

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2013**

In the Chair: Councillor S Hunter

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

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

Mrs M Quim, Director of Corporate Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Ms J McMath, Planning Service

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

13/06:01

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

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

Chairman's Business

Reference was made to the suspension of the Cushendun bus service due to works being carried out by Northern Ireland Water.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Northern Ireland Water and Translink regarding the suspension of the Cushendun bus service.

13/06:02

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY 2013

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th January 2013 having been circulated, were taken as read.

The Clerk stated that the names of three attendees were to be added to the minutes.

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th January 2013 be adopted."

13/06:03

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY 2013**

Lease for the Cairn's Residents Group

It was agreed that an existing lease would be amended and brought back to Council for approval for the Cairns Resident's Group Allotments Scheme.

13/06:04

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

E/2011/0218/F Mr D McMullan, C/O Hunter Associates, 8 Charlotte Street, Ballymoney. Location, approx. 180m South East from 46 Drones Road, Armoy. Proposed site for new wind turbine up to 250kw, with a hub height up to 31m and up to 45.5m to the blade tip with complete control room. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2012/0028/F NI Water, Westland House, Old Westland Road, Belfast. Location, Ballycastle Wastewater Treatment Works off Sheskburn Avenue, Ballycastle. Proposed upgrading of Ballycastle WwTW on existing site plus additional adjoining land to provide a new wastewater treatment process to include tanks and kiosks and utilise existing building. (Recommended for approval)

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor C McShane,
"That a letter would be sent to Ministers Atwood and Kennedy to ask for an immediate inquiry to establish all the facts of this application."

On a recorded vote being taken Councillors Baird, Blaney, Cunningham, Graham, Hunter, McCambridge, M A McKillop, C McShane and Thompson voted in favour of and Councillors McDonnell and P McShane voted against the proposal which was carried.

E/2012/0133/O Mr Lexy Halliday, C/O 2020 Chartered Architects Ltd, 9a Linenhall Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6DP. Location, lands to the rear of 206 Straid Road, Bushmills. Proposed, 10 no self catering holiday retreat cottages and associated facilities. (Recommended for refusal)

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

E/2012/0185/F Sam Craig, C/O Strategic Planning, 4 Pavilions Office Park, Kinnegar Drive, Holywood, BT18 9JQ. Location, 300m South of 76 Hillside Road, Armoy, Ballymoney, Co Antrim, BT54 6HY. Proposed erection of single Wind Turbine – 32.3m Hub Height with 16m Blades (250kw output) (Recommended for refusal)

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

E/2012/0197/A Joanne McGarrity, C/O Norman Perry, Diamond Design Studio, 5 Straid Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6HQ. Location, Whitepark Road on lands to the South of 14a Harbour Road, Ballintoy, Co Antrim, BT54 6NA. Proposed free standing, pole mounted directional sign. (Recommended for refusal)

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

E/2012/0233/F Everything Everywhere & H3G Ltd, C/O Harlequin Group, 1st Floor, 25 Talbot Street, Cathedral Quarter, Belfast. Location, existing telecommunications installation, 1050m East of 30 Ballyvenagh Road, Ballyvoy, Ballycastle. Proposed installation of 1 no 600mm transmission dish, to be fixed to existing column at 14m AGL. (Recommended for approval)

E/2012/0234/F Everything Everywhere & H3G Ltd, C/O Harlequin Group, 1st Floor, 25 Talbot Street, Cathedral Quarter, Belfast. Location, existing Telecoms Site, 700m North West of 27 Glenann Road, Cushendall, Co Antrim. Proposed, existing 1 no. 300mm Transmission Dish to be removed and replaced by 1 no. 600mm Transmission Dish at the same height and position. (Recommended for approval)

E/2012/0235/F F Everything Everywhere & H3G Ltd, C/O Harlequin Group, 1st Floor, 25 Talbot Street, Cathedral Quarter, Belfast. Location, existing Telecoms Site, 230m South West of 94 Middlepark Road, Cushendall. Proposed existing 1 no. 300mm Transmission Dish to be removed and replaced by 1 no. 600mm Transmission Dish at the same height and position. (Recommended for approval)

E/2006/0016/F C McDonnell C/O Hunter Associates, 8 Charlotte Street, Ballymoney. Location, 96 Ballykenver Road, Armoy. Proposed retention of (No 96) and refurbishment of traditional outbuildings to residential use with new sewerage treatment plant. (Recommended for approval)

E/2010/0255/F Mr James Duncan C/O Montgomery Irwin Architects Ltd, 7-9 Stone Row, Coleraine. Location, 200m NE of 54a Glenshesk Road, Ballycastle. Proposed installation of 22.5m high wind turbine. (Recommended for approval)

E/2010/0289/ Mr & Mrs M J Black, 49 Ballyvenagh Road, Ballycastle, BT54 6RL. Location, lands approximately 60m south of 55 Ballyvenagh Road, Ballycastle. Proposed eco holiday cottage with septic tank. (Recommended for approval)

The above six applications were approved.

E/2011/0004/F Mr P McNeill, 135 Hillside Road, Armoy. Location, 135 Hillside Road, Armoy. Proposed construction of garage with temporary first floor residential unit of accommodation (2 years) (Recommended for refusal)

E/2011/0091/O Mr P McNeill, 135 Hillside Road, Armoy. Location, lands at 135 Hillside Road, Armoy. Proposed 2 No chalets, Garden Centre, Café and Poly Tunnels. (Recommended for refusal)

With reference to the above two applications, it was agreed that a further meeting with the MP in attendance would be sought and arranged by Councillor Baird.

E/2012/0169/O Mr I McCook, C/O Moore Design, Market Court, 63 New Row, Coleraine. Location, site off Ballykenver Road, Armoy. Proposed site for a dwelling on a farm. (Recommended for refusal)

It was noted that Council did not agree with the decision to refuse the above application.

It was agreed that Office Meetings would be held on Thursday 3rd November.

13/06:05

PATIENT AND CLIENT COUNCIL PRESENTATION

It was agreed to defer this meeting until 22nd April.

13/06:06

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Consultation on Government Proposals to Amend Pedlar And Street Trading Legislation to Ensure Compliance with the European Services Directive

It was agreed that the Council response to the Consultation on Government Proposals to amend Pedlar and Street Trading Legislation to ensure compliance with the European Services Directive would be approved.

Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011 Authorisation of Officers

Reference was made to the enforcement of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
"That the Authorisation of Officers for the Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 2011 for Shanna Wilson and Neal Morrow would be approved."

Enforcement

Reference was made to a littering offence which had been detected in the district

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson,
"That it be agreed to institute legal proceedings regarding littering in a car park at North Street, Ballycastle on 9th November 2012."

On a recorded vote being taken, Councillors Blaney, Cunningham, Hunter, McCambridge, McKillop, C McShane, P McShane and Thompson voted in favour of and Councillors Baird, Graham and McDonnell voted against the proposal which was carried.

Extension of Short Term Residual Waste Contract for 6 Months

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the extension of the Short Term Residual Waste Contract for a further 6 months.

Tender for the Works associated with the Dereliction Prevention Fund

Addendum Report

Dereliction Intervention Funding

Reference was made to tender documents which had been issued to nine companies and prices received from four companies as detailed.

After discussion, it was agreed to appoint H Griffin & Sons Limited for Area 1 and Area 2 and A Creith for Area 3 pending outcome of completed QS assessment.

Lammas Fair – Provision of Funfair

Reference was made to discussion which had taken place at the Lammas Fair Working Group held on the 12th February 2013 where it was agreed that the Funfair at the Lammas Fair would be tendered.

After discussion, in which the following issues were raised, current satisfaction, relationship with current providers, safety record, value for money, legalities, subletting, accountability, differences in the Irish and British Showman's Guild,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor C McShane,
"That the current arrangement be continued."

Councillor McDonnell proposed an amendment,
Seconded by Councillor Baird,
"That the recommendation from the Lammas Fair Working group be approved."

On a recorded vote being taken on the amendment, Councillors Baird, Blaney, Cunningham, Graham, Hunter, McCambridge and McDonnell voted in favour of and Councillors M A McKillop, C McShane, P McShane and Thompson voted against the amendment which was carried.

It was agreed to add in a condition that there would be no subletting.

Bottle Bank Collections and Processing Contract

Reference was made to the NWRWMG contract for the provision of bottle banks, collection and processing service.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
"That Council negotiate with the contractor to collect glass banks free of charge and create an agreement to allow the current arrangement to continue."

Glens of Antrim Red Squirrel Safari

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,
"That the request from Glens of Antrim Red Squirrel Group to erect interpretation story boards and feeders in the Cottage Wood, Cushendall be permitted."

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
"That the Environmental Services Report be adopted."

13/06:07

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Marconi's Cottage/Carrickmore Road, Ballycastle Public Right of Way

The meeting continued in committee.

After discussion, it was agreed, without prejudice to any future consideration, that the Assertion of the PROW in relation to Marconi's cottage would be approved.

Councillor P McShane requested that it be recorded that he was not in agreement.

The meeting continued out of committee.

Councillors C McShane and M A McKillop left the meeting at this point.

Addendum to Interim Development Services Report

Criteria for Tourism Event Grants

After discussion, it was agreed to approve final guidance notes for Tourism Events Grants and open for applications with a closing date of 12 noon on Monday 25th March.

Criteria for Community Festivals Fund

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the final guidance notes for Community Festivals Fund and open for applications with a closing date of 12 noon on Monday 25th March.

Councillor M A McKillop returned to the meeting.

Proposal for financial support for Community Amateur Sports Club

After discussion, it was agreed to proceed with the Grant Programme for Voluntary and Community Groups as agreed at the Council meeting on 14th January and in the event of underspend in these programmes, the Grants Assessment Panel would consider support for community amateur sports clubs as proposed at the Rates Meeting on 4th February.

Good Relations Grant Application – Cushendall Development Group

The application for £250 met criteria and was approved.

Councillor Graham left the meeting at this point.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
“That the Interim Development Services report be adopted.”

13/06:08

THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITES TO THE DEL MINISTER STEPHEN FARRY TO GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND HOW MANY EMPLOYEES IN MOYLE HAVE SIGNED UP TO THIS SCHEME.

(Requested by Councillor N McAllister)

This item was removed from the agenda.

13/06:09

BALLYCASTLE HARBOUR EXTENSION PROJECT: IN ORDER TO BEST POSITION BALLYCASTLE TO TAKE FULL ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE OF THE TWO TIDAL ENERGY PROJECTS, INCREASE OUR TOURIST POTENTIAL AND FACILITATE ANY FUTURE FERRY SERVICE TO SCOTLAND, COUNCIL PREPARES AN INITIAL SCOPING DOCUMENT/PROJECT BRIEF ON A HARBOUR EXTENSION PROJECT – BEFORE BEGINNING DIALOGUE WITH ANY RELEVANT POTENTIAL FUNDERS

(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion, it was agreed to look into the possibilities in relation to an outline Business Case for a Ballycastle Harbour Extension Project.

13/06:10

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: COUNCIL WELCOMES OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (MARCH 2013) AND NOTES WITH CONCERN THAT IT IS THE FOURTH MOST COMMON CANCER IN WOMEN; COUNCIL CALLS ON THE DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENSURE THAT FURTHER EFFORTS BE MADE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE SYMPTOMS OF OVARIAN CANCER TO INCREASE EARLIER DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASE AND IMPROVE SURVIVAL RATES
(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

Councillor Graham returned to the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Department for Health, Social Services and Public Safety to ensure that further efforts be made to raise awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer to increase earlier diagnosis of the disease and improve survival rates.

13/06:15

CONFERENCES, COURSES

Preliminary Notice of 2013 La Touche Legacy Seminar – Local Government – A New Dawn? To be held on 27th – 29th September at Charlesland Golf & Country Club, Greystones, Co Wicklow

There were no nominations for attendance.

APSE NI Seminar – Local Government Re-organisation: are we there yet? To be held on 15th March 2013 at Downshire Civic Centre, Down District Council

There were no nominations for attendance.

Fracking Community: Actions and Omissions speak louder than words. To be held on 6th March 2013 at Queens University Belfast.

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop,
“That Councillor P McShane be nominated to attend.”

13/06:12

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

There were no Notices of Applications.

13/06:13

RENEWALS UNDER REGISTRATION OF CLUBS ORDER 1996

Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club

There were no objections to this renewal.

13/06:14

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

After discussion,

Councillor McDonnell proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
"That the Public Right of Way Assertion Statement Folio: An 158578 Co
Antrim be signed and sealed."

13/06:15

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 11th February 2013 from Roads Service regarding Traffic Survey, Ballintoy Village

This letter was noted.

- (b) Letter dated 15th February 2013 from the Parades Commission regarding outreach events

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
"That Councillor Blaney be nominated to attend the Parades Commission outreach event on 13th March 2013 at Ranfurly House, Dungannon"

- (c) Letter dated 18th February 2013 from Stewart Dickson MLA in response to Council's letter re Cushendall Fire Station

This letter was noted.

- (d) Other Correspondence/Reports circulated

Email dated 22nd February 2013 from Roger Wilson regarding future railway systems

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson,
"That a letter be sent in response to the letter from Roger Wilson stating that Council were in support of the Future Railway Investment but could not contribute the £500 requested."

On a vote being taken, there were 6 votes in favour of and 4 against the proposal which was carried.

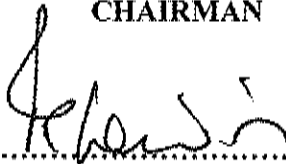
Fairtrade Event. Rathlin Island, Friday 1st March

It was agreed that it would be an approved duty for any Councillors who wished to attend the presentation of Rathlin's Fairtrade Status event on Friday 1st March.

The meeting concluded at 22:00pm



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CHAIRMAN



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CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE