

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014**

- In the Chair:** Councillor C McShane
- Members Present:** Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, DF Cunningham,  
W Graham, RD McDonnell, N McAllister,  
C McCambridge, R McIlroy, MA McKillop,  
CC Thompson
- Also Present:** Mr R G Lewis, Clerk and Chief Executive
- Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
- Ms B Butler, PCSP Manager
- Mr D Kelly, Christians Against Poverty
- Ms M Gibson, Causeway Food Bank
- 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, P McShane and S Hunter.

**Chairman's Business**

**Planning Application – Rathlin Island**

Reference was made to a Planning Application from an individual on Rathlin Island for a campsite with a walled garden. After discussion, it was agreed that Council would write a letter of support for this application.

**Forresters Cup Hurling Final**

Commiserations were offered to St Killians who were defeated by St Pats Maghera. St Killians were aiming to be the victors for the third year in a row and were a credit to their school, clubs, families and themselves.

### All Ireland Colleges Hurling Final

Congratulations were extended to Cross & Passion College, Ballycastle for reaching the All Ireland Colleges Hurling Final who were unfortunately defeated by Colaiste Phobail Roscrea. Upon leaving Ballycastle on Friday pupils from St Patrick's and St Brigid's schools turned out in their support.

### Nenagh Cycle Classic - 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Reference was made to the Nenagh Cycle Event, Co Tipperary, which Councillors Blaney and McIlroy attended on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
"That Council would send a letter of thanks to Nenagh for their hospitality and invite them and Ballinasloe to visit."

### Councillor MA McKillop

Reference was made to a letter received from Councillor Cunningham confirming that Councillor MA McKillop would join the SDLP Council Group at the Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. It was agreed that Councillor MA McKillop be nominated to the Moyle PCSP in place of Councillor McCambridge.

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### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Councillor Cunningham** – regarding DOE Planning Policy Division letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 as he was a staff member (seconded out).

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### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were taken as read.

With reference to page 7 of the Council Minutes, it was agreed to amend Item 14/05:11 to read **Cushendun Caravan Park**.

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be adopted, subject to the above amendment."

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**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

Page 7 Item 14/05:11 Cushendun Caravan Park Update  
(Requested by Councillor Blaney)

Reference was made as to the status at Cushendun Caravan Park – re Eviction Notices It was stated that this issue was still on-going as the DES was in the process of trying to agree suitable dates for a meeting.

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**PRESENTATION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY**

David Kelly from CAP and Melanie Gibson from Causeway Foodbank were welcomed to the meeting.

A short DVD was shown which provided a brief overview of Causeway Foodbank Distribution Centre, how it provided nutritionally balanced food for vulnerable people and the Foodbank Voucher Distribution Scheme. It was also reported that a Foodbank Centre was to be introduced in Ballycastle by mid-June.

A comprehensive presentation was then delivered by CAP on Struggling with Debt which covered a brief overview of CAP, the process for receiving help with debt, follow up support and how faith plays its part.

Members thanked David Kelly and Melanie Gibson for their detailed presentations and the hard work that had been done to assist those people who were struggling with debt.

During questions and answers queries raised included how a person is assessed and by whom, the distribution of food parcels in the Glens, the responsibility of the outstanding debt and how CAP raises income.

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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

PCSP Update

This was moved to the end of the Development Services Report.

Community Festivals Fund 2014-15

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Panel re allocation of Community Festivals Fund Grants 2014-15 as listed in Item 1.2 of the Development Services Report.

A query was raised on item number 6 - Cushendall Boat Club as to whether a limited company was eligible to apply. It was agreed that this was to be clarified.



### Tourism Events Fund

After discussion, It was agreed that Council would approve the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Panel re allocation of Tourism Events Fund Grants as listed in Item 1.3 of the Development Services Report.

### Request from Ruairi Og CLG

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve retrospectively the request from Ruairi Og CLG Cushendall for a further extension to their Community Infrastructure Fund Grant for constructing a Training Ball Wall, until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

### Community Small Grants Applications

After discussion, it was agreed to award a Community Small Grant of:

- (i) £300 to the Marconi Radio Group towards the hosting of a Special Ham Radio Station to run from 1<sup>st</sup> May – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to mark the Giro D'Italia.
- (ii) £243 to Ballycastle Runners AC towards the cost of a 1.8m Fun Run/Walk on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in celebration of the Giro D'Italia.
- (iii) £300 to the Ballintoy & District Community Development Association to host a special Giro D'Italia Community celebration in Ballintoy Village on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

### Good Relations Grant Applications 2014/15

Reference was made to an email received on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from OFMDFM setting out recommendations for cut-off dates and the introduction of a scoring matrix.

After discussion, it was agreed that cut-off dates would not be imposed in the current financial year as policies on such issues would require to be formulated by the Shadow Council, so that the Causeway Coast and Glens Council have one agreed policy, which would come into force from April 2015.

It was also agreed that a scoring matrix would be devised to capture adherence to the 'good track record', different background groups applying together, 'hard to reach' groups and adherence to TBAUC themes, which are indicated in the recently revised Good Relations Grants application packs. The scoring matrix would be considered by a small panel of Council staff as individual applications are received and that recommendations would then be made to full Council for final approval.

