

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** the 22nd day of April, 2008 at **7.30 p.m.**

D. WREATH,
Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 26th March, 2008
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 3rd April, 2008
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 1st April, 2008
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 8th April, 2008
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 15th April, 2008
3. Special Council Briefing - Alzheimer's Society – 26th March, 2008 (Report enclosed)
4. Tenders – New Play Area at Juniper Hill Caravan Park (Report enclosed)
5. Planning Reform : A Local Government View (Report enclosed)
6. Correspondence, including inter alia:
 - (a) Letter dated 27th March, 2008 from Armagh City and District Council regarding BT Charges for Non Direct Debit Customers (enclosed)
 - (b) Letter dated 28th March, 2008 from Down District Council regarding a Notice of Motion on 'Joined-Up Thinking' on Energy and the All-Island Energy Market (enclosed)
 - (c) Letter dated 8th April, 2008 from Carrickfergus Borough Council regarding a Notice of Motion on Tackling Suicide (enclosed)
 - (d) List of Reports available in Members' Library (enclosed)

7. Consultation List (enclosed)
8. Documents for Sealing
9. Peace III* (Report enclosed)

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 5th March, 2008
- (2) Special Council Briefing Report - Coleraine & District Riding for Disabled and Community Rescue Service – Bann Search and Rescue Unit – 1st April, 2008

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

To: Each Member of Council.

18th April, 2008.

Leisure and Environment Committee Meeting
on Tuesday, 1st April, 2008.

3.1.2 East Strand Concert -
June 2008

The Director of Environmental Health reported that he had been advised by the promoter that the concert to be held at the East Strand Car Park had been cancelled.

Noted.

The Committee Report was agreed subject to the amendments.

3.2 Planning Committee

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

Matters arising:

3.2.1 NILGA Draft Response
to Draft PPS 18
(Renewable Energy)

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that comments would be accepted from Council until mid May.

Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support the NILGA Response, incorporating any points raised by members.

It was further agreed that Council submit a professional planning response to the supplementary document on wind power given the potential environmental implications of wind power in the Borough.

The Committee Report was agreed subject to the amendment.

3.3 Policy and Development
Committee

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

4.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

It was agreed that the Development Services Report be considered at the end of the Meeting.

5.0 DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL - RESOLUTION

Consideration was given to letter dated 25th February, 2008 from Down District Council seeking Council's support for a Resolution on preserving the renewable energy industry in Northern Ireland.

Noted.

**6.0 BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL -
RESOLUTION**

Consideration was given to letter dated 11th March, 2008 from Ballymena Borough Council seeking Council's support for the undernoted Resolution:

“Ballymena Borough Council deplors the concerted campaign, launched by Sinn Fein/I.R.A., supported by S.D.L.P., to purge Councils of revered symbols relating to our British heritage, unionist convictions and our Protestant culture”.

It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed, sixteen members voting in favour:

That Council support the Resolution.

Councillor Leonard asked to be recorded as being against the decision.

7.0 THE MITCHELL CONFERENCE - QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

Read letter from Queen's University, Belfast inviting members to The Mitchell Conference on 22nd and 23rd May, 2008. The Conference would be held at Queen's University with the theme being 'Moving on from Conflict: Lessons from Northern Ireland'.

Members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

8.0 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Reported that the Chartered Institute of Housing in Northern Ireland inaugural Spring Conference entitled 'Developer Contribution in Housing: Panacea or Pandora's Box?' would take place on 9th April, 2008 at the Stormont Hotel in Belfast.

Members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

9.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (a) Northern Ireland Executive – Programme for Government 2008 – 2011
- (b) Northern Ireland Executive – Budget 2008-11
- (c) Quarry Products Association – The Quarry Products Association Northern Ireland 2007 Annual Report
- (d) Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People – NICCY Road Safety Policy Paper
- (e) Community Care Guide – A Guide to Community Services and Information
- (f) Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission – NIHRC Review – Issue 6 – Winter 2007
- (g) Business in the Community – Strategic Vision towards 2011 – Establishing Northern Ireland as the leading region for responsible business practice
- (h) Ballymena Borough Council – Preview – Spring 2008 – Issue 3
- (i) The Corporate Magazine of Invest Northern Ireland – Issue No. 13 – February 2008
- (j) Queen's University Belfast – Vice-Chancellor's Report 2006 – 2007
- (k) Youth Justice Agency Newsletter – Connections – Issue 13 – February 2008
- (l) Government Equalities Office – 2007 – European Year of Equal Opportunities for All : Valuing Diversity Publication
- (m) Northern Ireland Office – Criminal Justice System NI – Criminal Justice in a Shared Future
- (n) International Fund for Ireland – Annual Report and Accounts 2007
- (o) Northern Trauma Advisory Panel – Newsletter TAP TALK – Spring 2008 – Issue 2
- (p) British Dental Association Northern Ireland – 2007 Manifesto for Dentistry

- (q) The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management
 - (i) Environmental Permitting Regulations explained – The WEEE Directive explored – The latest composting practices examined
 - (ii) Communications in Waste and Resource Management – Volume 9 – Issue 1 – March 2008
- (r) Construction Ireland
 - (i) Motoring Ahead – National Roads Authority – Vol. 11 No. 2
 - (ii) Supplement - Northern Ireland Water – Managing Northern Ireland’s most valuable resource
- (s) European Union Regional Policy – Regions as partners – The European Territorial Co-operation Objective - No 24 – December 2007
- (t) Agenda NI – Issue 15 – March 2008
- (u) The Magazine for Youth Justice – January 2008

10.0 CONSULTATION LIST

The following consultation papers had been received and were available for members who wished to consider making a response:

1. Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment – Draft Corporate Plan 2008-11
Comments due: 30 April 2008
2. Northern Ireland Office – Criminal Justice Reform and Delivery Division - Alternatives to Prosecution – A Discussion Paper
Comments due: 30 May 2008
3. Department of the Environment – Planning and Environmental Policy Group – Review of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985
Comments due: 6 June 2008

11.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

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| 1. | <u>Licence</u> | Coleraine Borough Council to Coleraine & District Motor Club Ltd. |
| 2. | <u>Lease and Contract for Services</u> | Coleraine Borough Council and Andrew Hill and Ian Hill - Watersports Centre, Portrush. |
| 3. | <u>Transfer in Triplicate</u> | Coleraine Borough Council to Jean Fulton Bowns – Land adjacent to 16 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush. |
| 4. | <u>Cemetery Titles</u> | Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register Nos. 3397 – 3402 (inclusive): |
| | Agherton | 1 |
| | Ballywillan | 1 |
| | Coleraine | 3 |
| | Kilrea | - |
| | Portstewart | 1 |

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| Agherton | - |
| Ballywillan | - |
| Coleraine | 1 |
| Portstewart | 1 |

12.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

12.1 Peace III – Draft Action Plan

Consideration was given to the draft Action Plan for Peace III funding (previously supplied). The draft plan would be discussed by the North East Interim Peace Committee on 27th March, 2008 before submission to SEUPB.

The Head of Development Services noted members' comments which included:

- Clarification of crime statistics;
- Vision aims and objectives – Only 50 plus participants used from across the NE area;
- The Plan must be reviewed in 2011 as the RPA is implemented.

It was noted that the comments would be submitted to the Peace Committee and a full report would be presented to Council at a later date.

12.2 Coleraine Borough Council Branding

Following consideration of the suggested events' brand it was agreed:

That further options be presented to the Leisure and Environment Committee on 1st April, 2008.

SPECIAL MEETING

3rd April, 2008.

Convened: To receive a presentation on the Regional Landfill Site from representatives of B. Mullan & Sons

Present: The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley (in the Chair)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) W. J. McClure
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
(Item 2.0)

Councillors

J. J. Dallat B. Leonard
B. Fitzpatrick R. A. McPherson
S. Gilkinson A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance: Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Technical and Waste Management Officer and Administrative Assistant.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Church, Mrs. Fielding and King

Also in Attendance: Mr. S. Mullan, B. Mullan & Sons; Mr. V. Wallace and Mr. D. Doyle, Consultants on behalf of B. Mullan & Sons; Mr. A. Baskin, RPS Consultants

1.0 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting with a special welcome to members of the public seated in the public gallery.

2.0 REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive reminded Council of the background to the choice of preferred site for the regional landfill site by the North West Regional Waste Management Group (NWRWGMG).

Mr. Wallace introduced the members of B. Mullan & Sons, who were present at the meeting and outlined their responsibilities in the Company.

Mr. Baskin presented a detailed breakdown of the development of the landfill site to date including:

- The proposed site
- Statutory processes
- Design considerations
 - site development
 - site layout – operation on a cellular basis
 - site lining
 - good waste management practice
 - site capping and restoration
- Consultations

- Requirements for Planning and Pollution Prevention and Control (PPC) applications
- Environmental Impact Assessment process
- Mitigation measures

During a period of discussion, Messrs. Baskin and Wallace answered members' questions and clarified various issues. In response to members' concerns, the representatives confirmed B. Mullan & Sons intention to consult with the local community and to keep them informed of developments at the site.

Members also expressed concern at the possibility that three further sites in the area were also under consideration for waste management use; not, however, commissioned by the NWRWMG.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their informative presentation and advised that an opportunity for local residents to view the engineered landfill site at Craighulliar could be arranged, through elected representatives, if requested.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1st April, 2008.

Present: Councillor R. A. McPherson, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley (Items 1.0 – 2.11.2)
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.11.2)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) D. McClarty
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 - 2.11.2)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 3.3) B. Fitzpatrick
D. D. Barbour S. Gilkinson
(Items 1.0 – 2.11.2) N. F. Hillis
O. M. Church (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 2.11.2)
J. J. Dallat W. A. King
(Items 1.0 – 2.11.2) B. Leonard
T. J. Deans G. L. McLaughlin

Officers in Attendance:

Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Head of Administrative Services, Director of Environmental Health, Environmental Health Officer (Items 2.11.2 – 3.3), Director of Leisure Services, Leisure Services Officers, Senior Technical Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.2), Technical and Waste Management Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.0), Biodiversity Officer (Items 1.0 – 3.0), Principal Building Control Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.11.2), Head of Development Services (Items 3.1 – 6.0) and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Alderman Creelman

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Waiting Restrictions –
Stuarts Gardens and
Strand Road
Portstewart

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

Recommended:

- (i) That Council support the proposed waiting restriction at Stuarts Gardens, Portstewart;

- (ii) That Council ask Roads Service to reduce the 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' proposal at Strand Road, Portstewart on the north west side from 60m to 30m.

A member requested a progress report on parking issues at The Promenade, Portstewart. The Senior Technical Officer advised that the topic would be discussed at a Leisure and Environment Committee meeting as soon as amended plans had been received from the Roads Service.

2.2 Entertainment Licence

2.2.1 Portstewart Royal British Legion Club 21 Lever Road Portstewart

An application for a grant of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. R. H. Bennett, c/o Portstewart Royal British Legion.

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

Sunday 12.30 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.
Monday – Saturday 11.30 a.m. – 11.00 p.m.
each day but on those occasions when a late licence is granted then 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 a.m.,
Sunday 12.30 p.m. – midnight.

Recommended:

That the Entertainment Licence be granted with the inclusion of a special condition:

- All door supervisors employed within the licensed premises must be registered with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

Several members enquired about the scope to include other conditions in the Entertainment Licence. The Director of Environmental Health answered members' various questions, advising that a new Code of Practice currently under consideration, would be introduced later in the year and would help address some of their concerns.

