



**COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021**

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<p>16.</p>	<p>Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman S McKillop, seconded by Alderman Fielding  <i>'That this council recognises Bobby Greer and his extraordinary contribution to the Bushmills' community. Whilst Bobby was a humble and unassuming individual, his love and commitment to the entire Bushmills' community was renowned and tireless. Specifically, Bobby was a 'leading light' in the fund raising efforts and development of Bushmills' United Football Club. Furthermore, his moral and ethical characteristics were an example to all, not just in football, but as a community leader. Bobby was also instrumental in securing the football pitch at Dundarave for future generations of Bushmills United. Following his sad passing in 2020, Bobby was described in the Antrim Guardian as an 'absolute legend' and 'the kindest and most caring person. In recognition of Bobby's life and his commitment and contribution to Bushmills, this Council names the Dundarave Sports Facility as the Bobby Greer Sports Complex, installing appropriate signage. To upgrade the site, officers investigate the options, with the intention of installing floodlighting at both the sports pitch and MUGA'.</i></p>	<p><b>Referred Leisure and Development Committee</b></p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Holmes and supported by Alderman Robinson, Councillor Watton and Councillor McCandless  <i>'That this Council falls in line with the new guidance published by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to have the Union flag flown on Council and Civic buildings every day (365 days). Therefore the following buildings would fly the flag in accordance with this policy; Coleraine Town Hall, Cloonavin Council Headquarters, Limavady Office (Connell St), Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, Ballymoney Town Hall, Riada House, Portrush</i></p>	<p><b>Referred Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee</b></p>

	<i>Town Hall and Portstewart Town Hall. This list of buildings will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The Union Flag is the National Flag of the United Kingdom, and it is so called because it embodies the emblems of the constituent nations united under one Sovereign – the Kingdoms of England and Wales, of Scotland and of Northern Ireland.'</i>	
<b>18.</b>	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Monday 19 April 2021	
	<b>Matters Arising (In committee)</b>	
	<b>18.1</b> Coleraine Marina Economic Appraisal (Item 19)	<b>Noted</b>
<b>19.</b>	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 April 2021	
	<b>Matters Arising (In committee)</b>	
	<b>19.1</b> Growth Deal (Item 6)	<b>Amendment Lost</b>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO  
CONFERENCE ON  
TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021 AT 7:00PM**

**In the Chair** : The Mayor, Alderman Fielding (C)

**Present** : Alderman Baird (R), Finlay (R), Hillis (C), Boyle (R)  
McCorkell (R), McKeown (R), S McKillop (C) Robinson (R)

Councillors Anderson (C), Bateson (R), Beattie (R),  
Chivers (R), Dallat O'Driscoll (R), Holmes (C), Hunter (R),  
Knight-McQuillan (R), McAuley (C), McCandless (C),  
McCaw (R), McGlinchey (R), McGurk (R), MA McKillop  
(R), McLaughlin (R), McLean (C), McMullan (R),  
McQuillan (C), C McShane (R), P McShane (R),  
Mulholland (R), Nicholl (R), Peacock (R),  
Schenning (R), Scott (R), Wallace (R), Watton (C)  
Wilson (C) MA McKillop (R)

**Officers Present** : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)  
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)  
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development Services (R)  
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (R)  
M Smyth, Interim Finance Director (R)  
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer (R)  
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager (R)  
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Well-Being (R)  
J Richardson, Head of Infrastructure  
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)  
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services  
Officer (R)  
D Hunter, Council Solicitor (R)  
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager (R)  
J Mills, Land and Property Solicitor (R)  
P McColgan, Head of ICT

**Officers In  
Attendance:**

A McAuley, Public Relations Manager (R)  
J Winfield, ICT Manager (R)  
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)  
A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations (C)

Press (5 No) (R)  
Public (11 No.) (R)

**Key** –                    **C** = Attended In The Chamber  
                                     **R** = Attended Remotely

The Mayor read the remote meetings protocol at the beginning of the meeting:

Welcome to the Council Meeting.

I extend a welcome to Members of the press and public in attendance. You will be required to leave the meeting when Council goes into committee. You will be readmitted by Democratic Services Officers as soon as the meeting comes out of committee. I would also remind you that the taking of photographs of proceedings or the recording of proceedings for others to see or hear is prohibited.

If you are having technical difficulties try dialling in to the meeting. If you continue to have difficulties please contact the number provided on the chat at the beginning of the meeting for Democratic Services staff and ICT staff depending on your query.

The meeting will pause to try to reconnect you.

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- Mute your microphone when not speaking.
- Use the chat facility to indicate to that you wish to speak. The chat should not be used to propose or second.
- Please also use the chat to indicate when you are leaving the meeting if you are leaving before the meeting ends.
- Unmute your microphone and turn your camera on when you are invited to speak.
- Only speak when invited to do so.
- Members are reminded that you must be heard and where possible be seen to all others in attendance to be considered present and voting or your vote cannot be counted.

## 1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting and addressed Council:

*"I would like to congratulate the NI Women's Football Team on reaching the 2022 European Championship finals to held in England next summer and especially commend two local players Lauren Wade and Chloe McCarron for their part in the teams success.*

*As you know recent days have seen Covid restrictions relaxed and life returning to our towns and villages. This is very welcome and I would remind everyone to support our local traders while continuing stay safe by following the health guidelines.*

*This week has seen the launch of Council's NI 100 commemorations with a special church service at St Patrick's in Coleraine. This offered us an opportunity for thanksgiving and reflection on 100 years of Northern Ireland.*

*Our programme of events marking the anniversary has also been announced, with Council creating a wide range of initiatives, civic events and exhibitions which will be taking place between now and the end of the year. I was particularly pleased to present the first civic gifts of bespoke commemorative coins to residents of the Borough who celebrate their 100th birthday in 2021.*

*A highlight in this programme is the online exhibition of 100 Famous Sons and Daughters of the Causeway Coast and Glens, which is now available to view. Nominated by the public, these are people past and present who have made enormous contribution to all facets of life.*

*I hope that through our NI 100 programme we can celebrate what makes Causeway Coast and Glens a truly unique place and develop a shared understanding in a way that builds good relations.*

*Today I planted a native oak tree in each of the Seven District Electoral Areas to mark The Northern Ireland Centenary.*

*Cloonavin is light up this evening in red for Firefighters' Memorial Day - 4th May- which honours the sacrifice of firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It is important to acknowledge the courage and dedication of generations of firefighters, including those who serve today."*



## 2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

Councillor Knight-McQuillan – Corporate, Policy and Resources, Corporate Policies – Managing Use of Agency Workers - Item 10.1

Councillor Schenning – Leisure and Development, Tourism Events Strategy - Item 12

Elected Members did not take part in discussion during consideration of the Item.

## 4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2021

Minutes, previously circulated.

### Matters Arising

- 4.1 At the request of Alderman S McKillop the following points of accuracy were noted:-

Item 8.1 – Matters Arising from Audit Committee Meeting held Thursday 10 March 2021

Item 10 – Absence Report Months 1-9 2020/21

Alderman S McKillop requested data was brought back to the Audit Committee to gauge the effectiveness of Inspire support offered to staff from inception of Causeway Coast and Glens to present day.

Item 12.2 – DfC Terms of Reference for Extraordinary Audit 2019/20

Alderman S McKillop requested that it be noted that all elected Members received papers for the Audit committee at the same time.

Item 14 – Internal Audit (Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council) Corporate Credit Card 'In Committee'

Alderman S McKillop asked for Fraud Training to be provided to all employees because of the adoption of the new whistleblowing policy 'Raising Concerns Policy'.

Item 17 – Whistle blowing/Fraud

Alderman McKillop requested data was brought back to the Audit Committee on all previous whistleblowing cases plus costing from the inception of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to present day.

**4.2 Item 18 – Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan, seconded by Alderman S McKillop**

Councillor Knight McQuillan asked for her supporting argument to be included as follows *"Thanks Mr Mayor for accepting motion to be heard tonight. Members you have the motion before you. On reflection this may not reach far enough in relation to women's concerns. The issue of violence against women and girls is much wider than UK and ROI and I would like to reflect that in the motion, this is global societal issue. More issues of femicide have come to light in USA in recent days. Timing of motion was triggered as a result of the tragic disappearance and abhorrent murder of Sarah Everard in London. I refer also to a recent call for action by Women's Aid to introduce Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. Both of above while not related highlight need for action. NI is only part in UK not to have a Strategy of Violence Against Women and Girls and needs addressed so I ask that council support this call. In Northern Ireland in 2019/20 there were 32,000 incidents of domestic abuse, 17 percent of all crime reported. In 2017 Northern Ireland had the highest rates in femicide in the whole of Europe per head of population with 2300 domestic incidences per year – with 1,000 assault or criminal damage. These figures do not reflect 2020 taking into account the pandemic*

*Many incidents of violence against women and girls often goes unreported for fear of consequences or having to re-live events. Also, new forms of abuse have emerged ie cyber flashing and up skirting to name but a few. This is course not all a new issue as violence against women and girls is historic with high profile cases in the past of disappearance murder and torture women and girls in Northern Ireland with bodies never found for years and sometimes found as far away as Republic of Ireland.*

*The impact of violence in extreme is re-lived by families daily and we cannot dismiss the fact that many women and girl survivors suffer alone and are scared to come forward due to exploitation against them or the*

*fear of not being taken seriously or labelled and not protected. There is a need for preventative and supportive measures to ensure better outcomes and management of crimes and Women's Aid have also campaigned for better measures.*

*This motion is not in any way not aimed at minimising issues experienced in relation to men and boys which should not be discounted, however statistics cannot be ignored. The outworkings of this Motion sit within the aims of the recently established Womens group task force which would avoid an additional burden on committees or officers. I am asking Members to support this strategy and note the recent public acknowledgement in recent weeks by First and Deputy First Minister, We all have a part to play.”.*

#### **4.3 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Alderman Finlay  
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 30 March 2021 are confirmed as a correct record including accuracies at 4.1 and additional information at 4.2 above.

Alderman Finlay requested that ratification of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting minutes is deferred to next Council meeting. The Mayor advised that this would be considered at Item 10.

Alderman Hillis requested that discussion on the potential sale of land within the Leisure and Development Committee meeting minutes at Item 18 - Dunluce Centre be held 'in public'. The Mayor advised that this would be considered at Item 8.

#### **5. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2021**

Minutes, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Alderman Baird and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Thursday 15 April 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

## 6. MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2021

Minutes, previously circulated.

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 24 March 2021 are received and noted.

## 7. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021

Minutes, previously circulated.

### Matters Arising

#### 7.1 Item 19 - Coleraine Marina Economic Appraisal

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** that Council accept the most economic advantageous tender provided by Cogent Ltd to carry out the economic appraisal of Coleraine marina.

Councillor McLean said that he reluctantly supported the proposal, given the associated cost but understood it was procedural in line with policy and was the best route to take.

#### 7.2 Item 7 – Livesmart Community Environmental Grant Programme 2021-22

Councillor Chivers wished to commend officers and groups on their litter picking efforts in tandem with this initiative.

**\*Alderman Finlay left the meeting at 7.30 pm**

#### 7.3 Item 13.1 – Correspondence from North Coast World Earth

##### Amendment

Proposed by Councillor C McShane  
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland

To recommend that over next period of time as we emerge from pandemic and while we encourage stacation and visitors to Causeway Coast and Glens area that we keep the environment clean and have regular emptying of bins to include additional staff resource

if necessary;

To recommend that Council invite North Coast World Earth to present to the next Environmental Services Committee meeting.

Some Members felt that this was not the forum for discussion of Environmental Service budgets and not relevant to the correspondence item raised whilst others felt that this matter needed consideration as a priority given the increased litter problems.

The Director confirmed to Members that he had been approached by elected Members regarding an increased environmental resource and further confirmed that as a result of eatery closures there was a demand on his staff which was problematic, also referring to complaints received. The Director explained that he had informed those Members that additional frequency of litter bin emptying and additional staff would inevitably come at a cost.

Councillor C McShane said that she had written to Senior Management and the relevant Head of Service regarding a need for additional resources to adequately provide the environmental services required at this time given the mammoth task facing staff at busy periods and the fact that restaurants are closed and confirmed that the Director had advised her that the support of elected Members would be required should additional resource be required.

Councillor C McShane referred also to vandalism and anti-social behaviour affecting public toilets in Ballycastle.

**\*Councillor McAuley joined the meeting at 7.35 pm**

Councillor MA McKillop asked if wombles could be spread more evenly around the borough to include the Glens area. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that while the triangle area is primarily covered there are wombles working in all areas of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Councillor McQuillan raised Point of Order 16.1 (1)

The Mayor requested a recess in order to seek legal opinion in relation to the proposal in conjunction with Standing Orders.

**The Mayor called a recess at 8.00 pm**

**The meeting reconvened at 8.10 pm**

The Mayor confirmed that the amended proposal would be considered by Council.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote  
18 Members voted For; 17 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained  
The Mayor declared the Amendment Carried

**7.4** Councillor Chivers passed on her condolences to the Director of Environmental Services and his staff on the sudden passing of Matt Parr who worked at the depot in Limavady. The Mayor concurred with these remarks.

**7.5** Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Councillor Chivers and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Monday 19 April 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including recommendationI at 7.1 and amendment at 7.3 above.

**8. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2021**

Minutes, previously circulated.

**Matters Arising**

**8.1** Item 8 – Dunluce Centre

Proposed by Alderman Hillis  
Seconded by Councillor Watton

To recommend that given the huge public interest in the potential disposal of Metropole Park that the 'disposal of land' issue only, be discussed 'in public' and that no reference be made to developers, finances or contract details during debate.

Councillor Nicholl felt that legal advice should be sought in relation to the Proposal and the Mayor agreed to take a recess to seek legal opinion.

**The Mayor called a recess at 8.30 pm**  
**The meeting reconvened at 8.40 pm**

The Mayor confirmed that Members could discuss issues around the principal

of the selling of 4 acres of land. Alderman Hillis referred to a development brief in 2016 and report last Autumn suggesting that additional lands may be available as part of sale and was surprised to learn that the 4 acres of land was included in the potential sale referred to at the Leisure and Development meeting in April. Alderman Hillis referred to the tsunami of emails from residents. Many Members concurred with Alderman Hillis's remarks and wished the site to remain in Council ownership.

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman Hillis

Seconded by Councillor McQuillan

To recommend that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council does not include the additional 4 acres of land as part of the sale and that the area is retained as amenity land for residents and visitors to Portrush.

Councillor Wilson requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Peacock requested a brief recess.

**The Mayor called a recess at 9.00 pm**

**The meeting reconvened at 9.10 pm**

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote.

26 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 9 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Proposal Carried.

Recorded Vote Table

For (26)	Aldermen Baird, Boyle, Fielding, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson
	Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw, McLean, MA McKillop, McQuillan, Mulholland, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson, P McShane, Schenning
Abstain (9)	Councillors Bateson, Chivers, McGlinchey, McGurk, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, Nicholl, Peacock

As Chair of Leisure and Development Committee, Councillor Nicholl wished to have recorded that he did not agree with the matter being discussed in public and felt that there should have been adequate consultation and engagement

with residents and businesses earlier in the process by elected Members from Causeway DEA area.

Council Holmes felt that comments made by Councillor Nicholl regarding Causeway DEA Councillors should be withdrawn as Members had lobbied on behalf of residents and businesses, however Councillor Nicholl stood by his comments. Alderman S McKillop concurred with Councillor Holmes and wished to have on record that Members were not informed that there could be up to 4 acres of land sold as part of the Dunluce Centre sale and called again for Councillor Nicholl to retract his comments.

## 8.2 Item 6 – Growth Deal

Councillor McLean felt it would be more prudent from a funding perspective to consider the Greenway Projects individually as Ballymoney to Ballycastle project was solely in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council remit and Cushendall/Cushendun to Ballymena project was a joint initiative between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

The Director of Leisure and Development assured Members that the two projects would be split and have separate SOC and at this early stage the approach was inclusive with costs being indicative. The Director further confirmed that the next stage would be the refining of projects towards a final business case and funding application and a focus on what would achieve inclusive growth.

## 8.3 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl  
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held Tuesday 20 April 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including amendment at 8.1 above.

## 9. **MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021**

Minutes previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Scott



**RESOLVED** - that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 22 April 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**10. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2021**

Minutes previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McLean  
Seconded by Councillor Anderson

To recommend that the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee meeting minutes are deferred to the Council Meeting on 1 June 2021 as some Members did not have sufficient time to give consideration to the content to enable decision making this evening.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote  
33 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 1 Member Abstained  
The Mayor declared the motion carried

**11. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

The Director of Corporate Services provided a verbal update following on from Corporate Policy and Resources committee meeting on 27 April 2021 where she advised that the legalisation for remote meetings was due to expire on 7 May 2021. Council are considering options of facilitating Council and Committee meetings and consideration of the legal options of remote meetings when the legalisation expires had been deferred to the legal team. All options are currently being explored. The Director of Corporate Services asked Members to consider two issues tonight, as follows:-

(1) Venues off site

Members are asked to provide authority for the Chief Executive or his Deputy to investigate and assess venues off site for the purposes of holding a full Council meeting. Authority is also sought that if the Chief Executive or his Deputy considers it necessary and expedient that arrangements are entered into by the Chief Executive or his Deputy to secure a Council venue for the holding of a full Council meeting in June and for the June meeting to actually take place at an off-site venue.

Members will be given a written report on this process and will be given not less than 7 calendar notice of any change of location and the details of location.

This is prompted by the coming to an end of the 2020 Remote Meeting Regulations on holding remote meetings on 7 May 2021 and the need to being able to hold valid meetings that comply with social distancing rules and respond to the evolving Covid situation and guidance from the Executive. Clearly the Chamber cannot accommodate all Members while still complying with the social distancing rules.

and;

(2) Amending the Standing Orders

Members are asked to consider amending the Standing Orders to permit Remote meetings. Again this is prompted by the 2020 Remote Meeting Regulations coming to an end on 7 May 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes  
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

**AGREED** to delegate authority to the Chief Executive or Deputy Chief Executive to investigate and assess off site venue to facilitate full council meeting; amend Standing Orders to permit remote meetings; bring report to next meeting of Council.

Members enquired regarding remote access for those Members who are shielding or unable to attend Cloonavin for health reasons and for those who wish to continue to attend meetings remotely. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that legal advice was being sought in this regard and would be included in the report to be brought to Members.

The Chief Executive told Members that a degree of flexibility was required as current legislation was due to expire shortly and pointed to the following possible outcomes in the short term:-

- The Department of Communities put top cover back in place via legislation;
- Avail of large space ie Coleraine Leisure Centre (possible technical issues);
- Place perspex glass in Council Chamber (currently being risk assessed);
- In the absence of legislation amend Standing Orders to enable us to continue in hybrid format.

The Chief Executive stressed that the safety of Members and staff remained a priority as not all vaccines rolled out. The Chief Executive assured Members that whilst challenging at present Members could be assured of the ability to undertake inclusive democratic decision making going forward.

## 12. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences listed.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive as read.

The following were listed:

### 13.1 Northern Ireland Housing Council correspondence dated 12 April 2021

The Minutes of The 478th Northern Ireland Housing Council meeting held on 11 March 2021 and April Bulletin, previously circulated.

### 13.2 Monaghan County Council correspondence dated 6 April 2021

Response received requesting support for resolution 'That this Council records its support for the World Health Organisation's plea for the equitable global distribution of all vaccines, treatments and therapies developed to combat the coronavirus scourge....' That this Council encourages all citizens to sign the EU hosted petition through Google Chrome on [www.noprofitonpandemic.eu](http://www.noprofitonpandemic.eu) thereby helping to reach the one million signatures target at the earliest date possible.

### 13.3 Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council correspondence dated 9 April 2021

Correspondence requesting the support of a unanimous motion agreed by Council on 29 March 2021 regarding the safety of women and girls.

### 13.4 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council dated 15 April 2021

Correspondence requesting the support of a unanimous motion agreed by Council on 7 April 2021 recognising women's concerns across the UK and ROI after the disappearance and subsequent murder of Sarah Everard which has placed a spotlight on the safety of women and girls.

**It is recommended** that Council consider the correspondence.

Councillor Peacock referring to correspondence listed at 13.2 acknowledged the successful covid vaccine rolled out in Northern Ireland compared with 130 countries who had yet to receive a vaccine and implored Members to sign the EU hosted petition through Google Chrome as a step towards provision of equitable vaccines worldwide.

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan  
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

**AGREED** to acknowledge correspondence listed at 13.3 and 13.4 above, confirming that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council support the Motion and have adopted a similar Motion at Council meeting on 30 March 2021 as follows:- *'This Council recognises women's concerns across society, highlighted again after the disappearance and subsequent murder of Sarah Everard in South London earlier this month. This has placed a spotlight on the safety of women and girls.*

*This council calls upon the Northern Ireland Assembly to initiate a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, commits to endorse and promote the Woman's Aid petition calling upon a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to be implemented, and forms a task force to develop a publicity campaign promoting safety apps for women and girls and engages with the PSNI, Woman's Aid and Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland."*

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

#### 14. **CONSULTATION SCHEDULE**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive.

- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council – Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2021-22 – submission by 10 May 2021
- DAERA – Packaging and Packaging Waste – submission by 4 June 2021
- DAERA – Introduction of a deposit return scheme in Northern Ireland, England and Wales – submission by 4 June 2021
- Independent Monitoring Authority – Northern Ireland Equality Scheme – submission by 7 June 2021
- Department of Communities – Occupation Pension Scheme – submission by 16 June 2021
- Department of Environment – Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland, Consultation on policy options – submission by 30 June 2021
- DAERA – Consultation on the DAERA Disability Action Plan 2019-2024 – submission by 4 July 2021
- Department of Education – Consultation on Review of Pre-School Admission Socially Disadvantaged Circumstances Criterion – submission by 16 July 2021
- Department of Health – Duty of Candour and Being Open – submission by 2 August 2021

- DAERA – Consultation on the Draft third cycle River Basin Management Plan 2021-2027 – submission by 10 October 2021

Documents presented available for download:

- Department of Health – Advance Care Planning Policy for Northern Ireland (For Adults)
- Department of Communities – Definition of Affordable Housing

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

## 15. 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.

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, Numbers 5125-5139 (inclusive)
- (ii) Public Right of Way Assertion Statement – Clare Park (ref L&D 16/3/21, CM 30/3/21)
- (iii) Grant of Easement/Right of Way, Reservoir Rd, Corkey, Loughguile – Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (ref L&P 6/6/18, CP&R 19/6/18, CM 26/6/18)
- (iv) Renewal Lease, 3 Berne Road, Portstewart, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Lost and Found Ltd (ref L&P 3/2/21, CP&R 23/2/21, CM 2/3/21)

Proposed by Alderman Boyle  
Seconded by Councillor Hunter

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

## 16. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN S MCKILLOP, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FIELDING

*“That this council recognises Bobby Greer and his extraordinary contribution to the Bushmills’ community. Whilst Bobby was a humble and unassuming*

*individual, his love and commitment to the entire Bushmills' community was renowned and tireless. Specifically, Bobby was a 'leading light' in the fund raising efforts and development of Bushmills' United Football Club. Furthermore, his moral and ethical characteristics were an example to all, not just in football, but as a community leader. Bobby was also instrumental in securing the football pitch at Dundarave for future generations of Bushmills United. Following his sad passing in 2020, Bobby was described in the Antrim Guardian as an 'absolute legend' and 'the kindest and most caring person. In recognition of Bobby's life and his commitment and contribution to Bushmills, this Council names the Dundarave Sports Facility as the Bobby Greer Sports Complex, installing appropriate signage. To upgrade the site, officers investigate the options, with the intention of installing floodlighting at both the sports pitch and MUGA'*

The Chief Executive advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting.

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CALLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HOLMES AND SUPPORTED BY ALDERMAN ROBINSON, COUNCILLOR WATTON AND COUNCILLOR MCCANDLESS**

*'That this Council falls in line with the new guidance published by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to have the Union flag flown on Council and Civic buildings every day (365 days). Therefore the following buildings would fly the flag in accordance with this policy; Coleraine Town Hall, Cloonavin Council Headquarters, Limavady Office (Connell St), Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, Ballymoney Town Hall, Riada House, Portrush Town Hall and Portstewart Town Hall. This list of buildings will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The Union Flag is the National Flag of the United Kingdom, and it is so called because it embodies the emblems of the constituent nations united under one Sovereign – the Kingdoms of England and Wales, of Scotland and of Northern Ireland.*

The Chief Executive advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting.

**MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Councillor Anderson  
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

**AGREED** – that Council move 'In Committee'.

- \* Press were disconnected from the meeting at 10.00 pm.

*The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014*

**18. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021 'IN COMMITTEE'**

**Matters Arising 'In Committee'**

**18.1 Item 19 – Coleraine Marina Economic Appraisal**

Councillor Watton questioned why the proposal was being brought to Members and the Director confirmed that it was required as the Marina was running at a deficit currently and that an independent economic appraisal was required to determine a strategy for the Marina going forward. The Director further clarified that the options open to Members would be to retain the Marina or consider other options including disposal. Councillor Watton said that he was unhappy that one of the proposed options would disposal of the Marina.

**19. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 APRIL**

**Matters Arising 'In Committee'**

**19.1 Item 6 - Growth Deal**

Councillor P McShane questioned the prudence of SIB involvement and felt that Council should consider recruiting a specialist officer instead.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor P McShane  
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland

**To recommend that** Council through a recruitment process employ a specialist officer.

Councillor McShane requested a recorded vote

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to Vote  
Members voted For; 26 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained  
The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost

Recorded Vote Table

For (6)	Councillors Beattie, Dallat-O’Driscoll, MA McKillop, P McShane, Schenning, Mulholland
Against (26)	Aldermen Baird, Boyle, Fielding, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson Councillor Anderson, Chivers, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McGlinchey, McGurk, McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, Nicholl, Peacock, Scott, Watton, Wilson

**MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor McQuillan and

**AGREED** – that Council move ‘In Public’.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 22:20 pm.

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Mayor