

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018

Table of Adoptions

No	Item	Summary of key Adoptions
4	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held Monday 24 September 2018	Confirmed
5	Minutes of Council Meeting held Tuesday 25 September 2018	Confirmed
6	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26 September 2018	Noted
7	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 2 October 2018	Adopted
8	Minutes of Leisure & Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 9 October 2018	
	Matters Arising	
	8.1 Sperrin's Future Search (Minute Item 5)	Workshop scheduled for 22 November 2018
	8.2 Improvements to West Bay Green	Information
	8.3 Town Centre Promotion – Borough Gift Card Project: (Minute Item 8)	Motion lost
	8.4 Festive Fund Grant Awards (Minute Item 4)	19 Applications Approved
	8.5 Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted
9	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 16 October 2018	Adopted
	9.1 Notice of Motion – Top Ten Capital Projects (Abrv...)	Advised referred to Committee
	9.2 Adoption of Minutes	Adopted
10	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	None

11	<p>Conferences</p> <p><i>Agenda NI – Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2018</i></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Circulate to Members spend on conferences</p>
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Department for Finance – Screening on Policy Document on Disposal of Surplus Public Sector Property</i> • <i>HSENI Corporate Plan 2018-2023</i> • <i>Letter from Lord Dubs – ‘Our Turn’ Campaign</i> • <i>Department of Finance – Section 75 Screening Land & Property Service HQ</i> 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed to write to Lord Dubs regarding Councils position on ‘Our Turn Campaign’ and report back to Corporate Policy & Resources Committee</p>
13	<p>Consultation Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIHE (Ref 251) Housing Investment Plan • Charity Commission for NI (Ref 252) Consultation on Basic Compliance Testing • Libraries NI (Ref 253) Draft Equality Scheme 	<p>Noted</p>
14	<p>Seal Documents</p> <p>14.1 Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No’s 4684-4695 inclusive)</p> <p>14.2 Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (No. 2940)</p> <p>14.3 Agreement relating to advance purchase of a car by 2 employees</p> <p>14.4 Deed of Transfer from NIHE to CC&GBC for land at Church Road, Armoy (Ref: L&P 170906)</p> <p>14.5 Dog Control Order – CC&GBC (Ref: CM 180925)</p> <p>14.6 Conveyance between CC&GBC and NI Water for Benone Tourist Complex (Ref: L&P 180301)</p>	<p>Seal Affixed</p>
15	<p>Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Clarke</p>	<p>Referred Corporate Policy & Resources Committee</p>

	(Working group to celebrate 100 Anniversary of NI in 2021)	
16	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Blair (Television Christmas advert)	<i>Referred to Leisure & Development Committee</i>
17	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Blair (Review of bylaws)	<i>Referred to Corporate Policy & Resources Committee</i>
18	Road Safety Issues Near the Dark Hedges	<i>Arrange an urgent meeting with DfI Roads, PSNI and Bann DEA Members</i>
19	Items Discussed 'In Committee'	
	19.1 Drivers Audit – Disclosure of Penalty Points 'Reference to Policy on Equality and Respect'	<i>Provide an explanation on why employees have to disclose penalty points in Drivers Audit</i>
	19.2 Re-engagement of Former Employees who left under voluntary severance	<i>Policy to be brought to Corporate Policy & Resources Committee</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor - Councillor Chivers

Members Present : Alderman Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King, McKeown,
S McKillop and Robinson

Councillors Baird, Beattie, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Deighan,
Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Holmes, Knight-
McQuillan, McCandless, McCaw, McCorkell,
McGlinchey, McGurk, McLaughlin, McKillop M A,
McLean, C McShane, P McShane, A Mulholland, K
Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley, Stevenson, Watton and
Wilson

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
D J Hunter, Council Solicitor
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
E McCaul, Committee & Member Services Officer

Press (2 No)
Public (14 No)

1. THE MAYORS BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming Elected Members, Officers, the public and press to the meeting.

The Mayor addressed the meeting as follows:

Since we last met, I have had quite a few engagements on the theme of education, including a very enjoyable visit to Roe Valley Integrated Primary School in Limavady and St Matthew's Primary School in Drumsurn.

I was also delighted to welcome to Cloonavin the cross community choir made up of pupils from Killowen Primary School and St John's Primary School in Coleraine. To mark Shared Education Week, the choir sang an

original song about living and learning together and I think it was a great experience for everyone.

Earlier this month I attended a poignant service in Ballymoney to remember those laid to rest in the towns 'Pauper's Graves'. A memorial headstone now marks the plot, over 100 years since it was used to first bury those who died in tragic and unfortunate circumstances. The cross community event was a fitting tribute to those people who lost their lives many years ago and to show their lives mattered. Our thanks goes to funeral Andrew McMullan for his input on this initiative.

During October I've had a busy diary of civic receptions for a wide range of bodies including Dungiven Regeneration Club, Royal British Legion Group 10 and The Red Sails Festival Committee. As always it was a pleasure to meet and speak to members of our community and welcome them to Cloonavin.