2.3 Annual Tenders - 2008-2009

Two tenders were received for timber, viz:

| <u>Tenderer</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| H. & T. Bellas Ltd., Coleraine | £4997.42 |
| * Jacobs Building Centre, Coleraine | £3469.38 |

* Incomplete Tender

Recommended:

That Council accept the tender from H. & T. Bellas Ltd., for the sum of four thousand, nine hundred and ninety-seven pounds and forty-two pence (£4997.42).

2.4 Supply and Installation of a Wind Turbine at Garvagh Amenity Site

Following advertisement for the supply and installation of a wind turbine at Garvagh Amenity Site, four tenders were received, viz:

| | <u>Tenderer</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----|--|---------------|
| 1. | J. A. Graham, 3 Carmavy Road, Crumlin | £23,000 |
| 2. | Frontier Energy Ltd., Killyliss Road, Eglis, Dungannon | £38,630 |
| 3. | Pipeline Renewable Services, Dargan Crescent, Belfast | £43,497 |
| 4. | Greenpark Energy Systems Ltd, Camlough Road, Newry | £51,050 |

Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest tender from J. A. Graham for the sum of twenty-three thousand pounds, (£23,000).

Members noted that, whilst the turbine was not grant aided, it was better value than an N.I.E. supply.

2.5 Tender for Laboratory Analysis Services

Following public advertisement for laboratory analysis services, three tenders were received, viz:

| | <u>Tenderer</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Alcontrol Laboratories | £58,091.72 |
| 2. | Seven Trent Laboratories (STL) Ltd. | £78,669.00 |
| 3. | McQuillan Envirocare Ltd. | £89,599.30 |

Recommended:

That Council award the contract to Alcontrol Laboratories for the sum of fifty-eight thousand and ninety-one pounds and seventy-two pence (£58,091.72).

2.6 Tender for Borehole Installation

Following advertisement for the installation of sampling boreholes at Craighulliar, five tenders were received, viz:

| <u>Tenderer</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 1. Whiteford Geoservices | £35,780 |
| 2. Geotechnical & Environmental Services | £53,492 |
| 3. Glover Site Investigations Ltd. | £61,592 |
| 4. Stratex | £70,783 |
| 5. Grand Check Ltd. | £106,557 |

Council's consultants, R.P.S., on reviewing the tenders noticed greatly reduced rates in the lowest tender for a certain item compared with other tenders. The tenderer, Whiteford Geoservices, was contacted to check the rates and they subsequently withdrew their tender.

Recommended:

That Council accept the tender from Geotechnical and Environmental Services for the sum of fifty-three thousand, four hundred and ninety-two pounds (£53,492.00).

2.7 Tender for Transportation of Leachate from Craigahulliar Landfill Site to Riversdale Pumping Station

Following advertisement for transportation of leachate from Craigahulliar Landfill Site to Riversdale Pumping Station, two tenders were received, viz:

| <u>Tenderer</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Summerisland Waste Management | £2.37 per m ³ |
| 2. Road Safety Contracts Ltd. | £2.40 per m ³ |

The current supplier for this service is Road Safety Contracts. During the winter, both companies were contacted with regard to the movement of an additional volume per day. Road Safety Contracts offered the additional service and Summerisland declined saying they had no tankers.

Recommended:

That Council accept the tender from Road Safety Contracts Ltd., for the sum of two pounds and forty pence (£2.40 per m³).

A member enquired if the leachate could be piped to Portrush or the sewage system. The Technical and Waste Management Officer advised members that this was being explored.

2.8 Petroleum Licences – Conditions

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

Recommended:

That Council adopt the following conditions:

Tanks and Pipework Test Certification

- Single skin tanks should be tested when 20 years old, 25 years, 30 years and every 2 years thereafter, or as deemed necessary by the Licensing Authority.
- Conventional steel or GRP pipework or other systems incorporating joints below the ground. Test every 5 years until year 30 and then every 2 years thereafter.
- Continuous flexible pipework (including those with thermo-welded joints). Test every 10 years.

These recommended frequencies should only be used as a guide and where a more reliable leak detection system is in operation there should be a site specific risk assessment provided.

Leak Detection and Prevention Systems

Where an appropriate leak detection and wet stock control system is in place and is properly operated and monitored, there may be no need to carry out periodic tank or pipework leak testing.

The system chosen must have the level of accuracy and reliability in detecting leaks that is commensurate with risks identified at the site.

The site operator must demonstrate his or her capability in providing the relevant data produced by the system in a form acceptable to the licensing authority.

These conditions pertaining to a Petrol Storage Licence would come into effect for the incoming licence period 2008/2009.

2.9 North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWVG)

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive explained the delay in progressing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the NW/SWaMP Joint Project and outlined a number of legal issues relating to the matter. Members noted that following legal advice and discussions with the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Environment, the joint group would split and the NWRWVG would proceed in having the MoU prepared for signing and sealing by the Group's member Councils.

2.10 Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS)

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

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that in order to achieve the targets set for the diversion of waste from landfill and to avoid penalties, potentially up to £525,000 in the year 2009/2010, Council must divert an additional 3500 tonnes of biodegradable waste from landfill in that year. He explained that it could be achieved in one of two ways:

- (i) The delivery of residual black bin waste to a MBT plant for treatment at £260,000 or
- (ii) The introduction of a third bin (brown) for compostable kitchen/garden waste at £193,000.

Although the black bin option would be more expensive, it would guarantee the reduction in waste going to landfill and avoid penalties with greater certainty.

After a period of discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed by eleven votes for and three against that:

Council implement the black bin option in order to achieve the targets set for the diversion of waste from landfill and to avoid penalties in 2009/2010.

2.11 For Information

2.11.1 Building Control

(a) Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 32 applications.

2.11.2 The Coleraine Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)

The Biodiversity Officer gave a brief presentation on the draft Biodiversity Action Plan and answered members' various questions.

