

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 28TH APRIL 2014**

In the Chair: Councillor C McShane

Members Present: Councillors J Baird, S Blaney, D F Cunningham, W Graham, S Hunter, D M McAllister, R D McDonnell, R A McIlroy, M A McKillop, P McShane.

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 J McMath, Planning Service

Ms L Mooney, Member Services/Clerical Officer

14/08:01

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors McCambridge, S McKillop, N McAllister, and Thompson.

Chairman's Business

It was agreed to move the second Council Meeting in May to 2nd June.

Security Camera, Rathlin Harbour

It was agreed that the meeting would continue in committee.

After discussion,

Councillor McIlroy proposed,
Seconded by Councillor D McAllister and resolved,
"With regard to a 360 degrees camera situated at the Harbour area on Rathlin Island, it was agreed that this camera would remain switched off until the viewing capabilities were limited as agreed and whilst the investigation was undertaken."

The meeting continued out of committee.

Purdah

After discussion,

Councillor Blaney proposed,
Seconded by Councillor D McAllister,
“That items 11, 12 and 13 be withdrawn from the Council Agenda due to being in a period of purdah and that these could then be dealt with at the meeting following the election.”

On a vote being taken, there were 3 votes in favour of and 8 votes against the proposal which was lost.

Community Infrastructure Fund

Reference was made to the opening of the Community Infrastructure Fund and the length of the opening period. This was in relation to a time-bound funding application.

After discussion, it was agreed that officers would liaise with members of the Glens Angling Group with regard to a possible application to the Community Infrastructure Fund for a time-bound project to explore possible methods of application and when the project might be carried out.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

14/08:03

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2014

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th March 2014 having been circulated, were taken as read.

It was agreed that an amendment would be made to the minutes under 14/06:06 to change 2104 to 2014.

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Blaney and resolved,
“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th March 2014 be adopted subject to the agreed amendment.”

14/08:04

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2014

There were no matters arising.

14/08:05

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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

E/2013/0158/F Gaelectric Developments Ltd, C/O RPS, Elmwood House, 74 Elmwood House, Belfast, BT12 6RZ. Location, land east and northeast of No 122 Castlecat Road, Cloonty Townland, Derrykeighan, Ballymoney. Proposed removal of Condition 4 of previous planning approval D/2009/0142/F (Cloonty Wind Farm) under Article 28 of the Planning (NI) Order 1991. Condition 4 of the planning approval D/2009/0142/F requires submission of a tree planting and landscaping scheme prior to construction. (Recommended for Approval)

The above application was approved.

14/08:06

PRESENTATION FROM LINDA ERVINE

A presentation was delivered by Linda Ervine, Irish Language Officer at the East Belfast Mission as part of Irish Language Week entitled "The Hidden History of Protestants and the Irish Language" followed by questions and answers.

14/08:07

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Councillor C McShane left the meeting.

From Fuel Poverty to Achieving Affordable Warmth Public Consultation

Reference was made to the consultation document "From Fuel Poverty to Achieving Affordable Warmth" proposing a new approach to assisting those households most affected by fuel poverty in Northern Ireland.

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Baird and resolved,

"That the consultation response circulated for the from Fuel Poverty to Achieving Affordable Warmth Public Consultation be approved with the following inclusions/extensions; A paragraph stating that Council would like to see more emphasis and instruction on how powers under section 23 can be taken on and used by Council and adequate resourcing and an emphasis on renewable energy."

Consultation on A Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland

Reference was made to the draft Strategic Planning Policy (SPPS) consolidating the 20 extant planning policy statements into one document.

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would endorse the response circulated in the report and the STC response which followed the Nilga response.

Public Analyst Appointment

Reference was made to the contract to provide Public Analyst Services for the 26 District Councils being awarded to Minton, Treharne & Davies Limited (in partnership with Worcestershire Scientific Services)

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Graham and resolved,
“That the following persons be appointed as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991.”

Susanne Brookes
Paul William Hancock
John Antony Robinson
Pat Urwin

Street Trading Application – Temporary Street Trading Licence

After discussion, it was agreed that to approve a temporary street trading licence, subject to no objections being raised by PSNI or Roads Service, for Mr Mervyn Hutchinson for hot food on 26th May 2014 for the junction of Main Street/Carrowreagh Road, Armoy.

Ballycastle Marina Underwater Clean Up Proposal From Keep NI Beautiful

After discussion, it was agreed that an underwater clean up proposed by Keep NI Beautiful would be approved for Ballycastle Harbour on 17th May. It was also agreed that a beach clean would be organised.

Application for Annual Entertainments Licence

It was agreed to approve the following Entertainment’s Licences:

Mr Raymond & Mrs Tracy McFarlane, subject to no representations being received as a result of public notice, for Finn MacCool’s Public House & Guest Inn.

Mr S McLaughlin, for the Causeway Hotel, Bushmills.

Councillor C McShane returned to the meeting.

Application for Occasional Entertainments Licence

After discussion, it was agreed to approve an application for an Occasional Entertainments Licence, subject to compliance with legislative requirements, for Rathlin Development Community Association for the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival.

After discussion,

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

14/08:08

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Extension to Community Infrastructure Grant

After discussion, it was agreed to approve a three month extension requested by Cairns Residents Group of their Community Infrastructure Grant.

Friends of Ballycastle Museum

After discussion, it was agreed that retrospective approval would be given for the draft agreements in place for the Friends of Ballycastle Museum to operate and staff the Museum.

After discussion,

Councillor Cunningham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and resolved,
“That the Interim Development Services Report be adopted.”

Councillor McIlroy returned to the meeting.

14/08:09

DOE CONSULTATION – STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT FOR NORTERN IRELAND. TO CONSIDER A DRAFT RESPONSE

This item was dealt with under the Environmental Services Report.

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DOE CONSULTATION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS. TO CONSIDER DRAFT NILGA RESPONSE

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would accept the response circulated in the report and the STC response which followed the Nilga response.

14/08:11

THAT THIS COUNCIL RECOGNISES THE MASSIVE SACRIFISE MADE BY THE PEOPLE OF MOYLE IN WORLD WAR 1. WORLD WAR 1 OR THE GREAT WAR SAW 16 MILLION PEOPLE KILLED AND A FURTHER 20 MILLION WOUNDED. IT WAS A HELLISH EVENT WHICH DEMANDED THE SUPREME SACRIFISE OF SO MANY, HERE IN MOYLE MANY OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION WERE LOST AND THOSE RETURNING FROM BATTLE BORE UNIMAGINABLE SCARS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. WE MUST LEARN FROM SUCH GREAT EVENTS AND DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT OUR COUNTRY MAINTAINS ITS FREEDOM, PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR US AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE FIRST

BATTLE OF THE GREAT WAR WAS FOUGHT ON 5TH AUGUST 1914 AT LIEGE AND I CALL ON COUNCIL TO COMMEMORATE THIS DAY TO ENSURE THAT THE SUPREME SACRIFISE MADE BY OUR PEOPLE IS NEVER FORGOTTEN.

(Requested by Councillor Baird)

After discussion,

Councillor Baird proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Graham,

“That Council decide to commemorate this day and honour those who lost their lives.”

After discussion, during which the following points were raised, a year of centenaries, need for reconciliation, WW1 being a military disaster and human catastrophe, learning a shared history, talks on Ethical Remembrance, untold stories of the time, poor of the Nations involved being used in war, not promoting war rather remembering it and not allowing it to happen again, shared heritage, differing commemorations, 1916 Easter Rising, Battle of the Somme, a measured and respectful response to all these events, many other Councils honouring people of their district and Good Relations remit,

Councillor Cunningham proposed an amendment,

Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop,

“That Council approach the decade of commemorations in a responsible and measured way, mindful of the need to promote reconciliation, inclusivity, historical accuracy and shared community involvement.”

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Graham,

On a recorded vote being taken on the amendment, Councillors Blaney, Cunningham and M A McKillop voted in favour of and Councillors Baird, Graham, Hunter, McDonnell and McIlroy voted against the amendment which was lost. Councillors C McShane and P McShane abstained.

On a vote being taken on the proposal Councillors Baird, Graham, Hunter, McDonnell and McIlroy voted in favour of and Councillors Blaney, Cunningham, M A McKillop, C McShane and P McShane voted against the proposal. Councillor C McShane used her casting vote against the proposal which was lost.

14/08:12

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS IS A VERY DANGEROUS PRACTICE, IT MEANS THAT PEDESTRIANS OFTEN HAVE TO RISK THEIR LIVES BY STEPPING OUT ONTO THE CARRIAGEWAY TO PASS PARKED VEHICLES. PARKING WHICH OBSTRUCTS PAVEMENTS MEANS THAT CHILDREN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE PAERTICULARLY DISADVANTAGED AND ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO STOP MOTORISTS FROM THIS PRACTICE. I PROPOSE THAT COUNCIL SEEK ADVISE ON THE LEGAL POSITION REGARDIGN PAVEMENT PARKING AND FOLLOW UP ACTION TO HAVE IT STOPPED.

(Requested by Councillor Baird)

After discussion, it was agreed to send a letter to Road Service to seek clarification on the legal position and enforcement regarding parking on pavements.

14/08:13

THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER A GAELTACHT BURSARY FOR YOUNG RESIDENTS ATTENDING THE GAELTACHT FOR 2014 SUMMER COURSES

(Requested by Councillor Cunningham)

After discussion, it was agreed that clarification would be sought on legal standing of Council providing this scheme and also if this could be funded from the underspend in the Summer Scheme budget.

14/08:14

CONFERENCES, COURSES

There were no Conferences for discussion.

14/08:15

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

Notice of Application for an Occasional Licence at Bushmills Distillery by The Old Bushmills Distillery Co Ltd, 2 Distillery Road, Bushmills

There were no objections to the above application.

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

There were no documents for signing and sealing.

14/08:17

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated 27th August 2013 from AA Veterans Support regarding Community Covenants.

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,
Seconded by Councillor Baird,
"That Council sign up to the Community Covenant."

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

- (b) Letter received on 21st March 2014 from The Somme Association regarding funding for commemoration of the centenary of the First World War.

After discussion,

Councillor Graham proposed,

Seconded by Councillor Baird,
"That Council donate £500 funding to the Somme Association."

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Graham.

On a recorded vote being taken, Councillors Baird, Graham, Hunter, McDonnell and R McIlroy voted in favour of and Councillors Blaney, Cunningham, M A McKillop, C McShane and P McShane voted against the proposal. Councillor C McShane used her casting vote against the proposal which was lost.

- (c) Letter dated 3rd April 2014 from Road Service regarding proposed additional waiting restrictions in Cushendall (deferred from previous meeting)

After discussion, it was agreed that an extension would be requested and a Site Meeting organised with Road Service with Councillors in attendance.

- (d) Letter dated 15th April 2014 from Minister of the Environment in response to Council's letter with regard to intervention with the RSPB to maintain visitor access to the sanctuary at the west light on Rathlin during the planned construction works to convert the lighthouse tower into a visitor attraction and upgrade the RSPB Seabird Centre.

This letter was noted.

- (e) Letter dated 15th April 2014 from Department for Regional Development inviting comments on the proposal for the Bus and Coach Passengers Rights and Obligations (Designation and Enforcement) Regulations (NI) 2014

This letter was noted.

- (f) Letter dated 16th April 2014 from Minister of the Environment regarding Giro d'Italia – The Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

This letter was noted.

- (g) Invitation received on 23rd April 2014 from Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust to the official opening of the new Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust office.

It was agreed that Councillors would respond to this invitation if they wished to attend.

The meeting concluded at 9:45pm



CHAIRMAN



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