

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2014**

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, W Graham, S Hunter,
N McAllister, C McCambridge, RD McDonnell, R McIlroy,
MA McKillop, C 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

Ms B Butler, PCSP Manager

Mrs O Quinn, PCSP 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 D McAllister, S McKillop and P McShane.

Chairman's Business

Arson Attack

The Chair requested that Council unanimously condemn the recent arson attack on the family home of Independent Councillor P McShane, Council agreed.

Mental Health Provision

With reference to the request for a meeting with NHSST regarding Mental Health Provision, it was agreed that there would be a Workshop held with NHSST in Shesburn on Thursday 16th October 2014 at 4pm.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor MA McKillop declared an interest in item 1.2 of the Development Services Report – Community Small Grants Application – Cairns Residents Group, Halloween Event.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014

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

After discussion,

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

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

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(Requested by Councillor Baird)

Reference was made as to where Council was with the research into the policies regarding pricing of Sheskburn Recreation Centre and Portnagree House. It was reported that some work had been done on this and a report would be brought back to Council.

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

PCSP Update

The PCSP manager and Officer presented an update on the PCSP followed by questions and answers.

The PCSP Manager took Council through the PCSP preparation for 1st April 2015, which included Strategy Analysis and Operation Plan Commissioned, Strategy Proposals, budget, recruitment/staffing and winding up arrangements for existing Moyle PCSP.

The PCSP Officer took Council through the Action Plan for 2104/2015.

Points discussed included the budget - Limavady being outside scope, improved and closer relationships with the general public, equal partnerships with other authorities, structure of the new council and area committees and more cohesiveness moving into the new Council.

Members thanked the PCSP for their continued hard work.

Community Small Grant Applications

After discussion, it was agreed:

- (i) to approve the request from Cairns Residents Group for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards the cost of their Halloween event on 31st October 2014.
- (ii) to approve the request from Ballycastle Camogie Club for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards the cost of their BABL 14 (Black and Amber Biggest Loser) Scheme.

Walkway Millennium Riverside Park to Salmon Leap

Reference was made to a letter received from Bushmills Forum which listed the disadvantages of the walkway being situated on the West Bank and the advantages being situated on the East Bank and requested Council endorse the East Bank proposal and that it be included in any plans being forwarded to the new Council.

After discussion which included the original funding for the West Bank, safety issues with fishermen and lines being cast on the West Bank, flooding issues and unwanted access to housing estates on the East Bank,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,
“That Council 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.”

On a vote being taken, there were 6 votes in favour of and 4 against the proposal which was carried.

Mountain Bike Trail Design Glenariffe and Ballycastle Forests

Reference was made to Councils agreement at the Council Meeting of 23rd June 2014 to proceed with the proposed Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) application for Glenariffe and Ballycastle Mountain Bike Trail Design with Council Match Funding. It was reported that ORNI had received an email from NITB stating that funds to operate the Tourist Innovation Fund secured through the NIE were not available for this year.

After discussion, which included the huge interest in Mountain Biking shown at the consultation process, delay possibly having a negative impact, the possibility of funds to operate the TIF being restored and whether Council could look at possibilities to proceed with this project,

Councillor Thompson proposed,
Seconded by Councillor C McShane and resolved,
“That Council would investigate if there was any scope in the Councils budget to facilitate this project.”

Causeway Coast & Glens – Consultation on Sport, Leisure Services and Facilities Strategy

Due to the short time frame given for these consultations it was agreed that Council would send out presentation slides to Councillors to forward to consultants.

Councillor N McAllister left the meeting.

Sandy Port, Ballintoy Harbour

Councillor N McAllister returned to the meeting.

Discussion took place on the unauthorised sand extraction at Sandy Port, Ballintoy Harbour and that Planning Enforcement were taking steps to prevent this.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy 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.

Armoy Ruby Club

Reference was made to the request from Armoy Rugby Club for the £50K of allocated funding to be brought forward to 2014/2015. After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council would facilitate the request from Armoy Rugby Club for the £50K of allocated funding to be brought forward from the period 2015/2016 to 2014/2015, on paid invoices.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

After discussion,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INTERIM REPORT & ADDENDUM

The Environmental Services Interim Report and Addendum, having been circulated, were taken as read.

Capital Funds for Christmas Lights in Moyle

Reference was made to the £15K set aside in the 2014/2015 Rates Budget for Christmas Lights and three options were outlined for consideration.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

After discussion on the three options, the allocation of some funds to smaller communities and the possibility of increasing the budget, it was agreed that Council would write to the communities in question to determine those wanting to avail of the funding.

Harbour Services Agreement

Reference was made to the Rathlin Island Ferries Ltd – Harbour Services Agreement. After discussion in which berthing fees were raised,

Councillor McDonnell proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
“That Council would approve the draft Agreement subject to the schedule being amended to read pence not £’s.”

Application for Bye-Law Registration

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve an application for Bye-Law Registration of a business for Semi-permanent Skin-Colouring received from Carrie Taylor, Visage, 43 Mill Street, Ballycastle.

After discussion

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

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THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITES TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TO HIGHLIGHT THE CONCERNS OF GLENS RESIDENTS ON THE SALMON FARM EXPANSION IN RED BAY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GLENARM ORGANIC SALMON COMPANY LOCATING THEIR ENTIRE OPERATION IN THE AREA

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

After discussion, which included the scale of the project, over fishing, the visual and environmental impact, possibility of loss of jobs and also the benefits of economic development,

Councillor Thompson proposed,
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister,
“That this Council writes to the Minister for the Environment to highlight the concerns of Glens residents on the salmon farm expansion in Red Bay and the possibility of the Glenarm Organic Salmon Company locating their entire operation in the area.”

After further discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop,
“That this Council writes to the Minister for the Environment and DARD to highlight the concerns of Glens residents on the salmon farm expansion in Red Bay and the possibility of the Glenarm Organic Salmon Company locating their entire operation in the area.”

A recorded vote was requested.

On a recorded vote being taken on the amendment, Councillor Cunningham, McCambridge and MA McKillop voted in favour of and Councillors Baird, Blaney, Graham, N McAllister, McDonnell, McIlroy, C McShane and Thompson voted against the amendment which was lost. Councillor Hunter abstained.

On a recorded vote being taken on the proposal, Councillor N McAllister, C McShane and Thompson voted in favour of and Councillors Baird, Blaney, Cunningham, Graham, McCambridge, McDonnell, McIlroy and MA McKillop voted against the proposal which was lost. Councillor Hunter abstained.

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THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITES TO THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE TO REQUEST THE GREEN SPACE AT ESS NA LARRAGH/CARNEILL, WATERFOOT BE LEASED/GIVEN TO MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR A MUCH NEEDED PLAY PARK FACILITY

(Requested by Councillor N McAllister)

After discussion on the plans for social housing and the need for a play area which would allow children to play safely and give parents piece of mind,

Councillor N McAllister proposed,
Seconded by Councillor C McShane,
“That Council write to the Housing Executive to request the green space at
Ess Na Larragh/Carneill, Waterfoot be leased/given to Moyle District
Council for a much needed play park facility.”

After further discussion,

Councillor MA McKillop proposed an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,
“That Council write to the NI Housing Executive enquiring about the plans
for social housing at Carneill Park, Waterfoot and whether it would be
possible to incorporate a Play Area.”

Councillor N McAllister requested a recorded vote.

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

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CONFERENCES AND COURSES

- (a) APSE Northern Ireland Regional Meeting to be held on 17th October 2014 at
Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre, 26 Market Square, Dungannon, Co
Tyrone, BT70 1AB.

There were no nominations for the above conference.

- (b) LAMA Autumn Training Seminar – Putting People First – Is it a Reality? To
be held on 17th & 18th October 2014 at Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana.

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That Councillor Blaney be nominated to attend.”

- (c) Contact NI 4th Suicide Prevention What Works? International Conference to
be held on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November 2014 at the Titanic
Conference Centre, Belfast.

There were no nominations for the above conference.

- (d) The Local Government Staff Commission Equality and Diversity Conference
to be held on Tuesday 11th November 2014 in the La Mon Hotel and Country
Club, Belfast.

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

- (e) North Eastern Group Building Control Convention 2014 – Building Communities Beyond 2015: How the New Councils will Shape the Future, to be held at the Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick, County Antrim on 13th and 14th November 2014.

There were no nominations for the above conference.

- (f) NILGA 2015 Local Government Recognition Event to be held on Friday 20th February 2015 at La Mon Hotel, Castlereagh

It was agreed that Councillor Cunningham would attend as Chair of MDC and RG Lewis (CE) as a senior official.

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

Application for Transfer of a Liquor Licence relating to premises at Silvercliffs Holiday Village, Clare Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim

Application for Transfer of a Liquor Licence – Bush House, 72 Main Street, Bushmills

Application for a Liquor Licence for premises at 21 Main Street, Waterfoot

There were no objections to the above applications.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded By Councillor McDonnell and resolved,
“That Council would sign and seal the Rathlin Island Ferries Limited - Harbour Services Agreement.”

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Launch of the European Entrepreneurial Region 2015 to be held on 16th October 2014 at the Belfast City Hall.

It was agreed that Councillor N McAllister, R McDonnell and C McShane would attend.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE

Housing Council

(Requested by Councillor Blaney)

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,

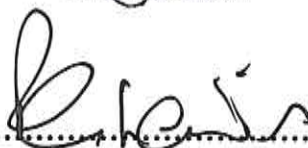
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,

“That Council would write to the Minister to request that 2 members of each Cluster Council (total 22) sit on the Housing Council instead of 1 from each current Council (total 26).”

The meeting concluded at 20:55



CHAIRMAN



CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE