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

**ON MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2013**

**In the Chair**: Councillor S Hunter

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

Ms E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Ms J McMath, Planning Service

Phil Elliot, Head of Marine Licensing

Shane Quill, Open Hydro

Garrett Connell, Open Hydro

Kieran O’Malley, Open Hydro

Cathal Gallagher, Bord Gais

Susie Fisher, Tidal Ventures

Simon De Pietro, DP Marine Energy

Blair Marney, DP Marine Energy

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

**13/07:01 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN’S BUSINESS**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor S McKillop.

Chairman’s Business

After discussion, it was agreed to hold a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 27th February 2013 re National Parks with the Minister in attendance.

Focus Groups Events – Statutory Transition Committees

Councillor McCambridge entered the meeting at this point.

After discussion, it was agreed that Councillors Blaney, Graham, McIlroy and D McAllister would attend the DOE Focus Group event at the Ecos Centre on 5th February.

Councillor N McAllister had confirmed her own attendance.

**13/07:02 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2013**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th December 2013 having been circulated, were taken as read.

 After discussion,

 Councillor Graham proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th December 2013 be adopted.”

 Councillor Baird entered the meeting at this point.

**13/07:03 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2013**

 There were no matters arising for discussion.

**13/07:04** **APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

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

E/2011/0174/F Northern Ireland Water E&P, Ballykeel Depot, Larne Road, Ballymena. Location, Northern Ireland Water, Monaclough Service Reservoir, opposite 5 Sloan Road, Armoy, Ballymoney. Proposed construction of 3.0 megalitre reservoir to store portable water. Demolition of existing service reservoir. (Recommended for approval)

The above application was approved.

E/2012/0017/F Mr N Jamison, C/O Hunter Associates, 8 Charlotte Street, Ballymoney. Location, approximately 434m (Turbine 1) and 309m (Turbine 2) North North west from 6 Lisnagat Road, Armoy. Proposed site for new 2 no wind turbines up to 250kw, with a hub height up to 40m and up to 55m to the blade tip complete with control room to serve farm and grid. (Recommended for refusal)

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

E/2012/0102/F Mr S Glen, C/O 2020 Architects, 9A Linenhall Street, Ballymoney. Location, 360m NW of 79 Moyarget Road, Ballycastle. Proposed Wind Turbine with a 40m Hub Height, Under PPS18. (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was withdrawn.

E/2012/0165/O Mr Harry McMahon, C/O Eamonn Loughrey, Inaltus, 109 Galwally Avenue, Belfast, BT8 7AJ. Location, lands at No 230 Garron Road, Glenariff, BT44 0RB. Proposed, new dwelling (Recommended for approval)

E/2012/0171/F McHenry Bros, C/O Moore Design, Market Court, 63 New Row, Coleraine, BT52 1EJ. Location, site no’s 15, 15a, 16, 17, 18 & 19 Whitehall Grange, Ballycastle. Proposed 6 No. two storey Semi-detached dwellings and one no two storey detached dwelling. (Recommended for approval)

The above two applications were approved.

Deferred Applications

E/2012/0019/O Mr Daniel McKillop, 10 Glenariff Road, Foriff, Glenariff. Location, lands adjacent to No 10 Glenariff Road, Foriff, Glenariff, Ballymena. Proposed site of dwelling on a farm. (Recommended for approval)

E/2012/0128/O Mr J & C McAllister, C/O Bailey Architecture, 9 Glenview Road, Glenshesk, Ballycastle, BT54 6QE. Location, 30m South East of 83 Ballyemon Road, Cushendall. Proposed, dwelling on the farm. (Recommended for approval)

The above two applications were approved.

E/2012/0147/O Mr Harry McMahon, C/O Eamonn Loughrey, Inaltus, 109 Galwally Avenue, Belfast, BT8 7AJ. Location, lands at no 230 Garron Road, Glenariff, Co Antrim. Proposed single dwelling. (Recommended for refusal)

The above application was refused.

 It was agreed that Office Meetings to be held on Thursday 7th February 2013.

