

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **WEDNESDAY** the 26th day of March, 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 February, 2008
 - 1.2 Special Meeting – 6th March, 2008
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 4th March, 2008
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 11th March, 2008
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 18th March, 2008
3. Development Services Report (enclosed)
(Item No. 3.0) Coleraine Harbour*
4. Correspondence, including inter alia:
 - (a) Letter dated 25th February, 2008 from Down District Council regarding a Resolution on the Renewable Energy Industry in Northern Ireland (enclosed)
 - (b) Letter dated 11th March, 2008 from Ballymena Borough Council regarding a Resolution on a Campaign to purge Councils of Revered Symbols relating to their British Heritage, Unionist Convictions and Protestant Culture (enclosed)
 - (c) List of Reports available in Members' Library (enclosed)

5. Consultation List (enclosed)
6. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (1) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 6th February, 2008
- (2) Special Council Briefing Reports:
 - (i) Coleraine Disability Forum – 19th February, 2008
 - (ii) Environment and Heritage Service – Craigmore Refuse Disposal Site – 26th February, 2008
 - (iii) Northern Eastern Education and Library Board Youth Service and Twelfth Festival 2008 – 4th March, 2008

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

To: Each Member of Council.

21st March, 2008.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin, on Tuesday, 26th February, 2008.

Convened: As per Notice attached

The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman
D. McClarty

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

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
O. M. Church (Mrs.)
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
B. Fitzpatrick

W. A. King
B. Leonard
G. L. McLaughlin
R. A. McPherson
A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health, Head of Development Services, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities), Senior Technical Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Alderman Mrs. Black, Councillors Ms. Alexander, Cole, Gilkinson and Hillis

1.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 22nd January, 2008 and Special Meetings of 29th January, 2008 and 31st January, 2008 were confirmed and signed.

2.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee

The Chairman, Councillor McPherson, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed.

2.2 Planning Committee

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

2.3 Policy and Development Committee

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

3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

Consideration was given to the Head of Development Services' Report regarding nominations to the North East Rural Development Group and the Peace III Steering Group (previously supplied).

3.1 North East Rural Development Group – Nominations

With regard to the establishment of the Joint Committee and Local Action Group it was noted that the same members should not be nominated to both groups.

3.1.1 Local Action Group (2 members)

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

That Council nominate a representative from each political party so that Coleraine Borough Council's community nature be reflected on the two groups.

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

The following members were proposed for nomination to the Local Action Group:

Councillor King – proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Alderman McClarty;

Councillor Leonard – proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey;

Councillor Gilkinson – proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding;

Alderman Creelman – proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Alderman McClure;

Alderman Mrs. Hickey – proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin;

Councillor Fitzpatrick – proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

On a paper vote the above members received the following votes:

Alderman Creelman	3
Councillor Fitzpatrick	4
Councillor Gilkinson	8
Alderman Mrs. Hickey	3
Councillor King	11

Councillors Gilkinson and King were, therefore, nominated.

3.1.2 Joint Committee (3 members)

The following members were proposed for nomination to the Joint Committee:

Alderman Creelman – proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Alderman McClure;

Councillor Mrs. Church – proposed by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Alderman McClarty;

Alderman Mrs. Hickey – proposed by Councillor Dallat and seconded by Councillor Leonard;

Councillor Leonard – proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey;

Councillor Fitzpatrick – proposed by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Councillor McLaughlin.

On a paper vote the above members received the following votes:

Councillor Mrs. Church	12
Alderman Creelman	9
Councillor Fitzpatrick	8
Alderman Mrs. Hickey	7
Councillor Leonard	4

Alderman Creelman and Councillors Mrs. Church and Fitzpatrick were, therefore, nominated.

Councillor Leonard asked to be recorded as having commented ‘that the vote taken to-night was a disgrace’.

3.2 Peace III Steering Group (2 members)

The following members were proposed for nomination to the Peace III Steering Group:

Councillor Barbour – proposed by Councillor McPherson and seconded by Councillor King;

Alderman Creelman – proposed by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Alderman McClure;

Councillor McLaughlin – proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Dallat;
This proposal was subsequently withdrawn.

As an amendment it was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman McClarty:

That, as serving members of the Community Safety Partnership, Alderman Mrs. Hickey and Councillor Barbour be nominated.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried, ten members voting in favour and three members voting against.

Alderman Mrs. Hickey and Councillor Barbour were, therefore, nominated.

4.0 TRUST PORTS REVIEW

The Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. C. Murphy, DRD Minister, on Wednesday, 2nd April, 2008 in Belfast.

It was noted that a Position Paper would be prepared and presented to Council for consideration in preparation for the meeting.

5.0 BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Consideration was given to letter dated 7th February, 2008 from Ballymena Borough Council (previously supplied) seeking Council's support for the undernoted Resolution:

“That Ballymena Borough Council unequivocally opposes the suggestion, attributed to the Consultative Group on the Past, that amnesty may be considered for members of paramilitaries responsible for the vilest atrocities. In even contemplating this action the Consultative Group displays gross insensitivity towards the Victims, violates the legal system and legitimises terrorism”.

It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Fielding and agreed:

That Council support the Resolution.

6.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- a. Groundwork Northern Ireland – Stomping Ground – Issue 01
- b. European Parliament Brochures
 - i) What are my rights as an EU citizen?
 - ii) Opportunities and resources for young people in the EU
 - iii) What does the UK Office of the European Parliament do?
- c. NEELB Education News January 2008 – No. 117
- d. Business in the Community – Northern Ireland Annual Review
- e. The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment – Annual Review 2007
- f. Advice – Quarterly Newsletter from Citizens Advice, Northern Ireland – Winter 2008
- g. Inform – The bimonthly newsletter of the Health Promotion Agency for Northern Ireland – February/March 2008
- h. Veterans World – Issue 9 – Winter 2008
- i. Save the Children around Northern Ireland – Issue 6 – January 2008

- j. Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System – Second Update 2007
- k. Department for Social Development – Inter-Departmental Group on Fuel Poverty Report 2007
- l. Independent Water Review Panel – Strand Two Report – Management, Governance and Delivery
- m. Ulster Business – February 2008
- n. Northern Ireland Executive – Building a Better Future – Draft Equality Impact Assessment carried out at Strategic Level
- o. The Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH)
 - i) Partnerships : A Literature Review
 - ii) Partnerships : Community Involvement and Perceptions of Health Inequalities
 - iii) Partnerships : The Benefits
- p. The Consumer Council – Getting through to Government – A research report from the Consumer Council – December 2007
- q. The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority – Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2006 – 31 March 2007
- r. Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Strategic Resources Framework – 2007/2008
- s. Northern Ireland Museums Council
 - i) Survey of Museum Collections in Northern Ireland 2007
 - ii) Mapping Trends in Northern Ireland’s Museums 2007
- t. Northern Ireland Policing Board – Police Service of Northern Ireland – Code of Ethics 2008
- u. CEA – Education for Employability 2007 – Best of Fest

7.0 CONSULTATION LIST

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

1. Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Corporate and Business Plans 2008 – 2011 Consultation

Comments due: 12 March 2008
2. University of Ulster – Department of Teaching and Learning – EQIA Consultation – Student Residential Accommodation Policy

Comments due: 28 March 2008
3. Department of Education – School Improvement Branch – Every School a Good School – Policy Paper for Consultation
Comments due: 31 March 2008
4. Consultation on Draft Equality Impact Assessment of Proposals to Introduce Taser

Comments due: 11 April 2008
5. Department of Finance and Personnel – Departmental Solicitor’s Office – The Draft Presumption of Death Bill (Northern Ireland) 2008

Comments due: 15 April 2008

6. Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment – Consultative Document – Proposals for Equipment and Protective Systems intended for use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Comments due: 2 May 2008

8.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Lease Roselick Civic Amenity Site
Corbel Investments Ltd. and Coleraine
Borough Council

2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Right of Burial –
Deeds Register Nos. 3388 – 3396 (inclusive):

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	2
Coleraine	4
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	2

Advanced Deeds Register Nos. 0199 – 0200
(inclusive):

Agherton	1
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	1
Portstewart	-

SPECIAL MEETING

6th March, 2008.

Convened: To receive presentation from Ms. Norma Evans, Chief Executive, Northern Health and Social Care Trust

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

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman
D. McClarty

M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)

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S. Gilkinson
N. F. Hillis
W. A. King
B. Leonard
R. A. McPherson

Officers in Attendance: Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Head of Administrative Services and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Mrs. Black, Councillors Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Church, Cole, McLaughlin and McQuillan

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Norma Evans, Chief Executive and Ms. Margaret Mulholland, Head of Communications, Northern Health and Social Care Trust, who were in attendance to make a presentation to Council.

The Chief Executive explained how the Review of Public Administration had resulted in the amalgamation of three Trusts, i.e. Causeway, Homefirst and United, now known as the Northern Health and Social Care Trust.

During the presentation the Chief Executive elaborated on the following aspects of the work of the Trust:

■ **Mission Statement**

‘To provide for all, the quality of service we expect for our family and ourselves.’

■ **Facts about the Northern Health and Social Care Trust**

- One of the top ten largest Health Trusts in the United Kingdom;
- 1,400 staff;
- £500m budget;
- Services to a population of 442,000 across ten local Councils;
- 9.4% growth in 65 – 74 year olds since 2001;
- 13% growth in 75+ year olds.

■ **Challenges**

- Creating a single culture from three legacy Trusts;
- Align policies, procedures and processes;

- Governance issues in small hospitals – 9 no. (443,000 population);
- Challenging targets – waiting lists, etc.;
- Managing public expectation.

- **Comprehensive Spending Review**
 - Efficiency savings – 3% x 3 years = £45m;
 - Efficiency – what does it mean?
 - What does this mean for services?
 - 28 Senior Executives reduced to 8 + Chief Executive.

- **Developing Better Services – Acute Services Reform
Primary and Community Care Infrastructure**
 - New Health and Care Centres:
Ballycastle, Coleraine, Ballymena, Antrim, Whiteabbey,
Carrickfergus, Larne, Ballymoney, Ballyclare and Magherafelt.

- **Opportunities**
 - Modern reformed services:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ More accessible ▫ Higher quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Integrated ▫ Services which help people to live at home longer
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During a full and lengthy discussion the Chief Executive answered members' questions on a variety of topics including the following:

- Clostridium Difficile (C.Diff.);
- Staff assaults/Security in hospitals;
- Elderly and Mentally Infirm Wards;
- Domicillary care;
- Future of staff – Finance Section, Ballymoney;
- G.P. Services;
- Causeway Hospital - Staff numbers;
 - Staff off with stress;
 - Wind turbine;
 - A & E sign vandalised;
 - Cigarette smoking outside;
 - Shortage of wheelchairs;
 - Availability of hand gel;
- Meals on Wheels;
- Alternative medicine;
- Bed shortage – A & E;
- Centralisation of Sterilisation Unit;
- Cleanliness of hospitals.
- Future of Robinson and Dalriada Hospitals;

The Mayor thanked the Chief Executive for a very informative presentation and extended best wishes to the Nurses who had been injured in the recent assault and also to the other members of staff.

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

4th March, 2008.

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

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	D. McClarty
W. T. Creelman	(Items 1.0 - 2.3)
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	
(Items 2.3 - 9.1)	

Councillors

D. D. Barbour	B. Fitzpatrick
(Items 1.0 – 2.6.1)	S. Gilkinson
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	N. F. Hillis
J. J. Dallat	W. A. King
T. J. Deans	B. Leonard
(Items 1.0 – 2.6.1)	G. L. McLaughlin
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Head of Administrative Services, Director of Environmental Health, Principal Environmental Health Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.6.2), Health and Well-Being Officer (Items 1.0 – 2.6.2), Director of Leisure Services, Leisure Services Officers, Senior Technical Officer, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 2.3 – 9.1) and Administrative Assistant

Apology: Councillor Cole

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Legal Proceedings - Industrial Pollution Control (N.I.) Order 1997 superseded by The Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (N.I.) 2003

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

- 2.2 Environmental Health Planning Process - Strategic Environmental Health Plan
- Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.
- The Director of Environmental Health answered members' various questions and noted comments.
- Recommended:
- That Council approve the concept of a Strategic Environmental Health Plan.
- 2.3 Health and Well-Being Work Programme
- Miss Debbie Keys, Health and Well-Being Officer gave a presentation on her proposed work programme.
- The Health and Well-Being Officer answered members' various questions and noted comments.
- 2.4 The Shops (Sunday Trading) N.I. Order 1997 - Tesco, Portstewart
- Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.
- Members were reminded that the matter for discussion was whether Tesco was located within the boundary of Portstewart or not.
- Following discussion, the Director of Environmental Health advised members that he would seek further legal clarity on how a town boundary might be defined and report back to the Leisure and Environment Committee meeting in April.
- 2.5 Emergency Planning Silver Control Room – Communications Arrangements
- Consideration was given to information on this topic, as detailed in the report.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by the Mayor and recommended:
- That Council approve the undernoted expenditure in relation to the on-going maintenance of the Multi-Agency Silver Control Room at the Maritime and Coastguard Agency Station, Gateside Road, Coleraine as part of its emergency management response:
- £2,200 - (index linked) per year towards building rental and maintenance
- £10,000 - towards the installation of an integrated communications system

£2,000 - per year towards line rental and system maintenance

2.6 For Information

2.6.1 Community Rescue Service – Bann Search and Rescue Unit

Members noted that a presentation would be made to Council on 26th March, 2008 by the founder member of this organisation and PSNI.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and recommended by nine votes to four:

That the HM Coastguard also be invited to the meeting on 26th March, 2008.

2.6.2 Home Accident Prevention/Childhood Injury Prevention Grant Funding 2007/2008

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

3.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Coleraine Leisure Centre - Catering

Recommended:

That the licence to operate the catering franchise at Coleraine Leisure Centre be renewed to Mrs. Linda Coyles for a five year period with the rent increased by the average rate of inflation.

3.2 Special Olympics

Recommended:

That Council provide a small reception in Cloonavin to acknowledge the achievements of local officials and athletes who had participated in and organised local activities for the Special Olympics within the Borough.

3.3 Land at Darkfort Drive, Portballintrae

Recommended:

That Council voluntarily surrender the Lease of this land prior to the September 2008 deadline.

Members noted that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive required the land to facilitate a social housing scheme.

A member requested that a small play area

be provided in the area, if possible.

3.4 Changing Room Refurbishment – Coleraine Leisure Centre

Tenders had been sought in two parts for the refurbishment of changing rooms at Coleraine Leisure Centre.

Three tenders had been received for re-tiling part of the required works, viz:

Section I – Re-tiling

Firm	Cost (exc. VAT)	Comments
MCA Architectural Ceramics 17-29 Ravenhill Road Belfast	£32,877.00	Tiles to non-slip specification 4-6 week contract period
Hutchinson Tiles Loguestown Industrial Estate Bushmills Road Coleraine	£28,835.00	Tiles to non-slip specification 6-7 week contract period
Piperhill Construction Ltd Unit 14 Acorn Business Centre 2 Riada Avenue Ballymoney	£29,000.00	Tiles to non-slip specification 5 week contract period

Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest tender received from Hutchinson Tiles for the sum of twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred and thirty-five pounds (£28,835.00).

Section II – Lockers etc.

Firm	Cost (exc. VAT)
Craftsman Quality Lockers Alington Road Little Barford St. Neots Cambs	£26,880.00

Recommended:

That Council accept the tender received from Craftsman Quality Lockers for the sum of twenty-six thousand and eight hundred and eighty pounds (£26,880.00).

3.5 Dunluce Centre – Café

Following public advertisement seeking an operator for the catering function at Dunluce Centre, one bid of £1,000 per season plus rates had been received from Mr. Dominic Logue.

Recommended:

That Council accept the offer of £1,000 per season plus rates from Mr. Logue for a 3-year period.

3.6 Requests for Financial Assistance

3.6.1 Ulster Sports Trust

A request had been received from the Ulster Sports Trust for financial assistance for work in support of young Northern Ireland athletes.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £1,000 to the work of the Ulster Sports Trust.

3.6.2 Irish Indoor Bowling Association

A request had been received from the Irish Indoor Bowling Association for financial assistance to promote the British Isles Short Mat Championships to be held at Coleraine Leisure Centre on 14th - 15th November, 2008.

Recommended:

That Council contribute £1,000 to the Irish Indoor Bowling Association to promote the British Isles Short Mat Championships.

3.7 For Information

3.7.1 Causeway Museum Service (CMS)

(a) Market Yard Creative Youth Partnership Project

Members noted that there will be a showcase of artworks for the Market Yard, created by local high schools and youth groups, at Coleraine Town Hall on 12th March, 2008. The displays would then be moved on site to raise awareness of the Market Yard Project.

(b) CMS Mountsandel E-learning Resource

Members noted that as part of the CMS Community Outreach Project the Mountsandel e-learning resource had been piloted with the local schools who had participated in developing the content. The web site would be further developed over the next two months before going live in May/June.

(c) Virginia Association of Museums

Members noted that the CMS Officer had been invited to deliver a session on working with communities at the VAM Conference on 15th – 18th March, 2008.

(d) CMS Community Outreach Conference

Members interested in attending the CMS Community Outreach Conference from 24th –

26th April, 2008 at the Causeway Hotel were asked to contact the CMS Officer.

3.8 World Outdoor Bowling Championships

Recommended:

That Council provide a reception for Ms. Bernie O'Neill who won two bronze medals at the recent World Outdoor Bowling Championships in New Zealand.

3.9 Harry Gregg Bursary

Recommended:

That Council set up a bursary in Mr. Harry Gregg's name. The bursary, which would be for £1,000, would be open to youth clubs in the Borough.

The Director of Leisure Services would consult with Mr. Gregg on this matter.

4.0 **TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Entertainment Licences

4.1.1 Rainey's Bar
22-24 Maghera Street
Kilrea

An application for a grant of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. R. Rainey, c/o Rainey's Bar.

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.

4.1.2 The Roost
2 Shuttle Hill
Coleraine

An application for a transfer of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mr. R. Pollock and Mr. D Platt.

Several members raised concern about the transfer of the licence of this establishment due to complaints they had received from residents in the vicinity about noise.

The Senior Technical Officer confirmed that the management, PSNI and Taxi drivers would be made aware of residents' concerns.

The recommended period of six months would facilitate an early review of the licence.

Recommended:

That the Transfer of Licence be granted for a period of 6 months from the date of issue of licence and subject to the following special conditions:

- All amplified entertainment to be played through an acoustic noise limiting device installed and calibrated to Council's Environmental Health Department's satisfaction. The noise limiting device must not be altered without prior agreement with Council's Environmental Health Department.
- All windows and doors pertaining to the place where entertainment is being provided to be kept closed after 11:00 p.m.
- The licensee must provide Council with an acoustic consultants report for the premises place of entertainment with all recommendations contained in the report being completed within the licensed period. All recommendations contained in the report to be agreed with Council's Environmental Health Department.

4.2 For Information

4.2.1 Litter – Outcome of Legal Proceedings

Members noted that a successful prosecution for domestic waste litter in a laneway on Lever Road, Portstewart had resulted in fines and costs of £136.00.

4.3 Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicles

Members noted that the 2007 tender for the purchase of refuse collection vehicles from Manvik Plant allowed for the purchase of additional vehicles; it was, therefore, proposed to purchase two replacement vehicles under this tender.

4.4 Use of Fixed Penalty Notices for Misuse of Waste Receptacles

Members noted that when the legislation had been finalised, the topic would be brought to Council to determine the approach to be taken regarding the introduction of this penalty system.

4.5 Areas of Special Scientific Interest

Members noted that two new areas had been declared as Areas of Special Scientific Interest:

- Errigal Glen
- Coolnasillagh

A member suggested that Movanagher Forest, Kilrea should be declared as an Area of Special Scientific Interest.

The Environment Officer would be asked to discuss the classification of this forest with the Environment and Heritage Service.

4.6 Building Control

4.6.1 Approvals

Members noted that approval had been granted for 48 applications.

4.6.2 Plans for Rejection under Building Regulations

The twenty-three applications, as detailed in the report, recommended for rejection under Building Regulations due to insufficient information having been submitted, were noted.

Members noted that applicants had until the next Council meeting to submit additional information, otherwise the applications would be rejected.

5.0 NEW TESCO STORE - COLERAINE

Read letter from Tesco inviting members to an informal exhibition to view new drawings in the Watson Suite in the Lodge Hotel, Coleraine from 3.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 10th March, 2008. Representatives would also be available to answer questions. The exhibition would also be available to view in the Tesco store in Coleraine for three weeks from Tuesday, 11th March, 2008.

6.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (1) Sport Northern Ireland – Annual Review for 2006/2007.
- (2) The Network – Sustrans Report - Issue 7 - Winter 2008.

7.0 COLERAINE CEMETERY

A member queried the opening hours of Coleraine Cemetery. The Director of Leisure Services confirmed that the opening hours were unchanged, from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

8.0 CONDUCT OF COUNCILLORS

Alderman Mrs. Hickey read a statement criticising the behaviour of some

Councillors in Council debates. She asked specifically that Councillor McQuillan be disciplined by Council for comments made at the Special Council Briefing earlier that evening. Councillor McQuillan refuted any suggestion of misconduct.

The Chairman advised members that they should familiarise themselves with Point 3.4 in the Standing Orders before further debate.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

11th March, 2008.

Present:

Alderman W. J. McClure in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor J. M. Bradley
(Items 2.19 – 9.0)

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
(Items 2.3 – 9.0)

D. McClarty

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)
D. D. Barbour
J. J. Dallat
T. J. Deans
(Items 1.0 – 4.9)
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)
B. Fitzpatrick
S. Gilkinson

N. F. Hillis
(Items 2.3 – 9.0)
W. A. King
B. Leonard
(Items 1.0 – 5.0)
G. L. McLaughlin
A. McQuillan
(Items 2.3 – 9.0)

Also in

Attendance:

Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. J. Duffy

Officers in

Attendance:

Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies:

Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and McPherson

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the Meeting including visitors in the public gallery.

2.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

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| 2.1 | <u>Application No. D1
C/2006/0695/F
Redevelopment of site with
existing bungalow to provide 5 no.
dwellings at 31 Dhu Varren Park,
Portrush for Tara Homes</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be held for seven days to facilitate withdrawal. If the application was not withdrawn it would |
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- be refused.
- 2.2 Application No. D2
C/2006/0772/F
Replacement garage/shed at
45 Sconce Road, Articlave for
Mr. Dallas
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.3 Application No. D3
C/2006/0788/F
A residential development
including 18 no. apartments and 3
no. terraced dwellings to include
associated car parking at 17 Main
Street, Castlerock for S. & P.
McLaughlin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor King and seconded by Councillor Barbour:
- That Council object to the development.
- On being put to the Meeting the proposal was carried, eleven members voting in favour and no one voting against.
- 2.4 Application No. D4
C/2006/0915/F
Granny flat extension to existing
house and alterations to existing
house, consisting of a balcony and
ground floor bay window, at No. 7
Blackrock Park, Portrush for
Mr. and Mrs. Clements
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:
- That the application be held for two weeks to facilitate the submission of amended plans.
- If amended plans were not received the application would be refused.
- 2.5 Application No. D5
C/2006/0994/F
Erection of conservatory to existing
dwelling house south of No. 169
Mountsandel Road, Coleraine for
Mr. A. Kennedy
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.6 Application No. D6
C/2006/1180/F
4 no. apartments including access
off Captain Street Upper, parking
and amenity space included in
development at 37 Captain Street
Upper, Coleraine for Dolsis
Property
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Alderman Creelman and unanimously agreed:
- That Council object to the development.
- 2.7 Application No. D7
C/2007/0041/F
2 no. dwelling houses with
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

- attached garages in substitution for previous approval C/2005/1181/F at 36 Seafield Park, Portstewart for Maxter Developments Ltd.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.8 Application No. D8
C/2007/0160/A
Advertising and directional sign for Richard Patterson Motors opposite 9 Agivey Road, Kilrea for Mr. R. Patterson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Dallat and unanimously agreed:
- That Council support an approval.
- 2.9 Application No. D9
C/2007/0439/F
Change of house type from that approved under C/2001/0187/RM opposite 25 Knocknougher Road, Articlave for Mr. J. McFetridge
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- 2.10 Application No. D10
C/2007/0457/F
One bedroom apartment, two storey building for residential use to rear of 44-46 Main Street, Portrush for Cromore Builders
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 2.11 Application No. D11
C/2007/0532/RM
Dwelling and garage adjacent to 42 Ballyhome Road, Portrush for Mr. R. Martin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.

New Applications

- 2.12 Application No. 2
C/2006/0853/F
Redevelopment of the site to provide 2 no. apartments and associated site works and parking (amended plans received) at 7B Victoria Street, Portrush for Cloughorr Investment Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Alderman McClarty and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 2.13 Application No. 5
C/2007/0431/F
Retrospective proposal for Salmon Leap Housing Development, change of unit types to site
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Following discussion it was unanimously agreed:

- numbers: 5-15, 17-20, 27-36, 40-45, 56-60, 67-75, incorporating re-design of Apartments S & R and House Types MD86, MD41, MD41E, 6, H, HA & MD96 at 53 Castleroe Road, Coleraine for Mr. P. Devine
- 2.14 Application No. 6
C/2007/0444/F
Erection of canopy and balcony to front of existing licensed premises at The Anchor Bar, 87-89 The Promenade, Portstewart
- 2.15 Application No. 7
C/2007/0451/F
Erection of replacement two storey dwelling at 54 Drumcroone Road, Coleraine for Mr. M. Patterson
- 2.16 Application No. 8
C/2007/0502/F
Re-instatement of bank and 1.5m high timber fence and set back existing entrance to agricultural lands at 46 Leeke Road, Portrush for Mr. G. Neill
- 2.17 Application No. 9
C/2007/0570/F
- That the application be refused.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was agreed that the application be approved.
- Reference was made to doors being left open whilst smokers were outside the premises, therefore, allowing noise to emanate outside. Comments from Environmental Health were requested on this issue.
- Reference was also made to the absence of a lift in a three storey building used by the public.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, 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.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, 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.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

- Two and a half storey dwelling with ground floor parking to rear of 19 and 21 Main Street, Portrush for Mr. E. Brolly
- It was proposed by Councillor Hillis, 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.
- 2.18 Application No. 10
C/2007/0573/F
Erection of two storey detached three bedroom dwelling including re-location of window adjacent to 1 Cove Hill Park, Coleraine for Mr. R. O'Neill
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, 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.
- 2.19 Application No. 14
C/2007/0635/F
Residential development (comprising 38 no. apartments, associated car parking and communal private and public open space) (re-advertisement – amended proposal) at 83, 85, 87 and 89 Strand Road, Coleraine for O’Kane & Devine Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 2.20 Application No. 18
C/2007/0684/O
Proposed redevelopment of existing farmyard to provide site for rural style dwelling within an existing housing cluster between 17 and 19 Liscall Road, Garvagh for Mr. S. Gillan
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, 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.
- 2.21 Application No. 21
C/2007/0766/F
Erection of 51 no. apartments, 15
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

no. townhouses and associated road layout adjacent to Willowfields, Atlantic Road, Coleraine for McCloskey & O'Kane Ltd.

Consideration was given to e-mail dated 8th November, 2007 from Pearl Wishart (previously supplied).

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

That Council support the refusal.

2.22

Application No. 22 C/2007/0777/F
6 no. apartments within a three storey building and roof space accommodation with access to rear parking and amenity space. Access from Captain Street Upper. Demolition of 8 and 10 Captain Street Upper for G. O'Kane

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

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

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 McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

That Council support the refusal.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was lost, eight members voting in favour and ten members voting against.

The substantive motion was then put to the Meeting and was carried, eleven members voting in favour and six members voting against.

2.23

Application No. 28 C/2007/0845/F
Two dwellings with integral garaging at Islay Court/Circular Road, Castlerock for Mr. D. Moore

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Consideration was given to letter of objection dated 6th December, 2007 from Mr. K. J. H. Gouk (previously supplied).

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, 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.
- The application would be held to the April office meetings as requested.
- 2.24 Application No. 29
C/2007/0847/O
Proposed demolition of dwellings
Nos. 5 and 7 to enable a site of
housing development for 2 no.
detached and 6 no. semi-detached
dwellings for residential purposes
at Nos. 5 and 7 St. Paul's Road,
Articlave for Mr. M. Clancy
- 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.
- 2.25 Application No. 30
C/2007/0875/F
Re-development to include 2 no.
two storey detached dwellings and
4 no. two and a half storey
townhouses with associated road
and drainage layout and
landscaping at 101 and 103
Station Road, Portstewart for
Dolsis Property Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Gilkinson, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed:
- That Council support the refusal.
- 2.26 Application No. 34
C/2007/0934/F
Erection of 1 no. detached
dwelling, 1 no. replacement
dwelling and conversion of stone
barn to create 2 no. cottages –
amendment to extant approval
C/2003/0610/F at 12 Ballymacrea
Road, Portrush for N. M.
Developments
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was noted that this was a retrospective application.
- Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey:
- That Council support the refusal.
- As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was lost, five members voting in favour and twelve members voting against.

The substantive motion was then put to the Meeting and was carried, twelve members voting in favour and two members voting against.

2.27 Application No. 41
C/2007/0962/O
Re-location 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 refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by the Deputy Mayor 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.

Councillor Gilkinson voiced his opposition to the deferral.

2.28 Application No. 42
C/2007/0966/F
Demolition of Metropole House Hotel and erection of 41 no. apartments with associated car parking (Amendment to previous approval C/2006/0027/F) on land at the Metropole House Hotel, 70-72 Eglinton Street, Portrush for Enzo Developments Ltd.

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Councillor Hillis:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to density and design.

As an amendment it was proposed by Alderman Creelman and seconded by Alderman McClarty:

That Council support the refusal.

On being put to the Meeting the amendment was carried, fourteen members voting in favour and two members voting against.

2.29 Application No. 45
C/2007/0990/F

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

- First floor extension over existing garage at 18 Swilly Road, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. K. Wright
- The application had now been withdrawn.
- 2.30 Application No. 49
C/2007/1026/F
Two storey extension with sunroom to north west elevation and demolition of existing garage at 30 Leeke Road, Portrush for Mr. J. Richardson
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, 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.
- 2.31 Application No. 50
C/2007/1043/F
Change of house type utilising the contours of the site to create lower ground floor level to existing approved scheme (Planning Ref. C/2007/0095/RM) adjacent to 92 Carhill Road, Garvagh for Mr. C. McKeefry
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor Leonard 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. 56
C/2007/1090/O
Construction of two dwellings adjacent to 12 Drumagarner Road, Kilrea for Mr. J. O'Kane
- 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.
- 2.33 Application No. 60
C/2007/1114/F
Two storey rear extension and dormer extension to rear of 4 Adelaide Avenue, Coleraine for Mr. and Mrs. McClarty
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, 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.
- 2.34 Application No. 62
C/2007/1146/F
Proposed replacement dwelling and garage at 23 Greenhill Road, Aghadowey for Mr. D. McLean
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by the Deputy Mayor 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.
- 2.35 Application No. 66
C/2007/1160/F
Proposed two storey dwelling adjacent to No. 11 Hillview Park, Coleraine for Messrs. T. Austin
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- 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.
- 2.36 Application No. 67
C/2007/1164/F
Proposed loft conversion/extension and alterations at 7 Malin Crescent, Portstewart for Mr. and Mrs. C. Doherty
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Dallat and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to design.
- The application would be held to the April office meetings as requested.
- 2.37 Application No. 75
C/2008/0008
Mixed use development –
- It was noted that this was not a planning application but a pre application enquiry and would be withdrawn from the

comprising business and residential use at 22a Bushmills Road, Coleraine for Mr. A. Irwin

planning schedule.

2.38 Application No. 77 C/2008/0014/F
Two storey rear and side extensions to dwelling at 9 Roselick Road, Portstewart for Mr. S. Moore

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

Reported that, due to a late consultation response from the Environment and Heritage Service, the application would be withdrawn from the schedule. The application would be brought back to Committee in due course.

3.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 28th March, 2008.

4.0 PLANNING ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

4.1 Planning Service – Forms

Mr. Duffy answered questions regarding problems encountered by Agents regarding completion of forms.

4.2 Carthall Manor, Coleraine

Reference was made to tree planting at the housing development at Carthall Manor.

Mr. Duffy would seek a report from the Case Officer.

4.3 C/2007/0320/F
Aghadowey Food Services

An update was requested on this application.

4.4 C/2006/1091/O
Rear of 38 Gateside Road, Coleraine - Mr. Irons

An update was requested on this application.

4.5 Enterprise Avenue, Portstewart

Reference was made to a bungalow being demolished in Enterprise Avenue, Portstewart and being replaced with a three storey dwelling.

Mr. Duffy would ask the Enforcement Section to investigate.

4.6 Sign – Garden Centre Dunhill Road, Coleraine

An update was requested regarding this matter.

4.7 Development – Millburn Road, Coleraine

Mr. Duffy was asked if this development was being built in accordance with planning approval.

4.8 C/2006/0281
Apartment Development at 61-63 Portstewart Road, Coleraine

This application referred to outline planning permission for apartment development with retention of trees being a condition.

Mr. Duffy was asked to clarify Enforcement

Section's comments that removal of trees did not constitute a breach of planning.

4.9 Enforcement

Mr. Duffy explained the deferral process for PPS 14 applications. He stated that he was not aware of any enforcement action against business developments in the countryside but pointed out that Planning Service would recommend the submission of PPS 14 applications as unauthorised development would be pursued through Enforcement.

5.0 PLANNING APPEALS INFORMATION

5.1 Appeal for Renewal of outline permission for 4 no. apartments to replace existing dwelling at No. 112 Strand Road, Portstewart – Mr. C. Mullan

Reported that the Department had decided to withdraw its reason for refusal in respect of this appeal. (Copy letter dated 13th February, 2008 from the Planning Service to the Planning Appeals Commission together with draft conditions of approval previously supplied).

5.2 Article 32 Appeals (a) Dwelling adjacent to No. 42 Glen Road, Garvagh for Mr. G. Mullen (b) Detached dwelling and garage (Replacement for No. 6 Formoyle Road), adjacent to No. 7 Formoyle Road for Mr. W. King

Noted.

Reported that the Department, having noted a recent PAC decision in respect of a similar case, had withdrawn its prematurity reason for refusal in respect of these appeals. (Copy letters dated 15th and 18th February, 2008 from the Planning Service to the Planning Appeals Commission previously supplied).

Noted.

6.0 NILGA DRAFT RESPONSE TO DRAFT PPS 18 (RENEWABLE ENERGY)

Consideration was given to the NILGA draft response to Draft PPS 18 (Renewable Energy) (previously supplied).

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and agreed:

That Council request that the closing date for responses be extended to facilitate a Council response.

7.0 PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 14 - EMERGING FINDINGS

Consideration was given to the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report on Planning Policy Statement 14 – Emerging Findings (previously supplied).

It was noted that following the events facilitated by Community Technical Aid feedback would be submitted by CTA to the Executive Sub-Committee and would be taken into account in the preparation of a revised draft PPS 14. The revised draft statement was expected to be published at the end of April 2008 with a four month period of consultation.

8.0 TENDER FOR PLANNING CONSULTANTS

Consideration was given to the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report on Tender for Planning Consultants (previously supplied).

A total of eight tenders had been received as follows:

	CONSULTANCY	Hourly Rates
1.	Llewelyn Davies Yeang, Belfast	Project Leader £171.00 Senior Consultant £103.00
2.	Colin Buchanan, Belfast	Project Leader £140.00 Senior Consultant £110.00
3.	BDP Planning, Belfast	Project Leader £85.22 Senior Consultant £48.46
4.	Fleming/Mounstephen, Belfast	Project Leader £85.00 Senior Consultant £65.00
5.	WDR and RT Taggart, Belfast	Project Leader £80.00 Senior Consultant £75.00
6.	Ross Planning, Cookstown	Project Leader £80.00 Senior Consultant £60.00
7.	Scott Wilson, Belfast	Project Leader £77.00 Senior Consultant £55.00
8.	Elevate Planning Consultancy, Antrim	Project Leader £60.00 Senior Consultant £50.00

All eight tenders were assessed against the following criteria:

- (a) Background experience in terms of the range of commissions and clients for whom work was undertaken;
- (b) Amount of recent relevant experience with particular regard to experience in advising local authorities on a range of particular planning issues;
- (c) Management Structure/Resources;
- (d) Hourly Rates;
- (e) Approach to the Brief.

This resulted in the following three highest scoring tenders:

	Scoring	
BDP Planning, Belfast	42	1st
Scott Wilson, Belfast	40	2nd
Fleming/Mounstephen, Belfast	39	3rd

It was agreed, given the small differential in scoring, that all three consultants be invited for interview. The interviews would take place at the beginning of April followed by a Report to the April Planning Committee.

9.0 ST. PATRICK'S WEEK FESTIVAL 2008 - INFORMATION LEAFLET

Reference was made to the St. Patrick's Week Festival 2008 – Information Leaflet.

It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Gilkinson and agreed:

That Co. Londonderry be used on all Council publications.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18th March, 2008.

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

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)	M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)
W. T. Creelman (Items 2.0 – 18.0)	D. McClarty W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.) (Items 1.0 – 15.0)	S. Gilkinson (Items 1.0 – 5.0)
D. D. Barbour	W. A. King (Items 3.1 – 18.0)
O. M. Church (Mrs.)	B. Leonard
A. S. Cole	G. L. McLaughlin
J. J. Dallat	A. McQuillan (Items 1.0 – 5.0)
T. J. Deans	
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	
B. Fitzpatrick	

Officers in Attendance:

Acting Town Clerk & Chief Executive, Head of Development Services, Head of Administrative Services, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) (Items 1.0 – 2.3), Finance Officer (Items 1.0 - 7.0) and Administrative Assistant.

Apology: Councillor McPherson

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Councillor Sam Cole on his return to Council following his recent period of illness.

2.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Requests for Donations

Council is recommended to approve the following contributions for the financial year 2007/08:

- (i) William Keown Trust - £350.
- (ii) Royal National Lifeboat Institution - £500 as proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor Dallat.
- (iii) Northern Ireland Hospice - £5,000.

2.2 Revision of Charges

Council is recommended to approve revised charges for Council facilities for 2008/09 viz:

Coleraine Marina

Boats Up To & Including 7 Metres	Proposed Charge
Summer – April to September	£75.00 per metre
Winter – October to March	£50.00 per metre
Monthly	£145.00
Weekly	£60.00
Daily	No Change

Boats Over 7 Metres	Proposed Charge
Summer – April to September	£88.00 per metre
Winter – October to March	£58.00 per metre
Monthly	£160.00
Weekly	£65.00
Daily	No Change

All other charges, including small rowing boats up to 5 metres, to remain at current levels.

Portstewart Harbour

Boats Up To & Including 7 Metres	Proposed Charge
Season	£53.00 per metre
Monthly	£105.00
Weekly	£40.00
Daily	£12.00

Boats Over 7 Metres	Proposed Charge
Season	£70.00 per metre
Monthly	£125.00
Weekly	£50.00
Daily	£12.00

Outer Harbour	Proposed Charge
All Boats	£30.00 per metre

Portrush Harbour

Boats Up To & Including 7 Metres	Proposed Charge
Season	£58.00 per metre Minimum Charge £290.00
Monthly	£145.00
Weekly	£50.00
Daily	£12.00

Boats Over 7 Metres	Proposed Charge
Season	£75.00
Monthly	£145.00
Weekly	£50.00
Daily	£12.00

All other charges to remain at current rates.

Town Hall Charges

Coleraine Town Hall

Main Hall		Proposed Charge
Daily	9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.	£75.00
Evening	6.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.	£75.00
All Day	10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.	£130.00

Other charges to be held at present levels.

Portrush & Portstewart Town Halls

Main Hall		Proposed Charge
Daily	9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.	£70.00
Evening	6.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.	£70.00
All Day	10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.	£120.00

Minor Halls & Girvan Room		Proposed Charge
Daily	9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.	£30.00
Evening	6.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.	£30.00

In response to a member's query, Mr. Freeman agreed to review the possibility of a two tier pricing structure for use of Town Halls by organisations inside and outside the Borough.

Block Booking Discounts (Non-Commerical)

Council is recommended to continue operation of a block booking system for non-commercial bookings viz:

10 or more bookings per year reduction	20%
20 or more bookings per year reduction	33 ¹ / ₃ %

The above discount does not apply to commercial bookings.

Coleraine Leisure Centre

Council is recommended to increase the School Swim charge to £1.40 commencing 1st September, 2008.

In response to a member's query, Mr. Freeman confirmed that a review of subsidised charges for particular groups, eg senior citizens, was currently being looked at by the Director of Leisure Services.

2.3 Accounts

Members noted that Accounts for February 2008 had been circulated.

3.0 **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

- 3.1 Delivery of Voluntary Advice Services to the Community Members noted information on this topic, as contained in the report.
- Recommended:
- That Council make contributions for 2008/09, on the same pro rata basis as previously viz:
- Causeway Citizens' Advice Bureau £89,074.00
(3% increase from 07/08)
 - Causeway Women's Aid £18,503.00
(3% increase from 07/08)
- 3.2 Peace III Members noted that the draft Peace III Action Plan would be presented to Council on 26th March, 2008.
- 3.3 Commercial Unit at North Coast Watersports Centre Following previous recommendation that Troggs be awarded the lease of this facility, a licence agreement and contract for services had now been drawn up by Council's solicitors.
- Recommended:
- That Council give approval to the Head of Development Services to proceed on the basis as detailed in the report.
- 3.4 Coleraine Borough Council Branding Council is recommended to approve development of a Council brand focusing on words, which could be used for branding events materials.
- Ms. Mann will present options for the brand to Council on 26th March, 2008.
- 3.5 For Information Council noted information on the following topics, as contained in the report.
- Mountsandel
 - Coleraine Harbour
- Ms. Mann agreed to pass a query on erection of notices in Mountsandel forest to Forestry Commission.

4.0 LAND AND PROPERTY REPORT

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

Matters arising:

- 4.1 Mineral Prospecting Licence Application Consideration was given to an application from Lonmin Plc for a licence to cover an area

between Garvagh and Kilrea and stretching into the Maghera area.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Dallat, seconded by Councillor McQuillan and recommended:

That Mr. Snelling write to the Department to express Council's vigorous opposition to this application.

5.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Ms. Alexander:

“This Council agrees to approach NITB, Tourism Ireland, Strategic Investment Board, INI and the International Fund for Ireland as main tourism and investment bodies to ask for their participation in a small Task Force to address the shortage of hotels and related issues along the North Coast. Council sees this as a first step in combining the related interests of these organisations which may lead to approaches to for example, Assembly Departments and the North-South Ministerial Council.”

Councillor Leonard spoke to the Motion and requested members' support.

During a period of discussion, it was proposed, as an amendment, by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor Cole:

That officers present an update to Council on actions and negotiations undertaken on this issue with the various bodies and that the Motion be taken as read until such a report is received.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by twelve votes to six.

In response to a member's request, the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive confirmed that information provided would be as specific as possible.

6.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

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

1. Environment and Heritage Service – Historic Buildings Grant

Comments due: 18th April, 2008

2. Invest Northern Ireland – Draft Corporate Plan 2008 – 2011 and Accompanying Equality Impact Assessment

Comments due: 29th April, 2008

3. The Blue Badge Scheme in Northern Ireland – A Consultation Document on Draft Amendment Regulations – February 2008

Comments due: 30th May, 2008

The Head of Administrative Services noted Councillor Ms. Alexander's request for a copy of the EHS paper on Historic Buildings Grant.

Further copies of papers could be obtained by contacting the Administrative Officer.

7.0 LETTER - BUDDY BEAR TRUST

Read letter from Buddy Bear Trust (previously supplied) requesting that Council write a letter of support, on their behalf, to the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister.

It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and recommended:

That Council write a letter of support to the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister.

It was further recommended:

That Buddy Bear Trust be invited to address a future meeting of Council.

8.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (i) Ballysally Youth & Community Centre – Newsletter – January – March Edition
- (ii) University of Ulster – U2B - University to Business – Winter 07/08
- (iii) Northern Ireland Policing Board – Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2008 – 2011
- (iv) Invest Northern Ireland – Performance Information Report – 2002/03 – 2006/07

9.0 CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS - SEMINAR - DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PLANNING SYSTEMS, NORTH AND SOUTH

Members noted that this one day information and training seminar would take place in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen on 24th April, 2008.

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

10.0 POST OFFICE - LETTER DATED 13TH MARCH, 2008

Read letter from Post Office advising that services at Portrush branch office at 23 Eglinton Street, Portrush would cease from 12.00 noon on 2nd April, 2008 and that the office would be relocated to Unit 2, Peninsula Development, Causeway Street, Portrush shortly thereafter.

Members expressed concern at the break in continuity of service and asked that Post Office be encouraged to undertake a publicity campaign to keep customers informed of developments. The Head of Administrative Services agreed to contact Post Office.

**11.0 TRANSLINK - LETTER DATED
MARCH 2008**

Read letter from Translink asking members to complete a questionnaire on facilities and features for new trains.

It was noted that members had received this questionnaire directly from Translink.

**12.0 MID-ULSTER EX-FIRE FIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION - CAMPAIGN MEDAL
FOR NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE
FIGHTERS**

Read letter requesting Council's support for the striking of a campaign medal to commemorate the fire fighters of the Province for their service during the 'troubles'.

Recommended:

That Council write a letter of support to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

**13.0 NIPSA - LETTER DATED
31ST JANUARY, 2008**

Read letter from NIPSA requesting an opportunity for a representative to address Council on the classroom assistants' dispute.

A period of discussion ensued during which a proposal made by Councillor Deans and seconded by Alderman McClure was subsequently withdrawn.

It was then proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Councillor Leonard and recommended, with eight votes for and two against:

That the Head of Administrative Services respond to NIPSA advising that representatives of all unions involved in this issue would be invited to address Council.

**14.0 INVEST NI DRAFT CORPORATE
PLAN - CONSULTATION**

Read letter from Invest NI inviting members to attend a public consultation session on the Draft Corporate Plan 2008-2011, to be held on 4th April, 2008 in Invest NI HQ, Bedford Square, Bedford Street, Belfast from 8.00 am - 9.30 am.

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

**15.0 REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE -
PRESENTATION BY MR. MULLAN**

Members noted that a Special Meeting would be held on Thursday 3rd April, 2008 to receive a presentation by Mr. Mullan on the regional landfill site.

16.0 THANKS

On behalf of himself and his family, Councillor Cole expressed his deep gratitude to the Chairman and members for his warm welcome back to Council and the support given during his illness.

17.0 REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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

That Council convene a meeting with representatives from NILGA, Local Government Staff Commission, Mr. May's Department, National Association of Councillors, SOLACE and trade unions to consider the job losses which would result from the implementation of the recent Ministerial announcement.

Following a lengthy period of discussion, it was proposed, as an amendment, by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston:

That such a meeting be arranged when further information on the implications for job losses becomes available.

On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by eleven votes to five.

In response to members' requests, NILGA would be invited to address a Special Meeting of Council on the Review of Public Administration announcement, before Council's summer recess.

18.0 CLOSURE OF ROAD BETWEEN BALLYMONEY AND COLERAINE

Members expressed concern at the recent three month closure of part of the road between Ballymoney and Coleraine, the disappointing outcome of which had been the construction of a short stretch of footpath.

Recommended:

That a letter be sent to Roads Service expressing Council's concerns.