

COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024

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1.	The Mayors' Business	<i>Received</i>
2.	Apologies	<i>Alderman Boyle, Councillor McShane</i>
3.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>
4.	Minutes of Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 February 2024	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>
5.	Minutes of Council Meeting (Rates Strike) held Thursday 8 February 2024	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>
6.	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 February 2024	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved</i>
7.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 February 2024	
	Matters Arising	
7.1	Pitches Strategy Review (Ref Item 5)	<i>Amendment Resolved: That Item 5, Pitches Strategy Review, be referred back to the Leisure and Development Committee</i>
7.2	Waterfoot Storm Damage Repairs (Ref Item 10)	<i>Information</i>
7.3	Adoption of the Minutes	<i>That the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 February 2024, are adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the</i>

		amendment at Item 7.1 above.
8.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 27 February 2024	Adopted and recommendations therein approved
9.	Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 24 January 2024	Received and Noted
10.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	None
11.	Conferences	None
12.	Correspondence	
12.1	Peter May, Department of Health, 1 February 2024	Noted
12.2	Jonny Donaghy, Policing & Community Safety Partnership, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, 2 February 2024	That Council agree to sign the Women's Night Safety Charter NI
12.3	Heather Moorhead, Northern Ireland Confederation for Health and Social Care, 9 February 2024	Noted
12.4	John Kelpie, Chief Executive, Derry City and Strabane District Council, dated 16 February 2024	Noted
13.	Consultation Schedule	Noted
14.	Seal Documents	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5729 – 5751 inclusive; (ii) Deed of Conveyance of Possessory Interest – Portrush, Dunluce Avenue Car Park – Department of Infrastructure to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (for signature in triplicate). (iii) Covid Recovery Small Settlement Regeneration Programme Rasharkin Community Centre (Ref CM 230307) (iv) Covid Recovery Small Settlement Regeneration Programme Magilligan Community Centre MUGA (Ref L&D 231017, CM 231107) (v) Agreement Relating to Advance for Purchase of Car - Ref. 306-5098 (vi) Underlease of Lands at Coleraine Business Park, Portstewart Road, 	Seal Affixed (i-vii)

	<p>Coleraine – (1) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and (2) Coleraine Business Park 1 Limited (replacement copies, signed and sealed on Register of Sealed documents Items 128-130 and 134 to 136)</p> <p>(vii) Licence Agreement for a temporary works compound at Whiterocks Beach, Portrush - RTU 128/23 – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Royal Portrush Golf Club (Approved via Scheme of Delegation January 2024) (Retrospective)</p>	
15.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor C Archibald, seconded by Councillor Bateson	<i>Referred to the Environmental Services Committee.</i>
16.	Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman S McKillop, seconded by Alderman Fielding	<i>Referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.</i>
17.	Council Remote/Hybrid Meetings	<i>That Council respond to the Local Government and Housing Regulation Director stating that the lead-in time for the change to hybrid meeting arrangements was insufficient, requesting that provisions for hybrid meetings be put in place while the review of arrangements is undertaken, and advocating for provision to be made for hybrid meetings.</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024 AT 7.00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Callaghan (C)

Present : Alderman Callan (C), Coyle (C), Fielding (C), Hunter (R),
Knight-McQuillan (C), John McAuley (C), S McKillop (C),
Scott (C), Stewart (C)

Councillors C Archibald (C), N Archibald (C), Bateson (R),
Chivers (C), Holmes (R), Huggins (C), Kane (C), Kennedy
(C), Kyle (C), Mairs (C), Jonathan McAuley (C), McCully
(C), McGurk (C), MA McKillop (C), McMullan (C),
McQuillan (C), Nicholl (R), Peacock (C), Schenning (C),
Stirling (C), Storey (C), Wallace (R), Watson (C), Watton
(C), Wisener (C)

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)
P Mulvenna, Director of Leisure and Development (C)
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer (R)
P Donaghy, Democratic and Central Services Manager
(R)
M Jones, Council Solicitor, Corporate, Planning and Regulatory (R)
U Harper, Committee and Member Services Officer (C)
J Keen, Committee and Member Services Officer (R)

In attendance : A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer (C)
C Thompson, Mobile Operations Officer (C)

Press (3 No) (C/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.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Boyle and Councillor McShane.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members' Interests.

3. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that he had met with representatives of the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) regarding the consultation on the review of the responsibilities and roles of Councillors. He advised Members that NILGA would appreciate as many responses from Councillors as possible, with the consultation closing at 6pm on 15 March 2024.

The Mayor advised Members that he attended 32 Mayoral engagements in the past month, and thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor MA McKillop, for her support.

The Mayor thanked the RNLI for the use of a jet ski for the Limavady street collection to support the Mayor's charity, which raised £1025.33. He stated that a further £2,500, still to be confirmed, was raised by the recent concert.

The Mayor advised that under Standing Order 4.3, he would allow a debate to be held on Council remote/hybrid meetings.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Scott
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council meeting, held Tuesday 6 February 2024, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING (RATES STRIKE) HELD THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2024

Copy previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Councillor Watson and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council meeting (Rates Strike), held Thursday 8 February 2024, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Jonathan McAuley and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 February 2024, are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

7. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

The Chair of the Leisure and Development Committee, Councillor Bateson, proposed the minutes.

Matters Arising

7.1 Pitches Strategy Review (Ref Item 5)

Alderman S McKillop requested that Item 5, Pitches Strategy Review, be deferred for one month to allow for questions to be put to the relevant officers.

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop

Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – that Item 5, Pitches Strategy Review, be referred back to the Leisure and Development Committee.

7.2 Waterfoot Storm Damage Repairs (Ref Item 10)

In response to a query from Councillor MA McKillop regarding Item 10, Waterfoot Storm Damage Repairs, the Chief Executive advised that the timeframe for moving to stage 2 is not currently available but officers will provide this information when it is available.

7.3 Adoption of the Minutes

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 February 2024, are adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the amendment at Item 7.1 above.

8. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Storey

Seconded by Councillor McCully and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 27 February 2024, are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2024

Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 24 January 2024 are received and noted.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters to report to the Partnership Panel.

In response to a query from Alderman Callan, the Chief Executive advised that the date for the next meeting of the Partnership Panel has not yet been set, but his understanding is that NILGA is engaging with the Department for Communities and is pushing for it to be convened at the earliest opportunity.

11. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Chief Executive.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

The following correspondence has been received:

12.1 Peter May, Department of Health, 1 February 2024

Thank you for your letter of 18th January 2024 regarding the treatment of Cystic Fibrosis.

The Department of Health has a formal link with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) under which NICE Technology Appraisals are reviewed locally for their legal and policy applicability in Northern Ireland. Whilst there is a process to check the guidance for legal and policy applicability here, there is no reassessment of the clinical or cost evidence used by NICE in coming to its decisions and forming its advice.

Where found to be applicable, they are endorsed for implementation within Health and Social Care (HSC) organisations. This link has ensured that Northern Ireland has access to up-to-date, independent, professional, evidence-based guidance on the value of health care interventions.

As you are aware, NICE recently issued draft guidance on the use of Kaftrio, Orkambi and Symkevi for consultation: Consultation | Ivacaftor–tezacaftor–elexacaftor, tezacaftor–ivacaftor and lumacaftor–ivacaftor for treating cystic fibrosis [ID3834] | Guidance | NICE.

The current draft guidance does not recommend that Kaftrio, Orkambi and Symkevi are routinely available on the NHS because the most likely cost-effectiveness estimates from current economic modelling are substantially above the range that NICE considers an acceptable use of NHS resources.

Consultation on the draft guidance closed on Friday 24th November 2023. The draft guidance is not NICE's final guidance, and I can advise that comments received during this consultation were considered by NICE at a further appraisal meeting on 14th December 2023. NICE will continue to liaise with key stakeholders to determine the most appropriate next steps before the next draft guidance is issued. NICE expect to publish final guidance around 13th March 2024, in which the Institute has also stated will incorporate the licence extension to Kaftrio to include paediatric patients aged 2 to less than 6 years.

When final guidance is issued by NICE, the Department will consider it under the usual process for NICE technology appraisals as per the guidance set out in circular HSC (SQSD) 12/22 which is available at:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/doh-hsc-sqsd-12-22.pdf>

The NICE draft guidance is clear that the recommendations are not intended to impact on patients already receiving treatment with Kaftrio, Orkambi or Symkevi, who will be able to continue treatment until they and their HSC clinician consider it appropriate to stop.

12.2 Jonny Donaghy, Policing & Community Safety Partnership, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, 2 February 2024

At the PCSP meeting on Thursday 1st February 2024 it was agreed that

The PCSP Manager write to the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens to consider signing the Womens Night Safety Charter NI with the full support of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. (correspondence attached)

*Proposed by Councillor Huggins
Seconded by Alderman Knight-McQuillan and*

RESOLVED – That Council agree to sign the Women's Night Safety Charter NI.

12.3 Heather Moorhead, Northern Ireland Confederation for Health and Social Care, 9 February 2024 (copy attached)

Please find attached Back on Track: Securing the Health and Wellbeing of our Population which we hope will be a resource for you, given that in large part many of our population's health and care outcomes cut across the work of every government department. As you will be aware, as in the rest of the UK, Northern Ireland's health and social care system is under extreme and mounting pressure, NICON (The NI Confederation of Health and Social Care) represents all the organisations across the statutory system, and our members have come together to set out our priorities for the way ahead. Specifically, we

have four core priorities, supported by a further 8 underpinning areas which require action;

- *Workforce*
- *Sustainable funding*
- *Redesigned services*
- *Empowered and collaborative leadership*

Supporting this, we must place health and wellbeing at the heart of the Programme for Government – and invest in stabilisation and transformation; development of a population health approach; implementation of mental health and social care reform; delivery of our technology strategy; engaging patients and partners; being proactive innovators to drive outcomes and the economy Health and Wealth in Northern Ireland: Capitalising on the Opportunities | NHS Confederation; and supporting delivery of the net zero targets.

Whilst the challenge is truly unprecedented, our members believe that there is significant opportunity to make material progress by delivering a bold reform agenda and placing health and social care at the heart of all we do in Northern Ireland. We trust this document will be helpful and look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months.

Councillor Storey expressed disappointment with the language used in the document and concern that the proposed Citizens Assembly is bypassing the political process.

12.4 John Kelpie, Chief Executive, Derry City and Strabane District Council, dated 16 February 2024 (copy attached)

At a meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 31 January 2024, the following Motion was passed:

That this Council notes with deep concern that at least 26,000 civilians have been killed as a result of the ongoing bombardment and siege of Gaza of which at least 10,000 are children Council notes that more than 8000 Palestinians are missing. Council further notes there is an escalating death toll in the West Bank, with 370 people killed of which 99 are children.

Council is alarmed that almost 70 percent of the buildings in Gaza, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or severely damaged. The civilian population is facing a dire humanitarian crisis, with critical shortages of food, water, and medical supplies.

Council is particularly concerned that civilians are being confined to increasingly smaller areas without access to shelter or aid. This dire situation is leading to an escalation in civilian deaths due to bombing, shootings, starvation, disease, and lack of medical treatment.

Council resolves to:

1. *Write to the British Prime Minister and Home Secretary, urging them to immediately implement a Palestinian Visa Scheme similar to the Ukraine Visa Scheme,*
2. *Write to an Taoiseach asking that a request is put to the EU commission proposing a temporary protection directive, for those Palestinians seeking sanctuary, as was enacted in March 2022 in response to the Ukraine war.*
3. *Council will also write to the leaders of all political parties across Ireland urging them to support this call.*
4. *Council will seek collaboration from ALL NI councils and relevant Northern Ireland government departments, support this call pledging to facilitate and support the resettlement of Palestinian families in Ireland*

With this in mind, we as a council affirm our support to UN General Assembly resolution 194, article 11, which enshrines the Palestinian Peoples' Right of Return.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED – That Council note correspondence items 2.1, 2.3 and 2.4.

13. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read.

- Northern Health and Social Care Trust – Corporate Plan consultation – submission by 8 March 2024
- Home Office – The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill "Martyn's Law" – submission by 18th March 2024
- Department of Justice – Consultation on criminal assets recovery Codes of Practice – submission by 10 April 2024

Available to View

Department of Finance Policy screening template for the Pensions Increase (Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024

Department of Health Consultation Report - Smoke Free Generation Proposals

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Screening decisions within DAERA for the period 01 October – 31 December 2023

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Department of Agriculture Environmental and Rural Affairs Launch of public consultation for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) submission by 7 March 2024
- Department for Infrastructure Consultation on options for introducing water and sewerage charges submission by 13 March 2024

- The Executive Office Launch of public consultation on the new Strategy for Victims and Survivors submission by 13 March 2024
- Department of Health Consultation on proposals to expand access to take-home naloxone supplies submission by 6 March 2024
- DAERA Consultation on reducing the rate of compensation for cattle removed under the Bovine (bTB) Programme submission by 8 March 2024
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Consultation on our Performance Improvement Plan 2024-2025 submission by 2 April 2024
- Department for the Economy consultation on Onshore Petroleum Licensing Policy – Notification of Consultation submission by 12 April 2024

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

14. 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 5729 – 5751 inclusive;
- (ii) Deed of Conveyance of Possessory Interest – Portrush, Dunluce Avenue Car Park – Department of Infrastructure to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (for signature in triplicate).
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Proposed by Alderman Callan
Seconded by Alderman Knight-McQuillan and

RESOLVED – that the Sealing of documents, as listed, be approved (Items i-vii)

15. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR C ARCHIBALD, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BATESON

Propose that this Council liaises with the local community in Glenullin and supplies a Christmas tree equipped with lights as it does in similar rural areas throughout the Council area.

The Mayor referred the Notice of Motion, without discussion, to the Environmental Services Committee.

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

That this Council commits to upgrading the facilities at the Bobby Greer Sports Complex in order to meet a suitable standard for all weather training, games and match play.

This upgrade must include an adequate floodlit artificial pitch surface to ensure an all year round sports, leisure and fitness service that will help sustain the growing local football club, improve health & wellbeing of citizens as well as building community cohesion in the area.

3G pitches are championed in the Council's Pitch Strategy. This upgrade will help provide a financially viable council facility. By increasing its working capacity it will also help Bushmills United FC and their Youth Academy of over 190 members realise their future long term aspirational goals.

The Mayor referred the Notice of Motion, without discussion, to the Leisure and Development Committee.

17. COUNCIL REMOTE/HYBRID MEETINGS

The Mayor advised that, under Standing Order 4.3, a debate would be held on Council remote/hybrid meetings.

Councillor McGurk proposed that Council sends a response stating that the lead-in time for this decision was not sufficient and that the existing measures should have been extended while the review of the arrangements is undertaken. She emphasised the positive impact of hybrid arrangements and stated that it was remiss of the Minister not to appreciate the impact of withdrawing them. She stated that Council's response should note Members disappointment that the measures weren't extended, should state that Council welcomes any proposals from the Minister, should state that there should be measures put in place to allow for hybrid meetings while the review is ongoing, and should advocate for hybrid meetings.

The Chief Executive advised that correspondence was received on Friday evening from the Local Government and Housing Regulation Director stating that the subordinate legislation under the Coronavirus Act is being allowed to lapse. This will take effect from 23:59 hours on 6 March 2024, hence from Thursday onwards, all meetings set out under the Local Government Act – that is, Council meetings, Planning Committee meetings and all other statutory Standing Committee meetings - will be held in the Council Chamber.

The Chief Executive stated that there has been no confirmation of whether regulations to further enable remote/hybrid meetings are being drafted by the Department for Communities.

Members held a discussion on the issue, with Councillor Holmes indicating a preference for full Council meetings to be held in the Chamber, but agreeing with the need for Council to communicate its concern about this decision. This was supported by Councillor Schenning, Councillor Storey and Councillor Kyle. Councillor Mairs raised concerns regarding the impact on people with caring responsibilities and those with health issues, and indicated a preference for retaining a hybrid option for Council and Committee meetings. Councillor Peacock stated that she would like the Minister to be asked whether the decision had been equality screened, citing a disproportionate impact on women. Members expressed disappointment at the short lead-in time for the decision and frustration at a lack of respect shown towards local government in the making of this decision.

Proposed by Councillor McGurk
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED – That Council respond to the Local Government and Housing Regulation Director stating that the lead-in time for the change to hybrid meeting arrangements was insufficient, requesting that provisions for hybrid meetings be put in place while the review of arrangements is undertaken, and advocating for provision to be made for hybrid meetings.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.42pm

Mayor