

**COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021**

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| <b>14.</b>   | Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel  | <b>Nil</b>  |
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|            | 210602, CP&R 210622, CM 210629)<br>(retrospective);   |  |
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| (v)        | Licence Agreement, Limepark Playing<br>Fields, Drones Road, Armoy –<br>Causeway Coast and Glens Borough<br>Council and Trustees of Armoy<br>Community Association (L&P SC<br>210804, CP&R 210827, CM 210905); |  |
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO  
CONFERENCE ON  
TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7:00PM**

**In the Chair** : The Mayor, Councillor Holmes (C)

**Present** : Alderman Baird (C), Boyle (R), Duddy (C), Fielding (C),  
Finlay (C), Hillis (C), Knight-McQuillan (R), McKeown  
(C), S McKillop (C), Robinson (R)

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

**Officers Present** : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)  
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)  
A McPeake, Director of Environment Services (R)  
M Smyth, Finance Director (Interim) (R)  
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer (R)  
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager (R)  
N Linnegan, Council Solicitor (C)  
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (C)  
J Keen, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)  
A McAuley, PR Manager (R)  
  
J Winfield, ICT Manager (C)  
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)  
A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations (C)

**In Attendance:** K Morgan BL (R) (Item 19)

Northern Ireland Housing Executive Deputation (NIHE) (Item 4)  
G Long, Chief Executive Officer (R)  
F O'Connor, Regional Manager(R)  
M Alexander, Area Manager (R)  
L Clarke, Place Shaper (R)  
C O'Carroll, Place Shaping Team (R)  
L Hughes, North, Communications (R)  
L Vincent, Assistant Director (R)

Press (3 No) (R)

Public (4 No) (R)

**Key –**                    **C** = Attended in the Chamber  
                                 **R** = Attended Remotely

The Chief Executive undertook a roll call.

The Mayor opened the meeting and extended a welcome to members of the press and public in attendance and provided guidance in relation to Council's Remote Meetings Protocol and audio recordings.

The Mayor reminded Elected Members to be sensitive to others at the meeting and conduct themselves with decorum.

## **1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

The Mayor reflected on recent visits to present Centenary Coins to those turning 100 years old, that it had been refreshing to meet, in particular, one resident from Limavady, who laughed every day and was an example to everyone.

The Mayor stated he had visited Vincent's secondhand clothes shop in Cushendall, he acknowledged the initiative was good for both the environment and financially.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Councillors P McShane, Nicholl, Schenning and Quigley.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4. DEPUTATION – NIHE HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2021 ANNUAL UPDATE – GRAINIA LONG, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Report, previously circulated.

The Mayor invited the Chief Executive Officer to present via PowerPoint presentation. The Chief Executive Officer presented on the Northern Ireland

Housing Invest Plan 2021 and Revitalisation, a copy of which had previously been circulated.

- \* **Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll arrived during at the meeting at 7.22pm.**
- \* **Alderman McKeown arrived at the meeting at 7.30pm.**

The Mayor invited questions from Elected Members.

Alderman Baird congratulated the Chief Executive Officer on her role. Alderman Baird referred to the Housing Executive plan to start building and enquired how it was proceeding under current funding constraints and would borrowing have any effect on rents. Alderman Baird referred to the issue of global warming, there was an urgent need to insulate homes, she queried what efforts were being made to do so and to encourage the private sector to do the same.

The Chief Executive Officer responded, the borrowing to build source was yet to be seen, a range of options would be looked at, the Revenue model - rental income, any changes to rent would be affordable and sustainable. Long term implications would benefit economically and socially.

The Chief Executive Officer clarified NIHE are committed to sustainability in the Home Energy Strategy and Affordable Warmth Scheme, with cavity wall insulation, decarbonisation and supporting households to reduce Co2.

Councillor Wilson referred to the figure of 8,000 homelessness figure at June 2021, he expressed he was fearful of a finite budget. Councillor Wilson queried whether NIHE have input into the type and size of building being built. Regarding displacement of green spaces, Councillor Wilson stated he would like to see more affordable social housing, however, green space was being removed from built up areas eg Mayo Drive and Mcauley Park, Ballycastle.

The Chief Executive Officer stated the last eighteen months had been challenging for homelessness, she advised there had been reduced presentations during the pandemic and not enough temporary accommodation. Investment in social housing had stayed high relevant to other jurisdictions within the UK and at a sustained level.

The Place Shaper Officer responded to the comment regarding Mayo Drive, that all land assets were looked at, 6-7 houses were planned, local Councillors and people would have an opportunity to respond when going through the planning process, NIHE were duty bound to meet a localised housing need.

Councillor McCandless commended staff, issues were dealt with promptly. Councillor McCandless felt Coleraine should be afforded adequate jobs for maintenance and repairs. Councillor McCandless considered stock

disproportionate in rural compared to cities, he queried the numbers on the waiting list for Coleraine.

The Chief Executive Officer advised she would circulate the numbers. The Chief Executive Officer clarified an ambitious programme of planned maintenance, proactive contract management locally and regionally, striking the balance of best value with public money. She advised of a struggle with rural / urban new build, there was a new Rural Housing Strategy to redress the balance, that sites identified would help.

The Place Shaper Officer added, NIHE are working closely with the Rural Unit and Community Planning Strategic Partnership and are shortly presenting to the Partnership, help was required to identify the need for rural locations across the Borough.

Councillor Mulholland welcomed the report, she queried how NIHE deal with a sudden increase for housing in the short term, top up fees, reduction in Universal Credit and referred to an issue with a local family displaced.

The Chief Executive Officer advised NIHE had worked with Department for Communities during Covid to build in protection for people in private rented accommodation and added vulnerability. A more sustainable approach to temporary accommodation was required and is exposed to the market. Staff go above and beyond particularly when there are children involved, to prevent out of area placements. The Chief Executive Officer invited the Member to send her detail of the case referred to.

Councillor Watton referred to a worsening situation, the gap widening with an outdated points based system, Councillor Watton stated Derry City and Strabane had three times more housing and stated he could provide two hundred names for Ballysally.

The Chief Executive Officer advised NIHE fully understand the challenges, there are solutions and these take time, NIHE have managed to continue to house people preventing a significant public health risk, give energy advice, provide response maintenance and keeping people safe. NIHE will build again and continue to work with its partners and Council and are optimistic.

Councillor McLaughlin thanked staff for their efficiency.

Alderman Hillis added his thanks to the local staff team. He queried the target for turning a damaged property in to use and referred to flats in Glenmanus.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the property in the design stage, there was an issue with building regulations. The Assistant Director clarified she would



come back directly to Alderman Hillis with reference to his query regarding the flats in Portrush.

Alderman Duddy referred to Ballysally, a sought after area to reside in, the Housing Executive had sold off land, there was a large area of land that could be built upon and expressed frustration, the original houses had been demolished. Alderman Duddy sought a response as to why it had been left and not looked at for social housing, given the need. Alderman Duddy thanked staff for their work and maintenance response and mentioned ongoing discussions with gas heating.

The Chief Executive Officer stated a formal response would be issued as requested.

The Mayor thanked the representatives and they disconnected from the meeting.

## **5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy  
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 7 September 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **5.1 The Mayors Business (Item 1)**

Alderman S McKillop wish to raise a matter in relation to her comments.

The Mayor ruled Alderman S McKillop had not raised the matter on time.

## **6. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Baird  
Seconded by Councillor Watton and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Monday 20 September 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

**7. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 27  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

**7.1 Correction to the Minute**

Proposed by Alderman Baird  
Seconded by Alderman McKeown and

**RESOLVED-** that the typographical error be corrected to read, “The Mayor ruled the proposed requisition to call a Special meeting under Standing Order 3.2, did not have the required number of signatures. Therefore, he had called the Special meeting under Standing Order 3.1.”

Councillor Mulholland wish to raise a matter, the Mayor ruled in accordance with Standing Order 13.1 (2) *No discussion shall take place upon the Minutes except upon their accuracy.* The Mayor further advised the Member to raise any issues not related to accuracy to the relevant Committee, in this case, Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

**7.2 Confirmation of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Councillor Anderson and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Monday 27 September 2021, as amended, are confirmed as a correct record.

**8. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 25  
AUGUST 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 25 August 2021 are received and noted.

**9. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 9  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Callan  
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 9 September 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

## **10. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

Chair, Councillor Wilson proposed the adoption of the Minutes subject to any matters arising.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **10.1 Private Contractor Litter Enforcement Statistics (WISE) (Item 14)**

Councillor McAuley sought an update on the WISE representatives presenting to Committee and how it was impacting services.

The Director of Environmental Services advised a meeting had been arranged in advance of the next Environmental Services Committee meeting. He advised issues raised should be addressed via the Working Group at the meeting.

Discussion took place on directing the litter enforcement contractors to dog fouling incidents and away from private and commercial property and cigarette butts.

#### **10.2 Appointments system at Recycling Centre across the Borough (Alderman Baird) (Item 4 iv)**

Alderman Baird outlined difficulties for older people with appointments and sought information on the positive feedback referred to at the Committee meeting.

The Director of Environmental Services advised a survey had been carried out during Covid, he would provide the information to Alderman Baird and agreed to look at the issue raised.

#### **10.3 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Wallace and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held Tuesday 14 September 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

## **11. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop  
Seconded by Councillor Watton

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held Thursday 16 September 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

## **12. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

Chair, Councillor McAuley proposed the adoption of the minutes subject to any matters arising.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **12.1 The Rural Sub Committee (Item 10)**

Councillor McMullan stated disappointment, he referred to correspondence from Farmers for Action who stated benefits for every agricultural sector. The Working Group would focus on a voice for the rural community, economic development and stated unique challenges for the small business retailer in a rural area.

The Mayor advised Stormont were the legislative authority, that Council had recommended setting up other groups within the month.

Councillor Chivers stated farm families were forgotten about, mental health was affecting rural towns and villages.

Alderman S McKillop pointed to other forums in relation to rural matters – Local Development Plan Workshops, Local Development Plan reflected in the Community Plan, Local Action Group and the Partnership Panel through the DAERA Minister, she felt another group was a waste of Council's resources.

In response to Alderman Finlay, the Chief Executive provided an estimate of £500, two days to service a working group.

Councillor Callan referred to other avenues including the Partnership Panel which had been underutilised. He advised DAERA Minister had provided £15M funding to the farming community, a working group was not going to address issues, that Stormont should be lobbied.

Councillor Wilson suggested measurables and KPI's be put in place for working groups.

Councillor Peacock considered there were not many avenues rural issues were discussed by the Chamber.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Councillor Chivers

- That Council establish an Agricultural, Rural Working Group, based upon the revised title and scope outlined in the report; that the working group be open to any Elected Members who wish to join.

Councillor McMullan called a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.  
20 Members voted For; 14 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.  
The Mayor declared the motion passed.

Recorded Vote Table

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| For <b>(20)</b>     | Alderman Baird, Boyle, McKeown;<br>Councillors Bateson Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, Hillis, Holmes, Hunter, McCandless, McCaw, McCorkell, McGlinchey, McGurk, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, Peacock, Wilson |
| Against <b>(14)</b> | Alderman Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, S McKillop, Robinson;<br>Councillors Anderson, Callan, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McLean, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace, Watton  |

**12.2 Grants Governance Panel (Item 12)**

Alderman Boyle voiced concern at the cost of the number of working groups and stated timetables were very tight, she queried how many working groups Council had now established.

The Mayor clarified a report brought on the number of working groups would be brought to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor McQuillan responded directly to Alderman Boyle. Councillor McCaw referred Councillor McQuillan to Standing Orders and respect.

Alderman Duddy stated this group was the one that should be scrutinised and had been debated for a number of months.

### 12.3 Air Show (Item 6)

Councillor Peacock expressed shock there had been no detail nor estimate for the Air Show event, that it was a dereliction of duty to proceed without having an understanding of its financial implications.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

- That a report is brought back on proposed costings of this event, looked at by the Finance Director and given the approval /disproval in line with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified specifics would be brought back, that the foundation only had been set and listed the matters to be costed.

The Director of Leisure and development clarified the event being developed with the Project Board set up and affordability parameters delegated to the Leisure and Development Committee.

Councillor Callan stated that respect needs to be shown, Sinn Féin had been opposed to the Air Show based on opposition the RAF involved and other parts of HM Royal Forces. Councillor Callan outlined the positive economic impact of £2.5M to contribute to tourism and the hospitality sector.

Councillor Wilson stated the economic benefit of the Air Show and having attended, was a family event and not divided.

Councillor McLaughlin felt the Air Show was benefitting Portrush and Portstewart, one part of Borough. He referred to the NIHE presentation regarding global warming and homelessness. Councillor McLaughlin felt Council could not afford the event at the moment.

Councillor Watton referred to the Irish Language Act as a waste of money. The Air Show had included the Irish Air Corps Helicopter, the problem for Sinn Féin, the British Armed forces, he stated inflated quotations for the event had been cited.

Alderman Duddy stated the event would generate an economic boost for businesses, that the coastline of Portrush, Portstewart, was the only place for holding the Air Show. Airplane fanatics travel across the Island of Ireland and British Mainland to watch the Air Show, it was required to be run by RAF to buy in expertise. The event at the time of the Queens Platinum Jubilee and a token of appreciation.

Councillor McCorkell stated the comments from Sinn Féin related to intolerance.

The Mayor clarified with the proposer, that the report would be brought to Leisure and Development Committee.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

11 Members voted For; 24 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the motion lost.

#### **12.4 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor McAuley

Seconded by Councillor Watton and

**RESOLVED** - that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held Tuesday 21 September 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the resolution at Item 12.1 above.

\* **Chief Finance Officer left the meeting at 8.34pm.**

**The Mayor declared a recess at 9.28pm.**

\* **The meeting reconvened at 9.45pm.**

#### **13. MINUTES OF CORPORATE, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Copy, previously circulated.

Chair, Alderman Knight-McQuillan proposed the adoption of the minutes subject to any matters arising.

##### **Matters Arising**

#### **13.1 Addition to the Minute - 2020/21 Performance Self Assessment (Item 4)**

Alderman S McKillop stated she would like her comments noted, page 6:

*"Whilst I acknowledge the hard work of the Officers with regards reducing absenteeism, the estimate figures of absenteeism, sickness and costs available to Members do not include agency backfill, acting up, overtime, retraining and loss of productivity. The level of absenteeism cost was still at an unsustainable level. I look forward to receiving the audit of performance linked to the health and safety of staff".*

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop  
Seconded by Alderman Fielding and

**RESOLVED** – that Alderman S McKillop’s comments be noted as outlined above.

### **13.2 Notes of Women’s Working Group 31 August 2021 (Item 6)**

Alderman Boyle commended the excellent report on Women in Leadership and women empowerment.

### **13.3 Planning Review (Item 13)**

Alderman Boyle felt the Planning Review membership should come from the Planning Committee.

(Motion withdrawn)

Proposed by Alderman Boyle  
Seconded by Alderman Baird

- That the Planning Review is a Standing Item bimonthly at the start of the Planning Committee meetings.

Councillor Callan stated support for the Planning Review that had been welcomed by all parties, the Committee could not scrutinise itself and the recommendation had come from the Consultant’s report.

Councillor McGurk supported Councillor Callan’s comments.

Alderman Duddy referred to over burdening the Planning Committee and supported the review staying with Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

Alderman Baird, as Planning Committee Chair, urged caution the review would not infringe on the statutory powers of the Planning Committee. Alderman Baird sought Legal Advice on what the statutory responsibilities entail, to be set before the next Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting, so as and not to delay the Council meeting.

The Chief Executive clarified the author of the report Mr J Mackinnon CBE was a former Chief Planner for the Scottish Government and advisor to the Department, and would not have set disharmony of statutory powers before the committee. The Chief Executive clarified local procedural changes would be channelled through the Planning Committee.

The Chief Executive confirmed legal advice could be obtained in a recess.

The Mayor advised Alderman Baird to submit an Item of AORB to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee regarding the matter.

Alderman Baird was not in agreement to this approach.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle  
Seconded by Alderman McKeown

- That Council seek Legal Advice.



The Mayor clarified the motion did not affect the proposal within the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Minutes.

Councillor Callan stated disagreement with the motion, he outlined how the focus was not on statutory duties, but planning performance.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

14 Members voted For; 18 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the motion lost.

#### **13.4 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Alderman Knight-McQuillan

Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Committee meeting held Tuesday 28 September 2021, as amended, are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

#### **14. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel

#### **15. CONFERENCES**

There were no Conferences.

#### **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Mayor presented the following correspondence Items as read:

- (i) Correspondence, Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (dated 27 August 2021)
- (ii) Northern Ireland Housing Council (email dated 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021)
- (iii) Local Government Boundary Commissioner – Local Public Hearing
- (iv) R Black, Modern Slavery Human Trafficking, Organised Crime Branch, Department of Justice ‘Transparency in Supply Chains’ of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (email dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021)
- (v) Northern Health and Social Care Trust Equality Bulletin August 2021 Issue 8
- (vi) Northern Health and Social Care Trust Personal, Public Involvement (PPI) and Co-Production 2020-2021 Annual Report;
- (vii) DfI Roads Northern Division (email dated 28 September 2021)

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

## 17. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Report, previously circulated.

The Mayor presented the Consultation Schedule as read:

- (i) Destined, Consultation To Support The Need For A New Learning Disability Centre;
- (ii) Department of Health and Social Care DoH Covid-19 Directorate Validation Of Covid-19 Tests: Laboratory Validation, submission by 30 September 2021;
- (iii) Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Borough Council (ABC), Draft Agriculture Strategy, submission by 15 October 2021;
- (iv) Department of Health (Stormont) Child Protection Unit Consultation On Proposed Amendments To The Safeguarding Board For Northern Ireland 2012 Regulations, submission by 11 November 2021;
- (iv) DAERA Marine Strategy Team Marine & Fisheries Division - Department of Agriculture Environment & Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA NI) Consultation On Marine Strategy Programme Of Measures, submission by 29 November 2021;
- (v) The Northern Trust, Proposals For A New Way Of Purchasing Domiciliary Care Services From Non-Statutory Providers, submission by 29 November 2021;
- (vii) Health and Social Care Board, Consultation On Pharmacy Needs Assessment Model 30 November 2021 and Department Of Health Adult Safeguarding Unit Adult Protection Bill.

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Northern Ireland Public Service Ombudsman - Consultation on creating Complains Handling standards for the Northern Ireland public sector – submission by 30 September 2021
- NIHE 'Reaching Rural' – Consultation on housing challenges which can face our rural tenants and customers and the growing demand and changing policy context for the development of new rural homes – submission by 30 September 2021
- Department of Health - Draft Regional Policy on the Use of Restrictive Practices in Health and Social Care Settings and Regional Operational Procedure for the Use of Seclusion – submission by 1 October 2021
- Department of Health – Consultation on The Cancer Strategy, sets the direction of travel for the next 10 years – submission by 20 October 2021

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

## 18. 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, No's 5193 to 5205 inclusive;
- (ii) Deed of Easement – (1) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and (2) Firmus Energy (Distribution) Limited – Lands at 66 Portstewart Road, Coleraine, Co Londonderry. (L&P SC 210602, CP&R 210622, CM 210629) (retrospective);
- (iii) Renewal of Commercial Lease – Portballintrae Village Hall Shop, Causeway Coast and Coast and Mr Joseph McLaughlin (retrospective);
- (iv) Licence Agreement, Limepark Playing Fields, Drones Road, Armoy – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Causeway Giants American Football Club (L&P SC 210804, CP&R 210827, CM 210905);
- (v) Licence Agreement, Limepark Playing Fields, Drones Road, Armoy – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Trustees of Armoy Community Association (L&P SC 210804, CP&R 210827, CM 210905);

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

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

### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Alderman Duddy  
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

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

- \* **Press and Public were disconnected from the meeting at 10.16pm**

***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***

The Mayor reminded Elected Members, of the session being audio recorded in line with Council's guidance.

- \* **K Morgan BL joined the meeting at 10.13pm**

## 19. COUNSEL'S OPINION IN THE MATTER OF A CALL IN NOTICE IN RESPECT OF COUNCIL DECISION TAKEN ON 1 JUNE 2021 IN RESPECT OF THE FLYING OF THE UNION FLAG ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS EVERY DAY

Confidential Legal Opinion, previously circulated.

*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 Mayor put reconsideration of the decision to Council to vote by simple majority.

Alderman Duddy called a Recorded Vote.

20 Members voted For; 11 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained. The Mayor declared reconsideration of the decision upheld.

Recorded Vote Table

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| For <b>(20)</b>     | Alderman Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson;<br>Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace, Watton |
| Against <b>(11)</b> | Alderman Boyle;<br>Councillors Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O’Driscoll, McCaw, McGlinchey, McGurk, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, Peacock   |
| Abstain <b>(0)</b>  |   |

**MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Alderman Duddy  
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

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

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10.25pm.

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Mayor

Unconfirmed