

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2015**

In the Chair: Councillor D Cunningham

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, W Graham,
C McCambridge, N McAllister, RD McDonnell,
R McIlroy, C McShane, P McShane, 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 L Scullion, Community Services Manager

Mrs K McGonigle, Tourism Development Manager

Mr A Summers, Bushmills Village Forum

Mr Roy Bolton, Bushmills Trust

Mr J O'Neill, Venturei NETWORK

Mr P McConaghie MBE, Bushmills Trust

Ms K Lavery, Bushmills Trust

Mr D Wilson – NI Policing Board

Mr M McAllister, ASM Consultants

Ms D Bader, Member Services Clerical Officer

15/05:01

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies

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

Chairman's Business

Condolences

Condolences were offered to Esther Mulholland whose mother recently passed away. Thoughts were with the family at this sad time.

Recognition Event

The Chair reported that a recognition event for Community Groups would be held on 24th March 2015 at Ballycastle Golf Club.

Ballycastle United Football Club

Reference was made to correspondence received from Paul Fitzpatrick, Acting Chairman of Ballycastle United Football Club requesting that Council consider the soccer pitch at the Quay Road playing fields be named after the former Chairman of the club, Billy Watson who had recently passed away.

After discussion,

Councillor C McShane proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham and resolved,
"That Council would approve the request from Ballycastle United Football Club to have the soccer pitch at the Quay Road playing fields named after the former player, manager, committee member and Chairman Billy Watson."

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was recorded that:

Councillor McIlroy declared an interest in Item 5 of the Agenda, presentation by The Bushmills Trust & Bushmills Village Forum on Feasibility Report and Business Case for purchase of the former Bushmills PSNI Station.

Councillor P McShane declared an interest in Item 1.2 of the Addendum to Development Services Report - Community Small Grant request from Antrim to Gaza.

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2015

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th February 2015 were taken as read.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th February 2015 be adopted."

15/05:04

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2015**

**Page 7 – Item 15/03:13 – Cushendall Caravan Park – Seasonal Touring Caravan
Space**

(Requested by Councillor McIlroy)

Councillor McIlroy enquired as to whether any further information had been obtained on this. The DES informed Council that a report would be brought back to the next Council Meeting.

Page 3 Item 15/03:05 - Presentation by Armoy Rugby Club

(Requested by Councillors Blaney and Cunningham)

It had been agreed that Armoy Rugby Club would send invoices to Council and Council would make payment direct to the supplier.

Page 7 – Item 15/03:13 – Shorebird Café, Ballycastle

(Requested by Councillor Baird)

Reference was made to the proposed extension to the Shorebird Café. It was agreed that Council would consult further with the proprietor to ascertain exactly what was required and bring back to the next Council Meeting.

It was agreed that Item 15 of the Agenda, Any Other Business which may of necessity arise would be taken at this point.

15/05:15

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY OF NECESSITY ARISE

Goats Path Cliff Stability Report

(Requested by Councillor Blaney)

Councillor Blaney requested a progress report on the repairs to the Goats Path. The DES stated that work was ongoing and that it would be completed by the end of March.

Councillor McIlroy left the meeting.

15/05:05

**PRESENTATION BY THE BUSHMILLS TRUST & BUSHMILL VILLAGE
FORUM ON FEASIBILITY REPORT AND BUSINESS CASE FOR
PURCHASE OF FORMER BUSMILLS PSNI STATION**

Members of The Bushmills Trust & Bushmills Village Forum, Venturei Network and NI Policing Board were welcomed to the meeting.

A presentation was delivered by Alan Summers of Bushmills Village Forum and Roy Bolton of The Bushmills Trust on Feasibility Report and Business Case for the purchase of the former Bushmills PSNI Station, which included a background on the proposal, the Project Steering Group, processes involved, feasibility study, study options considered, resourcing the preferred option, source of funding, viability, community benefit and project administration.

The Chair and members thanked Mr Summers and Mr Bolton for a very informative and detailed presentation and stated that he was aware of the challenges in funding this project.

Members felt this project was imaginative and would be supported by Councillors and Political Parties the length and breadth of Moyle, however, the main area of concern was the financing of the project, there was no money available in the budget for Capital projects.

Members also felt that although facilities in Bushmills had improved over the last 10 years with excellent arts and crafts, cafés and restaurants, Bushmills to Waterfoot was still lacking in facilities and there was a need for more car parking in Bushmills to bring in revenue and a need to attract visitors to the town to stay over. Other issues discussed included ownership of the car park as PSNI and annual occupancy and annual return on the proposed self-catering accommodation.

The Bushmills Trust stated that it was a registered charity, no money was spent on wages and that any profit made from this project would be re-invested in community projects administered by The Bushmills Trust.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would recommend the proposed project of The Bushmills Trust & Bushmills Village Forum for community acquisition of Bushmills PSNI Station, to the Causeway Coast and Glens Council.

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

It was agreed that Item 9 on the Agenda would be taken at this point.

15/05:09

THAT THIS COUNCIL WRITES TO THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE TO REQUEST THE GREEN SPACE AT ESS NA LARRAGH WATERFOOT BE GIVEN/SOLD TO MOYLE COUNCIL AND THAT MOYLE COUNCIL WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WATERFOOT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP A MUCH NEEDED PLAY PARK FOR THE CHILDREN OF WATERFOOT

(Requested by Councillor N McAllister)

Deborah McNaughton from Waterfoot Residents Group was invited to speak to Council. She stated that there were approximately 100 children between the ages of one and sixteen in the Waterfoot area and that the existing play park in the village was over a mile away and that parents and their children had to cross a busy road to access this. The proposed new play park would be situated on a green, in a safe environment where children could be supervised at all times without having to cross a busy road.

After discussion, which included the Housing Executive no longer requiring the land to build on, the Residents Group working with the Housing Association to look at potential sites and safety and supervision,

Councillor N McAllister proposed,
Seconded by Councillor C McShane and resolved,
“That Council would write to the Housing Executive to request the green space at Ess Na Larragh, Waterfoot, be given/sold to Moyle District Council and that Council would work in partnership with Waterfoot Residents Association to develop a much needed play park for the children of Waterfoot.”

Councillors N McAllister, C McShane and Thompson left the meeting.

15/05:06

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

The Development Services Report, and Addendums to Development Services Report having been circulated were taken as read.

Presentation by ASM Consultants

Mr Michael McAllister from ASM Consultants was welcomed to the meeting to present the findings on the Economic Appraisal on Bushmills Visitor Information Centre.

Mr McAllister delivered the presentation outlining the project and its aims and objectives, project need, constraints and options based on those constraints, project costs, sustainability and wider economic benefits followed by questions and answers.

Members welcomed the project as they felt it would continue to increase visitor figures and spend but that the main area of concern was the financing of the project, Council did not have any Capital Funds to carry this project forward.

Discussion included, Bushmills being the hub of the area, the project being good business sense (an investment of £500K could generate over £7M in revenue), possibility of some funding through the Rural Development Fund and the charge of £8.50 by the National Trust to enter the GCVC to access visitor information.

After further discussion, which included the project being shovel ready and having a good business case, it was agreed that as it was not feasible or practical for the Bushmills Visitor Centre project to be implemented by Moyle District Council that it would be handed over to the CC&G Council with a request for it to be a priority.

Community Grant Applications

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from Waterfoot Residents Association for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards set up costs, for insurance and stationery.

Good Relations Grant Applications

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

- The Corrymeela Community for a Good Relations Grant of £1000 towards a Moyle Cultural Concert.
- The Corrymeela Community for a Good Relations Grant of £300 towards their 'Cultivating Communities' project.
- Bushmills Residents and Environmental Forum/Cairns Residents Group for a Good Relations Grant of £1000 towards their Peace Trip joint project.

Bo Lane – Laneway between Quay Road and Strandview Road

Reference was made to the decision at the Council Meeting of 12th January 2015 for Council to erect a bollard at the Strandview Road end of the laneway between Strandview Road and Quay Road at the request of the owners of the laneway.

After discussion, which included the lane currently being used for fuel to be delivered to Leabank Nursing Home, it was agreed that Council would rescind their decision to erect a bollard at the Strandview Road end of Bo Lane between Strandview Road and Quay Road, as previously agreed at the Council Meeting of 12th January 2015.

Addendum to Development Services Report

Community Small Grant Applications

After discussion, it was agreed to approve the request from Carnduff Community Association for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards the purchase of a salt spreader and salt for winter safety.

Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

Reference was made the application from Antrim to Gaza for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards the purchase of multi-media equipment.

After discussion, which included transferable skills and whether this project would benefit residents in the Moyle area,

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Cunningham,
"That Council approve the request from Antrim to Gaza for a Community Small Grant of £300 towards the purchase of multi-media equipment."

On a vote being taken there were 3 votes in favour of and 4 votes against the proposal, which was lost.

Councillor P McShane returned to the meeting.

Brighter Bushmills Project, Bushmills VIC Grounds – Environmental Improvement

Reference was made to the Brighter Bushmills Project, Bushmills VIC Grounds – Environmental Improvement which would tidy up the front of the VIC, repaint the adjacent wall into Dundarave with public artwork, create a new access to the Alphabet Angel and reface the Water Board building.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would request more clarification from the Brighter Bushmills Group on the role of the Council in this project.

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor McIlroy and resolved,
“That the Development Services Report and the Addendums to the Development Service Report be adopted.”

15/05:07

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

VAT Claim Re Trade Waste

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would accept the offer for HMRC to repay 20% of the VAT Council had paid on trade waste invoices for four years 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2011.

Audit and Governance Working Group – Next Meeting

It was reported that the A&GWG Meeting would now take place on Monday 23rd March at 2.30pm.

Slip Way Fees

Reference was made to the £100 fee charged for landing boats at the Pier. The DES reported that this was an annual fee which covered all harbours.

After discussion,

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

15/05:08

INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Tender for DDA Access, Sheskburn House

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would appoint Glenview Contracts to undertake the works relating to DDA Access at Sheskburn House for the sum of £26,646.50.

New Supply Fairhill Street, Ballycastle

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the request from NIE seeking consent to lay 35 metres of low voltage underground cable across ground owned by the Council, in providing a supply to new housing at Fairhill Street, Ballycastle.

Armoy – Sands Project

Reference was made to the correspondence received from Armoy Community Association regarding the Armoy SANDS project, (Stillborn and Neo Natal Deaths).

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would approve the request for flowers e.g. Snowdrops and Forget-Me Nots to be planted in the Riverside Park, Armoy, by mothers in memory of their children.

Trade Waste Collection

Reference was made to a business man who had not received his invoice from MDC for trade waste collection and had received a letter from CC&G Council informing him that his trade waste would not be collected. The DES clarified that correspondence had been sent out to businesses by CC&G enquiring on the frequency of collection and that if notification had not been returned then no collections would be made.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney,
“That the Interim Environmental Services Report be adopted.”

15/05:10

HAS COUNCIL INFORMED EMPLOYEES WHERE AND WHAT THEIR JOB WILL BE GOING FORWARD INTO THE NEW COUNCIL?

(Requested by Councillor Blaney)

The Clerk explained that the Chief Executive of CC&G District Council had been keeping staff updated and that when structures had been put in place that one to one conversations would be held with members of staff concerned.

Councillor Baird expressed empathy with the staff, some of whom had been working long hours and yet were not aware of what their future employment would be.

15/05:11

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

- (a) Agenda NI – Growing an Enterprise Economy: The Transition to local government to be held on Tuesday 28th April, 2015, at Craigavan Civic Centre,

There were no nominations.

15/05:12

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 Anthony Connelly of the Anzac Bar, Market Street, Ballycastle, Co Antrim for a fundraiser evening for Glen Rovers GAC at St Olcan's Hall, Glenshesk Road, Armoy between the hours of 8pm on Saturday 14th March 2015 until 1am on Sunday 15th March 2015.

15/05:13

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

After discussion,

Councillor McDonnell proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,
"That Council would sign and seal the Permissive Path Agreement – Mr Patrick Casement, relating to the path at the ruins of Culfeightrin Church."

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

The meeting concluded at 21:30

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