

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2018 8.25PM

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No	Item	Summary of Key Adoptions
3.	Dfl Roads Representatives in attendance	Presentation received
4.	Grass Cutting Proposal for 2018/19	Agreed

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2018 AT 8.25 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Baird

Members Present : Alderman Campbell, King, S McKillop and Robinson

Councillors Beattie, Blair, Chivers, Deighan, Fielding,
Hunter, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus,
McCandless, McCorkell, McGlinchey, MA McKillop,
McLean, C McShane, A Mulholland, K Mulholland,
Nicholl, Quigley, Stevenson and Watton

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : D Porter, DfI Divisional Roads Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hillis, Councillors Douglas, McCaul, McLaughlin and C McShane.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Alderman King and

AGREED - that Council proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

* **Press left the meeting at 8.28PM.**

3. DFI ROADS REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor invited D Porter, Dfl Divisional Roads Manager to the meeting and invited him to present to Council.

The Divisional Roads Manager set the context for the position of Dfl Roads over the past 5 years and outlined Dfl's current Policy and the progress to deliver grass cutting across the network. The Divisional Roads Manager advised the Roads Capital Budget had increased to provide more robust maintenance, and a roads recovery budget was in place.

The Divisional Roads Manager advised that, whilst acknowledging Council pressures, his officers had addressed the issue of grass cutting with Council Officials and managed to reach agreement and additionally being proactive in how to minimise collective maintenance liability going forward.

The Director of Environmental Services outlined a recommendation to Council, of a partnering arrangement where Council would propose to cut 60%, equating to 260,000m² for Dfl, equivalent to what Council cut in the past, for the sum of approximately £35,000. The Director of Environmental Services advised this was less than Council had received previously, however, there was a correlation; the Dfl Roads arrangement included an additional Capital fund to look at lowering the maintenance liability.

It was recommended that Council continue to cut the areas previously cut by Dfl Roads for a sum of approximately £35,000; that Council work with Dfl Roads to identify areas, with a view to Dfl Roads applying Capital working funding to reduce the maintenance at these locations.

The Divisional Roads Manager responded to Elected Member questions and comments. Councillor Holmes observed the Dfl routine work did not start early enough, that Central Government was putting more work onto Council, for example resurfacing of car parks, Councillor Holmes stated the tourist area should be kept looking well and safe for residents and it was frustrating.

Councillor Holmes proposed the recommendation.

Councillor Stevenson, whilst accepting the recommendation, considered Council was entitled to get paid the £57,000 per annum for the work it did and did not get paid for. Councillor A Mulholland also supported seeking recompense for previous years' cutting.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan drew the Divisional Roads Manager's attention to safety at the Moneycarrie Road / Ballygawley Road Junction.

Alderman Robinson referred to the Regional Rate for Roads and Maintenance and felt ratepayers were hit with a double charge.

The Mayor highly commended the DfI Roads staff, however referred to the NI Direct telephone line being unacceptable and due to The Glens having poor broadband, the website was not an option as a reporting mechanism. Councillor Baird drew the Divisional Roads Manager's attention to the safety of the Brevallagh Road junction.

Councillor McGlinchey acknowledged the professional help and assistance he had received in the last year and thanked the Divisional Roads Manager.

- * **Alderman Finlay; Councillors Chivers, Loftus and C McShane left the meeting during consideration of the Item.**
- * **Alderman King left the meeting at 9.15PM.**
- * **Divisional Roads Manager left the meeting at 9.15PM.**

4. GRASS CUTTING PROPOSAL FOR 2018/19

Report previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

AGREED - that Council continue to cut the areas previously cut by DfI Roads at a sum of approximately £35,000;
that Council work with DfI Roads to identify areas, with a view to DfI Roads applying Capital working funding to reduce the maintenance at these locations.

The Mayor put the proposal to the Council to vote. 20 Members voted For, 0 Members voted against, 1 Member abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Hunter
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

AGREED - that Council proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public'.

There being no other business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.20 pm.

Mayor

Unconfirmed