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You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 at **7.30 p.m.**

ROGER WILSON,  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,  
66 Portstewart Road,  
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
  - 1.1 Council Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2009
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
  - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2009
  - 2.2 Planning Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2009
  - 2.4 Policy and Development Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

**(Item No. 2.8)** Coleraine Community Safety Partnership (report previously supplied)
3. Correspondence, including inter alia:
  - i) Letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009 from Diabetes UK Northern Ireland regarding support for the Strategy Campaign
  - ii) Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 from Ballymena Borough Council regarding Council Resolution on Northern Ireland Agricultural Produce
  - iii) Reports available in Members' Library (List enclosed).
4. Consultation Documents (List enclosed)
5. Documents for Sealing
6. Any other business

**Enclosed for Information:**

- i) NILGA News April 2009
- ii) NILGA – RPA Progress Report April 2009
- iii) NILGA – Key Outcomes from Strategic Leadership Board (SLB) 10.4.09  
(Draft)

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

To: Each Member of the Policy  
and Development Committee

15<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

## **COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin, on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

**Convened:** As per Notice attached

**Present:** **Aldermen**

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

**Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	B. Fitzpatrick
J. M. Bradley	S. Gilkinson
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	N. F. Hillis
A. S. Cole	B. Leonard
J. J. Dallat	G. L. McLaughlin
T. J. Deans	R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan

**Officers in Attendance:**

Director of Technical Services, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Development Services, Acting Head of Administrative Services and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mrs. Johnston and King and Town Clerk and Chief Executive

### **1.0 CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor it was proposed by Alderman Mrs. Black, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:

That Alderman McClarty be appointed Chairman for the Meeting.

### **2.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meetings of 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 and the Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 were confirmed and signed.

#### **2.1 Special Meeting - 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**

It was noted that Councillor Fitzpatrick had attended this Meeting.

### **3.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Leisure and Environment Committee**

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

Matters arising:

##### **3.1.1 Horses on Beaches**

A full discussion ensued on this matter during which members expressed the opinion that Council should move towards a consultation period whereby beach use in general could be considered. The Director of Environmental Health advised that over the past few weeks extensive conversations had taken place and it would be acceptable to defer the matter pending further consultation.

It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and unanimously agreed:

That Council consider the future management of all horses on Council controlled beaches at all times subject to an exemption for pony rides with the animal being on a lead at all times.

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

#### **3.2 Planning Committee**

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

#### **3.3 North West '200' Committee**

The North West '200' Committee Report was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor McPherson and agreed.

#### **3.4 Policy and Development Committee**

The Chairman, Alderman McClure, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report (excluding Item No. 2.0 to be considered "In Committee"); this was duly seconded by Councillor Deans.

Matters arising:

##### **3.4.1 Hibernia Atlantic**

The Acting Head of Administrative Services presented a request from Hibernia Atlantic for permission to erect a temporary sign, in connection with the cable landing works, at the West Strand from the beginning of May to the end of June 2009.

Agreed.

#### 3.4.2 Coleraine Bowling Club

It was noted that Alderman Mrs. Hickey would forward the request for funding to the Acting Director of Leisure Services.

#### 3.4.3 The Honourable The Irish Society

It was agreed that the Mayor should also attend the meeting in London.

#### 3.4.4 Future Arrangements for Local Partnership Working on Policing and Community Safety

Consideration was given to copy letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 from the Northern Ireland Office.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor Cole:

That the Community Safety Partnership and the District Policing Partnership be amalgamated.

On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, nine members voting in favour and four members voting against.

#### 3.4.5 Magilligan-Greencastle Ferry Service

Consideration was given to the Head of Development Services Report (previously supplied) advising members that a Meeting with the Minister of Regional Development, together with representatives from Coleraine, Limavady and Donegal Councils and Government Departments, would be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 at 2.30 p.m.

Two representatives from Council were invited to attend.

It was agreed that the Mayor, Chairman of the Policy and Development Committee and Councillor Dallat attend.

#### 3.4.6 COLLAGE Initiative

Consideration was given to the Head of Development Services' Report on the Northern Periphery Project – COLLAGE (previously supplied).

As part of the remit of COLLAGE, to identify and source additional funding opportunities for the Borough, the Group applied last year for funding of a project to investigate 'tourist navigation through mobile phones' as part of the Northern Periphery Project 2007 – 2013.

