

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

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, W Graham, N McAllister,
C McCambridge, R McIlroy, MA McKillop, S McKillop,
C McShane, P McShane

Also Present: Mrs M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services

Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services

Mr D McAfee, Leisure Services Manager

Ms L Scullion, Community Services Manager

Ms J O'Neill, Good Relations Officer

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

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APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Blaney, Hunter, D McAllister, and Thompson.

Chairman's Business

Condolences were offered to Nuala McTaggart whose father, Olcan Loughbridge a former bus driver, recently passed away. Many Ulsterbus employees had attended the funeral to give him a great send-off which was a testament to his good character. Thoughts were with the family at this sad time.

Friends of Ballycastle Museum

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
"That Council would hold a small reception for Volunteers/Friends of
Ballycastle on 3rd October 2014 in recognition of their good work."

World Peace Day 21st September 2014

The Chair reported that Council would hold an event on 19th September 2014 to mark World Peace Day and would include a speaker from Corrymeela. He also reported that the World of Music Arts & Dance was taking place on Friday 19th September & Saturday 20th September with events being held in Ballycastle and Coleraine.

Solace

Reference was made to a request from Solace, a Mental Health Charity, for reduced admission fees into Portnagree House to run their Yoga classed for GP referrals.

After discussion on the inclusion of other similar clubs and current rates in Portnagree and Sheskburn, it was agreed that Council would look at the policies regarding pricing of Sheskburn Recreation Centre and Portnagree House.”

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Reference was made to the generous donation by the Chair to Marie Curie Cancer Care at the Lammas Fair Dinner and his assistance in selling Marie Curie raffle tickets at the Lammas Fair.

It was reported that all the funds raised would go towards the home nursing service, supporting people who were terminally ill and those who wished to remain in their own homes. It was also reported that the charity would be changing to support people who were terminally ill with conditions other than cancer and access to the support of the Marie Curie Nursing Service would be through contacting their District Nurse/GP.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH AUGUST 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th August 2014 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 11th August 2014 be adopted.”

14/17:04

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 11TH AUGUST 2014**

Page 4/5 - Walkway Millennium Riverside Park to Salmon Leap
(Requested by Councillor McIlroy)

Reference was made as to whether Council Officers had yet met with Bushmills Forum. The DES reported that a meeting had taken place and that Bushmills Forum had abandoned plans for the path to be situated on the West Bank and would now set out a proposal for the path to be situated on the East Bank.

Page 8 – Item 14/15:10 Costings for the proposed new TIC in Bushmills
(Requested by Councillor McIlroy)

Reference was made as to where Council was with the costing of the proposed new TIC in Bushmills. The DCS reported that the Tourism Officer had been working on a Draft Terms of Reference which will be brought back to the next Council Meeting on 22nd September 2014.

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(Requested by Councillor MA McKillop)

It was reported that the container for the provision of sandbags had been provided in Cushendall.

It was agreed that the Interim Environmental Services Report and Addendum would be discussed in the meeting at this point.

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INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT AND ADDENDUM

The Interim Environmental Services Report and Addendum to Interim Environmental Services Report, having been circulated, were taken as read.

Temporary Street Trading Licence

It was agreed that Council would approve the application from Ronan Mullan Cromore Castles for a temporary street trading licence to trade at the Salmon & Whiskey Festival, subject to no objections being raised by the PSNI or Transport NI (formerly Roads Service).

Coastal Run Sunday 21st September 2014

With reference to the Coastal Run to be held by Causeway Coast Mini Club in conjunction with Morelli's on Sunday 21st September 2014, it was agreed that Council would approve their request to park as a group on the grass area at the seafront from approximately 1pm-4pm.

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,
“That the Interim Environmental Services Report and Addendum to the
Interim Environmental Services Report be adopted.”

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Leisure Services Update

The Leisure Services Manager presented the Leisure Services Progress Report followed by questions and answers.

Points discussed included the coming together of all groups to make the Giro D'Italia a huge success despite the bad weather, the value for money and success of the outdoor gyms, increased number of groups using leisure centres, the huge amount of work done by Terence McNaughton who has now left, the amount of work done with Disability Groups, the Capital Project Scoping exercise being carried out by CC&G, work done by officers in local schools and the importance of sport and recreation for the area.

Other issues raised included the removal of bunting in Waterfoot left over from the Giro D'Italia, different charges for admission for leisure facilities and the need to rationalise charges, Bushmills Communities facilities not fit for purpose and a need for renovation.

Councillor P McShane and Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

With reference to the removal of the Dundarave Fencing the DES reported that he had met with the National Trust who have agreed to work with Council to put forward proposals to move the fence at bonfire time.

Councillor P McShane and Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

Members thanked the Leisure Services Manager for his comprehensive report.

Good Relations Programme Update

The Good Relations Officer presented an update on progress activities connected with the Good Relations Programme.

The Good Relations Officer took members through the Action Plan Themes and the progress made so far in 2013/2014 and Good Relations Action Plan for 2014-2015, followed by questions and answers.

It was reported that they had been working at risk for the last 5 months pending a letter of offer from OFMDFM. A 5% reduction in spending was expected, however they had received an unprecedented reduction of 46%, therefore many good projects had to be cancelled, suspended or modified.

Councillors N McAllister and Cunningham left the meeting.
Councillor Cunningham returned to the meeting.