It was agreed that Council would support the discharge of 10 Clough Road, Cushendall and that a letter would be sent to Planning Service to confirm this.

**13/07:05 DOE MARINE DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION – FAIRHEAD TIDAL ENERGY AND TIDAL VENTURES (TORR HEAD)**

 Two comprehensive presentations were delivered by Fairhead Tidal Energy and Tidal Ventures regarding the proposed tidal projects off Rathlin and Fairhead followed by questions and answers.

 Following discussion, members thanked Fairhead Tidal Energy and Tidal Ventures for their presentation and it was stated that Council would keep up to date with what was happening.

**13/07:06 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

 Presentation on NW Region Waste Management Infrastructure Report – Appointment of Preferred Bidder

 The meeting continued in committee.

 After discussion,

 Councillor McIlroy proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,

 “That Council proceed with the presentation.”

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,

“That, subject to the outcome of Court proceedings, the Tender Evaluation Report presented to Council on Wednesday 19th December 2012 be accepted on the basis of the SBS Mandatory Variant bid. It was also agreed, subject to the outcome of Court proceedings, that on the basis of the Appointments Business Case, SBS be appointed preferred bidder and award of contract is subject to the approval of the Final Business Case by Member Councils.”

The meeting continued out of committee.

Cairns Allotments

Reference was made to correspondence received from Cairn’s Resident’s Group requesting Council would cover insurance for the allotments once it is constructed.

After discussion,

 Councillor Thompson proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop,

 “That Council agree to the request.”

After discussion,

Councillor McAllister proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Hunter,

“That Council agree to lease the land being used by the Cairns Resident’s Group for allotments at a peppercorn rent and that all insurance costs would have to be covered by the group.”

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

It was agreed that the DES would liaise with the group in this regard.

Councillor M A McKillop left the meeting at this point.

Dog Microchipping Charges

Reference was made to the proposed introduction of dog microchipping charges.

After discussion,

Councillor D McAllister proposed,

Seconded by Councillor P McShane,

“That Council introduce Dog Microchipping Charges of £10 per dog.”

 Councillor McDonnell proposed an amendment,

 Seconded by Councillor Baird,

 “That people with a travel card can avail of this service for free.”

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

 The original proposal was carried.

 Councillor M A McKillop returned to the meeting at this point.

 Review of Building Control Service

After discussion, it was agreed to introduce a set time between the hours of 10:00am and 12:30pm each day when the public can access Building Control Officers for advice, information, arranging inspections etc and that this would be advertised on the web site.

Addendums

Enforcement

After discussion, it was agreed to institute legal proceedings with regard to a dog kept at Turraloskin Park, Armoy from 21st September 2012 to 4th November 2013 without a valid licence.

Chlorine Incident at Silvercliffs Holiday Village

Members were given an update on the outcome of the Chlorine Incident at Silvercliffs.

Dereliction Intervention Funding

Reference was made to contact with the DOE regarding dereliction funding.

After discussion, it was agreed that 100% of the funding would be applied for in relation to Dereliction Intervention Funding.

After discussion,

 Councillor Graham proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor D McAllister and resolved,

 “That the Environmental Services Report be adopted.”

**13/07:07 THAT THIS COUNCIL REINSTATES THE WEEKLY REFUSE** **COLLECTION THAT WAS AVAILABLE IN THE GLENS BY MEANS OF**  **A SKIP, AS TO DATE THE 5 ITEM TRAILER COLLECTION IS NOT**  **SUITABLE AND THIS IS A MAJOR REASON FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING**

(Requested by Councillor N McAllister)

 It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the rates meeting.

 **13/07:08 THAT COUNCIL REQUESTS A SITE MEETING AT THE GIANT’S**  **CAUSEWAY TO DISCUSS THE PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND TO**

 **TO INVITE THE MINISTER AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO HAVE**  **AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER TO ATTEND**

 (Requested by Councillor McIlroy)

 After discussion,

 Councillor McIlroy proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor D McAllister and resolved,

 “That a Site Meeting be requested at the Giant’s Causeway to discuss the prohibition of traffic and to invite the Minister and the general public who have an interest in this matter to attend.”

**13/07:09 that council through the biodiversity officer work with the woodland trust to improve woodland cover throughout the district**

 (Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

 Reference was made to schemes offered by the Woodland trust.

 After discussion, it was agreed that the biodiversity officer would provide further information on what schemes could be carried out in conjunction with the Woodland Trust and about any costs involved.

**13/07:10 PROPOSE THAT COUNCIL MEET WITH NATIONAL TRUST AND NITB IN RELATION TO THE COST OF TOURIST INFORMATION PROVISION AT THE GIANT’S CAUSEWAY**

(Requested by Councillor C McShane)

 Reference was made to the cost of tourist information provision.

 After discussion, it was agreed that a meeting would be sought with National Trust and NITB in relation to the cost of Tourist Information Provision at the Giant’s Causeway.

**13/07:11 CONFERENCES, COURSES**

 Northern Ireland Federation for Health and Social Care – NICON Annual Conference and Exhibition 2013, Transforming Your Care: Transforming Our Practice to be held on 6th and 7th March at the Millennium Forum, City of Culture 2013, Derry/Londonderry

 After discussion,

 Councillor Blaney proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,

 “That Councillors Cunningham and McCambridge be nominated to attend.”

**13/07:16 Notices of Applications under the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 and Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985**

 Application for an Occasional License for Philip McHenry, Central Bar, Ballycastle, for a wedding reception at Corrymeela on 16th February 2013.

Application for an Occasional License for Edward Hunter, Hunter’s Bar, Ballycastle, for a fundraising event for Carey Faughs GAC on 9th February 2013.

Application for an Occasional License for Robert Gray, 22 Main Street, Ballintoy, for a Social Evening for Ballinlea LOL 1511 on 8th March 2013.

Application for an Occasional License for Robert Gray, 22 Main Street, Ballintoy, for a Social Evening for Ballinlea LOL 1511 on 23rd February 2013.

There were no objections to the above applications.

**13/07:17 Sealing of Documents**

After discussion,

 Councillor Thompson proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor McDonnell and resolved,

“That the Memorandum of Understanding – Forestry Service be signed and sealed.”

**13/07:18 CorrespondencE**

1. Department of the Environment, Reform Inform, Keeping you updated on Local Government Reform

Correspondence marked as read.

1. Letter dated 7th January 2013 from Department for Regional Development in response to Council’s letter regarding inadequacy of the current waste water treatment facilities in Ballycastle.

Correspondence marked as read.

1. Letter dated 8th January 2013 from Newry and Mourne District Council regarding Moyle District Council’s motion that income derived by Crown Estates from NI should be devolved for the benefit of the local community.

Correspondence marked as read.

1. Letter dated 15th January 2013 from Translink regarding major engineering track safety and improvement work being carried out on the line between Derry/Londonderry and Coleraine.

Correspondence marked as read.

1. Letter dated 16th January 2013 from Department for Social Development in response to Council’s letter regarding the current housing situation in Moyle and plans for more social houses in the Glens area.

Correspondence marked as read.

1. Letter dated 17th January from The Somme Association regarding the 2013 Somme Pilgrimage for the 97th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

After discussion,

 Councillor McIlroy proposed,

 Seconded by Councillor Graham,

 “That Councillors Hunter and D McAllister be nominated to attend.”

 Councillor McCambridge proposed an amendment,

 Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

 “That only the current Chairperson attend.”

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

Councillor C McShane left the meeting at this point.

1. Letter dated 17th January 2013 from Department for Employment and Learning regarding Consultation on the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and the Service Provision Change (Protection of Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Correspondence marked as read.

1. Letter dated 22nd January 2013 from Northern Ireland Water regarding Ballycastle Wastewater Treatment Works.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Northern Ireland Water to ask why houses had been passed in Ballycastle at Whitehall Grange and others not passed at Ramoan Road. It was also agreed that it would be asked if the waste water works were up to EU standard.

**The meeting concluded at 22:45pm**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE**