

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD REMOTELY ON
TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7:00PM

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

Members Present : Alderman Baird, Duddy, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S
McKillop and Robinson
(All Remote Attendance)

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

Officers Present : M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development (C)
A Lennox, ICT Operations Officer (C)
J Winfield, ICT Operations Manager (C)
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer (R)
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)

In Attendance : Public (2 No) (R)
Press (2 No) (R)

C = Chamber

R = Remote

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed those in the attendance in the Chamber and attending remotely.

“The Mayor congratulated Coleraine Football Club on their historic win over Maribor and achievement on reaching the second qualifying round of the Europa League and sends best wishes on behalf of the Borough for their match against Motherwell on the 17th September. The Mayor also informed Council that on

15th August he laid wreath on behalf of the Borough at Portstewart War Memorial on the invitation of Portstewart Royal British Legion on the 75th anniversary of Victory in Japan day in Remembrance of all who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Far East which brought an end to the Second World War. The Deputy Mayor Alderman McKeown laid a Wreath in Coleraine. Mayor concluded that other engagements are noted in Mayors Diary as forwarded to Councillors.”

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Boyle, Councillors Callan and McGlinchey.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for the following Members:

Minutes of Corporate, Policy and Resources Item 7:-

Alderman Fielding, Councillor McAuley, McCaw, McKillop, McQuillan, Mulholland, Schenning and Wallace remained in attendance remotely for discussion of this item but did not take part.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2020

Proposed by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 4 August 2020 are confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2020

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday 4 August 2020 are confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2020

Councillor McQuillan presented the minutes and proposed their adoption pending any matters arising.

Members raised the following concerns regarding the Environmental Services Directorate.

Councillor McAuley raised issues concerning the toilet facility at Portstewart early in the day on Sunday 30 August. He stated that only one of the three cubicles were in use, the sanitizer was depleted and he felt the toilets would be better being closed if they could not meet the basic standards expected.

Alderman Duddy enquired if there was a possibility due the full capacity at Benone Tourist Complex that furloughed staff could assist with toilet servicing.

Councillor Baird stated that given the large numbers of visitors at Dunseverick Harbour that the toilets should be open as the nearest toilet facility from there, at present, is Ballintoy.

The Director of Environmental Services agreed to look into these issues.

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held 11 August 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

7. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2020

Councillor Nicholl presented the minutes and proposed their adoption pending any matters arising.

Matters arising:

7.1 Community Festival Fund 2020/21 (Item 7)

Councillor Beattie enquired if applicants could proceed with events which could be provided remotely thus ensuring safety in terms of social distancing. She proposed that Option 1 be adopted instead of Option 2, allowing groups the opportunity to have an event which met the criteria.

Councillor Baird concurred with this adding that small projects and on-line events could easily be accommodated.

Councillor McLean enquired about the current limitations on numbers for gatherings and whether a Festival could be accommodated. The Director of

Leisure and Development was unable to confirm the number of applications at this time. The grant programme had not been launched as the funding from DfC had been withdrawn. The Director of Leisure and Development further confirmed that 30 is the number of persons permitted in an outdoor space.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan raised concerns about funding being released for events which may not take place should a lock-down take place.

Councillor McQuillan sought clarity from the Director regarding the breakdown of funding which the Director of Leisure and Development provided as follows:-

Proposed CFF Grants budget for 20-21	64,530
Expected match funding from DfC	28,800
Proposed Net Cost to Council	35,730

At the request of Councillor McQuillan the Director of Leisure and Development further clarified that the funding had been withdrawn by DfC due to the difficulty in delivering events during pandemic and that the decision was not specific to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Councillor McQuillan sought clarity from the Director of Leisure and Development regarding the staff resource in delivering Option 1. The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the budget was available and that through support from the Funding Unit and Community Development this was deliverable.

Councillor Peacock felt that given the current climate it would be a positive move to permit groups to run Council funded events with the necessary adaptations

Amendment

Proposal Councillor Beattie
Seconded by Alderman Baird

-that Council adopt **Option 1** – Operate a Community Festivals Fund for 20-21, without DfC match funding, using only Councils agreed budget of £35,730. Issue letters of offer to those Festival organisers who wish to organise a Festival within current Government guidance before 31st March 2020.

The Mayor put the amendment to Council to vote. 15 Members voted For, 15 Members voted Against.

As the Mayor had previously declared an interest in this Item the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Tom McKeown using his casting vote voted against the amendment.

The Mayor declared the amended motion **LOST**.

7.2 Annual Business Plans for 2020/21 (Item 6)

Council C McShane felt that any deviations from agreed budgets in directorate should be taken to Council for consideration.

Councillor Holmes stated that the officers should be permitted to retain this ability to transfer budgets.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor C McShane
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland

-that the following paragraph to be deleted:-

Whilst the net budget position for the directorate remains as the 20/21 annual target budgetary position, service area prioritisation will necessitate budget transfers within the directorate.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor P McShane.

The Mayor put the Amendment to a recorded vote.

23 voted For, 10 voted Against and 1 Abstention.

The Mayor declared the Amendment **CARRIED**.

For (23)	Councillor Anderson, Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat- O'Driscoll, McCaw, McCorkell, McGurk, McKillop, McAuley, McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, P McShane, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, Scott and Wallace.
Against (10)	Alderman Baird, Hillis, McCandless, McKeown, McKillop. Councillor Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, Watton and Wilson.
Abstain (1)	Alderman Fielding

7.3 Re-instatement of the Sport and Wellbeing Facilities (Item 5)

Councillor Wilson felt that a communication brief could have informed users regarding status of facilities as he had a number of enquiries regarding the delays in gym re-opening given that the private sector gyms were already up and running at this time and voiced concerns about losing members. Councillor Wilson asked if as a result of facilities not being fully functional as per pre-Covid was there a case for mitigation to soften the blow to users and asked for a report to be brought to the Leisure and Development committee with figures of footfall between now and December 2020 including pre-Covid footfall.

The Director of Leisure and Development further confirmed that the following locations were open for business on 26 August:-

Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre
Coleraine Leisure Centre
Dungiven Sports Pavilion
Jim Watts Sports Centre
Roe Valley Leisure Centre

Sheskburn gym to open for business on Wednesday 2 September and Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre gym on Friday 4 September.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that weekly and more frequent updates had been provided to members. The Director of Leisure and Development said he had visited all the facilities and commended his staff on the hard work undertaken alongside Estates. The Director of Leisure Services said that the situation would continue to be monitored in terms of usage and commerciality.

Councillor McAuley voiced his disappointment that he had heard from a Senior Manager that plans made to re-open on 17 August was never an option and that Council had lost 60% of gym membership to date.

The Director of Leisure and Development explained that the earliest date for re-opening was 26 August and that every effort had been made to this end. The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to make enquiries regarding the loss of 60% membership referred to by Councillor McAuley.

Councillor McAuley wished it to be put on record that he had no issue with any aspect of the work carried out by frontline staff.

Alderman Duddy had been approached by a Karate group who had been refused access to Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and Sheskburn Recreation Centre and asked why their request was declined. The Director of Leisure and Development explained that due to social distancing measures some of the gym equipment had to be re-located to some of the larger spaces thus rendering them unavailable as bookable spaces. Alderman Duddy suggested using Bushmills or

Dervock Community Centre and the Director of Leisure and Development asked the member to refer the group to him so accommodation could be discussed.

7.4 Transfer of Funds from Workforce Development to Advice Services (Item 8)

Councillor Quigley questioned whether £10,000 was a sufficient allocation sitting underspends elsewhere which could go back into Advice Services and voiced concerns about poor communication around the provision of PPE grant. Councillor Quigley was unhappy that two businesses got £1500 and never re-opened.

The Director of Leisure and Development explained that the Economic Development team had been pro-active and sourced businesses from a database in line with GDPR regulations and engaged with Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Agencies, social media.

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl
Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Meeting held 18 August 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including the amendment at 7.2.

8. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

Alderman McKeown that he would be making representations at next meeting. The Director of Corporate Services invited members to forward any enquiries/comments to Democratic Services in advance of the meeting.

9. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences for consideration.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Director of Corporate Services presented the report, previously circulated.

The following items of Correspondence were presented:-

- Department of Education, Alison Chambers, Promoting Collaboration Tackling Disadvantage Directorate, 11 August 2020
- Northern Ireland Housing – August 2020 Housing Bulletin, dated 18 August 2020.
- Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Alison McCullagh Chief Executive, dated 21 August 2020,

RESOVLED – that Council note the Correspondence report.

11. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The Director of Corporate Services presented the report, previously circulated.

The following Consultation documents were presented:-

- Local Government Staff Commission for NI – Consultation on The Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees
- Department of Finance – Consultation on Proposed Building (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation schedule.

12. SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

12.1 Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5003-5012 inclusive.

12.2 Ref 01/20/NIE – NIE Networks Wayleave Agreement No 813995 (previously submitted as 813683) Ballyknock Playpark, Armoy (ref: SLT 200706)

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (12.1-12.2) be approved.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCCAWE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOYLE

That this Council sign up to Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful's "Live Here, Love Here" campaign, in order to become a full participant in its events and grants programmes in the fields of litter removal, enhancement of green spaces and biodiversity and improvement of disused or derelict areas.

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred without discussion to the Environmental Services Committee.

At the request of Councillor P McShane the Mayor agreed to change the order of business discussing this Item whilst 'In Committee'

The Director of Corporate Services left at this stage in the proceedings and was replaced by the Director of Environmental Services.

14. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES MEETING HELD TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2020

Alderman Hillis presented the minutes and proposed their adoption pending any matters arising.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

AGREED – that Council move 'In Committee'.

Matters arising:

14.1 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Alderman McCorkell (Review of Planning Department) (Item 5)

Councillor P McShane felt that this matter could not be progressed in the light of the ongoing processes.

Councillor McGurk felt it would be prudent to go ahead with the review.

Alderman Baird felt the Notice of Motion should be held in abeyance. She stated that it was her view that there had been considerable improvements.

Councillor McQuillan stated that in light of issues raised a review should go ahead.

Alderman McKillop felt that the review should proceed and also felt the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 August 2020 should have been available at this meeting. The Director of Corporate Services explained that the meeting had not been completed and was due to reconvene to complete the outstanding items.

Alderman Duddy agreed a timely review was prudent.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor P McShane
Seconded by Councillor Quigley

-that the Notice of Motion be withdrawn.

The Mayor put the Motion to a vote

11 voted For, 27 voted Against and 0 Abstention.

The Mayor declared the Amendment **LOST**.

14.2 Complaint Investigation Report (Item 6)

Part of the content is RESTRICTED UNDER SCHEDULE 6 OF NI LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2014 PART 2

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed in response to queries that Members were permitted access to inspect the confidential report in a controlled environment with a Council Officer present at all times.

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor P McShane
Seconded by Councillor S Quigley

-that this Council immediately RESTRICTED UNDER SCHEDULE 6 OF NI LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2014 PART 2

Following further discussion Councillor Wilson called a Point of Order 16.4 that the Question now be Put.

The Mayor put the Point of Order 16.4 to a vote:-

31 voted For, 4 voted Against and 0 Abstained.

The Mayor agreed to proceed with the vote for the amendment.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor P McShane.

The Mayor put the amended motion to a recorded vote.

6 voted For, 27 voted Against and 2 Abstentions.

The Mayor declared the amendment **LOST**.

For (6)	Councillor Beattie, Dallat-O'Driscoll, McKillop, Quigley, Mulholland and P McShane
Against (27)	Alderman Fielding, Baird, Hillis, McCandless, McKeown, McKillop, Duddy, McCorkell and Robinson Councillor Bateson, Scott, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, Watton, Wilson, Chivers, C McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Wallace, McGurk, McAuley, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan and McCaw
Abstain (2)	Alderman Finlay Councillor Schenning

It was AGREED: that legal advice would be made available to Members in relation to the matter at the meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting in September.

14.3 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Meeting held 25 August are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

15. LEGAL OPINION IN THE MATTER OF THE CALL IN REQUEST IN RESPECT OF A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL DATED 4TH AUGUST 2020 IN RELATION TO RESUMPTION OF SERVICES IN ARTS AND MUSEUMS FACILITIES

"That Council adopt Option 3 - Reduced Service, with the Arts and Museums facilities to re-open 1 January 2021"

The Director of Environmental Services referred to confidential summary of the 'Call In' advice which had been previously circulated.

Councillor McCaw stated the all other Councils had planned to open Arts and Museum facilities by December and in this respect Causeway Coast and Glens were the only Council not to do so. Councillor McCaw said that Christmas was

a busy time for Flowerfield Arts Centre and would be in support of the Call-In by Alderman Boyle in her absence.

The Director of Corporate Services re-joined the meeting at this time, however the Director of Environmental Services presided over the vote.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote:-

13 voted For, 23 voted Against , 0 Abstentions.

The Mayor declared the the original motion **LOST**

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Beattie

AGREED: that Council move 'In Public'.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at **11 pm.**

Mayor

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