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

**ON MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2013**

**In the Chair**: Councillor C McShane

**Members Present**: Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, D F Cunningham, W Graham,

S Hunter, D M McAllister, C McCambridge, R D McDonnell, R A McIlroy, S 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

Ms R McMenamin, Planning Service

Paul Cummings, Northern Health and Social Services Trust

Jenna O’Hara, Addiction NI

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

**13/25:01 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors N McAllister and

M A McKillop.

Chairman’s Business

It was agreed that the Wexford and Cork games being held in McQuillans GAC on 16th February and 16th March 2014 would be promoted by the Tourism department and placed into the events calendar.

It was agreed that the second Council Meeting of December would be moved to 16th December.

**13/25:02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Clerk and Chief Executive declared an interest in item 1.1 of the Corporate Services Report.

**13/25:03 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28TH OCTOBER 2013**

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

It was agreed that the minutes would be amended as follows;

Page 8, items 10 and 11 would be attributed to Councillor Baird.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th October 2013 be adopted.”

**13/25:04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28TH OCTOBER 2013**

There were no Matters Arising for discussion.

**13/25:05** **APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

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

E/2012/0001/F Mr S Hill, C/O Hunter Associates, 8 Charlotte Street, Ballymoney. Location, 464m west north west fom 33 Novally Road, Ballycastle. Proposed site for new wind turbine up to 225kw, with a hub height up to 31.5m and up to 47m to the blade tip complete with control room. (Recommended for approval)

E/2013/0049/F Mr D McNeill, C/O Ross Planning, 9a Clare Lane, Cookstown, BT80 8RJ. Location, approximately 500m south west of 95 Torr Road, Ballycastle. Proposed hydro-electric scheme to include construction of a wash over screen and water intake; penstock pipe, turbine house and water outfall structure. (Recommended for approval)

E/2013/0064/RM Mr E McAllister, C/O T Heggan, 162 Ballysnod Road, Larne, BT40 3NP. Location, 40m NE of 40 Layde Road, Cushendall, BT44 0NQ. Proposed single storey dwelling with roofspace bedrooms plus a detached double garage. (Recommended for approval)

The above three applications were approved.

E/2013/0087/O Mr N McQuaige, C/O W M McNeill, 30 Knowehead Road, Broughshane, Ballymena, BT43 7LF. Location, 90m north east of 89 Glendun Road, Cushendun, Co Antrim, BT44 0PZ. Proposed new dwelling and garage on the farm. (Recommended for refusal)

E/2013/0096/F Mr P McKeague, C/O IWCM Ltd, Cootehill Enterprise Centre, Cavan Road, Cootehill, Co Cavan. Location, approximately 395m NW of no 25 Novally Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Proposed 250kw Wind Turbine with a maximum hub height of 42.3m and a maximum tip height of 61.8m, temporary anemometer mast, NIE kiosk and associated ancillary development. (Recommended for refusal)

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

E/2013/0102/F Estate Services Business Unit, C/O JMPC Mallusk Enterprise Park, Newtownabbey, BT36 4GN. Location, NI Water Site, Haw Road, Bushmills. Proposed new enclosure to include radio tower, single storey building, 3m/4m high palisade fence with topping and extension of existing vehicular access. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2013/0188/F Mr J Hamill, C/O Bailey Architecture, 9 Glenview Road, Glenshesk, Ballycastle. Location, 14 Strandview Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Proposed single storey extension and construction of detached garage. (Recommended for refusal)

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

Deferred Items

E/2012/0133/O Mr L Halliday, C/O 2020 Chartered Architects Ltd, 37 Main Street, Ballymoney. Location, lands to rear of 206 Straid Road, Bushmills. Proposed 10 no self-catering holiday retreat cottages. (Recommended for approval)

E/2013/0003/RM John McNaughton, C/O Diamond Design Studio, 5 Straid Road, Ballycastle. Location, 120m east of 77 Glenariff Road, Waterfoot, Co Antrim. Proposed farm dwelling. (Recommended for approval)

E/2013/0064/RM Mr E McAllister, C/O T Heggan, 162 Ballysnod Road, Larne, BT40 3NP. Location, 40m north east of 40 Layde Road, Cushendall. Proposed single storey dwelling with roofspace bedrooms plus a detached double garage. (Recommended for approval)

E/2013/0100/F Mr G McGowan, 10 Strandview Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Location, 10 Strandview Road, Ballycastle. Proposed new extensions and dwelling. (Recommended for approval)

The above four applications were approved.

It was agreed that Office Meetings would be held on 5th December 2013

**13/25:06 TO MEET WITH PAUL CUMMINGS SENIOR DIRECTOR OF NHSST**  **REGARDING DALRIADA HOSPITAL**

A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Paul Cummings, Senior Director of NHSST regarding services at Dalriada hospital including bed occupancy and cuts and MS respite services. This was followed by questions and answers on topics including withdrawal of services in the area including Rathmoyle and the X-Ray facility, the reduction of MS respite provision, the bus service not being utilised, waiting times in A & E, cuts affecting the most vulnerable, levels of domiciliary care, a suggestion of a scoping study of levels of usage and activities available for the MS Unit and bed spaces over the last 4-5 years, time to get appointments with GPs, the possible transfer of Causeway to the Western Trust, MS society not being made aware of the changes being made and the exceptional service provided in the Dalriada Hospital.

Councillor D McAllister left the meeting at this point.

**13/25:07 PRESENTATION FROM ADDICTION NI – IMPACT OF ALCOHOL**

A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Jenna O’Hara to raise awareness of the work of Addiction NI and discussing the programmes undertaken including work with young people, relationships, mental health and older people. Information was distributed and questions and answers addressed.

**13/25:08 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Legal and Confidential Matters

Reference was made to the report whereby it was recommended that a prosecution be instigated in a case of keeping an unlicensed dog.

After discussion,

Councillor McDonnell proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Baird,

“That further information be obtained on the case before a decision be made.”

After further discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed an amendment,

Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,

“That Council agree to proceed with legal proceedings in relation to the case of keeping an unlicensed dog as outlined in the report.”

On a vote being taken on the amendment, there were seven votes in favour of and

four against the amendment which was carried.

Extension of Interim Residual Waste Contract

After discussion, it was agreed that the existing NWRWMG short term residual waste contract with River Ridge Recycling would be extended for a period of 6 months up til the end of March 2014.

Procurement of new Interim Residual Waste Contract

After discussion, it was agreed that procurement would proceed for a new Interim Residual Waste contract to commence April 2014.

Tender for Soft Surfacing

Reference was made to the tender for supply and installation of soft surfacing to thirteen play area and play equipment to Carnduff.

After discussion, it was agreed to appoint Play and Leisure Services Ltd to undertake the works for soft surfacing for 13 play areas the sum of £246,969.00.

Notice of Intended Entry – Mary Street, Ballycastle – New Water Main

With reference to the Notice of Intention regarding a new water main at Mary Street, Ballycastle, it was agreed that this would be referred to LPS for a valuation.

Cushendall Environment Group Request Donation Towards Flowers

It was agreed that the Cushendall Environment Group would be referred to the Community Small Grants with reference to planting winter flowers in the village and that they would also be offered other appropriate assistance.

Public Liability Cover for Festive Lighting for Cushendall Development Group

Reference was made to a request received from Cushendall Development Group regarding cover for the festive lighting.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,

Seconded by Councillor C McShane and resolved,

“That the £5000 shortfall of insurance cover for Christmas lighting over the festive period in Cushendall village be covered by Moyle District Council’s insurance.”

Request for use of small area in the Ferry Terminal building

After discussion, it was agreed to approve a request from the Sisters of Mercy Romania project for use of a small area in the Ferry Terminal building as a drop off point.

Addendum to the Environmental Services Report

Suspension of Car Park Charges for Ann Street Ballycastle – In Committee

Reference was made to correspondence received from Roads Service with reference to the suspension of car parking charges for the Ann Street car park.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor McDonnell,

“That the proposal be taken to the Chamber of Commerce for consideration.”

After further discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed an amendment,

Seconded by Councillor Baird,

“That Council adhere to conditions as outlined by Road Service for the suspension of charges for the Ann Street Car Park on the four Saturdays leading up to Christmas, 30th November, 7th December, 14th December and 21st December.”

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

Robert Quigg VC Commemoration Society

Reference was made to correspondence from the Robert Quigg VC Commemoration Society requesting Council to consider the possibility of allowing the erection of a sculpture at a site on Whitepark Road, Bushmills.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor S McKillop and resolved,

“That it be agreed in principle that the Robert Quigg VC Commemoration Society would be given permission to erect a sculpture of Robert Quigg VC at a specified site on Whitepark Road, Bushmills.”

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Thompson and resolved,

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

**13/25:09 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

The Clerk and Chief Executive left the meeting at this point.

The meeting continued In Committee.

Chief Executive Remuneration

Reference was made to correspondence received from the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Executives of Local Authorities in Northern Ireland.

Councillor S McKillop left the meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,

Seconded by Councillor McDonnell and resolved,

“That Council agree to approve options 1,3 and 4 but not option 2 as outlined in the report.”

Councillor S McKillop returned to the meeting.

The meeting continued out of Committee.

The Clerk and Chief Executive returned to the meeting.

Ballycastle & Rural Riding Community

After discussion, it was agreed that Ballycastle & Rural Riding Community would be given permission to use the car park at the rear of Sheskburn House on Sunday 15th from 12pm til 4pm.

Councillor McCambridge left the meeting.

Capital Estimates 2014/2015 – 2016/2017

After discussion, it was agreed that a workshop would be held on Monday 9th December at 5pm with regard to the draft capital estimates.

It was also agreed, with regard to the Forest Parks Project, to commit capital expenditure of £800,000 subject to approval by the Statutory Transition Committee.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,

“That the Interim Corporate Services report be adopted.”

**13/25:10 that THIS COUNCIL WRITES TO THE STATUTORY TRANSITION COMMITTEE STATING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PREFERRED RECOMMENDATION, THE DOMAIN NAME FOR THE NEW SUPER COUNCIL BEING CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS**

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,

“That Council would write to the STC stating support for the use of the domain name Causeway Coast and Glens.”

**13/25:11 THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE ASSEMBLY’S CALL FOR THE HEALTH MINISTER TO PUT IN PLACE A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO HIGHLIGHT PROSTATE CANCER AND FURTHER CALLS ON THE MINISTER TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A PROPER AFTER CARE SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED FOR PROSTATE CANCER**

(Requested by Councillor Thompson)

After discussion, it was agreed that Council write to the Minister to call for a publicity plan to highlight prostate cancer and to ensure that there was a proper after care service for those who have been treated for prostate cancer.

**13/25:12 THAT MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL INVITES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GIRO D’ITALIA AND NI TOURIST BOARD AND ASKS THAT THEY SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE AND PROPOSALS FOR THIS INTERNATIONAL EVENT WITH MEMBERS . THE GIRO D’ITALIA WILL BE TRAVELLING THROUGH OUR DISTRICT AND WE SHOULD HEAR ABOUT ITS ROUTE, THE ORGANISATION ATTACHED TO THE EVENT AND THE WAY IN WHICH WE SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION. THIS EVENT SHOULD GIVE A STRONG BOOST TO OUR LOCAL TOURISM AND SHOWCASE MOYLE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. COUNCILLORS MUST ENSURE THAT A HOLISTIC APPROACH IS TAKEN TO AN EVENT WHICH WILL PROFILE US ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. EVENT ORGANISERS HAVE LOCAL CONNECTIONS THROUGH AN IRISH SENIOR RECORD HOLDER AND ULSTER VETERANS CHAMPION WHO LIVES LOCALLY. THE INFORMATION EVENT SHOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT MARKETING OPPORTUNITY FOR MOYLE DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

(Requested by Councillor Baird)

After discussion, it was agreed that representatives from the Tourism Department would liaise with representatives of the Giro D’Italia and NITB to ensure maximum marketing and promotion for the area and that Councillors would attend a presentation to be organised.

**13/25:13 that council does not treat as valid, any emailed freedom of information request where the real name (and address) of the applicant has not been given upon the subsequent request**

(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion, it was agreed that with reference to Freedom of Information requests, that council would ensure that a real name was provided before a response be issued.

**13/25:14 that council calls on ofmdfm to accept that the social fund in its current format has failed to alleviate the hardships of the most vulnerable in our communities: and believes that the £80 million budget should be invested in its original government departments who have a proven track record of delivery across areas such as tackling social disadvantage, urban regeneration and rural development.**

(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,

Seconded by Councillor P McShane,

“That Council calls on OFMDFM to accept that the Social Investment Fund in its current format has failed to alleviate the hardships of the most vulnerable in our communities: and believes that the £80 million budget should be invested in its original government departments who have a proven track record of delivery across areas such as tackling social disadvantage, urban regeneration and rural development.”

On a vote being taken there were 3 in favour of and five against the proposal which was lost.

**13/25:15 CONFERENCES, COURSES**

Fuel Poverty Coalition Annual Conference “Running on Empty” to be held on 27th November 2013 at Park Avenue Hotel, Belfast.

There were no nominations for this conference.

Department of the Environment – Local Government Reform Seminar – Laying the Foundations for Community Planning. To be held on 3rd December 2013 at Tullyglass House Hotel, Ballymena

There were no nominations for this conference.

Apse Northern Ireland regional meeting, Wind farms – planning issues, community benefits and case studies. To be held on 12th December 2013 at Strule Arts Centre, Townhall Square, Omagh.

There were no nominations for this conference.

Nilga – Local Government Annual Conference & Exhibition 2014 and Northern Ireland Local Governments Awards for 2013. To be held on 27th February 2014 in the La Mon Hotel.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,

Seconded by Councillor P McShane and resolved,

“That the Nilga representatives would be nominated to attend.”

**13/25:16 Notices of Applications under the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 and Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985**

Occasional Licence for Hunter’s Bar for Carey Faughs GAC for an event on 6th December 2013.

There were no objections to the above application.

**13/25:17 Sealing of Documents**

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

**13/25:18 CorrespondencE**

1. Letter dated 8th November 2013 from Fermanagh District Council asking for Council’s support with their motion regarding free car parking at hospitals.

After discussion, it was agreed to support the motion from Fermanagh District Council requesting Mr Edwin Poots MLA Minister for Health to replicate the model currently operating in Scotland and Wales where free car parking is available at all hospitals

It was also agreed to bring back the Ministers earlier response to the Council on this subject.

1. Letter dated 12th November 2013 from the Post Office regarding changes at Cushendun Post Office.

This letter was noted.

1. Letter dated 12th November 2013 from Mr R Cole, Secretary, Ballycastle Branch of Royal British Legion.

This letter was noted.

1. Letter dated 13th November 2013 from DVA regarding an application for a Road Service Licence.

This letter was noted.

1. Letter dated 14th November 2013 from Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding Mineral Development of Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding Mineral Development Act (NI) 1969.

This letter was noted.

1. Other Correspondence/Reports circulated

Letter dated 12th November 2013 from Transport NI regarding the procurement for the services of a Rathlin ferry operator for the interim period until the arrival of a new build ferry in 2016 and inviting the Clerk and Chief Executive to sit on the tender evaluation panel.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk and Chief Executive would sit on the evaluation panel.

**The meeting concluded at 21:55pm**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE**