

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2014**

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, W Graham, S Hunter, D M McAllister, R D McDonnell, R A McIlroy, M A McKillop, C McShane, P McShane.

Also Present: Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Mrs E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Ms J Lundy, Planning Service

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

14/18:01

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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

Member Services Clerical Officer

Reference was made to the approval of a career break for the Member Services Clerical Officer to take up another post.

Members wished to record their appreciation for the work undertaken by the Member Services Clerical Officer over the past ten years and to wish her all the best in her new post.

Moyle Youth Council

It was agreed that non contentious matters would be fed to the Moyle Youth Council to allow them to research it and produce a report before the Council Meeting. It was agreed that this would be tried for the December meeting.

14/18:02

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 1.3 Environmental Services Report

The Director of Environmental Services declared an interest in Item 1.3 of the Environmental Services Report.

Item 1.4 Interim Report for Corporate Services

The Director of Corporate Services and Councillor C McShane declared an interest in Item 1.4 of the Report for Corporate Services.

14/18:03

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2014 having been circulated, were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McDonnell and resolved,
“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2012 be adopted.”

14/18:04

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2014

Cushendun Caravan Park

It was agreed that this would be dealt with when the Technical Services Report was being discussed.

14/18:05

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

The Planning Schedule which had been circulated was taken as read.

E/2013/0174/O Mr L McKinley, C/O Simpson Design, 42 Semicock Road, Ballymoney, BT53 6PY. Location, rear of 24 Clare Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim, BT54 6DB. Proposed two storey dwelling and garage. (Recommended for Approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0094/F G V Contracts, C/O F A Wheeler, 201 Garron Road, Glenariff, BT44 0RA. Location, 5 – 5a Shore Road, Cushendall, Co Antrim. Proposed erection of 4 no. apartments in 2 no. two storey blocks and one single storey unit, new access, car parking and ancillary works. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was deferred for an Office Meeting for further information.

E/2014/0107/F McHenry Bros Ireland Ltd, C/O Moore Design, Market Court, 63 New Row, Coleraine, BT52 1EJ. Location, Clare Court/Leyland Road Ballycastle. Proposed alterations to approved layout to provide 6 no. dwellings (4 no. two storey semi-detached and 2 no. two storey detached) (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was deferred to allow for additional amended plans to be considered. It was agreed that this would not be brought back to Council if there was a change of opinion.

E/2014/0116/F Gaelectric Development Ltd, Portview House, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4. Location, lands 950m east of Castlecat Road and 570m south-east of 110 Castlecatt Road, Derrykeighan, Co Antrim. Proposed retention of a temporary (twenty-four months) seventy metre high wind monitoring pole. (Recommended for Approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0122/F S McAuley and M McNeill, C/O Gary McNeill, 14 Cave Road, Cushendun, BT44 0PN. Location, No. 30 Cushleake Road, Cushendun. Proposed demolition of existing sub-standard dwelling in poor condition and replacement dwelling and detached garage/storage building on existing site. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was deferred for one month for further information.

E/2014/0124/F Mr H McMahan, C/O F A Wheeler, 201 Garron Road, BT44 0RA. Location, adjacent to 230 Garron Road, Glenariff. Proposed application to vary condition 6 of E/2010/0165/O (Re: location of green hatched area to a position of 35m East of approved site) (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was deferred for one month for further information.

E/2014/0128/O Mr J O'Kane, C/O W M McNeill, 30 Knowehead Road, Broughshane, Ballymena, BT43 7LF. Location, 130m South of 22A Drumaroan Road, Ballycastle. Proposed new dwelling and garage on the farm. (Recommended for Refusal)

E/2014/0139/F Beverly Adams, C/O Ivan McDonald, 17 Lissadell Avenue, Portstewart, BT55 7SY. Location, 129 Ballinlea Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Proposed single storey side extension to dwelling. (Recommended for Refusal)

E/2014/0152/F J Hamill, C/O Bailey Architecture, 9 Glenview Road, Glenshesk, Ballycastle, BT54 6QE. Location, 14 Strandview Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6BU. Proposed alterations to bay window on front elevation previously approved under E/2011/0061/F and new windows on side elevation. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above three applications were deferred for one month for further information.

