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

**ON MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2014**

**In the Chair**: Councillor C McShane

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

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

Mrs E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Mr M Anderson, Good Relations Officer

Mr A McAllister, North East Rural Development Partnership

Ms R McMenamin, Planning Service

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

**14/04:01 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors D McAllister and C McCambridge.

Chairmans Business

Condolences were offered to family on the passing on James McNaughton in Cushendall.

It was agreed that Councillor Blaney would be permitted to table a motion.

That this Council acknowledges the extensive work carried out by the Northern Ireland Housing Council since its inception in 1971 and calls on the Minister for Social Development to give a commitment to the non-politicisation of housing through the creation/formation of an independent monitoring and regulatory body with membership comprised of members from the new 11 Councils, to provide fair and robust accountability of the proposed new regional housing body and all social landlords.

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive has provided a sterling service to all communities throughout Northern Ireland over the last 43 years. The Housing Council acknowledges the need for change and although it supports the split between regional and landlord services, the Housing Council proposes that the Housing Executive remains a single landlord and that legislation is amended to allow it access private funding to deliver the new build programme.

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,

Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop,

“That Council would write to the Minister for Social Development, Nelson McCausland requesting consideration of the motion.”

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed an amendment,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

“That a decision be taken at the next Council meeting to allow time for consideration.”

On a vote being taken on the amendment, there were three votes in favour of and nine against the amendment which was lost.

On a vote being taken on the proposal, there were nine votes in favour of and none against the proposal which was carried.

Good Relations Report

Councillor S McKillop circulated points she wished to be raised in her absence when the Good Relations report was being discussed later in the meeting.

**14/04:02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest for discussion.

**14/04:03 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH JANUARY 2014**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th January 2014 having been circulated, were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor C McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th January 2014 be adopted.”

**14/04:04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH JANUARY 2014**

Council Land surrounding the Resource Centre, Rathlin

It was agreed that the wording on the agreement with Rathlin re the Council land surrounding the resource centre would be brought to the next Council meeting.

**14/04:05** **APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

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

E/2013/0147/F Mr & Mr K Graham, C/O MKA Planning Ltd, 32 Clooney Terrace, Derry. Location, No’s 102 Glen Road and 102A Glen Road adjacent to Callisnagh Bridge, Glenariff. Proposed article 28 of 1991 Planning (NI) Order Application for Removal of Condition No 2 requiring use of dwellings at No 102 and 102A Glen Road, Glenariff as tourist accommodation on planning permission E/98/0090 due to applicant’s compliance with policy CTY10 of PPS21 and lack of viability. (Recommended for Refusal)

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

E/2013/0176/F Mr I Leeburn, C/O Ballymullan Arcitect Ltd, 50 Ballymullan Road, Lisburn. Location, 25 Causeway Road, Co Antrim. Proposed single storey rear extension and detached single garage. (Recommended for Approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2013/0203/F Mr & Mrs B Carson, C/O Lee Walker, 30 Toberdoney Road, Liscolman. Location, 15 Larrybane Park, Ballintoy. Proposed two storey and single storey front extension. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was refused planning permission.

E/2013/0207/F Alan Laverty, C/O 2020 Architects, 37 Main Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6AN. Location site 50m SE of 7 Causeway Road, Bushmills, Co Antrim. Proposed dwelling under Planning Policy CTY 10. (Recommended for Refusal)

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

E/2013/0209/F Mr R Torrens, 90 Castlenagree Road, Bushmills. Location, 90 Castlenagree Road, Co Antrim. Proposed single storey extension to side of dwelling to provide self-contained self-catering accommodation for holiday letting. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was deferred for an Office Meeting for further information with an MLA in attendance.

Deferred Applications

E/2012/0218/F T McPeake, C/O Bailey Architecture, 9 Glenview Road, Glenshesk, Ballycastle. Location, 39 Gortamaddy Drive, Co Antrim. Proposed single storey extension to existing garage. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2012/0219/F Mr J Mulholland, C/O W M McNeill, 30 Knowehead Road, Broughshane, Ballymena, BT43 7LF. Location, in between no 176 and 176d Garron Road, Glenariff. Proposed site for new dwelling and garage on the farm between no 176 and 176d Garron Road, Glenariff. (Recommended for Refusal)

The above application was deferred for an Office Meeting for further information with MLA and MP in attendance.

E/2013/0087/O Mr N McQuaige, C/O W M McNeill, 30 Knowhead Road, Broughshane, Ballymena, BT43 7LF. Location, 90m NE of No 89 Glendun Road, Cushendall, Co Antrim. Proposed new dwelling and garage on the farm. (Recommended for Refusal)

It was agreed that the decision would be held until the outcome of the complaint.

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

It was agreed that the application would be held for one month, Councillor Graham to liaise with the applicant to determine if an Office Meeting will be required with the MLA sooner.

Office Meetings to be held on Thursday 6th March.

Councillor S McKillop left the meeting at this point.

**14/04:06 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Affordable Warmth Programme

Reference was made to a request from DSD regarding the Affordable Warmth Scheme.

After discussion, it was agreed in principle that Council would support the DSD proposal to utilise Council staff in the identification and referral of households to the “Affordable Warmth” scheme.

Legal and Confidential Matters – In Committee

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (NI) 2011 – Animal Noise Complaint – Legal Proceedings

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,

“That the meeting continue in committee.”

Reference was made to a complaint received by the Environmental Health Department regarding an alleged noise disturbance at a domestic property from barking dogs at a neighbouring property. Case details were outlined and discussed.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

“That Council instigate legal proceedings against the person responsible for the dogs (Person A) and the licenced owner of the dogs (Person B) for an offence under section 65 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (NI) 2011.”

After further discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed an amendment,

Seconded by Councillor McDonnell,

“That additional time be offered to resolve the issue.”

On a vote being taken on the amendment, there were two votes in favour of and nine against the amendment which was lost.

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

Revitalised Funding for Giro D’Italia

After discussion, it was agreed that the tender for North Street Painting Works as part of the Giro d’Italia Revitalise Funding would be awarded to P Boyle & Sons for the sum of £13,894.

Sandbag Container for Cushendall

Reference was made to prices which had been received for the supply and delivery of a container to be placed at Shore Road with a stock of sandbags to be used for Community Resilience.

After discussion,

Councillor M A McKillop proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson and resolved,

“That Council would supply and deliver a container with a stock of 300 sand bags to the Shore Road, Cushendall and that members of the Community Resilience team will hold keys for the containers and control the distribution of the bags when required.”

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting at this point.

New Application for Entertainments Licence

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the application for Entertainments Licence for Mr A McAlister, Mosside Presbyterian Church Hall.

Addendum

NI Electricity – Liscolman Kick-a-bout Area

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from NI Electricity requesting permission to gain access to Liscolman kick-a-bout area in order to replace the existing electricity poles.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

Missing signage at Gortamaddy Park

Following a councillor’s request it was agreed that missing signage at the entrance to Gortamaddy Park would be investigated.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,

Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,

“That the Environmental Services Report and Addendum be adopted.”

**14/04:07 INTERIM CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

CCTV Installation – Bushmills

With regard to correspondence received regarding CCTV Installation at Bushmills. It was agreed that this would be held until further information on location and public consultation could be provided.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,

“That the Interim Corporate Services Report be adopted.”

**14/04:08 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INTERIM REPORT**

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

Good Relations Update

The Good Relations Officer delivered a presentation on this year’s Good Relations Action Plan and on the one that is currently being developed for 2014/15.

Councillor McDonnell left the meeting at this point.

After discussion, it was agreed that Councillors would be notified by email about the meeting regarding the Bonfire Site in Bushmills being held on 26th February.

Councillor McDonnell returned to the meeting.

In response to a Councillor query, it was agreed that information on number of attendees at last year’s Holocaust event would be provided.

Correspondence circulated on the night from Councillor S McKillop was read out in her absence.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the correspondence circulated on the night by Councillor S McKillop re the Good Relations Action Plan would be noted.  It was agreed that the GR Officer would speak with Councillor McKillop and that following on from this that Councillor McKillop is free to place an issues she is unhappy with on the Agenda for discussion at the Council Meeting.

North East Rural Development Partnership

A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Mr A McAllister, Manager of the North East Rural Development Partnership, on progress of the present Rural Development Programme and how the Moyle District has benefitted, followed by questions and answers.

Addendum to the Interim Development Services Report

Revitalise Phase 1 – Castle Street / Clare Street – In Committee

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That the meeting continue in committee.”

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the appointment of a specified delivery agent for the marketing element of the Revitalise Project, a themed event to be delivered by 31st March 2014.

Grants Criteria Changes

Reference was made to the decision at the last Council Meeting to amalgamate the Seeding Grant and Community Small Grant into one fund.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Seeding Grant, Community Small Grant and Sports Fund would be administered from one fund offering grants of £300. It was agreed that this would be one fund and that criteria would encourage applications from groups wishing to promote physical activities.

Moyle Sports Fund

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the second round of applications for the Moyle Sports Fund, listed in the report for approval.

PSNI Station Bushmills

Reference was made to an Expression of Interest lodged by Council in the old PSNI Station Bushmills in July 2012.

After discussion it was agreed that Council would write to the PSNI Estates Office requesting a further extension to allow the community group to complete their work or to make applications for funding taking into account the fact that this work has now commenced.

Extension to Moyle District Council’s Letter of Offer – Infrastructure Fund

With reference to the Infrastructure Fund:

It was agreed to approve the extension of Ballycastle Bowling Club and Rathlin Community Development Association’s letters of offer to 31st December 2014.

**14/04:09 THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITE TO DSD ROADS SERVICE REQUESTING TACTILE PAVING IN THE CUSHENDALL AREA**

(Requested by Councillor M A McKillop)

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would write to Roads Service requesting tactile paving at specified areas in Cushendall. (Councillor M A McKillop to provide further details)

**14/04:10 that this council write to roads service asking them to investigate the integrity of the coast road**

(Requested by Councillor C Thompson)

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would write to Road Service to ask them to investigate the integrity of the Coast Road following potential damage from flooding, high winds and landslides, in preparation for the Giro d’Italia.

**14/04:11 CONFERENCES, COURSES**

Advance notification of a training event for Local Government on the transfer of Planning.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That Councillor Blaney be nominated to attend the training event for Local Government on the transfer of Planning.”

Northern Ireland Centre Conference & Exhibition 2014

There were no nominations for this conference.

RTPI 2014 – Making Your Plan Work for You, Preparing for RPA

There were no nominations for this conference.

**14/04:12 Notices of Applications under the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 and Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985**

Occasional Licence for Robert Gray, 22 Main Street Ballintoy for Ballinlea LOL 1511 for an event on 21st March 2014.

There were no objections to the above application.

**14/04:13 Sealing of Documents**

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

**14/04:14 CorrespondencE**

Letter dated 6th February 2014 from Belfast City Council in response to Councils letter regarding Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Housing Council

Letter dated 6th February 2014 from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment in response to Council’s letter regarding the impending closure of the RSPB West Light Visitor attraction on Rathlin Island to allow for improvement and refurbishment works

This correspondence was noted.

**The meeting concluded at 21:35pm**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE**