**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD**

**ON MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2013**

**In the Chair**: Councillor C McShane

**Members Present**: Councillors J Baird, D F Cunningham, W Graham, C McCambridge, R D McDonnell, R A McIlroy, M A McKillop, 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

Mrs E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Mr D McAfee, Leisure Services Manager

Ms R McMenamin, Planning Service

Mr W Watt, Whittaker and Watt

Mr K Harrigan, Whittaker and Watt

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

**13/21:01 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Blaney, Hunter, N McAllister, D McAllister and S McKillop.

Chairman’s Business

It was agreed that there would be a meeting held to discuss the footbridge at Armoy on Thursday 3rd October at approximately 2pm.

**13/21:02 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH AUGUST 2013**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th August 2013 having been circulated, were taken as read.

 After discussion,

 Councillor McIlroy proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th August 2013 be adopted.”

**13/21:03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH AUGUST 2013**

There were no matters arising for discussion.

**13/21:04** **APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

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

E/2009/0316/F Clare Park Developments Ltd, C/O Vision Design, 31 Rainey Street, Magherafelt, BT45 5DA. Location, Clare Park, Clare Road, Ballycastle. Proposed amendment to previous approved application ref: E/2004/0433/F. Proposed reconfiguration of hotel building only, to provide 45 bedrooms, 29 suites, restaurant/bar and ancillary accommodation all contained within previously approved footprint and retention of 24 holiday chalets, associated access roads, parking and landscaping as previously approved. (Recommended for approval)

E/2011/0079/F Samuel Glass, C/O Newline Architects, 48 Main Street, Castledawson, Magerafelt, BT45 8AB. Location, 410m South West of 90 Moyarget Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Proposed erection of 1 no 225kw wind turbine with a hub height of 31m. (Recommended for approval)

The above two applications were approved.

E/2012/0109/F Mr G McCormick, 7 Glenmareeran Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6PU. Location, 95A Magheramore Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6JG. Proposed usage is to fill up area with inert materials, level and sow out for agricultural usage. (Recommended for refusal)

E/2012/0174/F Mr & Mrs Richard Morrison, C/O Bell Architect Ltd, 65 – 67 Main Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6AN. Location, 243 Moycraig Road, Mosside. Proposed site for dwelling and garage to replace existing house and in accordance with E/2008/0174/O. (Recommended for refusal)

E/2012/0189/O Mr M McNeill, 27 Glenann Road, Cushendall. Location, adjacent to 25 and 27 Glenann Road, Cushendall, Co Antrim. Proposed two storey dwelling and garage.(Recommended for refusal)

E/2013/0036/F Mr J Black, C/O Strategic Planning, 4 Pavillions Office Park, Kinnegar Drive, Holywood. Location, 527m SE of 53 Torr Road, Ballyvoy, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Proposed erection of 250kw Wind Turbine. (Recommended for refusal)

E/2013/0075/F Mr S O’Rawe, C/O D M Kearney, Design 2a, Coleraine Road, Maghera. Location, approximately 437M SE of No 53 Torr Road, Ballycastle. Proposed Wind Turbine. (Recommended for refusal)

The above five applications were deferred for an Office Meeting for further information.

Deferred Items

E/2010/0305/F C Brown, C/O Laverty Architecture, 63a Churchfield Road, Ballycastle. Location, 215m SE of No 40 Straid Road, Ballycastle. Proposed new agricultural animal shed. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2013/0005/O Ms H Black, C/O F A Wheeler, 201 Garron Road, Glenariff. Location, approximately 80m SE of 57 Churchfield Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Proposed site for dwelling on a farm. (Recommended for refusal)

It was agreed that the above application would be held for 10 days to allow for additional information.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Planning Office Meetings would be held on Thursday 3rd October.

**13/21:05 PRESENTATION FROM WHITTAKER AND WATT REGARDING THE**  **PROPOSAL FOR RECREATION IN FORESTS OF MOYLE**

 A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Mr Willie Watt and Mr Keith Harrigan of Whittaker and Watt on the proposal for recreation in Ballycastle Forest, Ballypatrick Forest and Glenariff Forest followed by questions and answers.

 Following discussion, it was agreed that the proposals would be submitted to DARD in line with the presentation and that an economic appraisal would be brought back to Council.

**13/21:06 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

 Councillor McIlroy left the meeting at this point.

 Environmental Health Service Plan 2013/14

 Reference was made to the Environmental Health Services Plan for 2013/14 detailed in the report and was recommended for adoption.

 After discussion,

 Councillor Baird proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Thompson and resolved,

 “That Council addopt the Environmental Health Services Plan 2013/14.”

Road Races (Amendment) Bill – Consultation

After discussion, during which Councillors P McShane, M A McKillop and McIlroy left and returned to the meeting and during which the following issues were raised, opposition to racing on a Sunday, the need for flexibility, residents being forced to stay in their homes due to road closures, attracting tourists to the area, better planning, farmers having to move livestock, how to deal with pets during the road closures and adequate consultation,

 Councillor C McShane proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

“That Council welcome the flexibility facilitated by the proposed Road Races (Amendment) bill and that they would recommend the inclusion of Sunday as a contingency day.”

Councillor Graham proposed an amendment,

Seconded by Councillor Baird,

“That there be no Sunday racing included.”

After further discussion it was agreed that the first four points of the consultation would be approved and it was just the Sunday racing that a vote would need to be taken on.

On a vote being taken, there were six votes in favour of and four against the proposal to include Sunday racing, which was carried.

Councillor Baird left the meeting at this point.

Food Standards Agency Consultation: The Food Law Code of Practice Review

Reference was made to the Council’s response to the Food Standards Agency consultation.

After discussion,

 Councillor C McShane proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Cunningham and resolved,

“That Council approve the response to the Food Standards Agency Consultation: The Food Law Code of Practice Review.”

Official Request for Eco-Schools Post 2014-2015

Reference was made to the correspondence from Tidy NI requesting Council to continue to support their Eco-Schools programme.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request for Eco-Schools post support 2014 – 2015 at a cost of £240 for the year to cover all schools in the area.

Draft Waste Management Plan 2006 – 2020

Reference was made to the Draft Waste Management Plan, a review of which had been circulated.

After discussion,

 Councillor McIlroy proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

 “That Council approve the Draft Waste Management Plan 2006 – 2020.”

Environmental Services Placement Students

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the placement of two students in Environmental Services at a cost of £150 per week until 31st March.

Erection of a memorial stone for Slieveanorra U.S. Airman

Reference was made to correspondence received from the Slieveanorra U.S. Airman Memorial Fund.

After discussion, it was agreed to invite representatives from the Slieveanorra U.S. Airman Memorial Fund to present to Council to discuss their proposal for a memorial stone.

New Application for Entertainments Licence

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the application for Entertainments Licence for Mr K Roddy, McCuaig’s Bar Rathlin.

Addendum to the Environmental Services Report

Halloween Firework Tender

After discussion, it was agreed that the tender for the Halloween Fireworks display would be awarded to JB Pyro for the amount of £5,500.

Peace III: Leadership in a Shared Society Project

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from the Leadership in a Shared Society Project for the use of staging, 200 chairs and assistance from the technical services department to transport the staging and chairs on Saturday 28th September.

Application for the Registration of a Society

It was agreed that the Application for the Registration of a Society received from SHINE would be approved.

 After discussion,

 Councillor Blaney proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,

 “That the Environmental Services Report be adopted.”

**13/21:07 INTERIM REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

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

 Leisure Services Update

 The Leisure Services Manager delivered a progress report to Council on the last six months followed by questions and answers. Topics discussed included Facility Management, Sports Development and Capital Work plans.

 Addendum to the Interim Report for Development Services

 Reference was made to the Community Small Grant Applications from The Glens & Dalriada U3A and Mosside Women’s Institute.

These applications met the criteria and were recommended for approval for a grant of £150.

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the Community Small Grant Applications.

After discussion,

 Councillor Graham proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,

 “That the Interim Report and Addendum for Development Services be adopted.”

 **13/21:08 APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH EAST PARTNERSHIP TO REPLACE**  **CLLR N MCALLISTER**

 After discussion,

 Councillor Thompson proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor C McShane and resolved,

“That Councillor M A McKillop be nominated to replace Councillor N McAllister on the North East Partnership.”

**13/21:09 CONFERENCES, COURSES**

National Association of Councillors – Annual General Meeting. To be held on 4th October 2013 at Clandeboye Lodge Hotel, Bangor

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That the members of the National Association of Councillors would attend the AGM on 4th October in Clandeboye Lodge in Bangor.”

Northern Ireland Environment Forum, Looking to the future. To be held on 9th October 2013 at Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast. (Conference costs £125 ex VAT plus travel)

There were no nominations for attendance.

NILGA EU Capacity Building and Awareness Conference. To be held on 24th October 2013 at Craigavon Civic Centre

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That Councillor Blaney would attend the NILGA EU Capacity Building and Awareness Conference on 24th October at the Craigavon Civic Centre.”

Western Group, Building Control Convention 2013, The Challenge of Change. To be held on 14th & 15th November 2013 at the Lough Erne Resort Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That Councillors Graham, Blaney and Baird would attend the Western Group, Building Control Convention 2013 on 14th and 15th November at the Lough Erne Resort Hotel, Eniskillen.”

**13/21:10 Notices of Applications under the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 and Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985**

 There were no applications for consideration.

**13/21:11 Sealing of Documents**

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That the listed documents would be signed and sealed.”

Agreement between Moyle District Council and Integrated Skills Limited regarding provision of a route optimisation solution.

Permissive Path Agreement between J & L McFaul and Moyle District Council

Lease between Cairns Residents Group and Moyle District Council regarding Allotments.

**13/21:12 CorrespondencE**

1. Letter dated 2nd September 2013 from Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service regarding Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2012/13
2. Letter dated 2nd September 2013 from Northern Health and Social Care Trust in response to Council’s letter regarding Rathmoyle Residential Home, Ballycastle.
3. Letter dated 6th September 2013 from Councillor Paul Frew regarding Causeway School Museum
4. Letter dated 9th September 2013 from Western Health and Social Care Trust in response to Council’s letter regarding waiting times for Orthopaedic Surgery at Altnagelvin Hospital
5. Letter dated 10th September 2013 from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding the appointment of 1 District Councillor to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board
6. Letter dated 12th September 2013 from Northern Ireland Electricity in response to Council’s letter regarding the Snow Storm 22 – 25th March 2013

Correspondence (a) – (f) was noted.

1. Email dated 16th September 2013 from NIPSA regarding the establishment of DVA Working Group

After discussion,

 Councillor M A McKillop proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Thompson and resolved,

“That Councillor C McShane be nominated onto the DVA Working Group.”

1. Letter dated 12th September 2013 from the Rural Development Council regarding their CEO Appointment
2. Letter dated 13th September 2013 from the Department of Finance and Personnel in response to Council’s letter regarding the timescale for the payment of rates

Correspondence (h) – (i) was noted.

**The meeting concluded at 21:30pm**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE**