

# **COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2020**

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24.	Notice to Rescind a Preceding Resolution proposed and signed by Alderman Fielding, Councillor Holmes, Councillor Quigley, Councillor Knight McQuillan, Councillor Anderson and Alderman McCandless as follows:	Motion CARRIED Council to increase charges for small crafts by 5% for 2020-21
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33.1	Ref No. 162/19 Live at the Beach (Minute Item 5)	Director of Corporate Services follow up and report back to Members

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2020 AT 7:00PM

In the Chair	: The Mayor, Councillor Bateson
Members Present	: Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson
	Councillors Anderson, Baird, Beattie, Callan, Chivers, Dallat-O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw, McGurk, MA McKillop, C McLaughlin, McLean, McQuillan, C McShane, P McShane, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, Scott, Wallace, Watton and Wilson
Officers Present	<ul> <li>D Jackson, Chief Executive</li> <li>M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services</li> <li>A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services</li> <li>R Baker, Director of Leisure &amp; Development</li> <li>D J Hunter, Council Solicitor</li> <li>J Mills, Council Solicitor</li> <li>P Donaghy, Democratic Services and Central Services</li> <li>Manager</li> <li>J Richardson, Head of Capital Works and Infrastructure</li> <li>P McColgan, Head of ICT</li> <li>J Winfield, ICT Operations Officer</li> <li>G Dunlop, ICT Officer</li> <li>D Allen, Committee &amp; Member Services Officer</li> <li>I Suggan, Committee &amp; Member Services Officer</li> <li>I Owens, Civic Support &amp; Committee &amp; Member Services</li> <li>Officer</li> </ul>
In Attendance	: Public (9 No) Press (1 No

# 1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

The Mayor informed Members that it was his last week as Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

The Mayor stated that he had been spending time visiting community groups within the Borough and that they had been doing excellent work in looking out for the vulnerable/isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic. He gave thanks to them and also to all the frontline staff in Council and praised them for their excellent work.

# 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors, McGlinchey, McMullan, Mulholland and Nicholl.

# 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for the following Members in the Leisure and Development Report – Community Development Grants – Allocation of Funding.

- Alderman Duddy
- Councillor Schenning
- Councillor McQuillan
- Councillor MA McKillop

# 4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020

Proposed by Councillor Schenning Seconded by Councillor McQuillan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 March 2020 are confirmed as a correct record.

# 5. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Wednesday 18 March 2020 are confirmed as a correct record.

# 6. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 MAY 2020

Proposed by Councillor Peacock Seconded by Alderman Duddy and **RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 12 May 2020 are confirmed as a correct record.

# 7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll stated that she did not agree with the contents within the last paragraph of the minutes on page 17 and that she had relayed this to the Head of Planning.

Alderman S McKillop stated that Planning Committee Minutes were presented to Council for noting only.

**RESOLVED –** that the Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26 February 2020 are noted.

# 8. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor Peacock, presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

**RESOLVED –** that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 27 February 2020 are adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

# 9. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2020

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor Peacock, presented the minutes and their adoption.

#### **Matters Arising**

# 9.1 Coleraine Business Improvement District (Minute Item 10.1)

Councillor Beattie requested an update on this in light of Covid 19.

The Chief Executive informed Members that he had would seek an update.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock Seconded by Councillor McLean and **RESOLVED –** that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 12 March 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

# 10. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020

The Vice-Chair of the Environmental Services Committee, Alderman Boyle presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

**RESOLVED –** that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 10 March 2020 are adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

# 11. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020

The Chair of the Audit Committee, Councillor McAuley, presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Proposed by Councillor McAuley Seconded by Councillor Anderson and

**RESOLVED –** that the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 March 2020 are adopted and the recommendations therein approved; excluding Minute Item 13 to be discussed 'In Committee' later in the meeting.

# 12. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020

The Chair of the Leisure and Development Committee, Councillor Callan presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

# **Matters Arising**

# 12.1 Point of Accuracy (Minute Item 17.1 and 17.2)

Councillor Holmes informed Members that the text under Minute Item 17.2 actually related to Item 17.1 Coleraine Twinning.

#### 12.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Callan Seconded by Alderman Duddy and

**RESOLVED –** that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Wednesday 18 March 2020 are adopted and the recommendations therein approved; including the point of accuracy noted at Item 12.1 above and excluding Minute Item 22 to be discussed 'In Committee' later in the meeting.

# 13. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE HELD 4 MARCH 2020

The Chair of the Land and Property Sub- Committee, Councillor Knight McQuillan presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**RESOLVED –** that the Minutes of the Land and Property Sub- Committee Meeting held on 4 March 2020 are adopted and the recommendations therein approved; excluding Minute Item 5 Request for Use of Council Land – Live at the Beach.

# 14. PROTOCOL FOR REMOTE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Report, previously circulated was presented by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive informed Members that the Draft Protocol for Remote Council Meetings provides the means and guidance for the conduct of any remote meetings of the Council, its various Committees and Sub-Committees, held under the provisions of the Regulations.

Alderman Boyle commented on:

**Section 9.6** in relation to videos being turned off and microphones muted when not talking and stated that she found it helpful to be able to see people and that maybe there was some flexibility.

**Section 10.12** under Declaration of Interests which covers when people leave the virtual meeting but doesn't say when they get back in. Usually in the Chamber someone would go enter and notify the Member, need to be able to text people to invite them to return to the Chamber.

The Mayor informed Members that the Protocol would be adjusted accordingly.

Councillor McGurk referred to **Section 8** – Public Access. She stated that this was an opportunity for Council to open up democracy and for Members of the public to be able to see exactly how Council conducts their meetings. She suggested that instead of members of the public registering with Democratic Services to be invited to attend the meeting a link should be published on the website for any member of the public to join the meeting and observe what is happening.

The Chief Executive informed Members that he would look into this and report back to Members.

#### Motion 1

Proposed by Councillor McAuley Seconded by Alderman Finlay

- that going forward Committee Meetings be conducted in the Council Chamber, in line with the social distancing regulations, with on line access to the big screen for Members who may be shielding.

# Motion 2

Proposed by Councillor McAuley Seconded by Councillor Schenning

- that the scheduled July recess be cancelled for 2020.

In response to a query from Alderman Hillis the Chief Executive clarified if a member of the public be experiencing access problems to the remote meeting then the meeting would be adjourned for a short period of time to allow them to be able to join the meeting.

Alderman Duddy requested for clarification on the amendment of Standing Orders.

The Chief Executive clarified that is could be a permanent amendment to the Standing Orders or alternatively an Appendix to the Standing Orders on a temporary basis to accommodate the Covid 19 situation.

The Chief Executive to bring a report back on this and costs associated with this.

Councillor Peacock stated that she was not in favour of the Committee Meetings being reintroduced in Council Chambers at this moment. Normality has not yet been resumed and Council should be leading by example and working from home especially as some Members may have family that may be shielding. This should be kept under review.

The Chief Executive confirmed that should the proposal to conduct the Committee Meetings in the Council Chamber be approved then Council would aim to commence this on Tuesday 9 June at the Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

Councillor C McShane felt that Members should embrace remote meetings as there were many benefits involved that had been previously widely discussed and it would also make it easier for members of the public to take part; Council need to grasp this concept and work positively. She also stated that Council needs to set an example and cancel the scheduled July recess.

The Mayor put **Motion 1** to the Council to Vote. 23 Members voted For, 12 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared Motion 1 CARRIED.

**AGREED** - that going forward Committee Meetings be conducted in the Council Chamber, with on line access to the big screen for Members who may be shielding.

The Mayor put **Motion 2** to the Council to Vote. 35 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared Motion 2 CARRIED.

AGREED - that the scheduled July recess be cancelled for 2020.

# 15. IMPACT OF COVID- 19 ON BOTH APPLICANTS TO TOURISM EVENTS FUNDING PROGRAMME 2020/2021 AND COUNCIL SUPPORTED EVENTS

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

The report outlines the process by which successful Tourism Events Funding Programme (TEFP) applicants can avail of the funding allocated by Council to support their events. This is in view of the special circumstances created by COVID 19. At the Council's Leisure and Development meeting in March 2020 Officers presented the Tourism Events Funding Programme for April 2020 to March 2021. This report was not ratified and in the interim the COVID 19 pandemic has caused major disruption. The report has since been tabled at the Council Meeting on 12 May 2020.

The impact of the COVID 19 crisis has led to the suspension of all of the large events and small events that would have been eligible for funding by Council (with the exception of Stendhal who have yet to notify with a decision). Most event organisers have taken this decision as a result of Public Health Agency (PHA) guidance in relation to Covid - 19, and in particular as a result of a government ban on events and 'mass gatherings'.

The TEFP event programme that was taken to the Leisure and Development in March 2020 is detailed in **Table 1** below.

Large Events Grants 2020-2021	Recommendation
Armoy Road Racing	£19,550
Coleraine and District Motor Club, North West 200	£61,800
Stendhal Festival	£60,000
Derry and District Youth Foyle Cup	£16,250
Super Cup NI	£58,500
TOTAL	216,100

£12,750 £8,450
£8,450
igible due to non-deficit funding not meet the scoring threshold of 65%
£21.200

Total budgeted figure was £237,300.

# The Impact of COVID-19

As a result of Government direction, the Event programme in Causeway Coast and Glens has been decimated until at least September 2020. (Council has cancelled all its own managed events until September). The organisation of many funded events is complex and time consuming with expenditure often required long before the event takes place. Some have fixed running costs that are incurred throughout the year including rental of properties, storage areas and utility expenses. The NW200 and Stendhal have salaried staff (these staff have been furloughed to date).

Event organisers have, where possible, cancelled any procurement and provision of services due to the cancellation of events. Whist this will reduce the financial outlay, some will still have ongoing costs and expenditure that has already been committed and cannot be recouped.

# Proposal to Assist TEFP Applicants

As organisers have cancelled events due to the impact of COVID-19, many have incurred expenditure as part of the planning process of delivering these events. Potentially organisers are in a situation of financial hardship, creating debt with depleted income sources from funders, event sponsors and event derived incomes. Some event organisers have claimed that the future sustainability of the events is in question.

Council's Funding Unit has been in contact with all TEFP applicants that were assessed and scored above the threshold levels to allow funding in the 2020/21 financial year.

Organisers have detailed those costs that have been incurred as part of the planning and organisation of the event. The Funding Unit has made an assessment of those costs that are eligible under Council's Funding Policy and the TEFP guidelines and these are summarised in **Table 2** below.

Organisation Name	Total Costs as per application	Grant Recommended in March 2020 report (Not approved by Council)	Total Eligible Costs incurred to date
Armoy Motorcycle Road			
Racing Club	£116,555.00	£19,550.00	£13,192.29
Coleraine & District			
Motor Club Ltd.	£599,000.00	£61,800.00	£86,031.86
Derry & District Youth			
Foyle Cup	£180,000.00	£16,250.00	£0.00
Stendhal Festival Ltd	£653,650.00	£60,000.00	£14,467.16
SuperCupNI	£438,113.00	£58,500.00	£27,712.00
Heart Of The Glens			
Festival	£29,160.00	£8,450.00	£2,327.35
Portrush Heritage Group	£30,000.00	£12,750.00	£912.14
Totals	£2,046,478.00	£237,300.00	£144,642.80

These eligible costs (**Table 2**) have already been incurred by event organisers in the expectation that their events would run and that funding would have been sourced through organisations including Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Although the TEFP has not been approved by Council, Elected Members may wish to consider funding those successful applicants to allow recovery of expenses incurred in preparation for the events. Event organisers claim that this would be a significant step in recovering costs and ensuring the viability of the events moving forward into 2021/22. A number of options are recommended for Members consideration.

- Derry & District Foyle Cup have not incurred any costs for their cancelled event.
- Heart of the Glens Festival have incurred £2,327.35 in insurance costs which have been checked and are eligible.
- Pirates off Portrush have incurred £912.14 in administration, programme development and printing costs which have been checked and are eligible.
- Armoy Road Racing have incurred £13,192.29 in advertising, printing, marketing, affiliation fees and some operational expenses which have been checked and are eligible.
- North West 200 have incurred £111,526.17 of event development costs which have been checked and £86,031.86 is eligible, the remaining are core costs / fixed costs which are ineligible to the fund.
- Stendhal have incurred £49,603.58 of event development costs which have been checked and £14,467.16 are eligible, the remaining are core costs / fixed costs which are ineligible to the fund.
- SupercupNI have incurred £28,712.00 of event development costs which have been checked and £27,712.00 are eligible, the remaining are core costs / fixed costs which are ineligible to the fund.

The Funding Unit have ask for any other/additional costs incurred by the event organisers that does not fall under the TEFP eligibility. All applicants were **asked for information on additional costs and three have provided this** information. This is detailed in **Annex A**, previously circulated.

Event organisers have approached Council and requested financial support in light of the COVID 19 pandemic. They recognise that the TEFP funding has not been approved to date but have stated that they require support with costs incurred to date in order to sustain events for next year. Elected Members are asked to give consideration to the request from event organisers for financial support in light of the COVID 19 pandemic. Three possible options are outlined below for Members consideration. Council Officials recommend not exceeding the amount of money originally offered through the TEFP, taken to the Leisure and Development Committee meeting in March 2020.

# (For example an applicant who was recommended within the grant process to be awarded £20,000 and to date has spent £30,000 on eligible costs, would receive no more than £20,000).

#### **Option 1**

Suspend the TEFP for 2020/21 and advise applicants that no funding will be awarded.

# **Option 2**

Based on the exceptional circumstances arising from COVID 19, allocate successful applicants under the TEFP with funding towards eligible expenditure incurred to date as detailed in <u>Table 2</u> – **up to a maximum of the grant recommendation amount as of March 2020 Leisure and Development Report.** 

Cost to Council £120,410.94.

# **Option 3**

Based on the special circumstances arising from COVID 19, allocate successful applicants under the TEFP with funding towards all eligible expenditure incurred to date as detailed in **Table 2**.

# Cost to Council £144,642.80

**It is recommended** that Elected Members give consideration to the request from Event Organisers who made applications to the TEFP and who are now requesting special status funding as a result of the COVID 19 situation. Members should also consider the three options outlined.

The Director of Leisure and Development informed Members that the organisers of Stendhal Festival have confirmed that they do now intend to run the event. Council have received a proposal for a 10 day event over a number of weekends and the Head of Tourism and funding Events Manager have confirmed that it does comply with eligibility for funding.

The Director of Leisure and Development informed Members that now the Stendhal Festival is proceeding and if Council agreed to fund the Stendhal Festival each option would increase by £45,000.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified to Members that Council would be funding the event not the organisation.

Proposed by Councillor Schenning Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop

- that Council approve Option 2 based on the exceptional circumstances arising from COVID 19, allocate successful applicants under the TEFP with funding towards eligible expenditure incurred to date as detailed in <u>Table 2</u>
– up to a maximum of the grant recommendation amount as of March 2020 Leisure and Development Report and that the Stendhal Festival is also included in this Option.

Cost to Council Cost to Council £144,642.80 plus £45,000 for Stendhal Festival.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified that the only other event that he was aware of at this moment in time which was receiving grant funding for eligible expenditure is the Supercup NI; Mid and East Antrim Borough Council have awarded them 50% of their existing grant.

Councillor C McShane raised concerns that some events relied on Local Government Funding and although she did not want to see these events to disappear Council was not in a position to continuously give out funding, also taking into account the decision by Council to not pay employees the remaining 20% of their salary under the Furloughing Scheme.

The Mayor put the Motion to Council to vote. 35 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion to approve **Option 2 CARRIED.** 

# 16. LAND AND PROPERTY REPORT

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Corporate Services.

The report was presented to Members to consider requests to use Council owned car parks for drive in church services due to the current restrictions of COVID 19.

As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic event applications to use Council land for events from external organisations have been suspended. Council has also recently decided to cancel Council managed events in July, August and September 2020. The Northern Ireland Executive recovery plan (<u>https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-recovery-plan</u>) published on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 states the following:

#### "Family and community

As of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 the current position for family and community is step 1 (with the exception of visits to immediate family indoors where social distancing is possible).

Step 1 Groups of 4-6 people who do not share a household can meet outdoors maintaining social distancing......Drive through church services and churches open for private prayer with appropriate social distancing and cleaning of shared contact hard surfaces."

A number of requests have been received from local churches who wish to hold drive in services during this time and have requested the use of Council owned car parks for this purpose

**Garvagh** – A request to hold a weekly drive in church on Sunday evenings for 1 hour at 7.00pm in the Town Centre Car Park.

**Limavady** – A request to hold a drive in service on a Sunday evening from approximately 5.30 to 6.30 pm in Connell Street Car Park.

**Ballymoney** - A request to hold a drive in service on Sunday afternoons for approximately 25-30 minutes (time TBC) in Townhead Street Car Park.

Requests to use Council land are considered in accordance with Council's Land and Property Policy and as such those requesting the use will be required to provide all relevant documentation relating to Risk Assessments including Health and Safety considerations, impact on surrounding area, noise and all appropriate safety measures in accordance with public health advice in light of the COVID 19 pandemic and Public Liability Insurance among the conditions of approval. Organisers will be advised to encourage vehicle drivers to park within the marking of a bay and not cause any obstruction. Only those who possess a valid disabled badge should be using the disabled bays.

In future Council could receive requests for other drive in events, for example, drive in cinemas and/or requests from other groups for drive in church services. This may be an appropriate time to give consideration to delegating authority for these type of requests and bring to the Land and Property Sub-Committee for retrospective approval.

#### **Financial Considerations**

#### Garvagh Bridge Street Car Park

Adjacent to the MUGA and the public toilets, this is a free car park and would have no loss of revenue. This car park was highlighted for some repairs to the surface.

#### Limavady Connell Street Car Park

This is a charged car park Monday to Saturday and free on Sunday so would have no loss of revenue.

#### **Ballymoney Townhead Street Car Park**

Charging will be introduced in this car park when members take the decision to resume normal service Monday to Saturday, free on Sunday therefore no loss of revenue.

At such time as Council introduce charges in East Strand/Dunluce Avenue/Harbour Road car parks it will be Monday to Sunday inclusive. Free car parks remain in Portrush on a Sunday, i.e. Sandhill Drive, West Strand and Lansdowne Road car park.

It is recommended that approval is granted to the requests made to hold weekly drive in church services in Council owned car parks in Ballymoney, Garvagh and Limavady and to delegate authority for any further similar requests received by Council for drive in events on Council owned land as a result of the restrictions of the COVID 19 pandemic, subject to Council's conditions of approval and to review on a rolling basis and in line with the NI Executive's Recovery Plan and on the future needs of Council services.

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan Seconded by Councillor Quigley

- that approval is granted to the requests made to hold weekly drive in church services in Council owned car parks in Ballymoney, Garvagh and Limavady and to delegate authority for any further similar requests received by Council for drive in events on Council owned land as a result of the restrictions of the COVID 19 pandemic, subject to Council's conditions of approval and to review on a rolling basis and in line with the NI Executive's Recovery Plan and on the future needs of Council services.

Councillor Knight McQuillan requested flexibility on times within the recommendation and for this to commence as soon as possible. This was agreed.

The Mayor put the Motion to Council to vote. 35 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion CARRIED.

### 17. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

The Mayor advised Members that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

# 18. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL – LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIDE

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

#### 19. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences for consideration.

#### 20. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chief Executive presented the correspondence report, previously circulated.

# 20.1 Mr Robert Wilks – Harry Gregg OBE, dated 19 February 2020

Correspondence has been received from Mr Robert Wilks expressing his sincere condolences to the wife and family of the late Harry Gregg and requesting that Council agree to the Coleraine Showgrounds being renamed the Harry Gregg Stadium (previously attached).

The Chief Executive confirmed that if the Motion was to be brought to Council then Council would be required to liaise with Coleraine Football Club and the Agricultural Society.

The Chief Executive informed Members that he would liaise with both Coleraine Football Club and the Agricultural Society in relation to this and report back to Members.

# 20.2 Northern Ireland Housing - March Housing Bulletin

Correspondence was received from The Northern Ireland Housing Council which met on Thursday 12 March 2020 in Omagh Council Offices, previously attached.

# 20.3 Department for Infrastructure – 'Drive on Left' Signage at Tourist Attractions, dated 20 April 2020

Correspondence has been received in response to Council's letter dated 26 March 2020 in relation to 'Drive on Left' signage at tourist attractions.

It is recommended that Council note the correspondence schedule.

AGREED – that Council note the correspondence schedule.

# 21. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The Chief Executive presented the report, previously circulated.

The following Consultation documents were presented:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Draft Performance Improvements Objectives.
- Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Consultation on Amendment of the Horse Racing (Northern Ireland Order).
- Local Government Staff Commission for NI Draft Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees.

**RESOLVED** – that Council note the Consultation schedule.

#### 22. SEAL DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met.

22.1 Grave Registry Certificates, No's 4911 – 4965 (inclusive)

# Other Leases/Licences

- 22.2 Causeway Coast and Glens Community Centre Managed Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations - Rasharkin Community Centre (Ref: L&D191119 /CM 191203, L&P 200115/CP&R 200128/CM 200204)
- 22.3 Ref 07/19/NIE NIE Networks Wayleave Agreement No 813583 Liscolman Playing Fields, Dervock – Retrospective (Ref: L&P SC 200304/CP&R 200324/CM 200407)

- 22.4 Foreglen Lease (Ref: CM 190416/L&P 200205/CM 200303)
- 22.5 Cushendall Development Agreement (Ref: L&D 200218/CM 200303)
- **22.6** Gortnaghey Permissive Path Agreements (Ref: CM/20190416)
- 22.7 Loughgiel Shamrocks Deed of Dedication

Proposed by Councillor Hunter Seconded by Knight-McQuillan and

**RESOLVED** - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 22.1-22.7 inclusive) be approved.

- \* The Chair declared a recess at 8.18pm.
- \* The meeting reconvened at 8.30pm.
- 23. NOTICE TO RESCIND A PRECEDING RESOLUTION PROPOSED AND SIGNED BY COUNCILLOR PEACOCK, COUNCILLOR CHIVERS, COUNCILLOR C MCSHANE, COUNCILLOR MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILLOR MCMULLAN AND COUNCILLOR BATESON

"We undersigned would like to rescind the decision made by Council on 3 December 2019 at Item 8.4 and at the Leisure and Development Committee on 19th November 2019 at Item 12 to postpone the opening of the Capital Grants Programme to the end of this term (2024) under Standing Order 23 (1)."

Councillor Peacock made the following statement:

"This is a hugely important fund that many Councils provide and it is important that when making this decision Members look at the big picture."

This fund empowers local communities to provide facilities in partnership with council under a robust needs and eligibility criteria and enables council to continue to ensure that high standards of facilities are provided but is a long term saving for council who save on not having to pay the long term operating, staffing and maintenance cost of these facilities.

This enables Council to plug gaps in provision across our vast geographical area, based on need in conjunction with local communities while making a long term saving. This is a no brainier in my opinion.

We are all aware of the Councils financial situation and as such as must be sensible in making these decisions and also be creative in finding ways to ensure that we continue to meet our statutory obligations, provide high class services that meet the needs of local communities in a way that is financially sensible. This is a sensible way to ensure that this is done enabling communities to access capital to provide the facilities that is so needed in many areas across our council catchment but saving council the long term expenditure of maintaining, operating and staffing such facilities. I appeal to members to look at the long term picture here and to support this motion not only to enable robust debate on the issue but also to ensure that we are supporting communities and addressing serious issues of under provision."

Councillor C McShane felt that it was a false economy to cut this fund. She stated that it appeals to a high spectrum of organisations and groups and many benefited across the whole Borough.

Councillor Holmes agreed with Councillor C McShane's sentiments and stated that it has to be affordable and that logic cannot go out of the window. The Grant Programme fills a need but has to be balanced with the financial strain that the Council is under, even before Covid19. He felt that this should be brought back and discussed when the Councils' situation has changed.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan stated that she would not be supporting the rescinding motion. She was not aware of any group in the area who had made use of this fund. It would be beneficial if a list could be provided.

Councillor McGurk concurred with Councillor C McShane and Councillor Peacock's sentiments and stated that Council need to show how gaps are to be plugged and that this fund goes some way in addressing that.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock Seconded by Councillor C McShane

- that Council rescind the decision made by Council on 3 December 2019 at Item 8.4 and at the Leisure and Development Committee on 19th November 2019 at Item 12 to postpone the opening of the Capital Grants Programme to the end of this term (2024) under Standing Order 23 (1)."

The Mayor put the Motion to Council to vote. 13 Members voted For, 22 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion LOST.

# 24. NOTICE TO RESCIND A PRECEDING RESOLUTION PROPOSED AND SIGNED BY ALDERMAN FIELDING, COUNCILLOR HOLMES, COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY, COUNCILLOR KNIGHT MCQUILLAN,

# COUNCILLOR ANDERSON AND ALDERMAN MCCANDLESS AS FOLLOWS:

"We the undersigned would like to rescind the decision made by Council on 7 January 2020 at Item 9 – Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee 10 December 2019 Harbour and Marina Fees 2020-21 – Item 6.2 Amendments and Additions to Charging Schedule (Item 2) under Standing Order 23 (1)"

Alderman Fielding made the following statement:

'At the December Environment Services Meeting under Report Harbour & Marina Fees 2020-21 Charging Amendments' Change of Terms and Conditions under Item I of Report it was passed that 5% rise in baseline charges for Harbour and Marina.

Under Item 2 C Rises for small craft at Coleraine Marina the following was passed. The actual increase in terms of % was not stated in the report but when you work it out it is between 92 -106%.

	Current £/meter	Proposed £/meter	Inrease in £/meter	% Increase/meter
Annual	£35.70	£73.50	£37.80	106%
Summer	£25.20	£48.30	£23.10	92%

There are 20 small craft owners basically small fishing boats- traditional rowing boats - (not commercial) the majority owned by Coleraine anglers of whom 5 are unemployed, 4 OAP's and 2 are disabled, and the rest in employment.

Standard births provide easy access to the channel of the river. Channel access for small craft on the "inside" berths especially at low tide remains difficult. So we are not comparing like with like. While the report says the area was dredged in spring the small boat owners don't think it benefited them to the same extent.

The small craft berth holders are willing to accept 5% increase this year same as other Harbour and Marine Charges.

Given the scale of the increases that were proposed at the December Environmental Services meeting I would have thought Environmental Officers could have made the boat owners aware of the rationale behind their proposed increases. I am proposing we rescind the increase passed at the Council Meeting of the 7th January for small craft at Coleraine Marina and propose for this year a 5% rise in fees the same as other harbour and marina users.

Councillor Quigley stated her support for the Motion and that commented that boat holders had bought their berth, applied insurance and then the next day Harbours and Marinas had been closed down and hoped that those already paid would be reimbursed. She commented that a 5% increase this year and possibly 5% next year would be appropriate.

Proposed by Alderman Finlay Seconded by Councillor Holmes

- that Council rescind the decision made by Council on 7 January 2020 at Item 9 of Environmental Services Committee 10 December 2019 – Harbour and Marina Fees 202021 – Item 6.2 Amendments and Additions to Charging Schedule (Item 2) C under Standing Order 23 (1)."

- that Council increase charges for small craft by only 5% for the period 2020-2021.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that Council was attempting to do away with any disparity between the crafts that berth at Coleraine Marina and doing so it was quite easy to see a vast reduction in price for those small vessels who all have the ability to use the facilities in the same manner and means as the other berth holders.

The facilities are there for everybody and there should not be a distinction between one and the other.

Dredging work had been carried out and associated costs included in making the berth positions available.

Councillor Watton stated his support for the Motion.

The Mayor put the Motion to Council to vote. 35 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion CARRIED.

# 25. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MA MCKILLOP, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MULHOLLAND

'That this council welcomes the announcement from the Infrastructure Minister that an additional £3M will be allocated to fixing street lights and filling potholes in our roads, notes the positive impact that fixing these problems will have on the lives of ratepayers, further notes the severe pressure on maintenance budgets, and agrees to write to the Minister for Finance to outline the need for additional resource to tackle these and other pressures that are vital for improving lives across our communities.'

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environmental Services Committee.

# 26. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PEACOCK, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR C MCSHANE

'That this Council establishes a stand-alone 'Women's sub-committee' made up of female representatives of this Council to discuss and promote women's issues, to build the skills and confidence of female representatives and to promote women getting involved in local politics to aim to achieve proportionality.'

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

# 27. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CALLAN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCCORKELL

'Given the strategic significance of planning to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council – we ask that the Chief Executive bring in outside planning consultants from an exemplar planning authority to carry out a full review of our planning functions and processes. This is to be completed within a 3month period on the passing of this motion.'

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Peacock, seconded by Councillor Bateson

'Council notes:

that the impacts of climate breakdown are already causing serious damage around the world.

that the 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 o C', published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018, (a) describes the enormous harm that a 20 C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5 o C rise, and (b) confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5 o C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector. that all governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to act, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

that strong policies to cut emissions also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits;

and that, recognising this, a growing number of local authorities have already passed 'Climate Emergency' motions.

In recognition that a more ambitious and urgent target for net zero carbon emissions than 2050 is required, Council therefore commits to:

Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action. Using renewable energy sources across the council's full range of functions by 2030.

Ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to net zero carbon

Support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;

Ensure that political and chief officer leadership teams embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities, ensuring that any recommendations are fully costed and that the Executive and Scrutiny functions review council activities taking account of production and consumption emissions and produce an action plan within 12 months, together with budget actions and a measured baseline; Request that Council Scrutiny Panels consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;

Work with, influence and inspire partners across the district and region to help deliver this goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources by developing a series of meetings, events and partner workshops;

Request that the Council and partners take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future;

Consider other actions that could be implemented, including (but not restricted to); renewable energy generation and storage, providing electric vehicle infrastructure and encouraging alternatives to private car use, increasing the efficiency of buildings, in particular to address fuel poverty; proactively using local planning powers to accelerate the delivery of net

carbon new developments and communities, coordinating a series of information and training events to raise awareness and share good practice.'

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environmental Services Committee.

# 29. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCMULLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHIVERS

'That this Council recognizes the present and future dangers that coastal erosion will bring to our coast line. That this Council also recognizes the impact that coastal erosion will have on our economy and the quality of life for our residents, and further recognizes the ongoing loss of land to the agricultural community due to coastal erosion. That this Council now calls on the Department of Infrastructure and DAERA to look at setting up a Coastal Observatory in line with and under the same conditions as other jurisdictions.'

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environmental Services Committee.

# 30. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN MCCANDLESS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON

'This Council notes that according to the London School of Economics there are currently over 22,000 people living with dementia in Northern Ireland, this figure is projected to nearly double to 42,800 by 2040 and the cost to the economy of dementia in 2040 will be over £1 billion.

This Council calls on the Minister for Health to ensure a universal and comprehensive approach across all Health Trusts in Northern Ireland for people following a dementia diagnosis and urges his Department to #FixDementiaCare by reforming Adult Social Care funding to address the costs faced by the growing number of people with dementia and their families.

This Council will build on Alzheimer's Society work of creating Dementia Friendly Communities by hosting a 'Dementia Friendly workshop' which will increase the awareness and confidence of our staff to better relate to, support and communicate with people with dementia to help tackle stigma, establish best practice and reduce barriers for our ageing population.'

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

#### MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Schenning Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED - that Council move 'In Committee'.

- \* The Press and public left the meeting at 9.00pm.
- \* The Chair declared a recess at 9.00pm.
- \* The meeting reconvened at 9.05pm.
- 31. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020 'IN COMMITTEE'

Matters Arising

#### 31.1 Corporate Risk Matrix (Item 13)

\* Councillor P McShane arrived at the meeting during discussion of this item.

Councillor Wilson stated that Council must be open and transparent on unanswered questions raised in relation to allegations previously made and that Council must share will all Elected Members.

As previously proposed:

Proposed by Councillor Fielding Seconded by Alderman Fielding

- that a Special Council Meeting be arranged where the unanswered questions of Members raised in relation to allegations previously made and discussed at Council Meetings can be focused on and to share these with the rest of the Elected Members.

Members discussed the allegations and insinuations made against Council during the last 12-24 months.

Councillor Quigley informed Members that she stood over any comments made and language that she had used.

- \* The Chair declared a recess at 9.13pm.
- \* The meeting reconvened at 9.23pm.

The Mayor informed Members legal advice had been sought on this item and that this item be **DEFERRED** to the next Council Meeting pending criminal investigations.

In response to a query from Councillor P McShane, J Mills Council Solicitor informed Members that a decision could not be made as any criminal investigation could affect the outcome.

Councillor P McShane indicated his disgust and commented that Council was attempting to silence him.

The Mayor informed Councillor P McShane that this was not the platform for this to be discussed.

# \* Councillor P McShane left the meeting.

# 32. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020 'IN COMMITTEE'

#### 32.1 Dungiven Bowling Project (Item 13)

The Director of Leisure and Development informed Members that the existing building at Dungiven had now been vacated and updated Members on how the land was being considered for disposal.

The Director of Leisure and Development reminded Members of the 3 Options arising from a Strategic Outline Case for the Dungiven Bowling Project.

# Option 1 – Do Nothing

Council deems any investment to be unaffordable with Options 2 and 3 deferred and the project placed on Council's "prioritised project" list for future consideration. Dungiven Bowling Club has to leave the existing site on disposal and is supported in their efforts to secure a longer term relocation to Limavady Recreation Club. This will secure £190,000 capital monies for Council's Capital Programme.

# **Option 2 – Develop Existing Bowling Green (at old Main Road site)**

Council deems the level of investment at the new Curragh Road site to be cost prohibitive and withdraws the bowling green and MUGA from the portfolio of the current Main Street site. Officers are then instructed to bring forward an OBC for the construction of an appropriately scaled changing pavilion and floodlighting at an estimated cost of £225,000 for the use of the Bowling Club at the old site. The OBC will be supported with a Club Development Plan. The capital receipt on disposal will be significantly less than £190,000 (TBC by LPS) generating a net cost of at least £35,000 which will impact upon Council's Capital Programme.

# **Option 3 – Develop New Bowling Green (on new Curragh Road site)**

Council approves Officers to progress to Stage 1 - the construction of a new bowling green on Curragh Road site at an estimated cost of £205,000 for grass or £240,000 for synthetic surface. The resultant OBC will be supported by a Club Development Plan for Dungiven Bowling Club with agreed KPIs. The net cost after capital receipts on disposal is between £15,000 (grass) and £50,000 (synthetic) which will impact upon Council's Capital Programme.

The Director of Leisure and Development answered Members' queries in relation to discussions with Dungiven Bowling Club in relation to the options.

Proposed by Councillor McGurk Seconded by Councillor Scott

- that Council approves **Option 3 – Develop New Bowling Green (on new Curragh Road site)** and that Council approves Officers to progress to Stage 1 - the construction of a new bowling green on Curragh Road site at an estimated cost of £205,000 for grass or £240,000 for synthetic surface. The resultant OBC will be supported by a Club Development Plan for Dungiven Bowling Club with agreed KPIs. The net cost after capital receipts on disposal is between £15,000 (grass) and £50,000 (synthetic) which will impact upon Council's Capital Programme.

The Mayor put the Motion to Council to vote. 34 Members voted For, 1 Member voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion CARRIED.

# 33. LAND AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020 'IN COMMITTEE'

# 33.1 Request for Use of Council Land Ref No. 162/19 Live at the Beach (Item 5)

In response to a query from Councillor Quigley the Director of Corporate Services clarified to Members that the issue referred to was the allocation of Officers' time in relation to administration and that she would look into this and report back to Members.

# MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Watton Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

AGREED: that Council move 'In Public'.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at **9.50pm**.

Mayor