I was invited to Portrush Train Station to see the transformation that is currently well underway, with Translink marking the completion of the project's first phase. With only nine months to go before the 148th Open, it is fantastic to see how well Portrush is looking thanks to the overall regeneration programme. The town is looking brighter and the enhanced public realm scheme reflects its status as Northern Ireland's premier tourist resort.

We have a number of exciting events coming up, including our Halloween festivities with lots of family fun planned in Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Coleraine and Limavady.

Building on the success of Restaurant week, November will welcome a new concept 'Taste Causeway- A Celebration.' I was delighted to take part in the recent launch at Brighter Gold in Limavady, where I met with local tourism partners from our area. The event will take place from November 10th to 18th and will showcase our vibrant restaurant scene and superb local produce. Diners, visitors and local residents can look forward to a unique offering from our ever growing food scene.

Taste Causeway will also coincide with the 10th Anniversary of Atlantic Sessions, Council's award winning music festival. It runs from November 15th – 18th with over 50 artists performing in over 20 venues in Portrush and Portstewart. Visitors can enjoy free music trails, new collaborations plus special launch events from established artists and I would encourage all of us to support these initiatives as much as we can.

Finally, congratulations to Eoghan Rua GAA Coleraine on winning the John McLaughlin cup during the week.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor Loftus.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interests were recorded as follows:

- Councillor Douglas – Agenda Item 8, Leisure and Development Minutes (Item 4) Festive Fund Grant Awards – Member of a Community Association who applied for the grant.

4. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

Councillor K Mulholland requested that it be recorded that he objected to the remarks made by Councillor Watton as set out in the last paragraph of page 8 in the minutes of the meeting and recorded on the audio recording.

A point of order was raised in relation to SO 13.1 (2) 'no discussion shall take place upon the Minutes except upon their accuracy'.

Councillor Mulholland requested a copy of the notes taken at the meeting.

Councillor Watton responded that he stood by what had been said.

Proposed by Councillor Beattie
Seconded by Councillor Fielding and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Monday 24 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

Proposed by Alderman King
Seconded by Councillor A Mulholland and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of Council Meeting held Tuesday 25 September be confirmed as a correct record.

**6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY
26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held Wednesday 26 September 2018 be noted.

**7. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2018**

Proposed by Alderman Finlay
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 2 October 2018 be adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**8. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2018**

Councillor Holmes presented the Minutes, and proposed their adoption, subject to any matters arising.

Matters Arising:

8.1 Sperrin's Future Search (Item 5)

The Director of Leisure and Development advised that a Presentation Workshop would be held on Thursday 22 November 2018 to outline details of Sperrin's Future Search plans beyond 2020.

8.2 Improvements to West Bay Green (Item 6)

In response to Councillor Duddy, the Director of Leisure and Development explained that following consultation, West Bay Green had not been identified as a suitable site for a Skateboard Park and would not be eligible for funding under the public realm scheme.

8.3 Town Centre Promotion – Borough Gift Card Project (Item 8)

A lengthy debate took place on the item which had been presented at Committee 'for information'.

During the discussion it was:

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Wilson

That council defer further progression of the Borough Gift Card project until feedback was obtained on a similar project being implemented in Enniskillen.

The following points were raised by Members:

- Borough wide card could be used in most businesses and bring economic benefit throughout the Borough. She said that the gift card could be a tourism tool.
- Enniskillen was a town project and difficult to compare with Borough;
- Significant amount of research had been conducted into the card project and the four Chamber of Trade had been consulted, with them giving positive response to keeping money in the area;
- The card would not be available on the street for 6 months;
- Alternative methods of marketing the Borough's retail offer could be explored;
- The project was innovative and forward thinking;
- Some smaller businesses who did not accept cards would be disadvantaged;
- The project needed to be cost neutral and monitored.
- The current name of the Gift Card 'Causeway card' left out the 'glens' part of the Council's name.
- The importance of getting the branding of the card right.

Councillor C McShane stated that she felt Council should progress with the project without delay. Councillor Mulholland supported this position.

Following further debate during which Points of Order were raised by:

Councillor Duddy in relation to Standing Order 12 (c) Declarations of Members' Interests and by Councillor Harding in relation to Standing Order 14 Minutes of Committees it was

Proposed by Councillor Baird
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED – that Council receive legal advice 'In Committee'.

Council's Solicitor provided advice on motions made on a For Information Report and on declaring an interest in the project by those Elected Members who were business owners or employed by retail businesses in the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

AGREED – that Council continue the meeting ‘In Public’

During the discussion noted above the Director of Leisure and Development advised Council that further details on the project would be presented to Committee at a future meeting.

The Mayor put the motion to defer progression of the Borough Gift Card Project until feedback was obtained on similar project being implemented in Enniskillen for Council to vote.

Members voted as follows:

6 For
20 Against
8 Abstentions.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

Alderman King requested that congratulations be forwarded to the Town & Village Manager on her presentation at a recent NILGA Conference. **NOTED.**

8.4 Festive Fund Grant Awards (Item 4)

The Director of Leisure & Development reminded Members that at the Leisure & Development Committee Meeting, it had been proposed that officers look again at 2 ineligible applications who had applied for the above awards. He said that the 2 groups who had applied for funding had confirmed their outdoor events and therefore met the criteria for the Festive Fund Grant Awards.

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Councillor Duddy and

AGREED – that awards are made to the 19 applicants who had applied for funding.

8.5 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Duddy and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 9 October 2018 be adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the recommendation set out at 8.4.

9. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018

Councillor Quigley proposed the adoption of the Minutes, subject to Matters Arising.

9.1 Notice of Motion – Determine Top Ten Capital Projects for Completion by the end of the next Council term (Abrv...)

Councillor Stevenson raised a query in relation to a Notice of Motion tabled at Council's August meeting.

In response to Councillor Stevenson, the Chief Executive advised that the Notice of Motion would be taken to Committee.

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Quigley
Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 16 October 2018 be adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

11. CONFERENCES

Members were advised of the following conference:

- Agenda NI – Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2018

It was recommended – that Members wishing to attend the above conference should contact Democratic Services.

Following a Member query the Director confirmed that information on spend on Members' attendance at conferences and courses would be circulated.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Director of Corporate Services advised of the following correspondence:

- Department for Finance – Screening in Relation to Policy Document Disposal of Surplus Public Sector Property in Northern Ireland
- HSENI – Corporate Plan 2018 – 2023
- Letter from Lord Dubs – ‘Our Turn’ Campaign (circulated)
- Department of Finance – Section 75 Screening Land and Property Service HQ.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor Duddy and

AGREED – that Council would respond to the letter from Lord Dubs and advise him that Councils in Northern Ireland do not have responsibility for housing and enquire if there were alternative ways to assist the campaign.

AGREED - that a report on the campaign would be brought to the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

RESOLVED – that Council note the 3 additional items of correspondence outlined above.

13. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The Director of Corporate Services advised of the following consultation documents, previously circulated;

- NIHE (Ref 251) Housing Investment Plan
- Charity Commission for NI (Ref 252) Consultation on Basic Compliance Testing
- Libraries NI (Ref 253) Draft Equality Scheme

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

14. SEAL DOCUMENTS

The Director of Corporate Services presented the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met.

- 14.1** Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No's 4684-4695 inclusive)

- 14.2 Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (No. 2940)
- 14.3 Agreement relating to advance purchase of a car by 2 employees
- 14.4 Deed of Transfer from NIHE to CC&GBC for land at Church Road, Armoy (Ref: L&P 170906)
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- 14.6 Conveyance between CC&GBC and NI Water for Benone Tourist Complex (Ref: L&P 180301)

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 14.1 – 14.6 inclusive) be approved.

**15. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CALLAN,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CLARKE**

'That this Council establish a working group, consisting of 6 members by d'Hondt, to explore a programme of events and activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Northern Ireland in 2021.'

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STEVENSON,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR**

'That this council give approval for a television Christmas advert for the council area, starting from the Christmas of 2019 and that this be continued on an annual basis, with the advert being reviewed for content as required. In proposing this, we recognise the importance of Christmas trade for local businesses and the investment which they make in the borough. We also recognise the unique opportunity to promote local tourism and to maximise the potential brought about by the significant investment made in Christmas lighting.'

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

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STEVENSON,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR**

'That this council carry out a review of all council bylaws, with the intent of removing any no longer required and updating those requiring it, and with

the aim for them to be applied across the entire Causeway council area or as council decides'.

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

18. ROAD SAFETY ISSUES NEAR THE DARK HEDGES

With the agreement of the Mayor under Standing Order 4 (3), Councillor Baird highlighted that over the past year, there had been numerous road traffic accidents on roads/junctions near the Dark Hedges. She said that the roads were busy due to the amount of tourists visiting the iconic site and that residents were afraid to let children play in their front garden due to the dangerous junctions.

Councillor Baird outlined that there had been 7 accidents near the Dark Hedges over the past 3 months and a recent fatality whereby an American man had died while on honeymoon. She said that there was a need for tourists to arrive and depart the area safely and asked Council to support her in asking for an urgent meeting with DfI Roads, PSNI and Bann DEA Members to emphasise the urgency of the situation.

AGREED – that an urgent meeting would be arranged with DfI Roads, PSNI and relevant DEA Members.

Members commented on the decision to allow the item of business to be considered at the meeting.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Quigley
Seconded by Councillor Stevenson and

AGREED – that Council discuss the remaining business 'In Committee'.

19. BUSINESS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE

19.1 Drivers' Audit – Disclosure of Penalty Points

In response to a query by Alderman Campbell, the Chief Executive agreed to provide further information on the process regarding the noting of penalty points by staff on the Drivers' Audit.

In response to a query from Alderman McKeown the Director of Corporate Services advised that Elected Members are not currently included in the Drivers' Audit.

19.2 Re-engagement of Former Employees Who Left Under Voluntary Severance

A lengthy discussion took place on re-engagement of former employees who had left Council employment under Voluntary Severance. The Director of Corporate Services responded to queries and advised that a revised draft of the Policy presented to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee would be brought to a future meeting of Committee

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman King and

AGREED – that Council continue the meeting 'In Public'

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9:10 pm.

Chair