

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on TUESDAY the 27th day of March, 2007 at **7.30 p.m.**

H. W. T. MOORE,
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,
66 Portstewart Road,
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
 - 1.1 Council Meeting – 13th March, 2007
2. Committee Reports (enclosed):
 - 2.1 Leisure and Environment Committee – 6th March, 2007
 - 2.2 Planning Committee – 13th March, 2007
 - 2.3 Policy and Development Committee – 20th March, 2007
3. NILGA Consultation Paper on Local Government Modernisation and RPA Implementation (Report enclosed)
4. Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Proposed Amendment to Rule 23 Intimidation Points of the Housing Selection Scheme – Consultation Paper (enclosed)
5. Correspondence
6. Documents for Sealing

Enclosed for Information:

- (i) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council dated 7th February, 2007
- (ii) Press Statement from Firmus Energy dated 15th March, 2007 - Natural Gas Prices Capped for Three Years

To: Each Member of Council.

23rd March, 2007.

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin, on Tuesday, 13th March, 2007 at 4.30 p.m.

Convened: As per Notice attached

Present: The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King, in the Chair

Aldermen

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

Councillors

J. J. Dallat E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
T. J. Deans B. Leonard
B. Fitzpatrick G. L. McLaughlin
S. Gilkinson R. A. McPherson
N. F. Hillis A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

1.0 CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor and members conveyed their congratulations to Alderman McClarty and Councillors Dallat and McQuillan on their recent election to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

2.0 SYMPATHY

The Mayor and members requested that their condolences be conveyed to Councillor Mrs. Church on the death of her sister-in-law.

3.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 27th February, 2007 were confirmed and signed.

4.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

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

“That given the grave concerns of some local ratepayers about collusion between loyalist paramilitaries and Special Branch in our Borough, this Council expresses deep concern at the revelations contained in the report published by the Police Ombudsman, Nuala O’Loan, into the murder of Raymond McCord jnr which highlighted collusion between Special Branch and loyalist paramilitaries. This Council further calls on the British government to acknowledge its role in employing this policy during its ‘Dirty War’ in Ireland.”

In seconding the motion, Councillor Dallat highlighted the need to investigate possible collusion between paramilitary organisations across the political divide.

A number of members expressed concern about the motion and emphasised the need for sound evidence to support any allegations of collusion between Special Branch and paramilitary organisations.

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was lost with 2 votes in favour and 9 votes against.

- 4.2 The undernoted Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leonard and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:

“That this Council agrees to invite the Chief Executive of the Housing Executive, along with the District Manager, to explore the group of serious issues affecting housing in this Borough. These include the chronic lack of affordable rentals, provision of social housing, local land owned by the Housing Executive, the level of homelessness and the policy of decant housing sometimes being used as store rooms for equipment.”

Following discussion, the Motion was put to the meeting and carried, with 8 votes in favour and none against.

5.0 WATER REFORM FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive drew members' attention to the Department's Consultation on the Draft Charges Scheme for Northern Ireland Water Limited 2007/2008 (previously supplied).

Members were advised to contact the Administrative Officer if they wished to submit comments on the consultation.

6.0 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 for 2007-2010 Consultation

Comments due: 9th March, 2007

2. Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Consultation on a Draft Health and Personal Social Services (Reform) (Northern Ireland) 2006

Copy Draft Order and Explanatory Memorandum

Comments due: 6th April, 2007

3. Department of the Environment – Consultation on International Co-operation on Driving Disqualifications

Comments due: 8th May, 2007

4. Department for Employment and Learning – Consultation on draft Regulations to Increase Statutory Holiday Entitlement

Comments due: 13th May, 2007

7.0 NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (NIFRS)

Read letter dated 31st January, 2007 from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service in response to the NIFRS Board's draft IRMP Consultation. It was noted that the final version of the Action Plan would be published in April 2007 and that the IRMP would welcome a delegation from Council if the Board decided to carry out a review of second pumping appliances.

8.0 RIVER BANN NAVIGATION ORDER (N.I.) 2002

The Director of Technical Services confirmed that the appointment of Commissioners would take effect from 1st July, 2007 and that the appointment of external members would be initiated within the next couple of months.

9.0 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – PORTSTEWART BRANCH

Read letter dated 2nd March, 2007 from the Portstewart Branch of the Royal British Legion inviting the Mayor and Councillors to attend a V.E. parade to be held on Sunday, 6th May, 2007. Any members interested in attending were asked to contact the Administrative Officer.

10.0 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Read letter from Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety confirming the location of the Department's temporary headquarters from 1st April, 2007.

11.0 RPA (N.I.) – COMMUNITY PLANNING

Members were reminded that the RPA (N.I.) Community Planning Seminar would be held on 18th April, 2007.

12.0 RIVERSIDE THEATRE

Read letter from the Provost, acknowledging Council's commitment to become a joint core funder of the Riverside Theatre and asking Council to nominate three representatives for the new Joint Management Committee.

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

That the three current nominees to the Riverside Trust be appointed to serve on the Joint Management Committee.

13.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (i) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Strategic Resources Framework 2006/2007

- (ii) Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – Our Children and Young People Overview Report - December 2006.

14.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Licence and Counterparts Letting of Lands 2007

Council to Mr. B. Fleming, 35 Burnside Park,
Coleraine – Land at Camus Picnic Area

Council to Mr. C. Mornin, 31 Vow Road,
Ballymoney – Land adj. Cemetery, Kilrea

Council to Mr. W. G. McConaghy, 27 Harbour
Road, Ballintoy – Land at Craigahulliar,
Portrush

Council to Mr. J. Chestnutt, 73 Haw Road,
Bushmills – Land at Portballintrae
2. Cemetery Titles Grant of Rights of Burial – Deeds Register Nos.
3286-3297 (inclusive):

Agherton	2
Ballywillan	0
Coleraine	4
Kilrea	1
Portstewart	5

Advanced Deeds – Register Nos. 0168-0171
(inclusive):

Agherton	0
Ballywillan	2
Coleraine	2
Portstewart	0
3. Car Loan Agreement Director of Leisure Services

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

6th March, 2007.

Present: Councillor T. J. Deans, in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King
(Items 3.3 – 8.0)

Aldermen

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

Councillors

D. D. Barbour E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. M. Bradley B. Leonard
A. S. Cole (Items 1.0 – 3.3)
B. Fitzpatrick G. L. McLaughlin
S. Gilkinson R. A. McPherson
N. F. Hillis

Officers in Attendance:

Director of Technical Services, Director of Leisure Services, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) (Items 1.0 – 3.1), Head of Administrative Services, Principal Building Control Officer (Items 1.0 – 4.0) and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Church and McQuillan

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

2.1 Christie Park, Coleraine

The Director of Leisure Services introduced Mr. Peter Westbury, consultant architect from MWA Partnership Ltd., who was in attendance to present proposals for a major redevelopment of Christie Park, at an estimated cost of £2m.

Mr. Westbury explained the project to members and elaborated on various issues including:

- linkages to the park
- access to the town centre
- riverside treatment
- pump house and toilet block

- car parking
- centennial garden
- Strand Road frontage
- landmark play space and event area

Mr. Westbury then answered members' questions and noted comments.

The Director of Leisure Services advised on the need to consider if this project would be better funded by realizing other Council assets, rather than through the rates. Laurel Hill lands were suggested as one possible site for consideration.

Members gave a warm welcome to the proposals for Christie Park but some members had reservations about the sale of any of the Laurel Hill lands.

In response to requests for a review of all Council land assets, the Head of Administrative Services advised that Council's Property Working Group proposed to undertake an assets review and would subsequently report to Council.

It was agreed that plans for the Christie Park project be further developed, with more detailed costings, for future consideration by Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Westbury for his presentation.

2.2 Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

A request had been received from the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service to locate its emergency response paramedics in the new water sports centre at East Strand, Portrush, sharing the space in the summer with Council's beach rescue services.

Council is recommended to agree.

2.3 Sponsorship of Roundabouts

Recommended:

That Council accept the following highest bids for sponsorship opportunities at various Council maintained roundabouts:

Greenmount, Coleraine	£1,721	Autozone
Portrush Road, Ballysally	£1,725	Blair's Caravans
The Diamond, Kilrea	£1,051	Kilrea, Dunloy & Rasharkin Credit Union

A member requested to see a list of all such

bids received in future.

2.4 St. Patrick's Festival

Members noted that Council would again be promoting a Festival to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Members who required tickets for the Concert at Flowerfield Arts Centre on Friday, 16th March, 2007 were asked to contact Anthony Toner.

A proposal by Councillor Leonard that a group using Portstewart Town Hall for the St. Patrick's Festival be granted free rent for this year only, failed to find a seconder.

3.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Fiona Watters -
Waste & Recycling Officer

Recommended:

That Council approve the transfer of Mrs. Watters to the permanent staff within the Technical Services Department.

3.2 Refuse Collection Service

Recommended:

That Council approve the permanent employment of an additional crew member for the Commercial Collection Service.

3.3 Wind Turbine -
Loughanhill Depot

Two tenders had been received in response to public advertisement for a Wind Turbine viz:

Contractor	Manufacturer	Tender
J. A. Graham	Westwind	£48,500
Frontier Energy Ltd.	Jacobs	£51,950

Recommended:

That Council proceed with the installation of the turbine and accept the tender for the supply and installation of a Westwind Turbine from J. A. Graham, Crumlin for the sum of forty-eight thousand, five hundred pounds (£48,500).

The project would be subject to a grant of £10,000 from the Carbon Trust.

3.4 Building Control

3.4.1 Approvals

Members noted that approval had been

granted for 56 applications.

3.5 Carrier Bag Initiative

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

4.0 **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Bye-Laws for Cosmetic Piercing and Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring

Consideration was given to information on these Bye-laws, as detailed in the report.

It was recommended:

That Council adopt the Bye-Laws.

4.2 Prohibition on Novelty and Non-Child Resistant Cigarette Lighters

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

4.3 Appointment of Public and Other Analysts

Recommended:

That Council appoint Eurofins (N.I.) Ltd., to act as Public Analysts in accordance with Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (N.I.) Order 1991; the eight named persons in the employ of Eurofins to be formally appointed as Public Analysts.

4.4 Food Surveillance System for Northern Ireland

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

4.5 Eat Safe Award

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

4.6 National Fallen Stock Scheme

Members who had views on this scheme were asked to advise the Principal Environmental Health Officer.

4.7 Partnership Working with the Citizens' Advice Bureau

Consideration was given to information on this partnership, as detailed in the report and it was recommended:

That Council approve the partnership initiative to place an Environmental Health Officer in the Citizens' Advice Bureau on a part-time basis.

4.8 Implementation of European Regulations 853/2004

Following inspection of premises and processes, Council is recommended to approve the following establishments under this legislation:

- Sloan's, Unit 9 Kilrea Enterprise Centre, Kilrea, Coleraine

- Braemar Farm, 67 Altikeeragh Road, Castlerock, Coleraine

- 4.9 Outcome of Legal Proceedings
The Dogs (N.I.) Order 1983
as amended by The Dangerous
Dogs (N.I.) Order 1991
- Committee noted the undernoted details regarding this topic:
- Defendant: Mr. C. McCrory and Ms C. Brundish
6 Glendun Close
Dhu Varren
Portrush
- Offences: (i) Having possession of a dog of the type known as a Pit Bull terrier;
(ii) Keeping a dog without a valid licence;
(iii) Not having valid identification on a dog.
- Result: £250 fine for keeping a Pit Bull type dog
£50 x 2 for not having a licence
£50 x 2 for not having identification
£500 legal costs
£22 for court fees
£166 for witness expenses (USPCA officer)
- A Destruction Order was made in respect of 'Tyson' and Mr. McCrory was banned from holding a dog licence for a period of 2 years.
- 4.10 Quarterly Report
October – December 2006
- Members noted information on the Quarterly Report, as detailed.

5.0 A REVIEW OF DAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH SEVERE LEARNING DISABILITY - WH & SSB

Members interested in this event to be held in the Boardroom, Area Board Headquarters, Gransha Park, Londonderry on Tuesday, 13th March, 2007 from 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. were requested to contact the Administrative Officer.

6.0 COOLNASILLAGH AREA OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST - NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 28 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2002

Members interested in this notification were asked to contact Mr. Jim Allen, Environment Officer.

7.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED

- (1) The Baywatch Campaign (N.I.) – Providing Accessible Parking, A Good Practice Guide.
- (2) Inform, February/March 2007 – A Health Promotion Agency publication.

**8.0 PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS –
COLERAINE TOWN CENTRE**

Several members expressed concern about the difficulties that disabled people encountered when accessing the town centre. The Head of Administrative Services was asked to liaise with Roads Service on this point and report back.

9.0 ANDERSON PARK, COLERAINE

The Mayor welcomed the 'Making Town Centre Living Work' award from the Association of Town Centre Management for the rejuvenation of Anderson Park and the subsequent apartment and town house developments alongside the park.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

13th March, 2007.

Present: Councillor G. L. McLaughlin, in the Chair
The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

Aldermen

W. T. Creelman	D. McClarty
M. T. Hickey (Mrs.)	(Items 2.0 – 9.0)
(Items 1.0 – 3.16)	W. J. McClure

Councillors

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	S. Gilkinson
D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
A. S. Cole	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
J. J. Dallat	B. Leonard
T. J. Deans	R. A. McPherson
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)	A. McQuillan
B. Fitzpatrick	

Also in Attendance: Representatives from the Planning Service –
Mr. P. Duffy and Mr. R. McGrath

Officers in Attendance: Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

Apologies: Alderman Mrs. Black, Councillors Bradley and Mrs. Church

1.0 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone present including those in the public gallery.

2.0 PLANNING CONSULTATION - DEFERRAL PROCEDURE

Consideration was given to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Report on Deferral Procedure (previously supplied)

Following discussion Councillor McPherson suggested that the Planning Service be asked to provide a list of applications following the office meetings which would then be brought to Committee to ascertain Council's corporate opinion. It was further suggested by Councillor Deans that this matter could be discussed at the Planning Working Group.

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

That this matter be deferred until the suggestions tabled were investigated.

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

3.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of eighty applications was considered (previously supplied).

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting

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| 3.1 | <u>Application No. 1</u>
<u>C/2004/0854/O</u>
<u>Renewal of outline for site of storey and a half family dwelling 100m west of 46 Brone Road, Garvagh for Mr. Hutchinson</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be refused. |
| 3.2 | <u>Application No. 2</u>
<u>C/2005/0566/F</u>
<u>Proposed dwelling and access laneway off Brone Road, Garvagh (370m north-north-east of No. 34 Brone Road) for Mr. Spahn</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.3 | <u>Application No. 3</u>
<u>C/2005/0864/F</u>
<u>Manager's dwelling adjacent to the Royal Court Hotel, Portrush for Royal Court Hotel</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.4 | <u>Application No. 4</u>
<u>C/2005/1258/F</u>
<u>Revised entrance to new dwelling 120m west of 11 Laragh Road, Swatragh for Mr. J. O'Kane</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.5 | <u>Application No. 5</u>
<u>C/2005/1413/F</u>
<u>Private dwellings at No. 11A Seaview Drive, Portstewart for Corbally Developments</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be refused. |
| 3.6 | <u>Application No. 6</u>
<u>C/2006/0090/F</u>
<u>Amendments to previously approved plans at 149 Bushmills Road, Coleraine for Mr. Logan</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.7 | <u>Application No. 7</u>
<u>C/2006/0144/O</u>
<u>Dwelling and detached garage 210m north of 14 Barnside Road, Kilrea for Miss Gibson</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.8 | <u>Application No. 8</u>
<u>C/2006/0226/F</u>
<u>Proposed 3 no. dwellings with</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve. |

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| | <u>associated car parking adjacent to 95 Coleraine Road, Portrush for Mr. and Mrs. Dunn</u> | It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.9 | <u>Application No. 9
C/2006/0280/F
2 no. semi-detached houses at No. 12 Prospect Road, Portstewart for Kamack Developments</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.10 | <u>Application No. 10
C/2006/0339/F
4 no. dwellings (two semi-detached) in place of chalet dwelling and Mission Hall at 191 Mussenden Road, Articlave, Castlerock for Messrs. T. & D. Woodend</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.11 | <u>Application No. 11
C/2006/0676/F
Proposed retirement dwelling adjacent to No. 66 Ballyversal Road, Coleraine for Mrs. M. A. Dempsey</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |
| 3.12 | <u>Application No. 12
C/2006/0742/A
Free standing advertisement at The Lodge Hotel, Lodge Road, Coleraine for The Lodge Hotel</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved. |

NEW APPLICATIONS

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| 3.13 | <u>Application No. 3
C/2006/0068/F
Alteration of previous approval C/2003/0821/F from plant storage to light industrial unit at rear of 624 Glenmanus Park, Portrush for Mr. D. J. Dixon</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor Cole and unanimously agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on grounds relating to change of use of site. |
| 3.14 | <u>Application No. 10
C/2006/0719/F
Proposed erection of 40 no. apartments within 3 no. blocks with private car parking at Coleraine Cars Ltd., Castle Lane, Waterside, Coleraine for Mr. H. Tannahill</u> | The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Alderman McClure and unanimously agreed:

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office |

- meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 3.15 Application No. 12
C/2006/0747/F
Proposed new laneway to access approved dwelling approximately 50m east of 89 Mettican Road, Garvagh for Mr. McFarlane
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Deans and unanimously agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 3.16 Application No. 21
C/2006/0888/F
Proposed residential development, consisting of 3 private dwellings with amenity space and parking provision at 52b Main Street, Castlerock for KMBC Properties
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- Consideration was given to copy letter dated 26th October, 2006 from Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Darby (previously supplied).
- It was proposed by Councillor Deans and seconded by Alderman McClure:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, sixteen members voting in favour and no one voting against.
- 3.17 Application No. 29
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 and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not

- been assessed.
- On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, eleven members voting in favour and no one voting against.
- 3.18 Application No. 31
C/2006/0931/F
Demolition of existing apartments, outbuildings and vacant dwellings. Proposed re-development with 5 no. apartments and 3 no. townhouses with in-curtilage car parking at 42, 42A and 44 Sea Road, Castlerock for Mr. T. Brown-Kerr
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Johnston and agreed:
- That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that all material planning considerations had not been assessed.
- 3.19 Application No. 34
C/2006/0957/F
Proposed minor amendment to Apartment Type C and House Type J from previously approved application (C/2002/1028/F) at 26-31 and 45-54 Mews Lane, Lissadell Avenue, Portstewart for O’Kane & Devine Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander and seconded by Alderman McClarty:
- That the application be refused.
- On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, twelve members voting in favour and no one voting against.
- 3.20 Application No. 45
C/2006/1012/F
Erection of shed for storage of building contractor’s vehicles and plant to rear of 34 Liscall Road, Garvagh for Higgins Construction Ltd.
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dallat, 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.
- 3.21 Application No. 48
C/2006/1020/F
Installation of 1 no. electrical wind turbine unit and associated underground cabling at Loreto
- The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.
- Alderman McClarty declared an interest in this application because of living in

College, Castlerock Road, Coleraine
for Loreto College

close proximity to the location.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer reported that there was no issue relating to noise nuisance.

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

That the application be deferred for one month to facilitate an office meeting on the grounds that the application had generated strong local/ neighbourhood objections based on valid planning concerns.

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

3.22 Application No. 49
C/2006/1024/F
Apartment development (5 units) at
Nos. 154 and 156 Lower Main
Street, Portrush for M. Lyttle

The opinion of the Planning Service was to refuse.

It was agreed that the application be deferred for one month to facilitate the consideration of amended drawings by the Planning Service.

3.23 Application No. 51
C/2006/1027/F
Proposed change of use from
furniture shop to hot food take away
at No. 1 Pate's Lane, Coleraine for
Mr. S. Molloy

The opinion of the Planning Service was to approve.

It was agreed that the application be approved.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer answered questions relating to the provision of rubbish bins at this location and agreed to monitor the situation.

4.0 OFFICE MEETINGS

It was noted that the office meetings would be held on Friday, 30th March, 2007.

5.0 GENERAL PLANNING ISSUES

5.1 64 Strand Road, Portstewart

Reported that Application No. C/2006/1109 was being processed and would be brought to Council in due course. Enforcement had been suspended.

5.2 Salmon Leap, Coleraine - Trees

Reported that Condition No. 12 had

been breached and the developer had been requested to replace three oak trees as specified before 4th April, 2007.

Following members voicing concern about the mass destruction of trees throughout the Borough it was proposed by Councillor Ms. Alexander, seconded by Councillor Leonard and agreed:

That the Bio-Diversity Officer liaise with the Planning Service regarding the general preservation of trees in the Borough.

5.3 Directional Signs

Reported that all signs require advertising consent.

Councillor McQuillan sought clarification regarding acceptable height of signs.

Mr. Duffy advised that applicants should contact Planning Service for guidelines and agreed to arrange a meeting for Councillor McQuillan following the office meetings.

5.4 Application No. C/2006/0671

Concern was expressed regarding the delay in this application coming to Council.

5.5 Tracey's Kitchen

Reference was made to the owner of Tracey's Kitchen still awaiting a suitable site from which to trade.

Mr. Duffy would consult with the Enforcement Section regarding the problems involved with the mobile catering unit being parked at the owner's house.

5.6 College Manor, Carthall Road, Coleraine

It was noted that the tree planting at this development had not been completed.

5.7 Environmental Schemes

Mr. Duffy explained how Environmental Schemes operated.

It was felt that Enforcement Officers should concentrate on housing developments where Environmental Schemes had not been implemented.

5.8 Quarry – Ballyhome Road, Portrush

Reference was made to houses having been damaged by blasting at the quarry

at Ballyhome Road, Portrush.

Mr. Duffy would investigate the matter.

**6.0 MBR SCREENING NOTE
APPLICATION NO. C/2006/0113/O -
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 12
APARTMENTS AND ASSOCIATED CAR
PARKING AND AMENITY SPACE AT 22
AND 24 CAMBRIDGE PARK, COLERAINE**

Consideration was given to the MBR Screening Note from BDP Planning in respect of the above application (previously supplied).

BDP Planning considered that the application did not meet the criteria contained in the document 'Guidance for Councils on the Operation of the Management Board Referral Procedure'.

Following discussion it was proposed by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Councillor McPherson:

That Council accept the recommendation of BDP Planning, that the application should not be referred to the Planning Service Management Board.

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

**7.0 CONSULTATION ON RESIDENTIAL EXTENSIONS
AND ALTERATIONS - DRAFT ADDENDUM TO
PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 7 - QUALITY
RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTS**

Consideration was given to the Draft Response prepared by BDP Planning in respect of the above Consultation Document (previously supplied).

It was agreed that this report should form the basis of Council's response.

8.0 JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PPS 14

Read letter from Omagh District Council regarding the postponement of the Judicial Review of PPS 14 which was scheduled to take place on 23rd and 24th April, 2007.

It was noted that the new dates for the Hearing were 29th and 30th May, 2007 subject to the availability of Senior Counsel.

**9.0 APPLICATION NO. C/2005/1082/F
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR
TOWNHOUSES AND ASSOCIATED CAR
PARKING AT 49 MILL ROAD, PORTSTEWART**

Read letter from the Divisional Planning Manager in respect of Council's request for a second deferral for the above application.

The Divisional Planning Manager had reviewed the case and was satisfied that

there were no exceptional grounds for further delaying the decision.

It was noted that the decision would now be issued.

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20th March, 2007.

Present: Councillor E. A. Johnston (Mrs.), in the Chair

The Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

Aldermen

E. T. Black (Mrs.)
(Items 1.0 – 6.0)
W. T. Creelman

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

Councillors

D. D. Barbour
J. M. Bradley
T. J. Deans
B. Fitzpatrick
(Items 2.1 – 10.0)
S. Gilkinson

N. F. Hillis
B. Leonard
G. L. McLaughlin
(Items 2.1 – 10.0)
A. McQuillan

Officers in Attendance:

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Environmental Health (Items 1.0 – 3.4), Head of Administrative Services, Economic Development Manager (Items 1.0 – 3.4), Leisure Services Officer (Facilities) (Items 1.0 – 3.4), Technical and Waste Management Officer and Administrative Assistant

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Sieb Hoostraga, OCO Consulting (Items 1.0 – 3.2) and Professor Alan Sharp, Provost, University of Ulster (Items 1.0 – 3.2)

Apologies:

Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and McPherson.

1.0 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

1.1 Members' Allowances

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

Members noted the requirements for mileage and claims for attendance at meetings.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and recommended, with thirteen votes for and two against:

That Council resolve that the Basic Annual Allowance of £9,500 be paid from 1st April, 2007.

- 1.2 IT Security/Email Policy Council is recommended to adopt this draft policy.
- 1.3 New Posts – Environmental Health Department Consideration was given to information on new posts for the Environmental Health Department, as contained in the report.
- It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Barbour and recommended:
- That Council approve the new posts, as detailed in the report, viz:
- (i) Dog Warden/Enforcement Officer;
 - (ii) Clerical Officer;
 - (iii) Emergency Planning Officer (Part-time).
- 1.4 Charges for Council Facilities and Services Members noted information on the schedule of charges proposed for Council facilities and services for 2007/08, as contained in the report.

It was proposed by Alderman McClarty, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black and agreed unanimously:

That Council adopt the schedule of charges with one exception, that the charge for swimming for schools remain at £1.30, viz:

Coleraine Leisure Centre

Activity		Proposed Charge
Swimming	Juvenile	£1.75
	Club	£1.00
	*School	£1.30
Pool Hire	Main Pool	£41.00 per hour
	Minor Pool	£29.00 per hour
Main Hall	Full Hall	£45.00
	2/3 Hall	£28.00
	1/3 Hall	£17.00
Minor Hall		£17.00
Birthday Parties		£34.00
Club Room		£12.00
Health Suite		£4.25
Spin Room	Commercial Hire	£20.00

Waterworld

	Proposed Charge
Bowling per lane (max 6 people)	£15.00
Bowling per lane (3 people)	£12.00
Bowling per lane (2 people)	£8.00

Bowling per lane (Group)	£12.50
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Coleraine Marina

	Proposed Charge
Boats Up to & Including 7 Metres	
Summer – April to September	£70.00 per metre
Winter – October to March	£45.00 per metre
Monthly	£135.00
Weekly	£55.00
Daily	£15.00 (no change)
Boats Over 7 Metres	
Summer – April to September	£85.00 per metre
Winter – October to March	£56.00 per metre
Monthly	£150.00
Weekly	£60.00
Daily	£18.00 (no change)
Slipping & Changing	£5.00
Mast Hoist with Boat Lift	£25.00
Mast Hoist – Boats Moored Elsewhere	£35.00
Power Wash	£10.00
Rowing Boats up to 5 Metres:	
April to September	£80.00 (no change)
October to March	£50.00 (no change)

Portrush Harbour

	Proposed Charge
Boats Up to & Including 7 Metres	
Season	£55.00 per metre Minimum Charge £275.00
Monthly	£135.00
Weekly	£45.00
Daily	£12.00 (no change)
Boats Over 7 Metres	
Season	£73.00 per metre
Monthly	£135.00
Weekly	£45.00
Daily	£12.00 (no change)
Covered Winter Storage	
7 metres and under	£80.00
Over 7 metres	£100.00
Short Stay Charge	£5.00

Portstewart Harbour

	Proposed Charge
Boats Up to & Including 7 Metres	
Season	£50.00 per metre
Monthly	£100.00
Weekly	£38.00
Daily	£12.00
Boats Over 7 Metres	
Season	£66.00 per metre
Monthly	£120.00
Weekly	£48.00
Daily	£12.00
All Boats Outer Harbour	
Season	£27.00 per metre
Monthly	N/A
Weekly	N/A
Daily	N/A

SEASONAL FACILITIES

	Proposed Charge
Bowls (3 hours)	£5.00
Season Bowling	£43.00
Season Bowling (Retired)	£25.00
Green Fees	£20.00
Tennis Doubles (Court)	£5.00
Season Tennis	£43.00
Season Tennis (Under 18)	£25.00
All other Charges remain as previous year	

BURIAL GROUNDS

	Proposed Charge
Purchase of single plot (including grant of title/registration)	£125.00
Opening and closing each grave	£125.00
Tree and plaque – Garden of Remembrance	£125.00
Permission to erect memorial stone	£35.00
Cremated Ashes/newborn babies	£25.00

1.5 Matters for Information

1.5.1 Accounts

Members noted that accounts for February 2007 had been issued.

1.5.2 New 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

General Manager – Parks: Mr. A. N. B. Campbell

Plant Operator/Handyperson (CLC): Mr. M. Graham

2.0 AUDIT COMMITTEE - MINUTES DATED 5TH FEBRUARY, 2007 AND RELATED REPORTS

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Audit Committee and related reports (previously supplied) and the contents noted.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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

Matters arising:

3.1 Consultation on the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (PEACE III) 2007-2013

Consideration was given to information on this Consultation and the draft response, prepared by the Economic Development Manager, as contained in the report.

During a period of discussion, the Economic Development Manager answered members' questions and noted comments.

Recommended:

That the draft response be amended to include Councillors' comments and that this form the basis of Council's response to the Consultation.

3.2 Sales Proposition

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Sieb Hoostraga, OCO Consulting and Professor Alan Sharp, Provost, University of Ulster and Chairman of the Economic Development Sub-group, to the meeting.

Mr. Hoostraga presented the report of OCO Consulting, 'Coleraine Borough Sales Proposition – Benchmarking Coleraine' and elaborated on various key issues including:

- Inward investment promotion
- Competitive position
- Key selling message
- Areas for improvement
- Project deliverables
- Actions to be taken

During the ensuing discussion, Mr. Hoostraga and the Economic Development Manager answered members' various questions.

Professor Sharp then offered further comments on the report.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hoostraga for his detailed presentation, following which both he and Professor Sharp withdrew from the meeting.

3.3 Community Enterprise Development Programme

Three tenders had been received for this work, viz:

Organisation	Value
Business in the Community	£125,910.00
CIES	£129,922.65
School for Social Entrepreneurs in Ireland	£130,000.00

Recommended:

That the tender be awarded to Business in the Community in the sum of £125,910.00.

Members noted that a grant for £99,999 had been provided by Coleraine Local Strategic Partnership. The remainder of the funding needed would be provided from the Economic Development and Community Development budgets.

3.4 Causeway Speciality Market

Five tenders had been received for the review and evaluation of current market operations and provision of a range of appraised options on how the market should be taken forward, viz:

Consultant	Value
First Western	£7,000.00
FPM*	---
Full Circle*	---
Haley Sharpe	£7,000.00
KPMG*	---

*Excluded as did not meet tender requirements.

Recommended:

That the tender be awarded to First Western in the sum of £7,000.00.

4.0 LAND AND PROPERTY

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

Matters arising:

4.1 Property Working Group Recommendations

Members noted the recommendations of the Property Working Group at the meeting held on 26th February, 2007 as contained in the report.

Matters arising:

4.1.1 Covenants

Council is recommended to support the recommendations, as contained in the report, subject to an addendum that they would be for guidance only.

4.1.2 Assets Review

It was proposed by Councillor Bradley, seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey and, following discussion, recommended:

That a list of Council's disposable assets be brought to a future meeting of the Policy and Development Committee.

4.2 Restaurant 55 North, Portrush

Consideration was given to further information on the proposed use of the terrace at this location, as requested at the Policy and Development Committee meeting on 21st November, 2006.

The Head of Administrative Services reminded members of the recommendation made to the Policy and Development Committee in October 2006 and sought Council's recommendation.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Deans, seconded by Councillor Hillis and recommended, with eleven votes for and one against:

That Council enter into a lease for the terrace and seek redress for trespass with regard to the overhang of the building.

4.3 Matters for Information

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

- 19 Circular Road, Coleraine
- 20, 22 and 24 New Market Street, Coleraine

5.0 TENDER - RE-SURFACING OF EAST STRAND CAR PARK, PORTRUSH

Five tenders had been received for work on this scheme, viz:

CONTRACTOR	TENDER AMOUNT
Northstone (NI) Ltd Quarry & Asphalt Division	£94,277.50

Shinny Road Coleraine	
B Mullan & Sons (Contractors) Ltd Bovally House 11-13 Anderson Avenue Limavady	£95,590.00
Patrick Bradley Craigall Quarry Kilrea	£103,735.00
Whitemountain Quarries Ltd 1 Letterloan Road Macosquin Coleraine	£110,789.00
R Hogg & Sons Ltd Sounding Hill Quarry 60 Tobermore Road Magherafelt	£134,125.00

Recommended:

That Council accept the lowest tender from Northstone Quarry & Asphalt Division in the sum of £94,277.50.

6.0 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL - GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS IN NORTHERN IRELAND - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Consideration was given to this Consultation Document and the report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (previously supplied).

Recommended:

That Council's response to this document include reference to the points under (6) which have particular relevance to Coleraine in the light of recent public sector job losses, viz:

- Supporting development in areas of social and economic deprivation.
- Contributing to local economic growth and sustainability.
- Building on the regional hubs as identified in the Regional Development Strategy.
- Taking account of the impact on public employment within the new Council boundaries.

7.0 OFMDFM - CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL: THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007

Consideration was given to the Explanatory Memorandum on this Consultation and correspondence and response from Northern Ireland Housing Council (previously supplied).

Recommended:

That Council restate its opposition to the abolition of the Northern Ireland Housing Council.

8.0 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - A CONSULTATION ON SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE: A POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS

Consideration was given to this Consultation Document (previously supplied).

Recommended:

That responses to this document be submitted through political parties.

9.0 LETTER FROM NORTH EASTERN EDUCATION AND LIBRARY BOARD DATED 28TH FEBRUARY, 2007 - SPECIAL UNITS

Read letter from North Eastern Education and Library Board (previously supplied), the contents of which were noted.

10.0 STANDING ORDERS

On a proposal by Alderman McClarty and seconded by Alderman McClure, it was recommended:

That a small working group be convened to review Standing Orders and bring back recommendations to Council.