

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** the **28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009** following the Planning Committee Meeting.

ROGER WILSON

Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

Cloonavin,  
66 Portstewart Road,  
COLERAINE.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes (enclosed):
  - 1.1 Special Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2009
  - 1.2 Council Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009
  - 1.3 Special Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009
2. Environmental Health Report (enclosed)  
**(Item no 1.0) Legal Proceedings\***
3. Technical Services Report (enclosed)
4. Development Services Report\* (enclosed)
5. Land and Property (Report enclosed)
6. Correspondence including inter alia:
  - i) Queen's Royal Irish Hussars – Request for Council to hold a “return home” event in Coleraine (copy letter received on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Major General AG Denaro enclosed). **Decision required regarding (a) organising an event and (b) hosting a reception.**

- ii) Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission – Request for Council to host Board Meeting/Reception (copy email dated 25<sup>th</sup> June from Charlene Craig, Information and Publications Worker enclosed). **Decision required regarding (a) use of a meeting room within Cloonavin and (b) hosting a reception.**
  - iii) Community Planning Programme – Application through Peace III Measure 2.2 for funding (copy letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 from Banbridge District Council seeking Council's support enclosed). **Decision required to issue a letter of support.**
  - iv) Council representation on Age Concern Committee (copy letter from the Chairman of Age Concern enclosed) **Two representatives required.**
7. Documents for Sealing
8. Any other business

Enclosed for Information:

Council Information Bulletin - July 2009

\* **Recommended for consideration "In Committee".**

To: Each Member of Council.

28<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**16<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.**

**Convened:** To receive presentation from representatives of UNISON on the issue of 0.5% Pay Offer to Local Government Staff

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)                  B. Fitzpatrick  
D. D. Barbour                              B. Leonard  
O. M. Church (Mrs.)                    R. A. McPherson  
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)

**Officers in Attendance:** Director of Corporate Services, Head of Performance, Policy and Governance, Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He extended a special welcome to Messrs. A. Kennedy, N. McGuckin and J. Donaghy, who were in attendance to address members on the recent pay offer made to local government staff.

Mr. Donaghy updated members on the recent National Joint Council (NJC) negotiations which had resulted in a 0.5% pay offer to local authority workers by Employers' Side, which he pointed out, would be withdrawn if no agreement had been reached by the end of June 2009. He elaborated on key points of concern relating to the low offer, including:

- workers in Northern Ireland (NI) were among the lowest paid public sector workers in Britain;
- the offer was considerably lower than the current rate of inflation which was 2%;
- most councils in NI had planned for a 2% – 2.7% pay award in their budgets for this year.

Mr. Donaghy requested Council's support and asked that Council write to the NI representative on the NJC, Mr. Spratt, to advise that 0.5% was not an acceptable offer and that the offer should be made to the level identified in council budgets.

A period of discussion ensued.

### **Agreed:**

On the proposal of Councillor Barbour and seconded by Councillor McPherson, it was agreed unanimously, that Council write to Mr. Spratt and request that the offer to workers

be made to the limit of budgetary considerations.

Concern was expressed at the demand by Employers' Side, that agreement be reached by the end of June 2009 after which time the offer would be withdrawn.

**Further agreed:**

That an addendum be included in the letter, that Council also request that a proper and realistic negotiating time frame be allocated to allow arrangements to be reached by each side.

## **COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of proceedings of Coleraine Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin, on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

**Convened:** As per notice attached

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson, in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

### **Aldermen**

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

### **Councillors**

C. S. Alexander (Ms.)	B. Fitzpatrick
D. D. Barbour	N. F. Hillis
J. M. Bradley	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
T. J. Deans	B. Leonard
E. P. Fielding (Mrs.)	R. A. McPherson

### **Officers in**

#### **Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Director of Technical Services, Director of Environmental Health, Head of Development Services, Administrative Officer, Head of Performance, Policy and Governance, Head of Leisure Services and Administrative Assistant.

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and McLaughlin

#### **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2.0 COUNCILLOR McLAUGHLIN**

The Mayor informed members that Councillor McLaughlin was out of hospital following an operation and advised that he would convey members' best wishes for a speedy recovery.

#### **3.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, Council Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, Special Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, Special Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2009 and Annual Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 were confirmed and signed.

#### **4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **4.1 Leisure and Environment Committee**

Councillor Deans moved the adoption of the Leisure and Environment Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Mrs. Black.

## **4.2 Planning Committee**

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

Matters arising:

### **4.2.1 Application No. 17, C/2008/0946/O – Proposed 21 no. bed boutique hotel with associated facilities, car parking and landscape amenity on lands appurtenant to Sweeney’s Wine Bar, Bayhead Road, Portballintrae for Mr. S. Sweeney**

A member reminded the meeting that a briefing note was to be forwarded to members prior to the office meeting.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that members would have the briefing in advance of the meeting.

### **4.2.2 Landfill site application ref. C/2009/0143/F at Cam Road, Ringsend, Coleraine for B. Mullan and Sons Ltd.**

Members noted that the Department had applied Article 31 of the Planning (NI) Order 1991 to this planning application.

In response to a member's request, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that he would ask for a public local enquiry to be held before the Planning Appeals Commission.

It was noted that Councillor Fitzpatrick’s name was missing from the recorded vote in the minutes. He had voted for the proposal.

### **4.2.3 Planning Application C/2009/0246/F - 38 Coleraine Road, Portstewart**

A member informed the meeting that the applicant of this application had been advised that it was being recommended to Council for approval but when presented to Council's Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 the opinion was to refuse.

As the applicant had been wrongly advised by the Planning Service, no request had been made for a deferral.

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

That Council request the Planning Service to withdraw the refusal decision issued on this application and bring the application back to the July Council meeting to allow the applicant the opportunity for a deferral/office meeting.

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

### **4.3 Policy and Development Committee**

The Chairman, Councillor Barbour, moved the adoption of the Policy and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey.

Matters arising:

#### **4.3.1 Members' Allowances – Conference Attendance**

In response to a member's query at the Policy and Development Committee meeting, a report on Conference Allowances had been brought to the Council Meeting (previously circulated).

Members queried the amount of conferences which could be attended. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive advised that there was a budget and it was up to members to choose which conferences to attend.

Councillor Fitzpatrick advised that he did not claim mileage for the DOE Waste Infrastructure Conference at Stormont Hotel, Belfast, as detailed in the Conference Attendance report.

#### **4.3.2 Coleraine Harbour**

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

#### **4.3.3 Portrush Harbour**

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

The Committee Report was, therefore, agreed.

## **5.0 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT**

### **5.1 DOE NI Consultation Document on Proposals for a Waste Bill**

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

A draft response had been received from NILGA (previously circulated) and members noted the North West Region Waste Management Group's response to the DOE NI Consultation Document on the proposals for a Waste Bill (circulated).

The Director of Technical Services highlighted the main proposals in the Consultation Document, as contained in the report.

#### **Agreed:**

On the proposal of Councillor McPherson and seconded by Alderman McClure, that Council support both NILGA'S and NWRWM Group's submissions as responses to the consultation but taking the NWRWM Group stance on the issue of the Single Waste Disposal Authority.

## **5.2 Entertainment Licence**

### **5.2.1 McNulty's Bar, 2-4 Limemarket Street, Coleraine**

An application for the renewal and variation of an Entertainment Licence had been received from Mrs. H. Henry, c/o McNulty's Bar.

The variation included the provision of equipment/machines for playing pool or snooker. Public display, contest, match or exhibition of pool or snooker in an area known as First Floor.

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

Monday/Tuesday – Saturday/Sunday 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 a.m.  
Sunday 12.30 p.m. – midnight

#### **Agreed:**

That the Entertainment Licence be renewed with variation subject to the following special conditions:

- Fire emergency escape route – Tunnel.  
This area must be kept clear, free from obstruction and not be used for storage purposes.
- All requirements as contained within Nightsafe Coleraine Code of Best Practice 2008.
- All door supervisors employed must be licensed with a scheme recognised by Coleraine Borough Council.

## **6.0 LEISURE SERVICES REPORT**

### **6.1 Tender Report - Proposed New Community Hall, Coleraine West**

Six tenders had been received for a new Community Hall at Coleraine West from the six agreed select-listed contractors viz:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Fixed price inc. VAT</b>
McAteer & Teague, Dromore, Omagh	£1,398,000.00
Martin & Hamilton, Ballymena	£1,422,455.00
O'Hanlon Bros., Coalisland	£1,437,000.00
PRH Construction, Portglenone	£1,443,251.00
P & K McKaigue, Maghera	£1,475,000.00
MSM Construction, Portadown	£1,488,841.00

Details of tenders submitted in respect of mechanical engineering and electrical engineering services, checked and verified by Cogan & Shackleton, Consulting Engineers and included in the composite tenders were noted, as contained in the report.

**Agreed:**

On the proposal of Councillor Leonard and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Hickey, that Council accept the consultant's recommendation that the lowest tender, including Mechanical and Electrical Tenders, in the sum of £1,398,000.00 from McAteer and Teague be accepted and the lowest Mechanical Tender from Michael Nugent Ltd. in the sum of £273,430.00 be accepted and the lowest Electrical Tender from Irwin Group in the sum of £138,012.00 be accepted.

**6.2 For Information - Causeway Museum Service**

Members noted information on a consortium comprising the Causeway Museum Service, Mid-Antrim Museum Service, Beyond Skin, Imeall Tra Teo and the Corrymeela Community, as detailed in the report.

**7.0 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**

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

**8.0 LETTER DATED 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2009 FROM NILGA IN RELATION TO RETENTION OF TOWNLAND NAMES**

Consideration was given to letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 from NILGA in relation to retention of Townland Names and the Pointer System.

**Agreed:**

On the proposal of Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, that Council support the retention of Townland Names and the Pointer System.

**9.0 LETTER DATED 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2009 FROM DHSSPS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FIVE LOCAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS**

Members interested in the appointment opportunities were advised to contact the Public Appointments Unit by telephone 028 9052 3250 or by email: [public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk). Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

**10.0 DOCUMENTS TABLED**

The following publications were available in the Members' Library:

- a) Parliamentary Yearbook CD
- b) DRD – Accessible Transport Strategy Draft Action Plan 2009-2012
- c) Business in the Community – CR Matters newsletter – Spring/Summer 2009

- d) Big Lottery Fund – BIG Magazine Issue 2
- e) Changing Ageing Partnership – CAP news Issue 8 May 2009
- f) NHSCT – Northern News May 09 – Issue 10
- g) Invest NI – Investing Magazine
- h) NIHE – Northern Ireland Houses in Multiple Occupation Strategy 2009
- i) NIHE – The Statutory Registration Scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland
- j) NI Museums Council – Learning within Museums in Northern Ireland – Learning Report
- k) The Community Foundation for NI – Foundation News – Summer 2009
- l) Children in NI – Membership Information Pack
- m) Sustrans – Annual Review 2008

## 11.0 **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

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

1. NIO Policing Policy & Strategy Division – Public Consultation – Keeping the Right People on the DNA Database – Background paper. Available at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/haveyoursay/current-consultations> (Consultation document previously supplied)

Comments due: 7 August 2009

2. Postcomm – Consultation on Royal Mail’s application for exceptions to its universal service obligations. Available at <http://www.psc.gov.uk/policy-and-consultations/consultations/exceptions-to-the-universal-service-local-holidays.html>

Comments due: 12 August 2009

3. DOENI – Consultation on the Draft Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009. Available at: [http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect\\_the\\_environment/water/drinking\\_water\\_quality.htm](http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/water/drinking_water_quality.htm)

Comments due: 9 September 2009

4. DETI – Consultation on Proposals for an Unsolicited Services (Trade and Business Directories) Bill. Available from <http://www.detini.gov.uk>

Comments due: 28 August 2009

## 12.0 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Resolved:

That the following documents be sealed:

1. Cemetery Titles Deeds Register Nos. 3532 - 3534 (inclusive):

Agherton	-
Ballywillan	-
Coleraine	1
Kilrea	-
Portstewart	2

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2009.**

**Convened:** To receive presentation from Northern Ireland Housing Executive representatives on Coleraine District Housing Plan and Local Housing Strategy 2009-2010

**Present:** The Mayor, Councillor S. Gilkinson, in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor W. A. King

### **Aldermen**

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J. M. Bradley (Item 2.0)	E. A. Johnston (Mrs.)
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### **Officers in Attendance:**

Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Administrative Officer, Head of Performance, Policy and Governance and Administrative Assistant

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. Church, Cole and McLaughlin

## **1.0 WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special welcome to representatives from Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

## **2.0 COLERAINE DISTRICT HOUSING PLAN AND LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2009-2010**

Dr. John McPeake, Director of Design and Property Services and Mr. Frank O'Connor, North East Area Manager presented details of the District Housing Plan and Local Housing Strategy for the Coleraine District for 2009-2010.

They elaborated on various issues including:

- Funding
- Housing programmes
- Supporting People programme
- Housing Need
- Private Rented Sector

The representatives answered various members' questions and noted comments.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their comprehensive presentation.