The project involved researching use of mobiles to provide services in remote and rural areas and was aimed at tourism markets. The partners were the City of Skelleftea in Sweden, Kemi-Tornio University in Finland and COLLAGE who had been successful in attracting 60% grant towards the preparatory stage of researching and working up the detail of the proposed project.

COLLAGE had requested that the Tourism Manager attend a workshop in Finland in May, 2009 to meet with the partners. After grant the cost to attend would be £500 for travel and accommodation.

It was agreed:

That the Tourism Manager attend the workshop in Finland in May, 2009 to research the potential of the Tourism Navigator Project.

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

#### **4.0 ARDS BOROUGH COUNCIL**

##### **4.1 Notice of Motion – Proposed Privatisation of Royal Mail**

Consideration was given to letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 from Ards Borough Council regarding a Notice of Motion in relation to the proposed privatization of Royal Mail (previously supplied).

It was agreed:

That Council support the Motion.

##### **4.2 Notice of Motion – Promotion of Home Grown Quality Pork**

Consideration was given to letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009 from Ards Borough Council regarding a Notice of Motion in relation to the promotion of home grown quality Ulster pork (previously supplied).

It was agreed:

That Council support the Motion.

#### **5.0 COMMUNICATION WORKERS' UNION NI REGION**

Consideration was given to letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 from the Communication Workers' Union NI Region regarding Council Motion CG 10537 – support for CWU Campaign on Royal Mail – Early Day Motion 428 (previously supplied).

It was agreed:

That Council support the Motion.

#### **6.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

Department for Regional Development – Accessible Transport Strategy Draft Action Plan 2009-2012;

Black and Minority Ethnic and Migrant Worker Mapping Update – January 2009;

AgendaNI – Issue 26 – April 09;

NICVA – Strategic Plan 2009-2012;

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland – Measuring and Mapping Financial Exclusion across Northern Ireland;

International Centre for Local and Regional Development:

- (a) Fostering Mutual Benefits in Cross-Border Areas – The Challenges and Opportunities in Connecting Irish Border Towns and Villages;
- (b) The Newry-Dundalk Twin City Region – Supporting the Implementation of Cross-Border Collaborative Frameworks;

Department of Education – Schools for the Future: A Policy for Sustainable Schools;  
Institute of Community Cohesion – Better Together – a guide for people in the health service on how you can help to build more cohesive communities;

NHSSB – Commemorative Brochure – Looking Back over the Years 1973–2009;

Sustrans - Rural Safe Routes to Schools – Project Review;

Post Office Limited - Code of Practice on Public Consultation and Communication with respect to change in the Post Office Network;

Health Promotion Agency - Report – Childhood exposure to tobacco smoke (CHETS) in Northern Ireland;

Northern Ireland Policing Board - Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2009-2012;

National Heart Forum - Annual Review 2007/08;

Northern Area Children and Young People’s Committee - Northern Ireland Children’s Services Plan 2008-2011;

Northern Health and Social Care Trust - Northern News – Issue 9 March 09;

Citizens Advice Bureau - Advice Quarterly newsletter – Spring 2009;

Help the Aged - Activate magazine - February/March 2009;

TV Licensing - In Brief newsletter - Spring 2009;

Northern Area Trauma Advisory Panel - TAP TALK newsletter - Issue 4 Spring 2009.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

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

1. DOE – Consultation on the Drink Driving Limit in Northern Ireland, Penalties and Police Powers to Detect Drink Drivers

Comments due: 31 July 2009;

2. Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Consultation on an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Action Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11

Comments due: 8 June 2009;

3. Department of Education – Consultation on the Draft Teachers’ (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) Regulations

Comments due: 19 March 2009;

4. UNISON - Taking stock: the future of our public library service  
Comments due: open response.

## **8.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Legal Charge (in duplicate) Council and The Northern Ireland Rural Development Council:

Village regeneration plan at Portballintrae –  
Grant funding

2. Memorandum of Understanding

Council and North East Peace III Cluster

3. Licence (in duplicate)

Council to Coleraine & District Motor  
Club Limited

4. Agreements

Council and two Building Control Officers -  
Advance for purchase of cars

5. Cemetery Titles

Deeds Register Nos. 3515 - 3523  
(inclusive):

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	1
Coleraine	5
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	3

Advanced Deeds Register Nos. 0026 - 0231  
(inclusive):

Agherton	4
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	-
Portstewart	2

# LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

5<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

**Present:** Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour  
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman  
(Items 2.2 – 8.2)

## **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	(Items 2.2 - 8.2)
(Items 2.2 – 8.2)	W. J. McClure

## **Councillors**

J. M. Bradley	N. F. Hillis
(Items 2.2 – 8.2)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	B. Leonard
A. S. Cole	R. A. McPherson
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan
B. Fitzpatrick	(Items 2.2 – 8.2)
S. Gilkinson	

## **Officers in Attendance:**

Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Head of Leisure Services, Senior Technical Officer (Items 2.2 – 8.2), Technical Services and Waste Management Officer and Administrative Assistant.

**Apologies:** Councillors Dallat and McLaughlin

### **1.0 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special welcome to Councillor Mrs. Johnston.

### **2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

### **2.1 Legal Proceedings**

It was agreed to discuss these proceedings "In Committee" at the end of the meeting.

## **2.2 Coleraine & District Road Safety Committee**

As part of Environmental Health Department's ongoing effort to promote Health and Wellbeing, a partnership had been developed with the local Road Safety Committee.

Mr. John Esler, Chair of Coleraine and District Road Safety Committee was in attendance to update members on the work planned to tackle road safety issues across the Borough. He updated members on the Road Safety Committee and Road Safety Council of Northern Ireland (RSCNI) and elaborated on the following issues:

- The Minister for the Environment's decision to withdraw funding for the RSCNI's secretariat
- Problems associated with applying for funding for local Committees
- The closure of Garvagh, Kilrea, Portstewart and Portrush Committees
- Types of events held to tackle road safety issues

Mr. Esler advised that he was not requesting funding but appealed for volunteers and invited those interested in joining the Committee to speak to him. He thanked Council for its continuing and ongoing support and answered members' various questions.

Members congratulated Mr. Esler for his work and involvement in the Committee. They voiced concern about the withdrawal of funding for the RSCNI's secretariat and the problems associated with securing funding for local Committees.

It was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black:

That Council write to the Minister to request that the funding be reinstated and the letter be copied and forwarded to other Councils seeking support.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried, fifteen members voting in favour and no one voting against.

### **Recommended:**

That Council write to the Minister to request that the funding be reinstated and the letter be copied and forwarded to other Councils seeking support.

Alderman McClarty advised that he would try to persuade the Minister to reinstate the funding.

A member suggested that Council forward a letter of congratulations to St. Columba's Primary School, winners of the RSCNI's Primary School Quiz.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Esler for his clear and precise presentation after which he withdrew from the meeting.

## **2.3 Causeway Kids Cuisine**

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

## **2.4 The Pollution Control and Local Government (NI) Order 1978 Outcome of Legal Proceedings**

Members noted that a successful prosecution for contravention of a Noise Abatement Notice at an address in Causeway Street, Portrush had resulted in fines and costs amounting to £776.

## **2.5 Home Safety: "Lift it and Lock it" Campaign**

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

## **3.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

## **3.1 Quotations for Composting at Letterloan, Macosquin, Coleraine**

Following public advertisement for the composting (shredding and screening) of green waste, the following quotations were received viz:

Name	Price Per Tonne (Green Waste)		Price Per Tonne (Matured Compost)	
	Including fuel	Council fuel	Including fuel	Council fuel
Newton Composting Ltd. North Road Newtownards	£5.10	£4.48	£2.30	£1.98
City Industrial Waste Mobuoy Road Derry	£5.37	£3.59	£3.79	£3.07
A. McKee & Co. Ltd. Ballylagan Lane Aghadowey	£5.95	£4.95	£2.40	£2.00
C. M. Recycling & Skip Hire Island Road Randalstown	£9.90	£9.50	£3.95	£3.55
Lyons Contracts Mayrs Lane, Ballyrashane Coleraine	£11.00	£10.50	£4.00	£3.50

### **Recommended:**

That Council accept the lowest tender from Newton Composting Ltd.

## **3.2 Replacement Refuse Lorry**

A replacement was required for an existing eight year old 26 tonne refuse lorry, scheduled for purchase early in the 2009/2010 financial year.

Belfast City Council had procured suppliers for various vehicles of mobile plant and had a framework which allowed other local authorities to purchase vehicles through the tenders received.

A replacement 26 tonne Dennis Phoenix vehicle, which was compatible with the existing fleet, could be purchased through this tender process for the cost of £115,878.45. In order to comply with Council's requirements, additional items required to be purchased for the vehicle, viz:

- Crash barriers                      £550
- Chassis autolube                    £385

**Recommended:**

That the replacement vehicle, plus the additional items, be purchased through the Belfast City Council framework at the total cost of one hundred and sixteen thousand, eight hundred and thirteen pounds and forty-five pence (£116,813.45).

Members noted that this had been allowed for in the estimates.

**3.3 Replacement Play Areas**

A tender for four play areas, two in the financial year 2008/2009 (Articlave and Portballintrae) and a further two in the financial year 2009/2010 had been accepted by Council at the Leisure and Environment Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.

**Recommended:**

That the play areas at Lyttlesdale, Garvagh and Millburn, Coleraine be replaced in the 2009/2010 financial year.

**3.4 Landfill Tax Grants**

**Recommended:**

That Council approve the following grants under Landfill Tax Funding as detailed in the report.

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| 1. Millburn, Coleraine - Play Area – Coleraine Borough Council | £50,000  |
| 2. Conservation Volunteers – Whiterocks Sand Dune Management   | Estimated cost of project - £50,000 – approx. £10,000 per year |
| 3. Conservation Volunteers – Growing Together, Coleraine       | Estimated cost of project - £30,000 over a 3 year period       |

**3.5 Building Control**

**3.5.1 Approvals**

Members noted that approval was granted for 49 applications.

### **3.5.2 Plan for Rejection under Building Regulations**

The application, as detailed in the report, was recommended for rejection under Schedule 2 of the Building Regulations (NI) 2000 due to insufficient information having been submitted.

Noted.

### **3.6 For Information**

#### **3.6.1 Energy Management**

Members noted information on the following Energy Management matters, as detailed in the report:

- Current Legislation
- Green Electricity
- Existing Renewable Initiatives
- New Facilities
- Electrical Metering
- Display Energy Certificates
- Energy Forum
- New Position – Energy/Facilities Service Manager
- Local Authority One to One Programme
- Future Legislation

#### **3.6.2 Anti-Litter Clean Up - Glenullin Area**

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

A member suggested that the Mayor send a letter of thanks to those involved in the clean up.

### **4.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

#### **4.1 Portballintrae Old Boat House**

It was agreed to discuss this topic "In Committee" at the end of the meeting.

#### **4.2 Portballintrae Village Hall**

**Recommended:**

That Council approve the following charges for Portballintrae Village Hall:

Main Hall	£5.00 per hour
Main Hall	£10.00 per hour (profit making)
Committee/Meeting Room	£1.50 per hour

#### **4.3 Portballintrae Village Hall - Shop**

Following public advertisement, four parties expressed an interest in operating the shop unit which was built as part of the Village Hall Project. Three of the parties had withdrawn and the remaining person, Mr. Joseph McLaughlin, submitted a business plan for the operation of a mini-market type business and had been interviewed by officers.

##### **Recommended:**

That the shop premises at the Village Hall in Portballintrae be leased to Mr.

Joseph McLaughlin, Portballintrae, for the operation of a mini-market business at a rental of £75.00 per week (£3,900 p.a.) plus rates for a 3-year term as per the District Valuer.

#### **4.4 Coleraine Cemetery – Tenders: Remote Locking System**

Following public advertisement for the supply and installation of a remote locking system at Coleraine Cemetery, together with CCTV and audio intercom link control, two tenders were returned, viz:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>3 Year Monitoring &amp; Management of system</b>
B. & E. Security Systems 10 Oaklands Avenue Portrush BT56 8JP	Automation of Gates, CCTV Installation and Audio Intercom Link	£15,872.00	£5,400.00
Breezemount Access Control Systems Newtownbreda Industrial Estate Cedarhurst Road Belfast BT8 7RH	Automation of Gates, CCTV Installation and Audio Intercom Link	£51,341.00	£4,500.00 + £2.00 per intercom activation

##### **Recommended:**

That Council accept the lowest tender from B. & E. Security Systems for the sum of £15,872.00 (fifteen thousand, eight hundred and seventy two pounds) with 3 year management costs of £5,400.00.

#### **4.5 Requests for Financial Assistance**

##### **4.5.1 Portrush Sea Cadets – National Pulling Championships**

##### **Recommended:**

That Council contribute £250 to Portrush Sea Cadets to assist them with hosting the National Sea Cadets' Pulling Championships and also free use of the Coleraine Marina facilities on 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009.

#### **4.5.2 County Londonderry Football Association**

##### **Recommended:**

That Council contribute £600 to the County Londonderry Football Association to support preparation for and participation in the 2009 Northern Ireland Milk Cup Football Tournament.

#### **4.6 For Information**

Members noted information on the following events, as detailed in the report:

- Coleraine Town Hall 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  - Victorian Coleraine
  - Mayor's Parade Exhibition – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2009 – 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2009
- Mayor's Parade and Fun Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2009
- The North West 200 Race Week Festival – 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 – 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009
- RNLI Portrush Raft Race – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009

#### **5.0 PETER THOMPSON HALL, CASTLEROCK**

A member queried the possibility of having the minor hall named after someone. The Chairman advised that this matter should be taken up privately.

#### **6.0 SIGNAGE**

Several members queried which body was responsible for signage at Mountsandel Forest and the Trim Trail.

The Acting Director of Leisure Services advised that the Forestry Commission was responsible for signage at these locations.

The Director of Technical Services advised that Mr. Peter Thompson had been dealing with the Forestry Commission on this subject and comments would be passed onto him.

#### **7.0 COLERAINE FESTIVAL**

A member requested that the Acting Director of Leisure Services open negotiations with the organisers of Coleraine Festival to enable them to secure new funding.

The Acting Director of Leisure Services advised that he would write to the organisers.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

**Present:** Councillor W. H. King in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

### **Aldermen**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)  
(Items 5.0 – 6.0)

D. McClarty  
W. J. McClure

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)  
J. M. Bradley  
(Items 1.16 – 6.0)  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)  
A. S. Cole  
T. J. Deans  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

B. Fitzpatrick  
S. Gilkinson  
N. F. Hillis  
(Items 1.10 – 6.0)  
B. Leonard  
G. L. McLaughlin  
A. McQuillan

### **Also in**

**Attendance:** Representative from the Planning Service –  
Mr. P. Duffy

### **Officers in**

**Attendance:** Acting Head of Administrative Services and Administrative  
Assistant

### **Apologies:**

The Mayor. Alderman Mrs. Hickey, Councillors  
Dallat, Mrs. Johnston and McPherson

## **1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A list of thirty-five applications was presented for consideration (previously supplied).

### **Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting**

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| 1.1 | <u>Application No. D1</u><br><u>C/2004/1149/F</u><br><u>Demolition of existing disused</u><br><u>dwelling and outhousing to provide</u><br><u>18 bed hotel, restaurant and bar</u><br><u>with new entrance and car parking</u><br><u>facilities at Cappaghmore, 180-182</u><br><u>Coleraine Road, Portstewart for</u><br><u>Messrs. Mullan</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was<br>to refuse.<br><br>Reported that amended plans had been<br>received and on the request of Mr. Duffy<br>it was agreed that the application be<br>removed from the schedule to facilitate<br>reassessment. |
| 1.2 | <u>Application No. D2</u><br><u>C/2006/0791/F</u><br><u>Proposed development of 33 units,</u>  | The opinion of the Planning Service was<br>to refuse.  |

- comprising 26 semi-detached and 7 detached dwellings at Kinard Park, Garvagh for DANTE Ltd.
- It was agreed that the application be refused.
- 1.3 Application No. D3  
C/2007/0853/F  
Demolition of existing Masonic Hall and redevelopment and relocation of proposed new Masonic Hall and associated site and access works at Nos. 1 – 7 Church Street, 1 – 5 Enfield Street and No. 1 Upper Heathmount, Portstewart for Amalgam Properties Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.4 Application No. D4  
C/2007/0905/O  
Site for single storey dwelling adjacent to 24 Boveedy Road, Kilrea for Ms. E. Curry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.5 Application No. D5  
C/2007/0962/O  
Relocation of existing dwelling to adjacent side garden adjacent to 25 Islandtasserty Road, Portrush for Mr. A. Owen
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.6 Application No. D6  
C/2007/1135/F  
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 5 no. semi-detached dwellings at 2 Cherry Park, Castleroe, Coleraine for Lexx Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Alderman McClure:
- That the application be refused.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, eight members voting in favour and no one voting against.
- 1.7 Application No. D7  
C/2008/0353/F  
6 no. townhouses together with associated car parking at 10, 12, 14 and 16 Upper Heathmount, Portstewart for Ms. W. & A. Hayes
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.8 Application No. D8  
C/2008/0787/F  
Proposed two storey dwelling adjacent to No. 11 Hillview Park, Coleraine for Mr. T. Austin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

- 1.9            Application No. D9  
C/2009/0031/O  
Site for replacement dwelling in  
accordance with policy CTY 3  
DPPS 21 45m south east of No.  
113 Agivey Road, Kilrea for Mr.  
and Mrs. N. Torrens
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

### **New Applications**

- 1.10           Application No. 1  
C/2005/0753/F  
Mixed development of apartments  
and townhouses (39 no. units) with  
associated landscaping and  
parking at 68-74 Portstewart Road,  
Coleraine for F. Taylor
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander:
- That the application be refused.
- As no seconder was found the application was subsequently approved.
- 1.11           Application No. 2  
C/2008/0313/F  
Erection of 1 no. detached and 22  
no. semi-detached dwellings with  
associated roads and landscaping  
to the rear of Millrush Drive and  
Millrush Mews, Lissadell Avenue,  
Portstewart for Harrod Homes Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- 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.
- 1.12           Application No. 3  
C/2008/0419/F  
Proposed alterations and  
extension to dwelling to provide 3  
no. luxury apartments at 18  
Adelaide Avenue, Coleraine for  
Mr. K. McSorley
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 1.13           Application No. 5  
C/2008/0675/F  
Demolition of 2 no. semi-detached  
dwellings and provision of 9 no.  
two bed apartments with  
associated bin storage and car  
parking at 69 and 71 Millburn  
Road, Coleraine for Jacaranda  
Homes Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 1.14           Application No. 12  
C/2008/0897/F  
Proposed demolition of existing old  
bungalow and replace with semi-  
detached townhouses at 46 Strand
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.

Road, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs.  
D. Butler

- 1.15      Application No. 13  
C/2008/0933/F  
Proposed amendment to  
previously approved apartment  
block C/2007/0598/F to include  
front porch, bay into bathroom and  
alteration of roof pods at 86, 88  
and 88A Strand Road, Portstewart  
for O’Kane & Divine
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- This application had been the subject of an enforcement case and work had ceased pending the submission of an amended application.
- It was noted that the application was now capable of approval and the enforcement case was closed.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 1.16      Application No. 14  
C/2009/0018/O  
Replacement dwelling of 1 no.  
detached dwelling with 2 no.  
detached three bedroom dwellings  
and 2 no. semi-detached three  
bedroom dwellings – total of 4  
units at 44 Glenkeen Road,  
Aghadowey, Coleraine for  
Mr. R. McCook
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Church, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 1.17      Application No. 19  
C/2009/0101/F  
Erection of free-standing trailer  
shelter in front garden at 6 Fort  
Crescent, Coleraine for Mr. Switzer
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

## **2.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS**

- 2.1      Kelvin Project – 2 no. planning  
applications
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor McQuillan:

That Council support approval of the two pending planning applications in relation to the Kelvin Project, subject to no objections.

Mr. Duffy advised members that the Department had received two planning applications from Hibernia Atlantic (UK).

One application was for the installation of underground cable at the West Strand. It was noted that there were two outstanding consultations from Roads Service and Natural Heritage.

The second application was for the erection of a cable landing station (the size of a garden shed) at Dundooan Road, Coleraine. It was noted that there was one outstanding consultation from Roads Service.

The Department had no objections to the applications.

Mr. Duffy advised that in these circumstances the Department would confirm Council's consultation on the applications and proceed to approval, subject to there being no objections from the consultees.

### **3.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES**

#### **3.1 Sainsbury's Planning Application**

Mr. Duffy advised members that the Department had not received a planning application.

#### **3.2 No. 6 Craig Vara, Portrush**

Mr. Duffy reported that this application was the subject of an enforcement case and was being investigated by the Department.

#### **3.3 Application No. C/2009/0143/F Landfill Development at Cam Road, Macosquin**

It was noted that this application, valid on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009, was being dealt with by the Special Studies Section of the Department.

### **4.0 OFFICE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on either 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. Members would be notified.

### **5.0 NORTH WEST '200' - TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

An email from Translink, informing members of travel arrangements for the North West '200', was circulated to each member.

It was noted that there would be no through train services to Portrush from stations south of Ballymoney due to the current engineering works. Special direct coach services would be operating from Belfast, Antrim and Ballymena to Portrush.

## **6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

As this was the last Planning Committee Meeting before the Annual Meeting Councillor King thanked the members for their support during his term as Chairman. He also wished everyone a safe and enjoyable North West '200'.

# POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

**Present:** Alderman W. J. McClure, in the Chair  
The Mayor, Councillor D. D. Barbour  
The Deputy Mayor, Alderman W. T. Creelman

## **Alderman**

E. T. Black (Mrs.)

## **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley	W. A. King
A. S. Cole	B. Leonard
T. J. Deans	G. L. McLaughlin
B. Fitzpatrick	R. A. McPherson
S. Gilkinson	A. McQuillan
N. F. Hillis	

**Officers in Attendance:** Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Development Services, Acting Head of Administrative Services, Community Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 2.8), Senior Technical Officer (Items 2.6 – 10.2) and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** Aldermen Mrs. Hickey and McClarty, Councillors Mrs. Church, Dallat and Mrs. Fielding

## **1.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

### **1.1 Pension Discretion Policy Changes**

Members noted that the introduction of the new Pension Scheme in April 2009 necessitated several changes to Council's policy.

#### **Recommended:**

That Council adopt the changes, as outlined in the report, viz:

- (a) Early Payment of Pension upon Retirement: the age from which early benefits are payable be amended to 55.
- (b) Flexible Retirement: the age from which flexible retirement is available be amended to 50 or over.
- (c) Power to increase Membership: the removal of the restriction to age 65.

- (d) Power to award additional pension: as an alternative option to awarding added years of service, that this discretion be introduced.

## **1.2 Authorised Cheque Signatory**

### **Recommended:**

That Council endorse the addition of the Head of Performance, Policy and Governance, Mr. David Jackson, as a cheque signatory.

## **1.3 Land and Property Services Update**

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

### **Recommended:**

On the proposal of Councillor Deans and seconded by the Mayor, that Council write to the Minister to express members' concerns in relation to:

- (i) the level of increase in non-domestic vacancies;
- (ii) the cost of collection of both domestic and non-domestic rates;
- (iii) allocation of rates to councils and the appropriateness thereof;
- (iv) general 'write-off' of bad debts;
- (v) lack of regular updates during the year on the 'penny product'.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that he would bring feedback from the meeting of Finance Officers later in the month, to a future meeting of Committee.

## **1.4 For Information**

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

- Local Government Staff Commission – Vacancy Control System
- Accounts

## **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.

### Leisure Services Department

Part Time Centre Attendant/Lifeguard: Catherine Milligan

### Technical Services Department

- (i) Handypersons Assistant: Stephen Connor
- (ii) Refuse Lorry Driver: Austen Kennedy

## **2.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

## **2.1 Business Accommodation Tenders**

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

### **Recommended:**

That Council endorse the proposed timetable and that the sub-group report be brought to Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009.

## **2.2 Local Partnership Working – Policing and Community Safety**

Consideration was given to a draft response to the consultation document relating to future arrangements for the DPP and Community Safety Partnership (previously supplied).

### **Recommended:**

That Council endorse the draft response.

## **2.3 Causeway Coast and Glens (CC&G) Tourism Promotions.**

Members noted the series of tourism exhibitions, trade shows and events which CC&G proposes to attend in the coming year, as detailed in the report.

### **Recommended:**

That Council support the staffing of CC&G promotions as appropriate.

## **2.4 Zapcats Event July 2009**

Members noted information on a proposal from Zapcat Racing Ltd. to hold a Zapcat Grand Prix at West Bay, Portrush on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

### **Recommended:**

That Council support the 2009 Zapcats event in Portrush at a cost of up to £4,500.

## **2.5 Magilligan Greencastle Ferry**

The Head of Development Services updated members on this issue, following the round table meeting which had taken place, hosted by the DRD Minister. Members welcomed the announcement that DRD had been successful in obtaining a reduction of the security requirements associated with the Ferry.

During the ensuing discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

Given the consensus on the importance of the Magilligan Greencastle Car Ferry, Council agrees to urgently continue its engagement with DRD and other stakeholders to find ways to secure its future from June 2009 onwards.

On being put to the Meeting, the proposal was lost with five votes in favour and eleven votes against.

A report on this issue would be brought to a future meeting of Council.

## **2.6 Safer Coleraine**

In response to a member's request for information on PSNI involvement in the Radiolink project, the Head of Development Services agreed to check this out and report back to the member.

## **2.7 For Information**

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

- Community Festival Fund 2009
- Community Safety Update
- Neighbourhood Renewal Update
- North East Rural Development Programme

## **2.8 Coleraine Community Safety Partnership**

The Head of Development Services' report on Coleraine Community Safety Partnership was circulated. Recommendations in the report would be considered at the Council meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

## **3.0 LAND AND PROPERTY REPORT**

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

## **4.0 ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2009**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (previously supplied).

### **4.1 Date**

**Recommended:**

That the Annual Meeting be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

### **4.2 Options for Nominations and Appointments**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and seconded by Councillor Deans:

That D'Hondt be applied over the two-year period.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Leonard:

That decision be deferred until the Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

On being put to the Meeting, the amendment was lost with three votes in favour and twelve votes against.

**Recommended:**

That D'Hondt be applied, as set out in the report, over the two-year period 2009-2011.

**4.3 Election of Aldermen**

**Recommended:**

On the proposal of Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor McPherson, that the process for electing Aldermen for the two-year period be as detailed in the report.

**4.4 Appointment of representatives to Internal Sub Groups/Working Groups**

**Recommended:**

On the proposal of Councillor Hillis and seconded by Councillor McPherson, that the system be maintained as is with the proviso that any party could change its member(s).

**4.4 Appointment of representatives to bodies where either membership numbers or make-up is predetermined**

**Recommended:**

That the current appointments remain in place for the next two years, with the proviso that any party could change its member(s).

**4.5 Other bodies**

**Recommended:**

That representation on the following bodies be rolled forward for the next two years:

- a) External Agencies / Partnerships
- b) Local Government Bodies
- c) Management Committees and community groups
- d) Leisure and Environment, Planning, Policy and Development nominations

**5.0 STREET TRADING - FEES REVIEW**

Consideration was given to this report (previously supplied).

**Recommended:**

That Council adopt the new fees previously agreed, as detailed in the report.

## **6.0 ZOMBA - UPDATE ON RECENT VISIT**

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive gave a short presentation on his recent visit to Zomba alongside Councillor King, Chairman of the Zomba Action Project (ZAP); Rev. and Dr. Gordon, the founders of the charity; Mrs. Christine Adams, Chair of the ZAP Church Group, Mrs. Ruth McCracken, ex-Chair of ZAP Zomba and her colleague Mrs. Ruth Mairs.

Mr. Wilson outlined the objectives of the visit viz:

- to further strengthen the link with Zomba City Assembly and view the programmes undertaken as a result of the working visit to Coleraine by the Chief Executive, Mr. Alex Mdooko;
- to oversee the Council supported link between the Zomba Action Project (ZAP) in Coleraine and ZAP in Zomba;
- to examine the background to requests for project funding and help establish new linkages eg between Zomba Prison and Magilligan Prison.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that the generosity of the people of the Coleraine Borough was making a real difference through the ZAP funded, sustainable projects he had visited but stressed that much more help was needed.

## **7.0 LETTER DATED 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2009 FROM ARMED FORCES DAY - 'FLY A FLAG FOR OUR ARMED FORCES' - 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2009**

Consideration was given to the letter from the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Personnel) (previously supplied).

### **Recommended:**

- (i) That Council participate in the 'Flying the Flag' event from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.
- (ii) On the proposal of Councillor Deans and seconded by Councillor McQuillan, that Council enter into negotiations with British Legions and Territorial Army in the Borough to organise a 'march past' in Coleraine on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

Councillor Leonard asked that he be recorded as dissenting.

## **8.0 CONFERENCES / COURSES**

Members noted the list of conferences and courses (previously supplied).

Any member interested in attending a course was asked to contact the Acting Head of Administrative Services.

## **9.0 LETTER DATED 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2009 FROM KEY CONSULTING - RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF NILGA TO CONSULTATION PAPER - SEVERANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCILLORS**

Members noted the contents of this paper (circulated).

### **Recommended:**

On the proposal of Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor

McLaughlin, that individual parties make their recommendations on the Consultation Paper directly.