Members thanked the Good Relations Officer for her comprehensive report.

Councillor N McAllister returned to the meeting.

Community Services Update

The Community Services Manager presented a progress report on the Community Support Programme and the Community Support Action Plan 2014-2015, followed by questions and answers.

Points discussed regarding Community Services Update and Good Relations included, injection of money to keep voluntary and community groups going, frequency of meetings of the Good Relations Group with the inclusion of public representatives and clarification of the detail of the Community Support Action Plan.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

Other issues raised included the Bushmills Village Plan moving forward into the new Council, consultation on PSNI Station in Bushmills and the proportion of Community Infrastructure Fund monies accessed in Bushmills.

Councillor M A McKillop left the meeting.

Councillor M A McKillop and Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister and resolved,
"That Council would approve the Community Support Action Plan
2014-2015"

Councillor S McKillop wished it to be recorded that she was unhappy about comments made by Councillor C McShane in relation to the questions she had put to the Community Services Manger following her presentation to Council.

Community Small Grant Applications

After discussion, it was agreed:

- (i) to approve the request from Bushmills & District Community Association for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards their North Kansas City Project.
- (ii) to approve the request from Stitching Time for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards start-up costs for their programme of activities from September 2014 to Easter 2015.
- (iii) to approve the request from Ballycastle Church Action for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards Christian Against Poverty (CAP) Money Courses.

N.I.T.B's Proposed Coastal Masterplan

Reference was made to a report from N.I.T.B. seeking support and part contribution, 'in principle', from the local authorities on both the Causeway Coastal Route (CCR) and the Mourne Coastal Route (MCR) towards the preparation of a 'Coastal Masterplan'.

After discussion, which included Ballymoney Borough Council and Limavady Borough Council already given support 'in principle' and N.I.T.B. contributing between £20-40K, it was agreed that this be deferred until the next Council meeting pending further information.

Councillor C McShane left the meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor M A McKillop proposed,
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister 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.

HR Resources

After discussion,

Councillor P McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
"That Council would approve the request for the appointment of a dedicated HR Assistant to assist with the increasing workload required in the run up to LGR. This would be trawled internally on a secondment basis and would be effective until the 31st March 2015.

Wayleave NIHE – Causeway, Woodland and Dunluce Courts

After discussion, it was agreed to retrospectively approve the wayleave request from NIHE for proposed temporary access route to the rear of Causeway Woodland and Dunluce Courts.

Use of Visitor Information Centre

Reference was made to correspondence received from Bushmills Salmon and Whisky Festival requesting permission to use the floor space in the Visitor Information Centre 2-4pm on 19th September 2014, for a talk on how to Retrace Your Family Tree. Councillor S McKillop asked for this request to be withdrawn and stated that she thought that there should be some facility in the centre of the village to hold these type of events.

Councillor C McShane returned to the meeting.

Armoy Rugby Club

Correspondence received from Otium Leisure Consultancy regarding the £50K of funding allocated by Moyle District Council to Armoy Rugby Club and the request for Council to consider the possibility of this being brought forward to 2014/2015 was read out to Council.

After discussion on capital expenditure and rates estimates, it was agreed that Council would support this, look at the mechanisms to do this and bring back to the Council Meeting on 22nd September 2014.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and resolved,
“That the Corporate Services Report be adopted.”

14/17:08

THAT COUNCIL INVITES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NORTHERN HEALTH TRUST TO COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THEIR PROPOSALS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION WITHIN THIS TRUST AREA

After discussion, which included the proposed closure of Ross Thompson in Coleraine and new purpose facility to be built, the proposed development of Antrim Area Hospital and consultation which runs until 21st October 2014,

Councillor C McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor N McAllister and resolved,
“That Council would invite representatives from the Northern Health Trust to discuss their proposals for mental health provision within this Trust Area and that it would take place at a separate meeting from the Council Meeting.”

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CONFERENCES AND COURSES

There were no Conferences & 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 applications.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

After discussion, it was agreed to sign and seal the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Forest Service) – proposed licence for the erection of a monument and an interpretation panel at Slieve an Orra Forest, County Antrim with an administration fee of £170.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 11th August 2014 from Northern Ireland Assembly, William Hay MLA in response to Councils letter dated 1st August 2014 relating to Councils resolution on Gaza.
- (b) Letter dated 14th August 2014 from Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club Limited with reference to the Armoy 'Race of Legends' 2014.
- (c) Letter dated 18th August 2014 from the Department Agriculture and Rural Development with reference to a consultation on Policy Proposals for a new Fisheries Bill.
- (d) Letter dated 21st August 2014 from Transport NI in response to Councils letter dated 17th June 2014 with reference to tourist signing for "Dark Hedges".
- (e) Letter dated 27th August 2014 from the Department of the Environment with reference to Local Government Reform: Transfer of Planning to Local Government.
- (f) Winter Schedule Timetable 15th September - 31st March 2015 and Christmas Schedule Timetable 25th December 2014 - 2nd January 2015 between Rathlin and Ballycastle.

The above correspondence was marked as read.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE

Flags

Reference was made to the complaints by residents with regards to flags with offensive slogans situated at the Leyland Close Site.

The meeting concluded at 21:35

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Donal Cunningham
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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE