

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2015**

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

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

Also Present: Mr R G Lewis, Clerk and Chief Executive

Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Mrs E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Tara McHugh Logan, NEELB

Ms J Lundy, Planning Service

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

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APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Chairman's Business

Congratulations

Congratulations were offered to Cross & Passion College Senior Hurling Team who qualified for the All Ireland 'B' HC Final at the weekend.

Congratulations were also offered to Armoy Rugby Club who qualified for the final of the Butler Shield.

All-Ireland Coast Guard Event

Reference was made to correspondence received from HM Coast Guard Coordinator, Gordon Monro requesting council permission to use Council facilities in hosting an All-Ireland Coast Guard Event in Ballycastle on 9th May 2015.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the request from HM Coast Guard Coordinator for permission to use Council facilities at Portnagree House, Rear of the Ferry Terminal, Slipway at Mortons, Ballycastle Seafront, Sheskburn House and part of the car park, Tow River Path and the sloped area at Quay Road between 8am and 6pm on 9th May 2015 subject to no conflicts with other events and Risk Assessments for each activity being carried out.

Annual Charity Cycle Event

Reference was made to the Annual Charity Cycle Event being hosted by Ballymena Cycling Club on Saturday 15th August 2015, where all monies from the event would be donated to a designated charity.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the request from Ballymena Cycling Club to erect a small marquee in Ballycastle to facilitate a refreshment stop for their Annual Charity Cycle Event on Saturday 15th August 2015, subject to no conflicts with other events. The Cycling Club would liaise with the Leisure Services Manager regarding access and use of Council Toilet Facilities and would provide bins and carry out a general clean up after the event.

Automated Public Convenience – Cottage Wood

The Chair reported that the Automated Toilets in Cottage Wood would be officially opened on Friday 27th March 2015 after Glenariffe Beach Café, all Councillors were invited to attend.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was recorded that:

Councillor Graham declared an interest in Item 6 of the Agenda, Applications for Planning Permission Item No 6 - E/2014/0226/F and Item No 7 – E/2014/0242/F.

Councillor P McShane declared an interest in Item 8 of the Agenda, Item 1.1 of the Addendum to Development Services Interim Report – Community Small Grant, Antrim to Gaza.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2015 AND 9TH MARCH 2015

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2015 and 9th March 2015 were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2015 and 9th March 2015 be adopted.”

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2015 AND 9TH MARCH 2015

There were no matters arising.

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PRESENTATION BY NEELB – REQUEST FOR AN OUTDOOR GYM

A short film made by a group of young people from Armoy was presented to Council proposing an Outdoor Community Gym while dedicating it to the memory of Stephen Hunter ‘Steve’ McCooke, who won a gold medal in 1948 when he represented GBR in the Olympic Games in London. They explained that there was nowhere for the young people to go when they were too old for the play parks.

Members endorsed the efforts by the young people of Armoy and agreed to pass this endorsement on to the new Council.

RAYMOND TODD – CARNEATLY AMENITY SITE

It was agreed that Raymond Todd would be allowed to speak on Carneatly Amenity Site as this point.

A letter from Mr Raymond Todd outlining his position in regard to the ongoing operation of Carneatly Amenity Site and the ground surrounding it, which is owned by him and his wife, was circulated at the meeting.

He voiced his concerns on the relocation of the gates originally erected by Moyle District Council, fly-tipping and also waste from the site not being prevented from going onto his land and that an immediate solution needed to be found.

Members noted Mr and Mrs Todd’s comments and the Chairman stated that these would be considered by the relevant Council Officer.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

E/2012/0166/F S Hill, 39 Novally Road, Ballycastle. Location: Lands adjacent to Ballykenver Wood, Armoy, Co Antrim. Proposed regularisation of existing peat cutting and drying grounds, and continuation of use. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0195/O Mr Paul Robin, c/o Bailey Architecture, 9 Glenview Road, Glenshesk, Ballycastle, BT54 6QE. Location: 10m South East of 22 Glen Road, Glenariffe, Ballymena, Co Antrim, BT44 0RF. Proposed relocation of previously approved dwelling on the farm E/2010/0036/O to an adjacent site. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0197/F Mr Liam McCullough, c/o ATP Architects Ltd, 18 Ballyhackett Road, Castlerock, Coleraine, BT51 4SQ. Location: Lands to the rear of 130 Main Street, Bushmills, BT57 8QD. Proposed change of use from storage shed into small animal branch veterinary clinic for existing veterinary practice. (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was deferred for an Office Meeting.

E/2014/0202/A Mr Liam McCullough, c/o ATP Architects Ltd, 18 Ballyhackett Road, Castlerock, Coleraine, BT51 4SQ. Location: Lands to the rear of 130 Main Street, Bushmills, BT57 8QD. Proposed 2 no. advertisement signs – sign 1 fitted to the front elevation of the building. Sign 2 hung from an existing horizontal bar across the access laneway/entry. (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was deferred for an Office Meeting.

E/2014/0222/F Bailey Waste, c/o MKA Planning, 32 Clooney Terrace, Waterside, Derry, BT47 6AE. Location: Lands 226m South East of Bailey Waste, Dun-a-mallaght Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim, BT54 6PF. Proposed erection of 1 no. 225kw Wind Turbine with hub height of 31.5m and a rotor diameter of 27m (45m from ground level to blade tip) and associated works. (Recommended for refusal)

Councillor D McAllister left the meeting.

The above application was deferred for an Office Meeting.

Councillor Graham left the meeting.

E/2014/0226/F Mr G Graham, c/o Arthur Acheson Architects and Civic Planner, 56 Quarry Road, Belfast, BT4 2NQ. Location: 64 Castlenagree Road, Bushmills, BT57 8XN. Proposed retention of Wigwams installed as part of camping site diversification, 4 no. Type 1 and 2 no. Type 2 Wigwams. Retention of extension to existing Holiday Park. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0242/F Mr G Graham, c/o Arthur Acheson Architects and Civic Planner, 56 Quarry Road, Belfast, BT4 2NQ. Location: 64 Castlenagree Road, Bushmills, BT57 8XN. Proposed 4 no. Type 2 Wigwams to be installed as part of Camping Site. Site farm diversification. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

Councillor Graham and D McAllister returned to the meeting.

E/2014/0244/F Mr C Carey, c/o Studio Rogers, The egg Store, 1 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine, BT52 1JB. Location: 4 Kilnadore Road, Cushendall. Proposed amendment to access previously approved E/2006/0079/F. (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was deferred for an Office Meeting.

Deferred Items

E/2010/0272/F Mr & Mrs Chris Lynch, 19 Causeway Road, Bushmills, BT57 8SU. Location: 19 Causeway Road, Bushmills. Proposed extension to existing dwelling. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0089/F Mr John McCaughen, c/o Pro-Design (NI) Ltd, 43 Kilmandil Road, Cloughmills, Ballymena, BT44 9BH. Location: 150m North east of 226 Causeway Road, Bushmills. Proposed new dwelling and detached garage (amended plans). (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0128/O Mr Johnny 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)

The above application was to be held for 2 weeks.

E/2014/0152/F Mr Jonathan Hamill, c/o Bailey Architecture, 9 Glenview Road, Glesnshesk, Ballycastle, BT54 6QE. Location: 14 Strandview Road, Ballycastle, co Antrim, BT54 6BU. Proposed alterations to bay window on front elevation previously approved under E/2011/0061/F and new window on side elevation. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0179/O Ms Geraldine Meeke, c/o W M McNeill, 30 Knowehead Road, Broughshane, Ballymena, BT43 7LF. Location: Adjacent to 212 and in between 224 and Glen Bay Caravan Park, Garron Road, Glenariffe, Ballymena, Co Antrim, BT44 0RB. Proposed new dwelling and garage (amended Planning Certificate). (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was to be held for 2 weeks.

E/2014/0206/F Mr N Kirkpatrick, 47 Straid Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6HF. Location: Causeway Tavern Bed and Breakfast, 241 Whitepark Road, Lisnagunogue, Dunseverick, Bushmills, Co Antrim, BT57 8SP. Proposed three storey side extension (retrospective application) (amended Certificate). (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was to be held for an Office Meeting with MLA (Councillor S McKillop to liaise).

E/2014/0221/O McHenry Brothers, c/o MKA Planning Ltd, 32 Clooney Terrace, Londonderry, BY48 8NE. Location: Lands adjacent to no 31 Dunamallaght Road, Ballycastle. Proposed site for 2 no. infill dwellings in line with Policy CTY8 of PPS21). (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2014/0224/F Mr Mark Thallon, 6 Aird Clachan, Bushmills, BT57 8AS. Location: 6 Aird Clachan, Bushmills. Proposed extension to front and rear of existing dwelling). (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was to be held for an Office Meeting in 2 weeks.

It was agreed that the Office Meeting would be held on 2nd April 2015 in Coleraine.

Councillor S Hunter left the meeting.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Issue of Updated Caravan Licences

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the issue of a caravan site licence to:

- Foriff Caravan Park, 6A Glenariffe Park, Glenariffe, BT44 0DY
- Hayes Caravan Park, 62 Clare Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6LH
- Glenmore Caravan Park, 94 Whitepark Road, Ballintoy, BT54 6LR

Boiler Tender

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would give retrospective approval for the single tender action for the continuation of G W Monson & Sons Ltd Boiler Services until the Causeway Coast and Glens Boiler Service is re-tendered.

Proposed Balcony Construction at Old Slipway, Ballycastle

Reference was made to the correspondence received from Mr John Morton Snr for Council to consider granting permission for the development of a seated balcony area adjacent to Morton's Fish & Chip Shop, located at the old boat slip in Ballycastle Harbour, at no cost to the Council.

After discussion, Council agreed to support this in principle subject to planning permission and legal implications and to pass this on to the new CC&G Council for consideration.

Touring Pitches at Cushendall Caravan Park

Reference was made to the Council Meeting on 9th February 2015, where it was requested by Councillor McIlroy that information be bought back in relation to an enquiry made by a gentleman regarding the seasonal lets at Cushendall Caravan Park. The DES outlined the background to this issue.

After discussion, which included pitches at the rear of the site being close to amenities,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor S McKillop and resolved,
"That this was an operational matter and that Council would liaise with the gentleman in question to ascertain which of the pitches already offered to him he would agree to accept."

Condition Survey Report on Pans Rock Footbridge

Reference was made to the Condition Survey Report for Pans Rock Footbridge and four options were offered for consideration.

After discussion on Capital Expenditure going into the new CC&G Council,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor P McShane and resolved,
"That Council adopt Option 1 to carry out minimum repairs at a cost of £47,500 so as to facilitate prompt re-opening which would provide a short term repair solution with an estimated design life of less than 10 years. The report to be forwarded on to the CC&G Council."

Goats Path

Reference was made to the on-going repairs to the Goats Path. The DES informed members that the repairs would be complete by the end of March 2015.

NIFRS Fire Station Information Notice Boards

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the request from NIFRS to allow the installation of Fire Information Notice Boards in Ballycastle and Rathlin Harbours.

After discussion,

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

15/06:08

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INTERIM REPORT

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

Brighter Bushmills Project, Bushmills VIC Grounds – Environmental Improvement

After discussion, which included the paved areas and tarmac to be tidied up and the repositioning of fencing and the importance of maintaining green areas, it was agreed that Council would be supportive of the Brighter Bushmills Project, Bushmills VIC Grounds and would pass this on to the CC&G Council for their consideration.

Bushmills Community Centre Art Work

Reference was made to the decision by Council on 24th November 2014, to grant permission for Bushmills Youth Club to erect art work on wooden panels of Bushmills Community Centre. The art work was circulated to members for their perusal and after discussion, it was agreed that the drawings submitted would be approved by Council.

Management Plan for Cregagh Wood

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the Management Plan for Cregagh Wood.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.
Councillor S McKillop left the meeting

Community Small Grant – Antrim to Gaza

After discussion,

Councillor MA McKillop proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham and resolved,
“That the Meeting continue in Committee.”

Reference was made to the decision by Council on 9th March 2015 to refuse the Community Small Grant application from the Antrim to Gaza Group. A letter had been received from the solicitor acting on their behalf.

Councillor S McKillop left the meeting.

Councillor C McShane wished it to be recorded that she had never witnessed Council go against a grant recommendation for such a small amount of money and that herself and her party colleagues were not present at this meeting.

Councillor Baird wished it to be recorded that she was disappointed with the number of Councillors who had attended the Council Meeting on 9th March 2015.

After discussion, during which the Clerk referred to his discussion with Council's Solicitor,

Councillor C McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy,
“That Council rescind their decision made at the Council Meeting 9th March 2015, and now approve the request from Antrim to Gaza for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards the purchase of multi-media equipment.”

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

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

Councillor D McAllister and McIlroy left the meeting.

The Meeting continued out of Committee.

Memorandum of Understanding between Moyle District Council and Glenariffe Improvement Group for the operation of Glenariffe Beach Café

After discussion, it was agreed that the Memorandum of Understanding between Moyle District Council and Glenariffe Improvement Group in relation to the operational management and responsibilities for Glenariffe Beach Café be approved and signed.

Community Small Grant Application

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards Armoy Environment Day.

PCSP Annual Report April to December 2014

The Draft PCSP Annual Report and covering letter were circulated on the night.

After discussion,

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

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CORPORATE SERVICES INTERIM REPORT

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

Deed of Assignment of VAT Claims and Landfill Tax Claims

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would sign and seal the Deed of Assignment in relation to VAT Claims and Landfill Tax Claims.

Councillor McIlroy and S McKillop returned to the meeting.