Members noted that the launch of the document had been provisionally set for 26th June, 2008.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 The Smoking Ban - One Year On - Smoke-free Contributing to Cleaner Air and Healthier Environments

The Environmental Health Officer updated members on the work carried out by the department since the introduction of the legislation.

3.2 The Shops (Sunday Trading) NI Order 1997 - Tesco, Portstewart

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

Recommended:

That Council delay seeking legal opinion on this matter until it considers any revised application made by Tesco for additional permitted Sunday trading hours.

3.3 Food Standards Agency Northern Ireland - Proposed Cuts to Food Safety Grants

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

Recommended:

That Council write to the Secretary of State to ascertain which Minister the Food Standards Agency is responsible to.

3.4 For Information

3.4.1 Review of Drinking in Public Places Bye-Laws

Members noted that the public consultation period for the amended bye-laws would close on 2nd April, 2008. If no responses were received, the bye-laws would be presented to the Department for Social Development for approval.

3.4.2 Coleraine Borough Council Work Well Scheme Health Fair

Members, Council staff and partners were invited to a Health Fair, organised by Miss Debbie Keys, Health and Well-Being Officer, on 23rd April, 2008 in Cloonavin.

3.4.3 Outcome of Legal Proceedings – The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended

Members noted that a successful prosecution for dog offences in the Heights area had resulted in fines and costs amounting to over £350.

4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Somerset Riverside Park

Members noted that the pathway would be resurfaced and widened to provide a much superior access facility. The scheme would cost approximately £45,000. Funding had been secured from the Lower Bann Partnership and the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure had committed an 'in-kind' contribution of £15,000. An allowance for the remaining £15,000 had been made in Council's Capital Programme.

4.2 Causeway Museum Service

4.2.1 Causeway Museum Service - Community Outreach Officer

Reported that a three year funding package had been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund for this post which would terminate in May 2008.

The Community Outreach Officer has been working with local communities in Coleraine, Moyle, Limavady and Ballymoney Council areas.

The three other Councils are supportive of providing funding to extend the contract for a further three years, subject to annual review. An allowance has been made in the 2008/09 revenue estimates.

It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black, seconded by Councillor Deans and recommended:

That Council contribute funding to this post.

4.2.2 Market Yard Update

Members noted that following the unsuccessful application to Heritage Lottery Fund in December 2007 the Market Yard Working Group have been exploring other potential funders. Ms. Perry is now preparing a new revised application for autumn submission.

4.2.3 Exhibitions

To coincide with the Causeway Museum Service Conference from 23rd April – 17th May, 2008 the following exhibitions would be displayed in Coleraine Town Hall:

- (i) Exhibition of artwork by local schools and youth clubs;
- (ii) An exhibition of works from Council's prestigious collection;
- (iii) Show of community art by seven young people's groups from the Causeway area which was inspired by their local heritage.

4.3 Anderson Park Coleraine

Members noted that works to reduce the amount of sediment in the pond would commence in mid April and last approximately 4-5 weeks. For safety reasons, a small section of the park would be closed off and a temporary access to the play park would be made.

A member expressed concern at the failure of the original scheme to address silting.

4.4 Coleraine Showgrounds

Members noted that Minister Poots would be meeting with the Working Group to continue discussions regarding Coleraine Showgrounds on Friday, 4th April, 2008 at 1.45 p.m.

4.5 North West 200 Festival Week Launch – 12th – 17th May, 2008

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

4.6 The RNLI Portrush
Raft Race Launch -

Members noted information on this launch which was due to take place on 3rd April, 2008 in Portrush Town Hall.

**5.0 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF VARIOUS
POST OFFICES**

A member requested that Council voice its concern regarding the closure of various Post Offices. The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised members that the matter would be discussed at the next Policy and Development Committee meeting.

6.0 PROPOSED COUNCIL LOGO

The Head of Development Services presented two options of a new logo for limited use for publicity materials. One logo had a crest and the other without.

Recommended:

That Council use the logo which incorporated the Council crest.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

8th April, 2008.

Present: Alderman W. J. McClure in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 6.3)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.) W. T. Creelman
(Items 2.8 – 11.0)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) B. Fitzpatrick
D. D. Barbour S. Gilkinson
O. M. Church (Mrs.) W. A. King
J. J. Dallat G. L. McLaughlin
T. J. Deans R. A. McPherson
(Items 1.0 – 6.3) A. McQuillan
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

Also in
Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. W. McIlmoyle

Officers in
Attendance: Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Mayor, Aldermen Mrs. Hickey and McClarty,
Councillors Cole, Hillis and Leonard

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the Meeting.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of one hundred and twenty-five applications was presented for consideration (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from **Previous Meeting**

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| 2.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u> <u>C/2006/0926/F</u> <u>Revised elevations and minor</u> <u>changes to approved residential</u> <u>development for 20 self</u> <u>contained apartments with</u> <u>bar/restaurant at ground floor</u> <u>level and associated car parking</u> <u>at 5 Mussenden Road, Downhill</u> <u>for Mr. Kennedy</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 2.2 | <u>Application No. D2</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was |

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| | <u>C/2006/1064/F</u> <u>Proposed residential development including 12 no. apartments, associated car parking and amenity space at 41 and 41a Castleroe Road, Coleraine for Mr. R. Martin</u> | to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 2.3 | <u>Application No. D3</u> <u>C/2007/0336/F</u> <u>One and a half storey rear extension and internal alterations to dwelling at 6 West Drive, Portstewart for Mr. C. Lee</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 2.4 | <u>Application No. D4</u> <u>C/2007/0360/F</u> <u>Proposed variation of condition No. 5 of outline permission C/2005/0303/O, to increase ridge height from 5.5 metres to 7.0 metres, 180 metres north east of 32 Coolyvenny Road, Coleraine for Mr. Pollock</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 2.5 | <u>Application No. D5</u> <u>C/2007/0445/O</u> <u>Site for dwelling 50 metres east of 16 Mayboy Road, Boleran, Garvagh for Mr. Clarke</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 2.6 | <u>Application No. D6</u> <u>C/2007/0541/F</u> <u>Proposed two storey retirement dwelling adjoining Carneety House, 120 Mussenden Road, Castlerock for Mr. and Mrs. Henry</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 2.7 | <u>Application No. D7</u> <u>C/2007/0583/F</u> <u>Re-development of 96 Causeway Street, Portrush to provide 5 no. apartments for residential purposes (amended proposal) for Mr. G. Gordon</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved. |

New Applications

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| 2.8 | <u>Application No. 2</u> <u>C/2006/0508/O</u> <u>Residential development of 27 no. apartments, associated car parking and amenity space at 39 and 41 Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for Mr. S. Sweeney</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander: That Council support a refusal. |
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Councillor Ms. Alexander failed to receive a seconder for her proposal.

Following discussion it was agreed, eight members voting in favour and one member voting against:

That the application be approved.

Members referred to the mature trees on this site and sought assurance that they would be retained.

2.9 Application No. 3
C/2006/0664/O
Residential development
including mix of townhouses and
apartments (70 dwellings) to
include associated car parking
and amenity space (amended
proposal) at 6b, 6c, 6d, 8 and 10
Millburn Road, Coleraine for
Mr. S. Sweeney

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Mr. Duffy advised members that this application had been twin-tracked and was also the subject of a non-determination appeal.

Reference was made to the trees being cut down on this site and members asked that a condition relating to tree planting be incorporated in the approval.

2.10 Application No. 4
C/2006/0696/F
Housing development of 113 no.
units (comprising 75 no.
dwellings , 34 no. apartments
and 4 no. maisonettes)
(amended proposal) at Lissadell
Avenue, Portstewart for Messrs.
O’Kane and Devine Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Barbour:

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 a refusal.

Councillor Ms. Alexander failed to receive a seconder for her proposal.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, twelve members voting in favour and one member voting against.

2.11 Application No. 5
C/2007/0059/F
Residential development

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

comprising 15 units with associated access road and car parking (amended scheme) at Nos. 56 and 68 Ballywillan Road, Portrush for Drumeen Construction Ltd.

Consideration was given to an e-mail from Carneybaun Residents' Association (circulated to each member).

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Gilkinson, 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.

It was further proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:

That the Planning Consultants be asked to prepare a report on this application for submission at the office meeting.

2.12 Application No. 8
C/2007/0213/RM
Two storey retirement dwelling and garage at rear of 84 Lodge Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. Scharf

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor King 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.

2.13 Application No. 13
C/2007/0500/F
Proposed 2 no. semi detached dwelling to front of site and 1 no. detached to rear of site adjacent to 96 Blackrock Road, Boveedy, Kilrea for J. I. M. Developments

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin 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. 16
C/2007/0524/O

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

Proposed redevelopment of site to provide 6 no. apartments within two and a half storey block and 1 no. two storey dwelling at 160 Main Street, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. Mullan

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

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.

Councillor Ms. Alexander failed to receive a seconder for her proposal.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, thirteen members voting in favour and one member voting against.

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Application No. 19 C/2007/0650/F
Extension to existing caravan park for static caravans and the designation of a future amenity area with camping facilities at Tullans Caravan Park, approx. 120m west of 46a Newmills Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. I. McClelland

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.

2.16

Application No. 28 C/2007/0833/O
Erection of 2.5 storey dwelling with integral garage adjacent to 6 Bannview Terrace, Kilrea for Mr. R. McCormick

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

That the application be held for one week to facilitate withdrawal.

It was further proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Alderman Creelman and agreed:

That in the event of the application not being

- withdrawn it should 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. 31
C/2007/0848/O
Replace 14 and 16 with a single apartment block providing off street parking. The apartments will be 1 bed, possibly 2 beds, designed and built to a high quality at 14 and 16 Hazelbank Road, Coleraine for Mr. D. O'Donovan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Dallat 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.
- 2.18 Application No. 33
C/2007/0891/F
Existing dwelling to be demolished and 3 dwellings erected comprising of 1 detached and 2 semi-detached dwellings at 29 Hopefield Avenue, Portrush for Mr. B. Thompson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, 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.
- 2.19 Application No. 34
C/2007/0892/F
Proposed detached dwelling adjacent to 2 Highfield Drive, Coleraine for Mr. S. Mullan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin 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.
- 2.20 Application No. 35
C/2007/0911/O
Site for replacement two storey dwelling adjacent to 71
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Deans,

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| | <u>Newbridge Road, Coleraine for Mr. M. Magill</u> | seconded by Councillor McQuillan 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. |
| 2.21 | <u>Application No. 39</u> <u>C/2007/0927/O</u> <u>Single storey dwelling (disabled applicant) adjacent and rear of 53 Ballygawley Road, Aghadowey for Mr. P. McLaughlin</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Dallat 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. |
| 2.22 | <u>Application No. 41</u> <u>C/2007/0947/O</u> <u>Dwelling and garage 61m north of 12 Lismoyle Road, Kilrea for Miss P. McLaughlin</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin 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. |
| 2.23 | <u>Application No. 43</u> <u>C/2007/0959/O</u> <u>Proposed site for 2 no. two storey dwellings and detached garages at Boleran Road, Ringsend, Garvagh (36m south east of 97 Boleran Road) for Mr. D. Mullan</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin 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. |
| 2.24 | <u>Application No. 44</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was |

C/2007/0968/F
Construction of new dwelling with associated car parking to the rear of 25 Kerr Street, Portrush for Mr. and Mrs. D. Turnbull

to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Gilkinson, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding 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.

2.25 Application No. 46
C/2007/0970/F
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings and 1 detached dwelling with associated car parking at 1 Fenagh Park, Coleraine for Dolcis Properties

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Dallat 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.

2.26 Application No. 47
C/2007/0986/F
Proposed demolition of 2 no. dwellings and erection of 2 no. buildings comprising 15 no. apartments at 20 and 22 Church Street, Kilrea for Messrs. G. & B. McCloskey

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin:

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.

Councillor Ms. Alexander failed to receive a seconder for her proposal.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried.

2.27 Application No. 49
C/2007/1016/F

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

- Demolition of 2 no. detached dwellings to be replaced by 2 no. detached dwellings and 3 no. townhouses with provision for 8 no. car parking spaces associated landscaping and amenity spaces at 61 – 63 Coleraine Road, Tullaghmurry East, Portstewart for D. McAlary and K. Strathern
- It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Barbour:
- 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.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, eight members voting in favour and four members voting against.
- 2.28 Application No. 60 C/2007/1104/O Proposed redevelopment of site to provide 7 no. apartments at 72 Portrush Road, Coleraine for Mr. G. Frew
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor King 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.
- 2.29 Application No. 90 C/2008/0085/F Single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling with roof terrace over at 715a Farranseer Park, Macosquin, Coleraine for Mr. D. McNeill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor McQuillan 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.
- 2.30 Application No. 92 C/2008/0088/F Minor amendments to previously approved application for 2 no. one and a half storey semi-detached dwellings at 4 West Drive, Portstewart, reference C/2006/0146/F, for Mr. and Mrs. T. Rourke
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Mr. Duffy reported that the Department had received a late objection and following consideration the opinion was still to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

- 2.31 Application No. 100
C/2008/0116/O
Infill site for dwelling and garage
adjacent to 12 Ardina Road,
Articlave for Mr. M. Purcell
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Church:
- 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 and seconded by Councillor Deans:
- That the application be held until the PPS 14 review.
- Following discussion the amendment was withdrawn.
- It was agreed that an office meeting be held.

3.0 PLANNING CONSULTATION - **LATE ITEMS**

- 3.1 Application No. C/2008/0001/RM
Storey and a half dwelling to the
rear of No. 208 Windyhill Road,
Coleraine for Mr. C. Hegarty
- Reported that due to an administrative error this application did not appear on the March schedule.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 3.2 Application No. C/2008/0014/F
Two storey rear and side
extensions to dwelling at 9
Roselick Road, Portstewart for
Mr. S. Moore
- Reported that the Department had removed this application from the schedule for March on the advice of the Environment and Heritage Service due to concerns that the site may include a medieval graveyard.
- The results of the archaeological evaluation had been received and the application had now been cleared subject to appropriate conditions.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be

approved.

Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked the Planning Service for the efficient manner in which this application had been dealt with.

4.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES

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| 4.1 | <u>Carthall Manor, Coleraine</u> | Reported that this matter would be assessed by the Case Officer. |
| 4.2 | <u>C/2007/0320/F</u> <u>Aghadowey Food Services</u> | Reported that information was still awaited from the Agent. |
| 4.3 | <u>C/2006/1091/O</u> <u>Rear of 38 Gateside Road,</u> <u>Coleraine – Mr. Irons</u> | Reported that this application would be on the May schedule. |
| 4.4 | <u>Enterprise Avenue, Portstewart</u> | Reported that this matter was being investigated by the Enforcement Section. |
| 4.5 | <u>Sign – Garden Centre, Dunhill</u> <u>Road, Coleraine</u> | Reported that this matter was still under consideration and would be brought back to Council. |
| 4.6 | <u>Development – Millburn Road,</u> <u>Coleraine</u> | Reported that there would appear to be no contraventions to the planning approval. |
| 4.7 | <u>C/2006/0281</u> <u>Apartment development at 61 –</u> <u>63 Portstewart Road, Coleraine</u> | Reported that this matter would require to be discussed with Senior Enforcement Officers. |

5.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 18th April, 2008.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

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| 6.1 | <u>O'Hara Drive, Portstewart –</u> <u>C. Fletcher</u> | Mr. Duffy advised that the Department was still awaiting amended plans. |
| 6.2 | <u>Application No. C/2007/0845/F</u> | It was noted that the office meeting would take place in April. |
| 6.3 | <u>Application No. C/2007/0505/O</u> <u>Residential Spa Retreat -</u> <u>Loguestown Road, Portrush</u> | Mr. Duffy reported that there were complex issues which required detailed consideration. |

7.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND'S LANDSCAPES - DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE TO ACCOMPANY PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 18 'RENEWABLE ENERGY'

Consideration was given to the above Consultation Document (previously supplied).

It was agreed that the Planning Consultants be asked to prepare a Draft Response for consideration at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 13th May, 2008.

- 7.1 Application No. C/2008/0163/F
Proposed Wind Farm on land
approximately 750m south of
13B Lisnamuck Road, Blackhill,
Coleraine
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor King and agreed:

That the Planning Consultants be asked to prepare a draft response to the consultation opposing the proposed development on behalf of Council and the local objectors.

8.0 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING CONSULTANTS

The Administrative Officer reported that the following three companies had been interviewed and had delivered two presentations:

BDP Planning, Belfast
Scott Wilson, Belfast
Fleming/Mounstephen, Belfast

It was agreed that the tender be offered to Fleming/Mounstephen, Belfast as recommended by the interviewing panel.

9.0 APPLICATION NO. C/2007/0064/O **TRADITIONAL DWELLING WITH DETACHED** **GARAGE/STORE TO THE REAR OF** **90 BLACKROCK ROAD, BOVEEDY, KILREA**

Read letter from the Planning Service advising Council that the Divisional Planning Manager had reassessed the above application and remained of the opinion that the application should be refused.

Noted.

10.0 PROPOSED O2 RADIO BASE STATION **AT DRD WATER SERVICE, COLERAINE** **WWTW, CAIRN ROAD, COLERAINE**

Read letter from Taylor Patterson, Chartered Surveyors, advising Council of O2's proposal to place a cellsite at the above location to improve their service.

It was noted that there was no environmental health objections to the application.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman Creelman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and agreed:

That Council oppose the application.

11.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING **EXECUTIVE - HOUSING RESEARCH** **BULLETIN**

Tabled:

The sixth edition of the Housing Executive's
Housing Research Bulletin.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

15th April, 2008.

Present: Councillor N. F. Hillis, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 2.4)

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| E. T. Black (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 3.2) | M. T. Hickey (Mrs.) (Items 1.0 – 5.0) |
| W. T. Creelman | D. McClarty W. J. McClure |

Councillors

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| D. D. Barbour (Items 1.0 – 5.0) | B. Fitzpatrick S. Gilkinson |
| O. M. Church (Mrs.) | W. A. King (Items 1.0 – 2.4) |
| A. S. Cole | B. Leonard |
| J. J. Dallat | R. A. McPherson |
| T. J. Deans | A. McQuillan |
| E. P. Fielding (Mrs.) | |

Officers in Attendance: Acting Town Clerk & Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Leisure Services (Items 1.0 – 4.0), Head of Development Services and Administrative Assistant

Apology: The Mayor

1.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

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| 1.1 <u>Kilcranny House Proposal</u> | Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report. Recommended: That Kilcranny House be allowed to retain the £4,500.00 funding towards the amended projects. |
| 1.2 <u>Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust</u> | Council is recommended to contribute £11,273.00 to Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust for 2008/09. |
| 1.3 <u>Sperrins Tourism Ltd.</u> | Council is recommended to continue funding for Sperrins Tourism Ltd. at the same level as previously, ie £3,500.00 per annum, for the next two years. |
| 1.4 <u>Peace III and Rural Development Programme</u> | The Head of Development Services informed members that work on the Rural Development |

Programme was ongoing, with the Local Action Group (LAG) now formed and social partners due to meet. A series of training events for Councillors on the Programme would be organised.

The Peace III Plan had been submitted on deadline and an appraisal was being carried out. Recommendations would be advised to Council.

1.5 For Information

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

- (i) Collage Ltd.
- (ii) Coleraine Harbour - it was hoped that a consultation document would be available by summer 2008.
- (iii) Link Magazine.

2.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Recruitment of Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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

Members referred to the excellent work carried out by the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

It was then proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Councillor Dallat:

That Council re-advertise the position, as outlined in the report.

Extensive discussion on the merits of maintaining the status quo ensued. An amendment proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson, was modified, with their agreement, at the suggestion of Councillor Fitzpatrick.

The revised amendment was then proposed:

That a cross party delegation meet with the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and other relevant officers, to bring forward proposals for restructuring to support senior officers and that, in the meantime, no advertising for the post of Town Clerk and Chief Executive be undertaken. Coupled with this, that Council seek to ascertain if existing staff would wish to continue to act up.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by fifteen votes to three.

It was then proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and recommended:

That the cross party delegation comprise the members of the original shortlisting and interview panels.

2.2 Consultation – Reduction in Maximum Capital Values

Consideration was given to this consultation paper (previously supplied).

Members' concerns at the Department's proposals for reduction in Maximum Capital Values would be reflected in Council's response to the consultation document.

2.3 New Appointment

The following appointment had been made in accordance with the Local Government Staff Commission's Code of Procedures on Recruitment and Selection:

Corporate Services Department

Human Resources Manager:
Mrs. A. E. Lennon

2.4 Matters for Information

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

- (i) Abstract of Accounts 2007/08.
- (ii) Accounts.

3.0 ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Consideration was given to the report of the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive on arrangements for the Annual Meeting (previously supplied).

3.1 Date for Annual Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting be held on Monday, 9th June, 2008.

3.2 Cross Party Representation on Various Bodies under Item 2 of the Report

During a period of discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

That all parties and none be represented on these bodies.

It was proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor Deans and seconded by Alderman McClure:

That Council continue with current party representation, as outlined in the report.

Following withdrawal of Councillor Leonard's proposal, the amendment was accepted as the substantive motion.

It was then proposed, as an amendment, by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor Leonard.

That this issue be deferred until the Leisure and Environment Committee meeting on 6th May, 2008.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was lost with five votes for and ten votes against.

The substantive motion was then recommended by ten votes to four.

It was further proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey:

That a report on Councillors' attendance for 2007/08, at bodies detailed under item 2 of the report, be brought to a future meeting.

It was proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson:

That the report include attendance figures for Coleraine District Policing Partnership.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was recommended by ten votes to one.

3.3 Representation on Other Groups

It was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Alderman McClure:

That these posts be filled using the application of d'Hondt on a group by group basis, as detailed in Table 2 of the report.

The proposal was recommended with thirteen votes for and none against.

4.0 **BEACH PARTY, PORTRUSH - UPDATE**

The Director of Leisure Services advised members that, following the withdrawal of Mr. McGuigan as promoter for this event, an application had been received from PLM Promotions, in conjunction with a local promoter, to organise the event at East Strand on 14th June, 2008.

Council officers had since met with the applicants and copies of their Management Plan and Risk Assessment had been received. The applicants had, however, requested that the finishing time for the event be extended until 11.30 p.m.

It was proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor Deans:

That Council endorse the recommendation of the Director of Leisure Services to permit PLM Promotions to organise a Beach Party on 14th June, 2008, with a finishing time of 11.00 p.m.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was recommended with eight votes for and none against.

5.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

5.1 Post Office

Consideration was given to the following documents (previously supplied):

- (i) the Network Change Programme Area Plan Proposal for Northern Ireland;
- (ii) report on Post Office Closures;
- (iii) correspondence dated 2nd April, 2008 from Postwatch Northern Ireland seeking views on the Post Office Closure Programme.

During a period of discussion, members expressed their desire to protest against the closures and particularly that of Millburn Post Office.

Members' views would be reflected in the response to this consultation document.

5.2 Environment and Heritage Service

Consideration was given to Proposals to amend the Historic Buildings Grant-aid scheme and new proposals for funding non-government organisations (report previously supplied).

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that the response had been prepared in reply to a specific query on level of grant. Reports on other areas of this consultation document could be prepared, if members so wished.

Recommended:

That Council endorse the draft response to this document.

6.0 LETTER DATED 2ND APRIL, 2008 FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO RT. HON. PETER D. ROBINSON MP, MLA

Read letter (previously supplied) regarding Council's motion calling for a reversal of the decision not to proceed with mandatory microgeneration in new buildings.

Noted.

7.0 DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT (DETI) - PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS: MEMBERS - NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD (NITB)

Read letter dated 11th April, 2008 from DETI advising that the Department is seeking to appoint seven members to fill vacancies on the Board of NITB.

Vacancies would be advertised in the Irish News and News Letter on 17th April, 2008 and in the Belfast Telegraph on 18th April, 2008. Details would also be available on the Department's website at www.detini.gov.uk.

Noted.

8.0 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND - SEMINAR - 30TH APRIL, 2008

Members noted that this seminar, 'Good Relations – Local Government Building Commitment,' would be held in the William Legge Room, Malone House, Belfast, from 10.30am – 1.00pm.

Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

9.0 INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR PEACE STUDIES - CONFERENCE - 'ISLAND OF IRELAND WEEK'

Read letter advising that this conference would take place in Ypres, Belgium from 3rd – 8th June, 2008 at a cost of €900 per person.

Noted.

10.0 TRACEY'S KITCHEN

In response to a member's question, the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that a number of attempts had been made, without success, to contact the owners of Tracey's Kitchen regarding information on trading sites. This matter would be pursued again.

11.0 TENDERS

In response to a member's query, the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that, where Council gave over land for temporary use by a Committee, eg as with the North West '200', that an open bid situation applied to tender enquiries.

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive would examine the legal implications for the use of a point system for scoring of tenders in such cases.

Members noted that an amended licensing policy would be brought to a future meeting of Committee.

12.0 PORTBALLINTRAE - COMMUNITY HALL AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

In response to a member's request, the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive would

contact the member with an update on the community hall. Members noted that part of the land for the community hall would have to be leased from the Environment and Heritage Service.

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive would also check if the playground was on the list for upgrading in the near future.

SPECIAL COUNCIL BRIEFING

26th March, 2008.

Convened: To receive a presentation on the work of the Alzheimer's Society in the Coleraine Borough Council area.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman
D. McClarty

W. J. McClure

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
B. Fitzpatrick
S. Gilkinson

N. F. Hillis
W. A. King
B. Leonard
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance:

Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Head of Administrative Services and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Aldermen Mrs. Black and Mrs. Hickey
Councillors Ms. Alexander, Dallat, Deans and McQuillan

The Mayor welcomed the following representatives from the Alzheimer's Society, who were in attendance to make a presentation on the work carried out in the Coleraine area:

Ms. Thelma Abernethy, Area Manager;
Mr. Adrian Friel, Causeway Outreach Worker;
Mr. Edward McAuley, Carer and Causeway Branch member;
Mr. Ian Cooke, Causeway Branch member.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to Councillor Cole on his return to the Chamber following his illness.

The presentation proceeded as follows:

- Mr. Edward McAuley gave members an insight into his life as a carer. His wife had suffered memory loss from 1993 and had been diagnosed with dementia in 1999. She had to be admitted into a care home with elderly and mentally infirm facilities where she still resides.

Due to his experiences Mr. McAuley became actively involved in the Alzheimer's Society in order to try and help other people in the same situation as himself.

- Ms. Thelma Abernethy elaborated on the work of the Alzheimer's Society in Northern Ireland highlighting the following factors:

- The Alzheimer's Society vision is of a radically improved world for people with dementia;
 - 16,000 people in Northern Ireland have dementia and the number is expected to rise to over 47,000 by 2051;
 - 1,017 people in the Causeway area and 4,025 people in the Northern Board area have dementia;
 - Dementia types – Alzheimer's disease, vascular and mixed dementia;
 - 53% of people live in private households and 47% live in care homes;
 - The World Health Organisation states that for those aged over 60 dementia causes more years lived with disability than stroke, cancer or cardio vascular conditions.
- Mr. Adrian Friel gave members an insight into his work as an Outreach Worker in the Causeway Area Service which is based at Rosebrook House, Brook Street, Coleraine:
 - Mr. Friel explained how emotionally and physically draining it can be for families especially when the carers have no support;
 - £3.7m spent by the Government on research into Alzheimers compared to £33m spent on research into cancer;
 - The Outreach Service provides independent information, support and signposting of services to people with dementia and their carers;
 - There are 5 carers' support groups – 2 in Coleraine, 1 in Ballycastle, 1 in Ballymoney and 1 in Garvagh;
 - The Service provides visits, information evenings, presentations to local community groups/local college students, respite care, trips for carers/people with dementia and works with nursing homes.
 - Mr. Ian Cooke referred to the experiences encountered during his recent diagnosis of short term memory loss:
 - Line of diagnosis – from appointment with GP until diagnosis eight weeks later;
 - Support received from the Causeway Outreach Service;
 - Suggested means of helping people with dementia and their carers.

Following discussion, during which members expressed their thanks to the representatives, it was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Barbour and unanimously agreed:

That Council:

- Write to the Minister for Health making an appeal for extra resources in order to make dementia a health and social care priority for Northern Ireland;
- Write to the Chief Executive of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust informing her of the letter to the Minister of Health and requesting that a business case be instigated;
- Forward a copy of the letter to the Minister for Health to each member of the Health Committee at the NI Assembly.

The representatives were advised to make application to Council officers to ascertain if the Alzheimer's Society would qualify for grant support from Council's small grant scheme.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for attending and making such an interesting and informative presentation.