### Request received from Oliver McMullan MLA

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

Reference was made to a request received from Oliver McMullan MLA that Moyle District Council reverses its decision on not funding Glenariffe Improvements Group Application for Waterfoot Village for the Giro D'Italia.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

After discussion, which included the £30K set aside for the Giro D'Italia, the application procedure, setting a precedence for other small villages and the Community Small Grants Scheme,

Councillor Thompson proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister and resolved,  
"That Council agree retrospectively that Glenariffe Improvement Group receive £300 for funding for Waterfoot, under the Community Small Grants Scheme, and that this would also apply to other small villages on the Giro D'Italia route."

### Northern Ireland's Landscape Charter

Members felt that more information was required on this subject. After discussion, it was agreed that Council would invite the Department of Environment to present to Council.

Councillor N McAllister left the meeting.

### Beach Management Strategy

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,  
"That the meeting continue in Committee."

Councillor N McAllister returned to the meeting.

Reference was made to the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Beach Management Strategy. After discussion, which included consultation to farmers and the need for more information, it was agreed that Council would invite the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust to present at Council.

The meeting continued out of Committee.



### Glens Angling Club

After discussion, it was agreed that council would approve the request from The Glens Angling Club to permit access to the river from Mill Street Car Park, Cushendall to continue with their river enhancement project for the River Dall, subject to a programme of works and insurance indemnity being provided prior to commencement of works.

The meeting continued in Committee

### Feasibility Study, Rural Marine Tourism, Waterfoot

After discussion, which included cost and confidentiality, it was agreed that this report would be issued to the Glenariffe Improvement Group for consideration by the Group and future potential funding.

The meeting continued out of Committee.

### Tender for the Provision of Generalist Voluntary Advice Services in Moyle District 2014-2015

After discussion, it was agreed to re-engage Causeway Citizens Advice Bureau for the provision of Generalist Voluntary Advice Services 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

### PCSP Update

The PCSP Manager presented a review on the PCSP and proposed Action Plan 2014/2015, followed by questions and answers.

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

During questions and answers, points discussed included the proposed realignment of police districts, drugs issues and the cyber-safety programme.

Councillor Baird wished it to be noted that as Chairman of the PCSP she wished to thank the PCSP Manager and staff for the massive programme of work that had been undertaken.

After discussion,

Councillor MA McKillop proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,  
“That the Development Services Report and Addendums be adopted.”

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## **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

### **Discretionary Payments Policy, Grievance Policy and Secondment Policy**

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
“That Council would approve the revised and updated Discretionary Payments Policy, Grievance Policy and Secondment Policy.”

### **Seafront Exhibition Centre**

After discussion,

Councillor McDonnell proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,  
“That Council would approve the draft lease/let agreement, in principle, for the Seafront Exhibition Centre.”

After discussion,

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

Councillor C McShane returned to the meeting.

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## **INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

### **NW Waste Infrastructure Project**

After discussion,

Councillor N McAllister proposed ,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,  
“That the meeting continue in Committee.”

Reference was made to the response issued by the NWRWMG in reply to correspondence received from Brickkiln Waste Limited regarding the decision not to proceed with the procurement for the NW Waste Infrastructure Project.

The meeting continued out of Committee.

Best Kept Awards – NI Amenity Council for 2014

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would put forward Armoy, Ballintoy, Ballycastle, Bushmills, Cushendall, Cushendun, Mosside and Waterfoot for entry into the Best Kept Awards – NI Amenity Council 2014 competition.

Translink Ulster in Bloom 2014

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would put forward Armoy, Ballintoy, Ballycastle, Bushmills, Cushendall, Cushendun, Mosside and Waterfoot for entry into the Translink Ulster in Bloom 2014 competition.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995

*Bilingual Street Name Plate*

After discussion, it was agreed that after a reasonable period of 2 years, another application for a bilingual nameplate be made and that a survey be carried out on Whitepark Drive, Ballycastle.

After discussion,

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

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**THAT THIS COUNCIL SIGNS UP FOR DISABILITY SPORT NI'S  
INCLUSIVE SPORTS FACILITY ACCREDITATION SCHEME AND  
ALSO WRITES TO COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL, BALLYMONEY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL AND LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CALLING ON THEM TO ALSO SIGN UP TO THE SCHEME**

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

It was stated that Tripability was a similar project and should be included in the original proposal, after discussion, it was agreed that the two projects would remain separate.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

After discussion, in which issues raised included the assessment of buildings by Sports Disability NI, accreditation and possible financial implications to Council, it was agreed, in principal, that Council would sign up to this subject to costings and would write to Coleraine Borough Council, Ballymoney Borough Council and Limavady Borough Council calling on them to also sign up to the scheme. If costs to be incurred by Council then this to be brought back for approval.



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**THAT THIS COUNCIL LEASES OUR DISUSED TOILET BLOCK BESIDE THE LARAGH LODGE ON THE GLENS ROAD IN GLENARIFFE TO THE PROPRIETOR OF THE LARAGH LODGE, AT A PEPPER CORN RENT, SO THAT THE BUILDING CAN BE REOPENED AS A USABLE TOILET BLOCK.**

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

Reference was made to the two hotels in Ballintoy under new management and Council wished the owners success for the future.

After discussion, which included lease to be less than 25 years, possible opportunities for other communities and the lease being returned to Council before signing,

Councillor Thompson proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister and resolved,  
“That Council would lease the disused toilet block beside The Laragh Lodge on the Glens Road in Glenariffe, to re-open as a usable toilet, to the proprietor of The Laragh Lodge at a peppercorn rent, and that the lease agreement to be returned to Council for approval before being signed.”

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**HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – HEALTH IMPACT STATEMENT**

(Requested by Councillor C McShane)

Reference was made Ballinlea’s Residents Group Meeting on fracking held in the ferry Terminal Building on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014. It was reported that current research indicated that fracking would have a significant health impact on those living within half a mile radius of the proposed oil and gas wells.

After discussion, it was proposed that that MDC carry out a Health Impact Assessment Statement.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed an amendment,  
Seconded by Councillor Graham,  
“That Council ask the Department of the Environment to commission independent and impartial research and an in depth study into the process of fracking, which would consider the environmental, social and economic impact of fracking. This to be funded by Central Government and would assist Council in making an informed decision on this issue. “

After further discussion, it was agreed that Council would contact the Public Health Agency for direction on carrying out a Health Impact Statement.

Councillor Baird wished it to be recorded that her amendment was to be held in abeyance.

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**CONFERENCES AND COURSES**

There were no Conferences and Courses.

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

- (a) Application for an Occasional Licence from 9pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 until 1am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 for Ballintoy Masonic Lodge.
- (b) Application for an Occasional Licence from 8pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014 until 1.30am Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014 for Carey Faughs GAC.
- (c) Application for an Occasional Licence from 8pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014 until 1am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 for Cushendun GAC.
- (d) Application for an Occasional Licence for the period from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 between the hours of 11.30am until 1.00am the following day on weekdays and half past 12 in the afternoon and 12 in the evening on Sunday for Bushmills Distillery.

There were no objections to the above applications.

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**SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from North East Region Rural Development Programme regarding the NER LAG constitutions.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister and resolved,  
“That Councillor Thompson would replace Councillor MA McKillop as the Sinn Fein representative on the NER LAG.”

Councillor Cunningham proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor McCambridge and resolved,  
“That Councillor MA McKillop would replace Councillor McCambridge as the SDLP representative on the NER LAG.”



- (b) Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from Nelson McCausland, Department for Social Development in response to Councils letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014, regarding the proposed reform of social housing.

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

- (c) Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from Pat Ramsey SDLP, regarding the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would write a letter in support of seeking a new speed limit of 20 miles per hour on minor residential roads.

- (d) Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from Roads Service in response to Councils letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013, regarding a request for Tactile Paving at a number of locations in Cushendall.
- (e) Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from Down District Council with reference to a Notice of Motion on the extension of the Fuel Rebate Scheme to Northern Ireland.
- (f) Email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 from Castlereagh Borough Council with reference to a Notice of Motion regarding rebated or laundered fuel to the public in Northern Ireland

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

- (g) Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 from Roads Service, regarding proposed additional waiting restrictions in Cushendall (double yellow lines).

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would first consult with residents and bring back any findings to the Council Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

- (h) Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from the Northern Ireland Assembly regarding Legal Aid and Coroners' Courts Bill.
- (i) Letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from Department for Regional Development, in response to Councils letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 regarding the unadopted road at Cregagh View, Knocknacarry.
- (j) Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 from Reval 2015 NI, regarding revaluation of Non-Domestic Properties – Rebalancing Business Rates (circulated on the night).
- (k) Letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from Department for Social Development in response to Councils letter of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014, regarding the impact of the increase in the National Minimum Wage on those people claiming carer's Allowance and Working Tax Credits (circulated on the night).

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



- (1) Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from DOE Planning Policy Division with regarding Election Notices along the Giro D'Italia route (circulated on the night).

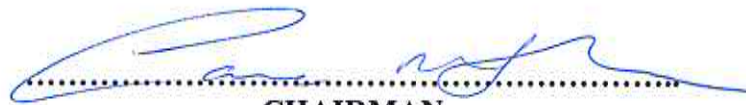
After discussion, Council agreed with the DOE's proposed Direction under The Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations (NI) 1992, Regulation 6: Direction Restricting Deemed Consent, restricting Election Notices along the Giro D'Italia route up to and including the 3 days of the Giro D'Italia Cycle Race 9-11<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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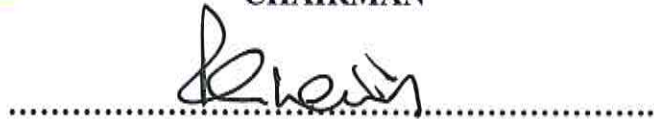
**ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE**

There was no other business.

**The meeting concluded at 21:50 pm**



CHAIRMAN



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