

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2014**

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, S Hunter, W Graham, RD McDonnell,
R McIlroy, P McShane

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

Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services

Mrs E Mulholland, Director of Development Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Mrs K McGonigle, Tourism Development Manager

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

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APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors N McAllister, McCambridge, MA McKillop, S McKillop and C McShane.

Chairman's Business

Save the DAL Campaign

The Chair reported that everyone had been lifted by the decision of Judge Treacy who ordered the removal of the non-admittance policy to Dalriada Hospital, but that the battle continued.

Christmas Decorations

The Chair thanked the Director of Environmental Services and his team for all their hard work on the Christmas decorations.

Christmas Celebrations

The Chair invited members and their spouses/partners to a small reception after the Council Meeting on Monday 15th December 2014.

After discussion, it was agreed that:

Item 1.0 of the Addendum to Development Services Report – Mountain Bike Trail Design Glenariff and Ballycastle Forests, would be deferred until the Council Meeting of 15th December 2014.

Item 1.1 of the Addendum to Corporate Services Report – Shift Allowance and Recreation Staff would be deferred until the Council Meeting of 15th December 2014.

It was agreed that the Interim Report by the Environmental Services Department would be deferred until the Council Meeting of 15th December 2014.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was recorded that:

The Director of Development Services declared an interest in Item 1.3 of the Development Services Report – Community Small Grant Application – Ballycastle & Rural Riding Club.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2014 were taken as read.

Councillor S McKillop requested in a text to Councillor Graham that she wished to make an amendment to Page 2 under Item 14/21:05.

After discussion, it was agreed to insert “**Councillor S McKillop entered the meeting**” after paragraph one.

After discussion,

Councillor McDonnell proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th November 2014 be adopted, subject to the above amendment.”

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2014

There were no matters arising.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Consultation on the Temporary Closure of Dalriada Hospital

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the Addendum to Development Services Reports recommendation and commission expert assistance to prepare a response to the Consultation on the Temporary Closure of Dalriada Hospital Intermediate Care Services and Multiple Sclerosis Respite Centre and would avail of the £20K budget which was set aside in this financial year to mark the end of Moyle District Council.

After further discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,
“That Council would delegate authority to the Chair, Chief Executive and Director of Development Services, to appoint a Consultant based on the Terms of Reference as set out in the Addendum to Development Services Report.”

Tourism Update

The Tourism Development Manager presented an update on Tourism, followed by questions and answers.

Members thanked the Tourism Development Manager.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

Points discussed included the increase of visitors to Ballycastle, Bushmills and Cushendall Visitors Centres, Dunseverick Path, Heritage Trail, visitors to Ballycastle Museum, Tourism Ireland - funding being received from Europe to promote Ireland as a whole, and the need for local people to benefit from the money received by the National Trust from the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge.

Other issues raised included withdrawal of funding for the Rathlin Maritime Festival, directional signs to the Dark Hedges, Causeway Rambler not stopping to pick up pedestrians (item to be put on agenda for next Translink Meeting) and the need for more promotion/marketing from Causeway Coast for the Appalachian Trail.

Councillor Hunter left the meeting.

Community Small Grant Applications

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from:

- Solas Moyle for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards the costs of venue hire, material and tutor fees for their Craft and Craic project.
- Ballycastle & Rural Riding Club for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards their Forest Service project.

'Advising, Supporting, Empowering' A strategy for the Delivery of Generalist Advice Services in Northern Ireland 2015-2020 – Proposed Consultation Response from Moyle

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would consider and endorse the Draft Consultation Response for Advising, Supporting Empowering a strategy for the delivery of generalist advice services in Northern Ireland 2015-2020.

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
"That the Development Services Report be adopted."

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CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Land Lettings

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the land lettings for Burnbrae, Lisnagunagh as advertised by the local Estate Agent with a closing date of 12th December 2014.

Lease – Portion of Ferry Terminal Building

After discussion, which included the 3 year length of lease, it was agreed that Council would sign and seal the lease for the Ferry Terminal, Bayview Car Park, Ballycastle.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor P McShane and resolved,
"That the Corporate Services Report be adopted."

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INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS TO HOUSEHOLDS

(Requested by Councillor Blaney)

This item was not taken due to the absence of Councillor Blaney.

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CONFERENCES AND COURSES

There were no conferences and courses.

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

There were no objections to the application for an Occasional Licence for Edward Hunter of Hunters Bar between the hours of 8pm on Sunday 14th December 2014 and 1.30am on 15th December 2014 for a Christmas X Factor Fundraiser for Carey Faughs GAC at Culfeightrin Parish Hall, Ballyvoy, Ballycastle, Co Antrim.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded By Councillor Cunningham and resolved,
“That Council would sign and seal the lease for the Ferry Terminal, Bayview Car Park, Ballycastle.”

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 19th November 2014, from Ark Housing in response to Councils letter received 14th November 2014, in relation to proposed dwellings at Ess-Na-Laragh, Waterfoot.
- (b) Email dated 28th November 2014, from Department of Justice with reference to a Consultation on proposal to extend the power of the Criminal Cases Review Commission to obtain documents from private organisations and individuals.

The above correspondence were marked as read.

- (c) Email dated 1st December 2014 from NILGA with reference to the Draft NILGA response to the Consultation on Planning Reform & Transfer to Local Government: Proposal for Subordinate Legislation Phase 2.

Councillor McDonnell wished it to be recorded that he was unhappy with some of the elements in the NILGA response to the Phase 2 Planning Subordinate Legislation consultation.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 19:45


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CHAIRMAN


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CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE