIMBURSEMENT OF RATE MONIES PAID BY LOCAL SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS**

After discussion, it was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next Council Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

The meeting concluded at 23.30pm and it was agreed that it would reconvene on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm.

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 RECONVENED ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

**In the Chair:** Councillor S Hunter

**Members Present:** Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, D F Cunningham,  
W Graham, N McAllister, McCambridge, R D McDonnell,  
R McIlroy, M A McKillop, S 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  
  
Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

13/11:07

**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Draft Leases

It was reported that the leases for the former Amusement Arcade, Cairns Residents Group and the Seafront Exhibition Centre had now been prepared and sent out to those parties involved.

Sheskburn House – Reception Area

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor P McShane and resolved,  
“That the retail/display area in Sheskburn House (formerly the Tourist Information area) would undergo minor works to convert it into a small meeting room.”

It was also agreed to enhance the Reception Area and Mayors Parlour.

DOE News Release – Consultation on Councillors’ Severance

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham,  
“That this Council endorse NAC’s response to the Consultation on Councillors’ Severance”.

After further discussion, in which issues raised included previous threats to councillors, length of service and remuneration, some members disagreed with some of the responses to the consultation made by NAC.

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

#### Cycle2 Work Scheme

This was dealt with and agreed in the meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. It was reported that two workshops were planned for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to view the various types of bikes and to talk to the Cycle2Work Scheme team from Halfords.

#### Marine Hotel - Country Club

The meeting continued in committee.

Discussion took place regarding options for the pool facilities at the Marine Hotel, refurbishment of which would not take place until 2014.

It was stated that officers had met with the owners of the Marine Hotel, Ballycastle and that the planned refurbishments would now not take place until 2014.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor McDonnell and resolved,  
“That Council advise the Marine Hotel that the Council would not be taking up any of the options for the Pool Facilities when the hotel re-opened.”

The meeting continued out of committee.

#### Councillors Correspondence

After discussion, it was agreed that from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 all members with laptops would receive Council Agendas, Reports and associated correspondence electronically via the “hub” and that member training would cease at the end of May 2013.

#### Non Domestic Revaluation 2014

After discussion, it was agreed that all details on the Non Domestic Revaluation 2015 would be placed on the Council Website, included in ‘Moyle Matters’ and be forwarded to the local press for publication.

Proposed Scheme design for the Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2014

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would adopt with the proposed Consultation response with regards to the Proposed Scheme Design for the Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2014.

After discussion,

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

13/11:06

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

Tourist Information Bushmills (Former Library Bushmills)

This item was previously discussed at the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

It was stated that the Bushmills Traders had held their meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and were keen to go ahead with this project.

After discussion, which included costs and opening times and the short timescale,

Councillor Hunter proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,  
“That Council would use the contractor previously contracted for dereliction work, for painting and general repairs for converting it into the Tourist Information Centre in Bushmills.”

It was also agreed that the new Tourist Information Centre Bushmills opening hours would be from 11am until 6pm seven days per week.

Community Small Grant Application: Cushendun GAC

It was agreed to award a Community Small Grant of £150 to Cushendun GAC for their Community Festival.

Moyle District Council Good Relations Action Plan 2013/14

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the 2013/2014 Good Relations Action Plan and the proposed action amendments it contains.

### Moyle Cohesion Project

It was agreed that Council would approve the final art design feature submitted by the Bushmills Project for installation in Millennium Park as part of the Moyle Community Cohesion Project.

It was also agreed that Council would allow Mosside Development Group to place two panels, containing images and text on the history and archaeology of the area, on the wall in Community Walk and to permit NEP III to place the recognition plaque on the wall of the Community Centre in Mosside.

### Giro d'Italia The Big Start Hosted in Northern Ireland 10-12 May 2014

After discussion, it was agreed, in principle, that Council would support the Giro d'Italia visiting the area if it is deemed a suitable route by organisers.

### International Appalachian Trail

Reference was made to the email received from Dunseverick Community Association dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013, regarding the proposed International Appalachian Trail.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would bring this back to the next meeting after consultation with Dunseverick Community Association and landowners.

### Renewal of Lease with Armoy Rugby Club

Reference was made to a request from Armoy Rugby Club to extend their lease to enable them to be ready for future funding applications.

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor C McShane and resolved,  
"That this Council would extend Armoy Rugby Club's existing 25 year lease to a 40 year lease."

### Causeway Cycle Challenge

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve a request from Bann Wheelers Cycle Club, Coleraine to use the seafront area for a refreshment stop on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013, from 11am to 1.00pm.

### Ballycastle Town Market

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would permit Ballycastle Markets Group to use the grass area at Ballycastle Seafront to hold a monthly market on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013.

### Lammas Fair Working Group

With reference to the Lammas Fair, issues discussed were the need for qualified and certificated security personnel and the tendering of security and veterinary services.

Reference was made to the area usually occupied by inflatables.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor C McShane,  
“That the area usually occupied by inflatables should be available for anyone who wished to trade, as in previous years.”

After further discussion, in which it was stated and that other areas where amusements had been sited had been subject to tender and that by including this area this year would generate the best income,

Councillor P McShane proposed an amendment,  
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,  
“That Council approve the recommendation from the Lammas Fair Working Group that the area usually occupied by inflatables etc should be tendered.”

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Thompson.

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

### Request from Ballycastle Revitalise Steering Group

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the proposal from Ballycastle Revitalise Steering Group that 1-5 Clare Street, Ballycastle be included in any future applications submitted by Moyle District Council for Dereliction.

### Rural Summer Scheme Grant Programme – Recommendations from Community Grants Assessment Panel

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Panel re allocation of Rural Summer Scheme Grants.

### Tourism Infrastructure Fund Criteria – Recommendations from Community Grants Assessment Panel

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Panel regarding criteria outlined for the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Councillor S McKillop requested that it be recorded that she did not agree to something that may exclude certain groups within the district.

After discussion,

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

13/11:08

### **INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

#### **Cruise Call Vessels at Rathlin Island and Ballycastle Harbour**

Reference was made to a visit by DoT earlier this year regarding acceptance of international cruise ships in Ballycastle and Rathlin. It was stated that full compliance of the requirements were to be put in place if Council were to accept cruise call vessels.

After discussion, which included costs of infrastructure, costs to ratepayers, possible costs levied on those who have to go through the process, passport control, holding centres and security barriers,

Councillor Hunter proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
“That Council would put in place interim infrastructure measures required by DoT, and for the Harbour Master to be trained to PFSO level.”

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

It was agreed to investigate if there was any funding available to meet these requirements.

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

#### **Request from the French Naval Vessel ‘Etoile’ (Tall Ship)**

This had already been dealt with in the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Unfortunately, the tide had prevented the ‘French Naval Vessel ‘Etoile’ from berthing in Ballycastle Harbour on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013. It was stated, however, that this ship dropped anchor in Red Bay creating lots of interest from residents and visitors.

Update on the designations for Street Trading on Fairhill Street and Ann Street during the Lammas Fair

This item was dealt with in the Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

After discussion,

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

13/11:09

**DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREAS COMMISSIONER'S PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS (REPORT PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)**

It was stated that the closing date for responses to the Local Government District Electoral Areas for Northern Ireland was 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

After discussion, it was agreed that the individual parties or Councillors would reply to the provisional recommendations made by the Commissioner.

13/11:10

**REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER AT CARINDUBH**  
(Requested by Councillor C McShane)

It was stated that the current bus shelter at Carindubh had been built over 40 years ago and was now in great disrepair and needed to be replaced or renovated. It was also stated that the Bus Shelter at Altanaman Park had been vandalised and also needed some repairs.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor P McShane and resolved,  
“That that Council would look at how improvements could be made to the Bus Shelter at Carindubh”.

It was also agreed that Council would look at the vandalised bus shelter at Altanaman Park.

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(Requested by Councillor C McShane)

This item was dealt with at the Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

13/11:12

**THAT THIS COUNCIL LOOKS AT ZONING AND PROMOTING MOYLE, OR PART OF, AS A HORSE FRIENDLY ZONE**

(Requested by Councillor P McShane)

It was stated that there was a need to provide road signage and promotional literature to educate drivers in dealing with horses and riders on the roads and that this should also include cyclists. Reference was made to the study of Ballycastle Forest and that it should be opened up for horse riders with an off road trail and that Council should look at this study and expedite its recommendations.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would promote Moyle as part of a horse friendly zone.

13/11:13

**REIMBURSEMENT OF RATE MONIES PAID BY LOCAL SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS**

(Requested by Councillor P McShane)

Reference was made to the additional £12,000 arising from the tendering of Amusements at the Lammas Fair and this should be set aside to offset the rates paid by sporting bodies and that criteria be drawn up by the Grants Assessment Panel.

Discussion took place regarding whether this money should be used to provide facilities to get both young and older people into sport and activities and promoting a healthier lifestyle or that the money should be used as a reimbursement of rate monies to the local sporting clubs.

The Clerk stated that if the proposal was about reimbursing rates for local sporting associations then there may be legal implications but if it was about setting up a general fund to help local sporting clubs then this Council could legally do this.

The meeting continued in committee.

Reference was made to the attendance of a Councillor at the opening of tenders and that this information had come before Council before any decisions had been made on the awarding of the tenders.

The Clerk stated that the tendering opening process was open and transparent and that every Councillor had the right to request to be in attendance at the opening of any tender, but the information obtained from this was confidential until the tender had been considered by the Council.

Possible arrangements for the opening of tenders were discussed and it was agreed that this could be considered by the Audit and Governance Working Group.

The meeting continued out of committee.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would seek legal advice to clarify its position on reimbursing rate monies paid by local sporting associations.

13/11:14

### **CONFERENCES AND COURSES**

- (a) IRRV Northern Ireland in partnership with NILGA Conference 2013 – Toward 2015: Public Services at the Crossroads to be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 at Belfast City Hall  
(Conference Cost Day Delegate Charge £79.99 + VAT, Morning Session £39.99 + VAT and Afternoon Session £39.99 + VAT and travel)
- (b) Chartered Institute of Housing in Northern Ireland – ‘Risk and Resilience: The Future of Housing Finance and Investment’ Conference 2013 to be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at the Merchant Hotel, Belfast.  
(Conference Cost £195 + VAT and travel)

There were no nominations for the above conferences.

- (c) Carrickfergus Borough Council – Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service Knockagh War Memorial, Carrickfergus to be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 11 am in the Museum & Civic Centre, Carrickfergus.  
(Conference Cost free plus travel)

Councillor Cunningham proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
“That Councillor McIlroy be nominated”.

- (d) Martina Anderson MEP – Conference on “Guarantee Our Future” – Addressing the issue of Youth Unemployment to be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at the Cavan Crystal Hotel, Cavan Town.  
(Conference Cost free plus travel)

Councillor Baird proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
“That Councillor Blaney be nominated.”

13/11:15

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

- Application for an Occasional Licence – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Carey Faughs GAC – Hunters Bar, Ballycastle
- Application for Grant of Restaurant Licence authorising the sale of intoxicating liquor for Café Boyle, 14 North Street, Ballycastle
- Application for Grant of Restaurant Licence authorising the sale of intoxicating liquor for The Red Door, 14A Harbour Road, Ballintoy
  
- Application for an Occasional Licence – for the period Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013 between the hours of 11.30am to 1.00am of the next day on weekdays and 12.30pm to 12 in the evening on Sunday for the Old Bushmills Distillery Co Ltd, Bushmills

There were no objections to the above applications.

13/11:16

**RENEWALS UNDER REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ORDER 1996**

There were no renewals.

13/11:17

**SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

13/11:18

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from Northern Health and Social Care Trust regarding Transfer from Children to Adult Services.
- (b) Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April from Department of the Environment, Planning Division – Consultation Paper for Amending the Planning (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005.
- (c) Letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from Marie Cairns, Private Secretary to the Minister Danny Kennedy, regarding the future of Rathlin Island Ferry Services.

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

- (d) Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> April from Roads Services in reply to Councils letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, requesting signs to warn of roaming deer crossing the Castlecatt and Moycraig Roads.

It was agreed that Councillor S McKillop would liaise with DRD Roads Service regarding siting of the signs.

- (e) Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from Edwin Poots MLA Minister for Health and Social Services and Public Safety regarding Cushendall Fire Station.
- (f) Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from Northern Health and Social Care Trust re Proposal for the Future of Statutory Residential Care for Older People.
- (g) Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding Tobacco Retailers Bill.
- (h) Letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 from UNISON regarding the consultation to close Statutory Residential Centres.
- (i) Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 from Belfast City Council regarding Northern Ireland Hospice Redevelopment Fund.
- (j) Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from Nelson McCausland MLA, Minister for Social Development reference Reform of Local Government.
- (k) Letter from Stephen Hammond MP Department of Transport re the future of vehicle registration and licensing services in Northern Ireland.
- (l) Email dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from Roads Service re Blue Badge Scheme Consultation.

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

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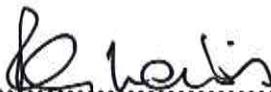
**ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE**

There was no other business.

**The meeting concluded at 20:20 pm**



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