

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** the 27th day of January, 2009 at **7.30 p.m.**

R. WILSON,
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 16th December, 2008
 - 1.2 Special Meeting “In Committee” – 12th January, 2009
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Planning Committee – 13th January, 2009
 - 2.2 Policy and Development Committee – 20th January, 2009
3. Correspondence, including inter alia:
 - (a) E-mail received 20th January, 2008 from Carrickfergus Borough Council regarding the Northern Health and Social Care Trust’s consultation document “Re-provision of the Trust’s Residential Homes for Older People” (Letter enclosed)
 - (b) Reports available in Members’ Library (List enclosed)
4. Consultation Documents (List enclosed)
5. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 5th November, 2008
- (2) The William Keown Trust – Newsletter – 36th Edition – December 2008

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

To: Each Member of Council.

23rd January, 2009.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin, on Tuesday, 16th December, 2008.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 19.2)

M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
D. McClarty

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
(Items 1.0 – 5.1)
J. M. Bradley
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
A. S. Cole
(Items 2.1 – 19.2)
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
(Items 1.0 – 5.0)
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

B. Fitzpatrick
S. Gilkinson
N. F. Hillis
W. A. King
B. Leonard
G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 2.1 – 19.2)
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan
(Items 2.1 – 19.2)

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Leisure Services Officer (Services), Economic Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 3.1), Countryside Development Officer, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman McClure and Councillor Mrs. Johnston

Also in Attendance: Mr. A. Magowan, Chairman and Ms. O. Black, Development Officer, COLLAGE Ltd. (Items 1.0 – 3.1)

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 25th November, 2008 and the Special Meetings of 18th November, 25th November, 2nd December and 3rd December, 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising:

1.1 Council Meeting – 25th November, 2008

1.1.1 Establishment of Transition Committee – Nominations

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed the names of members nominated to this Committee viz:

Alderman Mrs Hickey

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Deans, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding.

Matters arising:

2.1.1 North West Regional Waste Management Group (NWRWMG) - Land Availability

Council was asked to review the recommendation made at the Leisure and Environment Committee meeting of 2nd December, 2008.

Following discussion, a proposal made by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor Gilkinson was put to the Meeting.

Agreed:

With ten votes for, including a casting vote by the Mayor, and nine votes against, that Council re-evaluate its May 2008 position and make its land at Letterloan available for consideration as a possible site for a Mechanical Biological Treatment Plant.

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

2.2 Planning Committee

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

Matters arising:

2.2.1 Application No. C/2005/1253/F – On-site replacement superstore, decked car parking to side, associated site and access works, relocation of bus stop and landscaping (additional information submitted) at Beresford Place, Coleraine for Tesco Stores Ltd.

The Mayor confirmed that a meeting would shortly be held between the applicant and objectors.

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Development Services (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

3.1 COLLAGE

The Head of Development Services introduced Mr. Magowan and Ms. Black, who

were in attendance to update Council on the work of COLLAGE.

Ms. Black outlined the work of COLLAGE, including:

- background to the organisation;
- programmes delivered and funding levered to date;
- current focus;
- proposals for the future - programme of activity;
- applications made for funding.

Ms. Black confirmed that COLLAGE received £15,000 to manage the Causeway Speciality Market and made a request for £20,000 of funding to cover salary and running costs of COLLAGE for a further year, to allow time for the funding applications already submitted to be realised and further applications to be made.

A period of discussion ensued during which members expressed their support for the work carried out by COLLAGE to date.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Alderman McClarty, that Council contribute £20,000 to COLLAGE.

3.2 For information

3.2.1 Art Project Somerset Riverside Park

Council noted information on this topic, as contained in the report.

4.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Corporate Services (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 For information

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

- (i) Estimate of Rates 2009/10 - members' questions on landfill services were answered by the Director of Technical Services.
- (ii) Inspection of vacant properties – members' questions were answered by the Director of Corporate Services.
- (iii) Changes in VAT rate.
- (iv) Accounts.

5.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure Services (previously supplied).

5.1 Blue Flag Awards

The Leisure Services Officer (Services) updated members on the result of the 2009 Blue Flag Awards for the North Coast ie that the only beaches eligible for Blue Flags would be Whiterocks and Portstewart Strand.

Mr. Carmichael also informed members that, in response to lobbying by Council officers, the Seaside Awards Scheme for Northern Ireland was to be reintroduced.

During the ensuing discussion, the Director of Leisure Services confirmed that, whilst the results for water quality for all beaches was good, it was only Whiterocks and Portstewart Strand which could achieve the excellent water quality necessary to be awarded a Blue Flag.

Members expressed concern at the loss of awards, especially given the recent development of the North Coast Waste Water Treatment Works.

Agreed:

That NI Water be invited to address a future meeting of Council.

6.0 RETIREMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

The Mayor advised members that it would be the last Council meeting attended by Mr. Curry, as he would be retiring at the end of December.

The Mayor and members paid tribute to Mr. Curry for his work and support over the years.

7.0 LAND AND PROPERTY REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Administrative Services on Land and Property (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

7.1 North West '200' – 2009

Agreed:

To grant Coleraine & District Motor Club the use of Council land, as in previous years, for the 2009 Kennedy International North West '200'.

7.2 Council's Asset Register

Members noted that further maps would be provided in January 2009.

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR B. LEONARD

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

“This Council acknowledges that sectarianism is neither limited to nor exclusively concentrated in one town, one area or one community and, therefore, completely rejects the statement by Councillor Cole on 25th November, 2008 that ‘Kilrea is the sectarian capital of the Borough’.”

Councillor Leonard spoke to the Motion.

It was then proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor Hillis and seconded by Alderman McClarty:

“This Council acknowledges that sectarianism is neither limited to nor exclusively concentrated in one town, one area or one community and takes the view that attaching negative labels to all or any part of the Borough does not enhance its standing: neither internally nor externally.”

A full discussion ensued.

Agreed:

With fourteen votes for and three votes against, that the amendment be carried.

9.0 NOTICE OF MOTION - SUBMITTED BY ALDERMAN MRS. M. HICKEY

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed unanimously:

“This Council calls upon the Northern HSC Trust to fully fund Early Years – the organisation for young children. It is imperative to create an Early Years Adviser post for the Causeway Area. Young children in Coleraine and its surrounding areas deserve access to the same level of quality Early Years Care and Education that children in the rest of the Northern Trust’s areas enjoy.”

10.0 NILGA - LETTER DATED 21ST NOVEMBER, 2008

Read letter requesting Council’s endorsement of a draft letter which NILGA intended to present to the Minister for the Environment.

Agreed:

That Council endorse the draft letter.

11.0 NILGA - LETTER DATED 1ST DECEMBER, 2008

Read letter advising current position on the Assessment of Options for the Local Government Service Delivery consultancy assignment.

Noted.

12.0 DOE CIRCULAR - TRANSITION COMMITTEES / TRANSITION MANAGEMENT TEAMS - FUNDING PACKAGE

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive highlighted the reference to the lead council within each cluster contained within this circular (previously supplied). Members noted that the issue of lead council for the Causeway Coast cluster would be addressed at the first meeting which would hopefully take place in early January 2009.

13.0 NORTH EASTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD

Read letter dated 2nd December, 2008 requesting Council’s nomination of a member to the North Eastern Education and Library Board from 1st January, 2009.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Alderman Creelman, that Councillor Gilkinson be re-appointed to the North Eastern Education and Library Board.

14.0 CONSULTATION LIST

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

- (i) Department for Social Development – Social Security Agency – Delivering a Better Service for Customers.

Comments due: 29th January, 2009.

15.0 NILGA - PRESS RELEASE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNS ON RURAL ISSUES

Consideration was given to this Press Release (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

16.0 DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL - INFORMATION SESSION - 15TH JANUARY, 2009 - 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Read invitation to this information session to address how councils could support the future provision and choice of special conductive education for children with Cerebral Palsy.

Noted.

17.0 NIFRS CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF SECOND PUMPING APPLIANCE PORTSTEWART

Members noted that the Fire Brigade Union's response to this consultation had now been received.

Agreed:

That this submission be included in Council's response to the consultation.

18.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Lease in Duplicate Council and Mark Scullion
Craig Vara, Portrush
2. Surrender Deeds in duplicate Peter Thompson Hall, Castlerock
(a) Robert Mulholland and Stanley
Patton and Council

(b) Northern Bank Executor and
Trustee Company Limited and
Council

3. Agreement in duplicate

Geodis UK Limited and Council
for the provision of Waste Electrical
and Electronic equipment collection,
treatment and recycling services

4. Indenture of Surrender

Land at Darkfort Drive, Portballintrae
Council and NIE

5. Cemetery Titles

Grant of Right of Burial – Deeds Register
Nos. 3480 – 3483 (inclusive):

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	1
Coleraine	1
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	1

Advanced Deeds Register No. 0216:

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	-
Portstewart	1

PLANNING COMMITTEE

13th January, 2009.

Present: Councillor W. A. King in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

D. McClarty
(Items 1.0 - 4.0)
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B. Fitzpatrick
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N. F. Hillis
B. Leonard
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan

Also in Attendance: Mr. P. Fleming, Fleming Mounstephen (Item 1.0)
Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. W. McIlmoyle (Items 1.0 – 4.0)

Officers in Attendance: Head of Administrative Services, Principal Environmental
Health Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Mrs. Johnston

1.0 DRAFT PPS21 - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE - EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Chairman welcomed Mr. P. Fleming who was in attendance to present his Explanatory Note on Draft PPS21 (previously supplied).

Mr. Fleming gave an overview of the background and the aims of PPS21 and highlighted various issues contained within the Explanatory Note including:

- Policy CTY 2 - Development in Dispersed Rural Communities
- Policy CTY 3 - Replacement Dwellings
- Policy CTY 4 - The Conversion and Reuse of Existing Non-Residential Buildings
- Policy CTY 5 - Social and Affordable Housing
- Policy CTY 8 - Ribbon Development
- Policy CTY 10 - Dwellings on Farms

During a period of discussion, Mr. Fleming answered members' various questions and confirmed that PPS21 represented a significant relaxation of rural policy.

Agreed:

That an open evening be held in Coleraine Town Hall mid/late February to advise the rural communities on PPS21, after which Fleming Mounstephen would prepare a draft response to the consultation document.

The representatives from Planning Service indicated their agreement to this open evening.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of seventy-seven 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/2006/0345/L</u>
<u>Shop signage at 3 Waterside,</u>
<u>Coleraine for Mr. & Mrs. T. Chan</u> | It was agreed that application nos. D1 and D2 be considered together. |
| | <u>Application No. D2</u>
<u>C/2006/0346/A</u>
<u>Illuminated shop sign at 3</u>
<u>Waterside, Coleraine for</u>
<u>Mr. T. Chan</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the applications be approved. |
| 2.2 | <u>Item No. D3</u>
<u>C/2006/0996/F</u>
<u>Proposed 5 no. apartment units</u>
<u>at 2 Harbour Place, Portstewart</u>
<u>for N. Glasgow</u> | Reported that a late objection had been received and that the application was therefore withdrawn from the schedule to facilitate reassessment.

A full discussion ensued during which it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That Council support approval of this application.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried with twelve votes for and one against. |
| 2.3 | <u>Application No. D4</u>
<u>C/2007/0162/O</u>
<u>Site for replacement of existing</u>
<u>cottage at 27 Gortfad Road,</u>
<u>Gortfad, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs.</u>
<u>M. Armstrong</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 2.4 | <u>Application No. D5</u>
<u>C/2007/0385/F</u>
<u>Erection of 5 no. apartments at</u>
<u>nos. 3 and 3a Harbour Place,</u>
<u>Portstewart for Glasgow</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |

- 2.5 Application No. D6
C/2007/0491/O
Demolition of existing building and construction of a mixed use development comprising of shop unit, terrace townhouses at land at and to the rear of 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Main Street, Garvagh for Westbury Properties
- Reported that amended plans had been received and on the request of Mr. Duffy, it was agreed that the application be removed from the schedule to facilitate reassessment.
- 2.6 Application No. D7
C/2007/0522/F
Proposed redevelopment of site to include 12 no. 2 and a half storey apartments: 8 no. 4 storey apartments: 10 no. 2 storey townhouses: 2 no. 2 storey detached and roadway for private streets determination at 93 and 95 Strand Road, Coleraine (access off Laurel Hill) for Northbrook Business Park Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.7 Application No. D8
C/2007/0593/F
Replacement dwelling and garage at site located adjacent to 230 Windyhill Road, Coleraine for Dr. and Mrs. Burns
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.8 Application No. D9
C/2007/0675/F
Replacement 2 storey dwelling at 6 Strandmore, Portrush for Mr. J. Craig
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.9 Application No. D10
C/2007/0840/F
Erection of replacement dwelling and garage at 152 Castleroe Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. Creelman
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.10 Application No. D11
C/2007/0879/L
Proposed retrospective change of use from sandwich bar to hot food takeaway at 2 Waterside, Coleraine for Mr. Khan
- It was agreed that application nos. D11 and D12 be considered together.
- Application No. D12
C/2007/0919/F
Proposed retrospective change of use from sandwich bar to hot food takeaway at The Taj Palace Takeaway, 2 Waterside, Coleraine for Muhammed Tasleem Khan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the applications be approved.

- 2.11 Application No. D13
C/2007/1074/F
Replacement dwelling at 2 Upper
Heathmount, Portstewart for Mr.
M. O’Kane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 2.12 Application No. D14
C/2007/1184/F
Proposed demolition of existing
garage/store and erection of town
house (three storey) with
pedestrian access to Killowen
Street, shared with 18 Waterside
at Killowen Street, Coleraine
adjacent to 18 Waterside,
Coleraine for S W Holdings
- It was agreed that application nos. D14 and D15 be considered together.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the applications be approved.
- Application No. D15
C/2007/1185/L
Proposed demolition of existing
garage and store and erection of
proposed town house at Killowen
Street, Coleraine, adjacent to 18
Waterside, Coleraine for S W
Holdings
- 2.13 Application No. D16
C/2008/0036/F
Demolition of existing 4 no.
apartments, 2 no. townhouses and
1 no. bungalow, to construct 7 no.
units (to include 4 no. apartments
and 3 no. townhouses with 7 no.
incurtilage car park spaces and
private open) at 2, 4 and 4A Old
Coach Road and 26 and 28
Harryville, Portstewart for T & W
Europe
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.14 Application No. D17
C/2008/0111/F
Erection of a dwelling at dwelling
and garage at a site 220 metres
East of no. 43 Knockaduff Road,
Aghadowey for Mr. Kelly
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.15 Application No. D18
C/2008/0221/F
Proposed redevelopment to
provide 3 no. detached dwellings
with associated car parking and
private amenity at 5 and 7 Seaview
Drive North, Portstewart for
Shantie & Co. Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.16 Application No. D19
C/2008/0362/F
- Mr Duffy advised that Roads Service had now withdrawn its objection to this

	<u>Omission of condition 11 on previous planning approval (C/2005/0779/F) to remove the need for a management company with all maintenance and management to be carried out by the future residents as no public communal space will exist following this revision at land adjacent to no. 47 Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea for Mr. J. G. Bradley</u>	application and that the opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.17	<u>Application No. D20 C/2008/0466/F Renovation, barn conversion and single storey extension of existing at 55 Newbridge Road, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. Simpson</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.18	<u>Application No. D21 C/2008/0471/O Proposed new site for dwelling at approx. 31m South West from 115 Grove Road for Mr. T. Dallat</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse. The application had now been withdrawn.
2.19	<u>Application No. D22 C/2008/0501/O Proposed redevelopment of site to provide 5 no. dwellings at Clintonville Gardens, Garvagh – adjacent to and North of Kathleen Thompson Fold Housing Association for Messrs. R. Watt & Sons</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.20	<u>Application No. D23 C/2008/0514/O Site for dwelling and garage at Mountsandel Road, Coleraine (adjacent to 2 Knockarna Manor) for Mr. K. Hamilton</u>	The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse. It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed: That Council support an appeal.
2.21	<u>Application No. D24 C/2008/0639/F Retention of existing vernacular dwelling and incorporation into new development scheme for a private dwelling at lands 191m South-East of 44 Macilvennon Road, Portrush for Mr. and Mrs. D. Melville</u>	The opinion of Planning Service was to approve. It was agreed that the application be approved.
2.22	<u>Application No. D25 C/2008/0718/F Change of use from garage and</u>	The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

bedrooms to end of terrace town house at 28 Cloonavin Green, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. B. J. McMichael

The application had now been withdrawn.

New Applications

- 2.23 Application No. 12
C/2008/0310/F
Residential development of 4 no. semi-detached and 1 no. detached dwellings with associated car parking and amenity space at 9 and 16 Forest Park, Mountsandel, Coleraine for Mr. S. Sweeney
- The opinion of Planning Service was to refuse.
- Reported that amended plans had been received and on the request of Mr. Duffy it was agreed that the application be removed from the schedule to facilitate reassessment.
- 2.24 Application No. 16
C/2008/0439/F
Housing development comprising of 16 residential units at 8 and 10 Castle Walk, Castlerock for Mr. Hutchinson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman Creelman 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. 17
C/2008/0454/F
Development comprising 31 no. apartments and 2 no. townhouses at 50-66 Causeway Street and adjoining Hamilton Place Lane, Portrush for Cf Homes Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- A proposal by Alderman McClarty that the application be deferred to facilitate an office meeting failed to find a seconder.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Bradley:
- That Council support Planning Service's recommendation for a refusal.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried with nine votes for and four against.
- 2.26 Application No. 18
C/2008/0456/F
Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of 3 no. dwellings comprising 1 no. detached and 2 no. semi-detached at lands at no. 9 Black Road,
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hillis and agreed:

- Portrush for Mr. P. McMullan
- 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.
- 2.27 Application No. 23
C/2008/0578/O
Proposed 4 no. dwellings at 4, 6 and 8 Glenshesk Gardens, Coleraine for Halliday Developments Ltd.
- 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.
- 2.28 Application No. 24
C/2008/0590/F
Two pairs of 2.5 storey semi-detached dwellings, access from Strand Road at 91 and 93 Strand Road, Portstewart for A. Williamson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black, 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.
- 2.29 Application No. 28
C/2008/0648/F
Proposed change of house type to two-storey dwelling and garage to supersede approval granted under C/2006/1131/RM at lands West of no. 64 Edenbane Road, Garvagh for Mr. and Mrs. 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.
- 2.30 Application No. 30
C/2008/0691/F
Demolition of existing detached dwelling and construction of new
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms.

detached at no. 1 Strandmore,
Portrush for Mr. W. McCay

Alexander, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey 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.

2.31 Application No. 60
C/2008/0855/F
Ground floor extension to include
kitchen, living, bedroom, dining
and first floor bedrooms and en-
suites at 2 Ballaghmore Park,
Portballintrae for Mr. Clements

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.

2.32 Application No. 71
C/2008/0884/F
Refurbishment of existing dwelling
including new roof structure at 9
Burnside Road, Portstewart for Mr.
and Mrs. Jackson

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander 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.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings for December and January planning applications would be held on Friday, 23rd January, 2009.

4.0 EDGEWATER SITE, PORTSTEWART

In response to a member's question Mr. Duffy advised that an application had been submitted to Planning Service for retrospective planning permission for a viewing room at this location.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Alderman Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander, that Council submit a letter of objection to Planning Service in respect of this application.

5.0 LETTER FROM PORTSTEWART VISION DATED 9TH JANUARY, 2009 - PLANNING APPLICATION AT 90 STRAND ROAD, PORTSTEWART

Read letter from Portstewart Vision (previously supplied) requesting Council to engage a professional planning consultant to conduct a comprehensive audit on this application.

Agreed:

On the proposal of Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman Creelman, that Council's planning consultants carry out a comprehensive assessment of the application including the implications for road safety, to facilitate a full and informed submission to the consultation process.

6.0 LETTER DATED 18TH DECEMBER, 2008 FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE PLANNING SERVICE REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING PLANNING DECISIONS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL

Read letter from Cynthia Smith, Chief Executive, Planning Service, rejecting Council's request to hold all refusal decisions for a five day period following Council consultation (previously supplied).

Members noted that a copy of the response by Planning Service had been requested by the Environment Committee and the Chief Executives of Ballymena Borough Council and Cookstown District Council, who had written in support of Council's request.

7.0 PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION - APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

Read letter from the Planning Appeals Commission advising of an Appeal against Enforcement Notice for 31 Strand Road, Coleraine and inviting representations from Council.

Agreed:

That Council forward a letter of support for the Appeal to the Planning Appeals Commission.

8.0 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING SEMINAR: RURAL PLANNING POLICY: HAS A SOLUTION BEEN FOUND?

Members noted that this Seminar would be held in the Glenavon House Hotel, Drum Road, Cookstown on 27th February, 2009.

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

9.0 DATE FOR DIARY: RATES WORKSHOP

Members noted the preliminary date for the Rates Workshop – Wednesday 28th January, 2009. The Director of Corporate Services would confirm the date and time at the Policy and Development Committee meeting on 20th January, 2009.

10.0 RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Members noted a requirement for Council to approve the authorisation of the Joint Committee Rural Development Programme cluster as a Joint Committee Body Corporate under the relevant legislation.

Agreed:

That Coleraine Borough Council authorises the Chief Executive to sign on behalf of Council an application to the Department of Agriculture to exercise the powers conferred by section 19(9) of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 and form the cluster into a Joint Committee Body Corporate.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20th January, 2009.

Present: Alderman W. J. McClure in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

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E. T. Black (Mrs.) M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	B. Fitzpatrick
J. M. Bradley	S. Gilkinson
(Items 1.2 – 18.3)	N. F. Hillis
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	W. A. King
A. S. Cole	B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat	G. L. McLaughlin
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance: Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services, Human Resources Manager, Senior Technical Officer, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Mayor, Councillors Mrs. Johnston and McQuillan

1.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Estimate of Rates 2009/10

The Director of Corporate Services presented information on this topic, as contained in the Report, and advised that Council officers were currently considering areas where savings could be made.

In response to a member's question, Mr. Bell confirmed that while the issue of redundancies had not been considered by officers to date, various matters would be discussed with members at the Workshop on 28th January, 2009.

1.2 Cheque Signatory – Acting Director of Leisure Services

Recommended:

That Mr. Alex Carmichael be added to the list of authorised cheque signatories.

1.3 Review of Domestic Rating – A Consultation Report

Members noted that this report was available in the Members' library or directly from the Head of Administrative Services.

1.4 Absenteeism in Northern Ireland Councils 2007-08 – Report by the Chief Local Government Auditor

The Human Resources Manager updated members on absence within Council, in line with this report (previously supplied), highlighting the following issues:

- Council's position in the league table – 18th in 07/08
- Incidence of stress related illness – 20% of absenteeism
- Council's absence strategy – review of policy, management information and occupational health services
- Ongoing action – to remain on the Senior Management Team agenda; middle management to work with the Human Resources Manager to ensure consistent and effective management of absence.

In response to a member's question, Mrs. Lennon confirmed that it was her intention to benchmark Council's absence management against that of the top performing councils.

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

That a sub-committee be convened to investigate the issue of absence.

Recommended:

Following discussion and on the agreement of Councillors Dallat and Fitzpatrick, that the Human Resources Group be convened to look at this issue.

1.5 Appointments

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

Technical Services Department: Clerical Assistant - Miss J. Stewart

Leisure Services Department: Administrative Officer - Miss S. McNaul

1.6 Accounts

Members noted that accounts for December 2008 had been circulated.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Environmental Improvement Scheme, Coleraine

The Head of Development Services reported that an application had been made through Coleraine Town Partnership to the Department for Social Development, for funding to extend this scheme to New Row. The total cost of the project would be £223,000 and, if the application was successful, there would be no extra cost to Council and the work would be completed in this financial year.

Recommended:

That Council approve extension of the Coleraine Environmental Improvement Scheme to cover New Row subject to DSD funding.

2.2 Grand Orange Lodge – Good Relations Request

Members noted information on a request from The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland for support in principle for the extension of their current facilities at their headquarters, Schomberg House, Cregagh Road, Belfast.

Recommended:

That Council offer support in principle for Grand Orange Order extension plans.

2.3 Irish National Surfing Championships 2009

Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the Report.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £2,200 to Irish National Surfing Championships Portrush 2009.

The Head of Development Services advised that it would be her intention to keep the budget on this event as tight as possible.

2.4 The Association of Old Vehicle Clubs in NI Ltd.

A request had been received from this Group for Council's support for them to ask for exemption from having to apply to the Parades Commission for approvals to hold Old Vehicle rallies.

Recommended:

That Council support this request.

2.5 For Information

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

- (i) Citizenship for School Children
- (ii) Peace III Update
- (iii) Rural Development Programme Update
- (iv) Partnership Agencies and Events (circulated)

2.6 Coleraine Harbour

Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the Report.

During a period of discussion, members' questions were answered by the Head of Development Services. In response to a member's request, Ms. Mann agreed to seek information on the current level of business operations at the Harbour from

the Chairman of Coleraine Harbour Commissioners.

3.0 DETERMINATION OF FEES FOR ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCES

Consideration was given to information on this topic, as contained in the report (previously supplied).

Council's views on the proposed fee structure were sought to enable a response to be made.

Discussion ensued, during which it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

That Council recommend the increases to be introduced over a three year period.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That Council support the officer's recommendation to accept the proposed charges.

Recommended:

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried with twelve votes for and four against.

4.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

The Report of the Head of Administrative Services on Land and Property was considered (previously supplied).

Matters arising:

4.1 Sweeney's Wine Bar

It was agreed that this item be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

4.2 Car Park at the Headland (Kinora Terrace), Portstewart

It was agreed that this item be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

4.3 Bushmills Distillery Sea Outfall

Consideration was given to an application from Bushmills Distillery for a new sea outfall wayleave through a field behind Seaport Lodge in Portballintrae.

Recommended:

That Council approve the application.

4.4 For Information

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

- (i) Car Park beside Sweeney's Wine Bar
- (ii) 19 Circular Road, Coleraine
- (iii) Council's Asset Register

5.0 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1995 - VACATION OF OFFICE ON ACCOUNT OF NON-ATTENDANCE

On the request of the Head of Administrative Services, it was agreed that this item be considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.

6.0 RECRUITMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO THE BOARD OF THE LIBRARY AUTHORITY

Read letter from the Minister inviting a maximum of four applications from members for appointment to the Board of the Library Authority.

Following nomination, the following members were supplied with application forms:

Alderman Mrs. Hickey, Councillors Cole, King and Leonard.

7.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Members noted the list of consultation papers (previously supplied).

The Head of Administrative Services advised that a large amount of detailed information on the following topics was available on the NHSCT website:

- Reconfiguration of acute hospital services
- Reform and modernisation of children's services
- Traffic management at NHSCT
- Re-provision of the Trust's residential homes
- Reconfiguration of domiciliary care services
- Reform and modernisation of mental health services
- Reform and modernisation of learning disability services

8.0 LIST OF REPORTS AVAILABLE IN MEMBERS' LIBRARY

Members noted the list of publications (previously supplied).

9.0 COLERAINE DISABILITY FORUM - 'SHOPPING CHALLENGE'

Members had been invited to this Coleraine Disability Forum event which would take place on 6th March, 2009.

Information on the event is available from Dorothy Moore at Coleraine Disability Forum.

10.0 NILGA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Read invitation to a full meeting of NILGA members on 30th January, 2009 in the Radisson Roe Park Resort, Limavady to receive a presentation on constitutional changes.

Any member interested in attending was asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

11.0 RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT DPP MEMBER

The Head of Administrative Services advised that an Independent member of the DPP had submitted their resignation as from the end of January. The individual would be taking up a position with Council at the beginning of February and current DPP rules preclude Council employees from being members of the DPP.

A number of members would be asked to sit on a recruitment evaluation panel in due course.

12.0 NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING CONFERENCE

Members noted that this Conference would take place in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on 24th March, 2009.

Any member interested in attending was asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

13.0 NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 'LEADING CHANGE, SERVING CITIZENS'

Members noted that this Conference would take place in the Armagh City Hotel on 26th/27th February, 2009.

Any member interested in attending was asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

14.0 CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS

Read invitation to a Seminar hosted by The North-South Confederation of Councillors which would take place in the Bellingham Castle Hotel, County Louth on 20th/21st February, 2009.

Any member interested in attending was asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

15.0 CONFERENCE: NORTHERN IRELAND GOVERNANCE

Read invitation to this Conference, supported by NILGA, DFP and DENI, which would take place on 20th March, 2009 in Belfast.

Any member interested in attending was asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

16.0 UPDATE ON STREET NAMING POLICY DOCUMENT

In response to a member's request, the Head of Administrative Services would arrange for this document or, in the event of it not being available, an update on this issue to be presented no later than February.

17.0 POLICY ON COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES

In response to a member's query, the Director of Corporate Services clarified Council's policy on conference attendance for councillors ie one major conference outside the island of Ireland per year with attendance at local conferences subject to budget.