Deferred Items

E/2013/0014/F Mr J McCambridge, C/O Hydro NI, Quarryhill, Carrignagroghera, Fermoy, Co Cork. Location, Turbine House, 400m SW of 1 Ballyvennaught Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6RL. Proposed development of a microhydroelectrical, renewable energy system (20KW) On the ESS Burn to generate electricity. (Recommended for Approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2013/0150/O Mr D Falconer, C/O Newline Architects, 48 Main Street, Castledawson, BT45 8AB. Location, 91 Carrowreagh Road, Armoy, Ballymoney. Proposed replacement of existing dwelling with single storey dwelling and proposed retention of existing dwelling as garage. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was refused.

E/2013/0200/F Mr R McDonnell, C/O Bailey Architecture, 9 Glenview Road, Glenshesk, Ballycastle. Location, 120m SE of 31 Torr Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6RE. Proposed off-site replacement dwelling. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was withdrawn.

E/2013/0206/LBC David Holden, C/O Norman Perry, 5 Straid Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6HQ. Location 31 and 31A Ann Street, Ballycastle, Co Antrim, BT54 6AA. Proposed internal alterations and renovation. (Recommended Consent)

The above application was approved.

E/2013/0210/O Mr James Holmes, C/O G M Design Associates, 22/24 Lodge Road, Coleraine, BT52 1NB. Location south of 180 Moyarget Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6JQ. Proposed site for one and a half storey farm dwelling. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was held for 2 weeks to allow for an MLA meeting to be arranged.

It was agreed that Office Meetings would be held on Thursday 2nd October.

14/18:06

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Halloween Fireworks Display

Reference was made to a request received from Mr R Mc Leron.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve a request from Mr R McLernon for permission to trade at the Seafront during the Halloween Fireworks Display.

The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 Article 22 (1) allowing a dog to stray

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
“That the meeting continue in committee.”

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,
“That Council Institute legal proceedings against the dog owner Person A,
under Article 22 (1) of the Dogs (N.I) Order 1983 as recommended in the
Environmental Services Report.”

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

It was further agreed that these powers be delegated to officers in future cases.

The meeting continued out of committee.

Action on Dog Fouling

After discussion, it was agreed that costs would be provided for options 1,2,4 and 6
in the report for taking action on Dog Fouling. It was also agreed that approved
measures would be included in the next issue of Moyle Matters.

Tender for 26T Refuse Collection Vehicle

Reference was made to the tender for a 26T refuse collection vehicle and
discussion took place on how the shortfall in the budget could be met.

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter,
“That Council appoint Castlereagh Motors for the procurement of a 26T
Refuse Collection Vehicle for the sum of £146,802.”

On a vote being taken there were eight in favour and one against the proposal
which was carried.

Tender for Glenariff Coastal Centre

After discussion, it was agreed to appoint M&N Contracts to undertake the works
for the Glenariff Coastal Centre for the sum of £158,166.

Tender for the Refurbishment to Ballycastle War Memorial

Reference was made to the planned refurbishment of Ballycastle War Memorial
and the fact that no tenders had been returned.

After discussion, it was agreed to Re-Tender for refurbishment to the Ballycastle
War Memorial giving a longer time for the works to be completed.

Interim MDR (Blue Bin Contract) – In Committee

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor R McDonnell and resolved,
“That the meeting continue in committee.”

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That Council accept the reduced offer of £15 per tonne.”

Dundarave Pitch – Fencing Options

Reference was made to a decision to proceed with fencing around the pitch at Dundarave which had been deferred due to costs of removal and reinstatement each year to facilitate the bonfire site. Reference was also made to an offer from National Trust in relation to this issue.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That Council approve the offer from the National Trust to remove and re-erect fencing around Dundarave Football Pitch each year at their own cost.”

Ballycastle Crazy Golf – Course Design

Following discussion, it was agreed that the names for the holes for Ballycastle Crazy Golf, as discussed, would be changed to reflect Moyle.

Proposal to open the Outer Ferry Pier to Public Access at Ballycastle Harbour

Reference was made to the possibility of opening the outer Ferry Pier to public access at Ballycastle Harbour.

After discussion, it was agreed to open the Outer Ferry Pier to Public Access at Ballycastle Harbour for a trial period of one year for recreational fishing but with swimming and diving still prohibited. It was agreed to proceed with the 4 safety measures outlined in the report and also to provide 2 benches.

Councillor C McShane left the meeting.

Proposed Improvements Bushmills Community Centre

Councillor C McShane returned to the meeting.

Reference was made to a possible design layout and estimated costs for proposed improvements to Bushmills Community Centre.

After discussion, it was agreed to defer a decision on the proposed improvements to Bushmills Community Centre pending the outcome of the Strategic Review underway.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

Cushendun Caravan Park

In reply to a query, the DES clarified the regulations in relation to wooden sheds as compared to wooden steps and verandas.

Goats Path, Ballycastle

After discussion, it was agreed that improvements to the Goat's Path would be completed within this financial year.

Addendum to the Environmental Services Report

Tender for Steel Pile Thickness Surveys in Ballycastle Harbour

After discussion, it was agreed that ABCO Divers LTD would be appointed for the sum of £5,765.

Councillor D McAllister left the meeting.

After further discussion,

Councillor M A McKillop proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
"That the Environmental Services Report and Addendum be adopted."

14/18:07

INTERIM REPORT FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

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

Economic Development Officer

Reference was made to the Economic Development Officer who had tendered her resignation to take up another post. Members wished their appreciation to be recorded for the work carried out by the Economic Development Officer especially on the Revitalise Scheme.

Further Education Request

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the Further Education Requests as outlined in the Corporate Services Report for the Environmental Health Officer, Sport and Wellbeing Development Officer, Director of Corporate Services and Councillor C McShane.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

After discussion,

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

14/18:08

INTERIM REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

Good Relations Grant Scheme

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That Council approve a Good Relations Grant of £230 for Ramoan Friendship Group.”

DETI Review of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board & Tourism Structures

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That Council approve the response to the DETI consultation on the review of the NITB and wider Tourism Structures.”

Addendum to the Development Services Report

Ballycastle Museum Donations Box

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That Council would make a donation to the Friends of Ballycastle Museum group from the Ballycastle Museum Donations Box to allow them to develop their activities within the museum.”

NITB’s proposed Coastal Masterplan

Councillor M A McKillop returned to the meeting.

Reference was made to the proposed NITB Coastal Masterplan and what this would look at and also its uses.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That Council proceed with the proposed NITB Coastal Masterplan at an approximate cost of £5,000.”

Change to Budget

Reference was made to a proposed change in budget within Economic Development in order to make up funds which DSD had failed to secure.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the change of budget within Economic Development to allow £20,000 to be allocated to a Transport Study for Ballycastle and Ballymoney.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
“That the Interim Development Services Report and Addendum be adopted.”

14/18:09

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)

This item was withdrawn. It was agreed that it would be place on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

14/18:10

THAT THIS COUNCIL PRIORITISE A PLAY PARK IN BALLYVOY/CAREY IN THE COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF FUNDING, AS PROMISED AT THE RATES MEETING. THAT IT EXPLORES ALTERNATIVE SITING ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD IT FAIL TO GAIN IT'S OWN SUITABLE SITE.

(Requested by Councillor P McShane)

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor C McShane and resolved,
“That Council prioritise a play park in Ballyvoy/Carey in their review of funding and that it would explore alternative siting arrangements should it fail to gain its own suitable site.”

14/18:11

CONFERENCES, COURSES

North East Peace III Partnership, Action Learning Conference. To be held on 26th September 2014 at Royal Court Hotel, Portrush.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,
“That Councillors Blaney, M A McKillop, Baird and Cunningham would be nominated to attend the North East Peace III Partnership, Action Learning Conference to be held on 26th September 2014 at Royal Court Hotel, Portrush.”

It was further agreed that any other members wishing to attend could do so.

14/18:12

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

Occasional Licence for Edward Hunter, Hunter’s Bar, for a function for Carey Faughs GAC on 8th November 2014.

There were no objections to the above application.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated September 2014 from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Rathlin Ferry Project, update on stakeholder engagement events.
- (b) Letter dated 8th September 2014 from the Department for Regional Development in response to Council’s letter regarding Ann Street Car Park, Ballycastle. (enclosed)
- (c) Letter dated 11th September 2014 from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Roads Service Autumn Consultation. (enclosed)

Correspondence (a) – (c) was noted.

(d) Other Correspondence/Reports circulated

Email dated 3rd September 2014 from Councillor J Baird:

Motion: Pellet Guns were on sale at stalls at the Lammas Fair. These guns are dangerous and especially so if purchased by children. I propose we explore the legal position regarding sales of pellet guns with a view to having them banned from sale in Northern Ireland.

(Requested by Councillor Baird)

After discussion, it was agreed that the above motion would be approved.

The meeting concluded at 21:20pm


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