Staff Function

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor P McShane and resolved,
“That Council would retrospectively agree to contribute 100% (£20 per head) towards the staff function organised at the Marine Hotel on Saturday 21st March 2015, to mark the end of Moyle District Council.”

Apportionment Deed

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the Apportionment Deed detailing arrangements regarding transferring the Pension Deficit Liability from each of the four legacy Councils to the Causeway Coast and Glens Council in accordance with Regulations 33A of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (the Administration Regulations).

Scripture Union Northern Ireland

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the request received from Scripture Union Northern Ireland requesting permission to hold a beach mission from 3rd-7th August in Ballycastle.

After discussion,

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

15/06:10

COUNCIL RECORDS IT'S ALARM AT THE PROSPECT THAT DUE TO CUTS IN THE EARLY YEARS FUND, THE 'MOTHER GOOSE' PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP IN BALLYCASTLE IS LIKELY TO CLOSE WITH THE LOSS OF 2 JOBS AND OVER 20 EARLY EDUCATION PLACES AND URGES THE EDUCATION MINISTER TO RESTORE FUNDING TO THE EARLY YEARS FUND, SECURING THE FUTURE OF THE GROUP AND THE MANY SIMILAR EARLY EDUCATION UNITS
(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

It was reported that 'Mother Goose' raises a considerable amount of money themselves to help keep the Pre-school Play Group open and that there was the possibility that this service could be retained until August with some support.

After discussion, which included the Stormont Executive cutting funds and the impact the closure would have on the Ballycastle Community, it was agreed that Council would write to the Education Minister requesting that funding be restored to the Early years Fund thus securing the future of all pre-school play groups in the district and the many similar early education units.

Councillor MA McKillop left the meeting.

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COUNCIL RECORDS ITS DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FAILURE OF OFMDFM TO SUPPORT ANY MOYLE BASED PROJECTS THROUGH THE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND
(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion, it was agreed to record the Council's disappointment at the failure of OFMDFM to support any Moyle based projects through the Social Development Fund.

Councillor MA McKillop returned to the meeting.

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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

There were no objections to the application for an Occasional Licence from:

Darrel Stevenson & Stephanie Gray of 22 Main Street Ballintoy, Ballycastle, Co Antrim for a social, charitable, benevolent, cultural activity and fundraising evening for Ballinlea LOL 1511 at Ballinlea Orange Hall, 76 Straid Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim, BT54 6NQ, between the hours of 7pm on Friday 17th April 2015 and 1am on Saturday 18th April 2015.

Stanley & James McFarland of 51 Main Street, Bushmills for a Social Evening for Ballintoy Masonic Lodge 38, at Ballintoy Masonic Hall, between the hours of 1pm on Saturday 2nd May 2015 and 1am Sunday 3rd May 2015.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McDonnell and resolved,
“That Council sign and seal the Management Plan for Cregagh Wood.”

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and resolved,
“That Council sign and seal the Novation Agreement relating to Letter of Offer between Moyle District Council and Causeway Coast and Glens District Council and Invest Northern Ireland.”

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and resolved,
“That Council sign and seal the Deed of Assignment in relation to VAT Claims and Landfill Tax Claims.”

15/06:15

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 23rd February 2015, from James McKillop, past Secretary of the Glens Angling Club with reference to the installation of additional salmon cages in Red Bay.

The above correspondence was marked as read.

- (b) Letter dated 20th March 2015, from MacUilin CLG with reference to support provided to the club throughout the years of Moyle District Council.

The above correspondence was marked as read.

Closing Remarks

The Chair stated that it had been both a great 'humbling and personal privilege' to have been elevated to the position of Chair of Moyle District Council in its final year.

He thanked all the staff of the Council and asked the Chief Executive and Heads of Department to pass on to all of their staff deep appreciation for their dedication and efforts and hoped that the transition would bring them favourable outcomes. He also thanked the Chief Executive for his great supportive assistance and guidance and wished him well in his pending retirement and thanked his PA Stephanie McLaughlin who had been a great diary organiser as well as advisor.

The Chair went on to thank his family for their support and encouragement throughout the year thanked fellow Councillors for their continued hard work.

The majority of Members looked back fondly on their time in Council and thanked the Chair for guiding them in an even handed manner and providing inspiration and wisdom and wished him all the best for the future. They also thanked the staff of Moyle, their fellow Councillors and the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive thanked all the members and stated that it was a privilege to have worked with Council and the Community and wished them all the best for the future.

The Chair asked the first ever Chair of Moyle, Fergus Wheeler, to formally close the meeting. Mr Wheeler said it was wonderful to hear the respect members had for each other and echoed the sentiments of the Chief Executive and the Chairman.

The meeting concluded 21:40


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