

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014**

**In the Chair:** Councillor D Cunningham

**Members Present:** Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, W Graham, S Hunter,  
N McAllister, C McCambridge, RD McDonnell,  
RA McIlroy, S McKillop, C McShane, P McShane,  
CC Thompson

**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  
  
Mr J McKinley – Section Engineer, DRD Roads Service  
  
Mr C Brown – Network Planning Manager,  
DRD Roads Service  
  
Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

14/12:01

**APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

**Apologies**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors D McAllister and MA McKillop.

**Chairman's Business**

There was no Chairman's Business.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

14/12:03

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

The minutes of the Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,  
“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 be adopted.”

14/12:04

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

There were no matters arising.

14/12:05

**ROADS SERVICE – ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015**

Mr John McKinley and Mr Cathal Brown were welcomed to the meeting.

Reference was made to the Roads Service Northern Division Annual Report 2014/2015 which had been circulated and was taken as read.

It was stated that DRD Roads Service had changed their name to Transport NI to reflect the broader range of services they provided. A press release from DRD NI was circulated on the investment of £135M in structural maintenance and the improvement of the infrastructure in the Moyle area.

Mr McKinley and Mr Brown delivered the presentation covering Strategic Road Improvements, Network Maintenance, Network Development and Network Planning, followed by questions and answers.

Discussions took place on monitoring of gullies at Castlecatt Road and Dry Arch, timescale of resurfacing the remainder of the Ballinlea Road, the archaeological dig on the A26 Frosses Way and the preservation of artefacts, traffic calming schemes and the edging of rural roads.

Councillor MA McKillop left the meeting.

Other issues raised included greater attention to gritting of main routes in winter to aid ambulances, carers, nurses, doctors and farmers, resurfacing and weeds at Hall Road, grass cutting along the Coast Road, Whitepark Bay before the Giro D'Italia and future preservation of the wild flowers.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

### Tourism Update

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

Members thanked the Tourism Development Manager and staff for their hard work, passion and enthusiasm over the past year.

Points discussed included the success of the move of Ballycastle TIC to Portnagree House, Bushmills TIC opening times and visitor numbers, success of tourism through social media, Game of Thrones, Ballycastle Museum, Giro D'Italia, Maritime Festival and the signage at the "The Dark Hedges".

Councillor N McAllister and McIlroy left the meeting.

Councillor N McAllister and McIlroy returned to the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would write to Transport NI (formerly Roads Service) requesting them to bring forward the proposed date for the erection of the brown signs for "The Dark Hedges".

### Good Relations Grant Programme

After discussion, it was agreed to retrospectively approve the request from Causeway Coast Peace Group for a Good Relations Grant of £400 towards their annual coach trip.

### Community Small Grant Applications

After discussion, it was agreed:

- (i) to approve the request from Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum (BREF) for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards their summer outing.
- (ii) to retrospectively approve the request from Ballycastle & District Over 55s for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards their annual outing.
- (iii) to approve the request from Oisins CLG for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards Glenariffe Oisins 'Biggest Loser' programme.
- (iv) to approve the request from Ballycastle Bowling & Social Recreation Centre (BBSRC) for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards hosting Liverpool Bowlers visit to Ballycastle & Coast.

### Ballycastle Revitalise Funding

It was reported that there was an overspend on this project and after discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,  
“That Council would meet the overspend of £2,378.80.”

### Ballycastle Revitalise Funding Phase 2

It was reported that there were no funds allocated towards Revitalise at this time, but funds may become available in the future.

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,  
“That Council would approve the appointment of a consultant to prepare the Application Form as this would give an improved chance of accessing funds in the future for this project, and that Council would use £2,050 from the already approved £16,000 for this.”

### Rural Summer Scheme Grant Programme

It was reported that five applications had been received for a total budget of £6000.

After discussion,

Councillor Thompson proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and resolved,  
“That Council would approve the recommendations of the Community Grant Assessment Panel re the allocation of Rural Summer Scheme Grants as detailed in Item 1.1 of the Addendum to the Development Services Report 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014.”

### Community Festivals Fund

Reference was made to the appeal from Ballintoy & District Community Development Association following their application to the Community Festivals Fund for a grant for a Ballintoy Fun Day, which was rejected for not being longer than 5 hours in length. After further investigation it was later clarified that the event did in fact exceed the required 5 hours.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,  
“That Council would approve the original request from Ballintoy & District Community Development Association for a Community Festivals Fund Grant of £750 for their Ballintoy Fun Day.”

Councillor C McShane left the meeting.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,  
“That the Development Services Report & Addendum be adopted.”

14/12:07

### **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

The meeting continued in Committee.

#### **Chief Executive Remuneration – Local Government Workload**

The Chief executive declared an interest in this item and left the meeting.

Reference was made to the review of additional increments paid to Chief Executives for the on-going work associated with Local Government Reform as previously agreed at the Council Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,  
“That Council would continue with these payments up to and no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.”

The Chief Executive returned to the meeting.

The meeting continued out of Committee.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor P McShane and resolved,  
“That the Corporate Services Report be adopted.”

Councillor C McShane returned to the 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**

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

14/12:11

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 from Carrickfergus Borough Council regarding the Annual Battle of the Somme Remembrance Parade and Service Knockagh War Memorial, Carrickfergus on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

After discussion,

Councillor Hunter proposed,  
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,  
"That Councillor McIlroy be nominated to attend."

- (b) Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 from Department of Health, Social Service and Public Safety regarding the Public Consultation on the proposals for New Mental Capacity Legislation.
- (c) Letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014 from Department for Regional Development regarding the Rathlin Ferry Project.

The above correspondence was marked as read.

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE**

There was no other business.

**The meeting concluded at 21:05**

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*Donal Cunningham*  
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**CHAIRMAN**

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**CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE**