

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** 23 March 2010 at **7.30 p.m.**

R. WILSON

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Cloonavin
66 Portstewart Road
COLERAINE

A G E N D A

1. West Bay Environmental Improvement Scheme

Representatives from The Paul Hogarth Company will be in attendance to give a short presentation.

2. Minutes (enclosed):

2.1 Council Meeting – 23 February 2010

2.2 Special Meeting – 23 February 2010

2.3 Special Meeting – 2 March 2010*

3. Committee Reports (enclosed):

3.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 2 March 2010

3.2 Planning Committee – 9 March 2010

3.3 Policy and Development Committee – 16 March 2010

(Item No. 3.1) North East Partnership

4. Entertainment Licence – Garvagh Sports and Social Club (Report enclosed)
5. Correspondence, including inter alia:
 - (a) Reports available in Members' Library (List enclosed)
6. Consultation List (enclosed)
7. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (a) Letter dated 25 February 2010 from Parents Autism Lobby (PAL)
- (b) Planning Information

*** Recommended for consideration “In Committee”**

To: Each Member of Council

19 March 2010

COUNCIL MEETING

23rd February, 2010.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King
(Items 6.4 – 13.2)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman

M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
D. D. Barbour
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans

E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
B. Fitzpatrick
B. Leonard
G. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Performance Policy and Governance, Senior Technical Officer and Administrative Assistant

1.0 CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST ATTACK

Condemnation of the recent bomb attack in Newry, in which little warning was given and much damage occurred, was expressed by Members who also voiced their opposition to any recurrence of past troubles.

2.0 BEST WISHES

Best wishes for success were extended to Jenna McCorkell on her upcoming participation in the ice-skating event at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

3.0 NILGA AWARDS

The Mayor congratulated all those involved in the Causeway Kids' Cuisine and Café Culture projects, which achieved top awards at the NILGA Awards ceremony on 18th February, 2010, with the Wildcats being finalists in the competition.

4.0 FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

It was noted that, as part of Fairtrade Fortnight, Starbucks would provide Fairtrade tea and coffee after the meeting.

5.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 26th January, 2010; Special Meeting of 26th January, 2010; Special Briefing of 28th January, 2010; Special Meeting of 2nd February, 2010; and Special Meeting of 11th February, 2010 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

5.1 Special Meeting – 11th February, 2010

5.1.1 Lifeguards

Members were informed that a report on this issue would be brought to a Special Meeting of Council to be held prior to the Leisure and Environment Committee on 2nd March, 2010.

In response to Members' questions, the Director of Corporate Services clarified that the 0.32% increase detailed in Alderman Mrs. Hickey's proposal made at the meeting, referred to the impact on the overall rate. It was noted that the result of this increase on the Council rate, had the proposal been carried, would have been 0.8%.

5.2 International Airshow

In response to Members' queries, the Acting Director of Leisure Services advised that Council Officers were working with Coleraine Chamber of Commerce and Industry in an attempt to raise private funding for this event.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, that Officers continue to work with Coleraine Chamber of Commerce and Industry on this issue.

It was noted that fundraising plans were still at an early stage and that an update would be brought back to Members.

In response to a Member's questions, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that there was no financial contribution for the Airshow within Council's budgets for the incoming year, although some support 'in kind' might be achievable.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Cole, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman McClure.

Matters arising:

6.1.1 Hanover Cycle Path, Coleraine (Stage 2)

The Director of Technical Services confirmed that no application from Tesco had been made to Roads Service in relation to Hanover Place.

It was further advised that Roads Service intended to lift the height of the footpath and retain the trees at this location.

6.1.2 Entertainment Licence - Garvagh Sports and Social Club

Members noted that a meeting had been arranged with PSNI for 25th February, 2010. A report would be brought back to the March meeting of Council.

The Committee Report was agreed subject to the amendment.

6.2 North West '200' Committee

Alderman Creelman moved the adoption of the North West '200' Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed.

6.3 Planning Committee

The Chairman, Councillor McLaughlin, moved the adoption of the Planning Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman McClure and agreed.

6.4 Policy and Development Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Barbour, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman McClure.

Matters arising:

6.4.1 Coleraine District Policing Partnership

Alderman Mrs. Black had withdrawn from her position on the recruitment panel and a replacement nomination was sought.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor McPherson and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black, that the Deputy Mayor be appointed.

6.4.2 Members' Attendance

It was noted that attendance recorded as being from Items 1.0 – 7.2.1 should read 'Items 1.0 – 10.2.1'. The minutes would be amended accordingly.

6.4.3 Accounts

In response to a Member's question in relation to recoverable VAT, the Director of Corporate Services advised that any monies recovered would be used to replenish depleted reserves and would not impact on the rates.

During discussion, reference was made to greater scrutiny of accounts. The need for increased meetings of the Audit Committee would be raised at the March meeting of that Committee

The Committee Report was agreed subject to the amendments.

7.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

“This Council agrees to, as soon as is possible, host a seminar/workshop on increasing our knowledge of, and potential for attracting investment and jobs to our Borough via Project Kelvin. Council further agrees to invite appropriate stakeholders and those with relevant expertise to inform the event.”

Councillor Leonard spoke to the Motion and requested Council's support.

During a period of discussion, it was proposed as an amendment by Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor McQuillan:

That Officers bring an update on progress made on this issue to a future meeting along with recommendations for the way forward, to be considered 'In Committee'.

Following further discussion, the proposers agreed that the amendment be added as an addendum to the Motion.

Agreed:

With unanimous support, that this Council agrees to, as soon as is possible, host a seminar/workshop on increasing our knowledge of, and potential for attracting investment and jobs to our Borough via Project Kelvin. Council further agrees to invite appropriate stakeholders and those with relevant expertise to inform the event. Officers to bring an update on progress made on this issue to a future meeting along with recommendations for the way forward, to be considered 'In Committee'.

8.0 LETTER FROM BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Read letter dated 6th January, 2010 (previously supplied) seeking a nomination to a joint deputation to the Minister for Education regarding a new building for Castle Tower Special School.

Agreed:

On a proposal by Councillor Deans and seconded by Alderman McClure, that the

Mayor be nominated to the deputation.

9.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

Members noted the list of documents which had been made available in the Members' Library (previously supplied).

10.0 COLERAINE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Three applications had been received for these positions, two of which had failed to meet the criteria. As one applicant had since been appointed to the panel, consideration was given to options relating to the remaining vacancy.

Agreed:

On a proposal by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, that:

- (a) Council approve the appointment of Mr Sean McCarry to the Coleraine Harbour Commissioners for the remainder of the current term (ie to 30th June, 2011);
- (b) Council does not take steps to fill the remaining casual vacancy.

11.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Details of consultation documents received were noted (previously supplied).

Any member who wished to make a response was asked to contact the Head of Performance Policy and Governance before the due date for comments as detailed in the report.

12.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. <u>Deed of Dedication</u> | Council and DRD – Cycle Path/Road Widening Scheme at Strand Road and Hanover Place, Coleraine. |
| 2. <u>Cemetery Titles</u> | Grant of Right of Burial - Deeds Register Nos. 3610 – 3619 inclusive. |
| | Agherton 2 |
| | Ballywillan 3 |
| | Coleraine 2 |
| | Kilrea - |
| | Portstewart 3 |

Advanced Deed Register Nos. 0247 – 0249

inclusive.

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	1
Portstewart	2

SPECIAL MEETING

23rd February, 2010.

Convened: To receive presentation from Mr. John Keanie, Chair and Ms. Jackie McNeill, Area Manager of Northern Office, Patient and Client Council

Present: The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson in the Chair

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

D. D. Barbour B. Fitzpatrick
J. M. Bradley B. Leonard
O. M. Church (Mrs.) G. L. McLaughlin
J. J. Dallat R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Hillis

The Mayor welcomed Mr. John Keanie, Chair and Ms. Jackie McNeill, Area Manager of Northern Office, who were in attendance to update Members on the work of the Patient and Client Council.

Mr. Keanie outlined the role of the Council in providing a powerful, independent voice in health and social care for patients, clients, carers and communities and elaborated on various issues including:

- statutory functions of the Council – to engage with the public, promote public involvement, help people making a complaint and provide advice and information;
- structure – Chairman, Chief Executive (Ms. Maeve Hully), Board and Local Advisory Committees;
- Location – Regional Office temporarily situated in Belfast with a planned moved to Antrim, local offices in Belfast, Lurgan, Omagh and Broughshane with an office to open in Newtownards shortly;
- work to date – priorities for action, creation of public forums, Bamford Monitoring Group (Professor Hugh McKenna, Chair) and working with providers on specific issues.

Mr. Keanie profiled the key priorities for the next twelve months which included developing innovative engagement processes; developing a framework for advocacy services across Health and Social Care and identifying and supporting at least one major issue of concern.

A period of discussion ensued during which the representatives answered members' various questions.

The Mayor and Members thanked the representatives for their informative presentation.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2nd March, 2010.

Present: Councillor A. S. Cole, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
D. McClarty
(Items 2.1 – 8.0)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) D. Harding
D. D. Barbour (Items 1.0 – 3.6.2)
(Items 1.0 – 7.0) G. L. McLaughlin
J. M. Bradley (Items 1.0 – 3.6.2)
O. M. Church (Mrs.) R. A. McPherson
T. J. Deans A. McQuillan
(Items 1.0 – 3.2) (Items 2.1 – 8.0)
B. Fitzpatrick

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services (Items 1.0 – 2.1), Head of Leisure Services (Items 1.0 – 2.5), Environment Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.2), Countryside Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.2) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Mrs. Black, Councillors Mrs. Fielding, Hillis and Leonard

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 "IN COMMITTEE"

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by The Mayor and agreed:

That the following items from the Environmental Health Report, Leisure Services Report and Technical Services Report be discussed "In Committee".

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The Report of the Director of Environmental Health was considered (previously supplied).

3.1 Coastal Management Strategy Conceptual Proposal – White Rocks Coastal Park

Further to the work plan presented by the Coastal Management Committee which Council approved in April 2009, a "concept plan" had been drafted for members' consideration.

The vision for this area would be the creation of a Coastal Park and the designation of the White Rocks coastal strip as a Local Nature Reserve under the provisions of Article 22 of the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (NI) Order 1985.

Mr. Jim Allen, Environment Officer and Mr. Mark Strong, Countryside Officer gave a presentation to members on their work to date. They highlighted various issues including:

- Surfing
- Biodiversity
- Traffic
- Education
- Beach Access
- New Pathways

Recommended:

That Council approve the concept of a Coastal Park at White Rocks and authorise the preparation of more detailed options for evaluation later in the year.

Members congratulated the officers on their presentation.

3.2 Local Government and Public Health Agency Joint Working Arrangements

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council support this initiative in addressing health inequalities in the local population through Joint Working Arrangements with the Public Health Agency.

3.3 Fuel Poverty Funding Application Causeway Citizens' Advice Bureau

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council approve the allocation of £3,000 to Causeway Citizens' Advice Bureau for the purpose of alleviating fuel poverty to citizens of the Borough of Coleraine.

3.4 Sunbed Consultation – Consultation on Proposals for Change Consultation on Regulation of the Sunbed Industry

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council approve the consultation response as prepared by the Environmental Health Department.

Copies of the response would be available in the Members' Library.

3.5 Consultation on Proposals to Strengthen Sanctions Against Retailers for Underage Sales of Tobacco Products

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council approve the consultation response as prepared by the Environmental Health Department.

Copies of the response would be available in the Members' Library.

3.6 For Information

3.6.1 Health Improvement

(a) 2009 NILGA Award in Category 'Change Champion in Practice'

Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

(b) Health and Well Being Week at Council

Members noted information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

3.6.2 Outcome of Legal Proceedings

Members noted the undernoted information on this topic:

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| (a) Defendant: | Georgina Gordon
10 Craiglea Gardens
Kilrea |
| Offence: | Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 of
The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 |
| Result: | Fine £ 25
Costs £ 70 |

Court Costs £ 16
Total £111

(b) Defendant: Keith Cruse
42 Oakvale Park
Coleraine

Offence: Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 of
The Dogs (NI) Order 1983

Result: Fine £ 25
Costs £ 70
Court Costs £ 16
Total £111

4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Acting Director of Leisure Services was considered (previously supplied).

4.1 Lough Neagh and Lower Bann Advisory Committees

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council continue its support of £5000 for the 2010/2011 year subject to the other constituent Councils providing same.

4.2 East Strand Car Park – Mini Moto Racing

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council grant permission to the Mini Moto Racing Club of Ireland for the exclusive use of East Strand Car Park on 16th/17th April, 2010 and 22nd/23rd October, 2010 at the undernoted times:

Set-up and Practice – Friday evening from 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Races – Saturday from 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

4.3 For Information

Members noted information on the undernoted topics, as detailed in the report.

- Easter Football and Multi-Sports Coaching Courses for Young People
- St. Patrick's Festival Week

5.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

The Report of the Director of Technical Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

5.1 DRD Roads Service

5.1.1 Proposed Footway and Parking at Downhill

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council support Roads Service's proposal to provide a footway and parking at the Mussenden Road, Downhill opposite the former hotel site and adjacent to Council's toilet block.

5.1.2 Proposed Pedestrian Crossing on Carhill Road, Garvagh

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.

Recommended:

That Council support Roads Service's proposal to introduce a pedestrian crossing refuge and ladder markings on part of the Carhill Road from Kurin Road junction up to Churchtown Road junction.

5.2 Entertainment Licence

5.2.1 The Heckler's Bar, 81 Craigmore Road, Ringsend

An application for a grant of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. J. P. McGilligan, c/o The Heckler's Bar.

Days and times on which it is intended to provide entertainment:

Monday/Tuesday – Saturday/Sunday: 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 a.m.

Sunday: 12.30 p.m. – Midnight

Recommended:

That the Entertainment Licence be granted subject to no representations being received within the statutory period, no PSNI objections and compliance with any recommendations made by Council's Licensing Department inclusive of special conditions:

- All requirements as contained within Night Safe Coleraine Code of Best Practice 2008.
- All door supervisors employed must be licensed with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.
- Security bolt on emergency exit door from pool room to be open when premises are in use.

- Dead lock on exit door from bar to be in open position when premises are in use.

5.3 For Information

5.3.1 Building Control - Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 26 applications.

5.4 North West Region Waste Management Group

Members noted the minutes of the NWRWVG Joint Committee Meeting held on 6th January, 2010 (previously supplied).

6.0 RATES

A member referred to a letter which was published in a recent edition of The Chronicle claiming that Council staff and members received half price rates bills. The Acting Director of Leisure Services advised members that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive had forwarded a response to The Chronicle advising that this was incorrect and staff and members did not receive a reduction.

7.0 STEPS BETWEEN KERR STREET AND MARK STREET, PORTRUSH

Further to a member's request that Council contact Roads Service to ascertain if the steps between Kerr Street and Mark Street could be reinstated before Easter, the Director of Technical Services advised he would contact Roads Service to obtain an update.

8.0 ROADS SERVICE – NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS – PORTRUSH AND PORTSTEWART

Further to a member's request for an update on Roads Service's new parking restrictions at Portrush and Portstewart, the Director of Technical Services advised he would contact Roads Service.

- C/2008/0459/F
Proposed redevelopment to include demolition of existing dwellings and garages and provision of 2 no. replacement dwellings and 1 no. additional dwelling (3 no. total proposed all detached) to include incurtilage driveways, private amenity and landscaping at 17 and 19 Ballycairn Road, Coleraine for Prolusk Ltd.
- to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman McClarty:
- That Council support a refusal.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, sixteen voting in favour and no one voting against.
- 2.3 Application No. 3
C/2008/0677/F
Demolition of existing bank, restaurant, residential properties and construction of new restaurant, 1 no. retail unit and 18 no. two bedroom apartments at Nos. 25, 27, 29, 29A - 29F Eglinton Street, Portrush for K. Bradley
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.4 Application No. 4
C/2009/0018/O
Replacement of 1 no. detached dwelling with 2 no. detached dwellings at 44 Glenkeen Road, Aghadowey, Coleraine for Mr. R. McCook
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be removed from the schedule to facilitate reassessment by the Planning Service.
- 2.5 Application No. 5
C/2009/0116/F
Proposed extension to existing holiday homes park to provide 92 no. units at Golf Links Holiday Homes Park, Bushmills Road, Portrush for Cloughorr Investments Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.6 Application No. 6
C/2009/0511/F
Proposed two storey dwelling with detached double garage adjacent to 86 Gorran Road, Garvagh for Mr. D. McKay
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.7 Application No. 7
C/2009/0544/F
Replacement detached dwelling (amended plans) at 28 Prospect Road, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. Smyth
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

- 2.8 Application No. 8
C/2009/0619/F
Alteration to site layout approved under C/2006/0159/F to upgrade private road 6 to an adoptable standard including larger turning area, minor amendments to road geometry and site frontage only off Swilly Road, Portstewart for Colum McAuley Builders Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.9 Application No. 9
C/2009/0646/F
Change from one detached dwelling to two semi-detached dwellings at 1 Ballywillan Road, Portrush for Mr. J. Hill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Reported that the decision on this application would be held following a request for a further office meeting.

New Applications

- 2.10 Application No. 2
C/2008/0605/F
New three storey commercial unit to provide additional floor space for existing business operations to incorporate showroom, management, administration and training suites, 2 no. bulky durable retail and showroom spaces, motor finance operations including re-location of existing 67.91 m² of office space and associated car parking and outdoor car display at 9 Somerset Road, Coleraine for Roadside Garages
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.11 Application No. 6
C/2009/0543/F
Farm diversification project to include vehicle storage, servicing to include the maintenance and repair of farm machinery and equipment and general purpose storage facilities to the rear of 181A Gateside Road, Coleraine for Mr. G. Neely
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.12 Application No. 10
- The opinion of the Planning Service was

C/2009/0775/F
Change of use from existing retail unit to café/hot food take away bar at ground floor level at 3 Causeway Street, Portrush for Glenmark Developments Ltd.

to refuse.

It was proposed by Alderman McClure and seconded by the Mayor:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That Council support the refusal.

As the amendment failed to find a seconder it was agreed that the office meeting be held.

2.13 Application No. 12
C/2009/0781/F
Proposed re-design of housing development to supersede approval C/2006/0999/F (house type 10 re-designed from detached dwelling to semi-detached dwelling) at 111 Grove Road, Swatragh for Mr. B. Diamond

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

2.14 Application No. 13
C/2009/0786/O
Proposed 2 no. semi-detached dwellings, domestic garages and associated amenity (2 units) between 8 and 10 Leeke Road, Bushmills for Mr. and Mrs. Twaddle

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor McPherson, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

- 2.15 Application No. 14
C/2009/0795/O
Two storey replacement dwelling to
replace No. 83 Carthall Road on to
site between Nos. 83 and 85 Carthall
Road, Coleraine for Mrs. M.
Brownlow
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.16 Application No. 18
C/2009/0815/F
Detached garage with 1st floor
playroom at 54 Benbane Park,
Portballintrae for Mr. and Mrs. D.
Flynn
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.17 Application No. 21
C/2009/0823/F
Re-clad existing retail unit and
development of 2 café/sandwich
bar/restaurant units and associated
site works adjacent to Laser Electrics
Unit, Riverside Regional Centre,
Coleraine for Kelvin Properties Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Concern was expressed regarding the impact of this type of development on Coleraine town centre and the rationale for approving this application and refusing application No. 2 (C/2008/0605/F)
- Following discussion members were of the opinion that the Town Centre Partnership should provide advice on a plan for the town centre development.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

3.0 PLANNING APPEALS INFORMATION

Consideration was given to the Planning Appeals Report detailing the following

(previously supplied):

3.1 Appeal against Enforcement Notices

The alleged unauthorised erection of a dwelling and shop, land at 6 Craig Vara Terrace, Portrush for Mark and Tracey Scullion

The Planning Appeals Commission had received an appeal against the above Enforcement Notice and was required to take account of any representations received from Council thereon (copy letter dated 26 February 2010 previously supplied).

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed:

That Council support the Department's enforcement action.

3.2 Article 33 Non Determination Appeal:

Proposed 2 no. 'barn style' infill dwellings, Site 12m west of No. 65 Sconce Road, Articlave, Coleraine for Mr. Martin

A Non-Determination Appeal had been lodged in respect of the above application (copy letter dated 2 February 2010, together with draft refusal reasons, previously supplied).

It was agreed that no opinion be offered.

4.0 APPLICATION NO. C/2009/0159/F
BALLYCAIRN ROAD, COLERAINE

Consideration was given to letter dated 24 February 2010 from the Minister of the Environment in reply to Council's letter dated 11 February 2010 (previously supplied).

The application was currently being reconsidered by the Divisional Planning Office and would be returned to Council, in due course, following this reassessment. The Minister was of the opinion that it would be inappropriate for him to comment on an individual planning application that was still going through the normal planning and statutory process.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Deans and agreed:

That Council write to the Minister of the Environment seeking clarification regarding if and when he was going to examine the application.

5.0 DELAYS RELATED TO STRATEGIC PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to letter dated 10 February 2010 from the Northern Ireland Assembly – Environment Committee Office together with schedule listing Strategic Planning Applications (previously supplied) which were delayed in the planning process.

During discussion members expressed concern at the lack of strategic planning applications for the Coleraine area.

It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed:

That this item be placed on the Policy and Development Committee Agenda for further consideration.

6.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Thursday 8 April 2010.

7.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

7.1 C/2009/0763/F

Office building and associated car park at 2 Gateside Road, Coleraine

Reference was made to the present situation regarding the above planning application.

Mr. Duffy advised that no objections had been received but confirmation was awaited with regard to Roads Service issues.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by the Mayor and agreed:

That approval be issued subject to agreement with Roads Service.

7.2 Derelict Development Land

Reference was made to the extent of derelict land in the area awaiting development. It was recognised that the economic climate had played a major part in the decline of major developments.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

16th March, 2010.

Present: Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
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Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Acting Director of Leisure Services (Items 1.0-8.4), Head of Development Services (Items 1.0-8.4), Head of Performance Policy and Governance (Items 1.0-7.0), Tourism Manager (Items 1.0-8.4), Administrative Officer (Items 1.0-8.4) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman McClure and Councillor Mrs. Fielding

1.0 IN COMMITTEE

Committee noted that a number of items would be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

2.0 BUSINESS PLANNING

It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church and agreed:

That the following items be considered 'In Committee'.

On the proposal of Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, Members resolved themselves out of 'Committee' and ratified the recommendations made therein.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT

The Report of the Head of Development Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 North East Partnership: New Governance Proposals

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That the proposed recommendations be put to Council on 23rd March, 2010.

3.2 Portrush Harbour Technical Feasibility Study – INTERREG IVA

Committee noted information on the Sail West Project which had received a Letter of Offer for funding of 7,025,046 Euros. Members noted that the Coleraine Borough Council element of this grant would be 167,747 Euros which would provide 100% subsidy to facilitate development of a Harbour study.

Recommended:

That Council accepts the 167,747 Euros funding and agrees to the preparation of a Technical Study to assess development of the Harbour including the feasibility of marina development, subject to a successful Value for Money assessment.

3.3 Conference Feasibility Study and Tourism Sector Business Support

Members received an update on tourism in the Borough. Consideration was then given to an offer of funding from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board's Tourism Innovation Fund (TIF) of 75% of a £27,000 budget to carry out an in-depth assessment of the developmental needs of the tourism businesses and a conference market study. Members noted that £6,750 of the cost for this work (25%) had been allocated within Council's 2010/11 budget.

Recommended:

That Council accepts the funding offer and undertakes the work.

3.4 Causeway Coast and Glens Regional Tourism Partnership (RTP)

Committee noted information on Causeway Coast and Glens RTP, as contained in the report.

A period of discussion ensued during which the Head of Development Services answered Members' questions and noted comments.

Recommended:

That Council agrees a contribution of £39,000 to the Causeway Coast and Glens RTP for the 2010/11 financial year.

3.5 Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust

Consideration was given to a request for continued support of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust.

Recommended:

That Council contributes £11,000 to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust for 2010/11.

3.6 COLLAGE

Consideration was given to a funding proposal from COLLAGE for the period 1st April, 2010 to 31st March, 2011.

Recommended:

That Council allocates £15,000 to COLLAGE for the speciality market operation and contributes £20,000 towards the running costs of COLLAGE on a deficit funding basis.

3.7 North East Region Rural Development Programme

Committee noted information on three joint programmes to be run across the five-council North East Region Rural Development Cluster, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

On a proposal by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

- (i) That Council agrees the three projects as outlined at a total cost of £2,142.89 in 2010/11; £2,142.89 in 2011/12; and £888.89 in 2012/13, subject to grant funding.
- (ii) That Council contributes £5,800 to North East Regional Development Programme over the three-year period for ancillary costs.

Members welcomed the work on the Food Tourism Initiative; the Head of Development Services would pass thanks to the relevant staff.

3.8 Cross Party Working Group on Memorials

Consideration was given to proposals for the Equality Working Group to take forward this issue and to the draft terms of reference for the work.

Recommended:

That Council refers the matter of Memorials to the Equality Working Group and adopts the terms of reference as outlined in the report. The group would report back to the Policy and Development Committee.

In response to a Member's query, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the Working Group would look at the timescale for progressing this issue.

3.9 Request for use of Council Land for Gospel Mission

Consideration was given to a request from Coleraine Free Presbyterian Church for the use of land to facilitate a gospel mission over the period 10th – 28th September, 2010, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That Council approves use of the field as requested by the Coleraine Free Presbyterian Church, subject to conditions and indemnities as contained in the report.

3.10 Samaritans Irish Region Conference

Consideration was given to a request for funding from Coleraine and District Branch Samaritans.

Recommended:

That Council supports the conference with a welcome reception up to £500.

3.11 Portrush Regeneration Group

Members noted proposals for a change to the structure and recruitment process for this group following appointment of the Portrush Regeneration Manager, as contained in the report.

Recommended:

That Council approves the structure and process as outlined in the report and that the Mayor participates in the recruitment process.

3.12 For Information

Members noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report.

- (i) Regeneration Exhibitions.
- (ii) Draft Tourism Strategy for Northern Ireland.
- (iii) West Bay Environmental Improvement Scheme – Consultation to full Council.
- (iv) Neighbourhood Renewal Programme – Consultation Process.

4.0 CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT

The Report of the Director of Corporate Services was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Authorised Signatories

Recommended:

That, in accordance with Financial Regulations, Council approves the Director of Corporate Services and the Finance Manager as authorised signatories in relation to all necessary long-term loans, bonds and related borrowings, together with any short-term loans or investments.

4.2 For Information

Members noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report.

- (i) Information on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
- (ii) Council Website.
- (iii) Accounts.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

5.1 Council Forecast of Events March - April 2010

Members noted information on key Council events and activities, as contained in the report (previously supplied).

5.2 Balanced Communities Review Group

Consideration was given to a report on the Balanced Communities Review Group (previously supplied) and an outline of options for the way forward.

Recommended:

That Council adopts option 3 to continue with biannual consultative meetings.

Members noted that the Terms of Reference would be brought to the April meeting of the Policy and Development Committee and that the first meeting of the Group would be convened for May.

6.0 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Joint Local Government Response Paper dated 25th February, 2010 from NILGA and SOLACE on Efficiency and Collaboration

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive updated Committee on this response paper (previously supplied) which was presented to the Strategic Leadership Board (SLB) on 25th February, 2010 when the Minister confirmed that he would consider the paper.

The next meeting of the SLB would be held on 14th April, 2010 and no further decision on the RPA was expected prior to that meeting.

6.2 NILGA Press Release dated 2nd March, 2010 – ‘Way Forward for Local Government Reform Emerging – but only if the Minister finalises the Boundaries’

The contents of the press release were noted (previously supplied).

7.0 CONSULTATION LIST

Details of consultation documents received were noted (previously supplied).