

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020

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17.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 25 February 2020	
	17.1 Peace IV Shaping Our Place Bushmills Project (Land and Property Sub Committee Minutes Item 4 (Item 12.2))	Amendment carried: Surrender lease with Bushmills Distillery, enter into 10-year commercial lease,

		<i>seek permission to sub-let to Bushmills CA for purpose of Peace IV community shed and community garden at Woodvale site in Bushmills</i>
18.	Call In request in respect of a decision of the Council dated 6th August 2019 in relation to the flying of A 'Rainbow Pride Flag'	<i>Motion lost</i>

Unconfirmed

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020 AT 7.00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Bateson

Members Present : Alderman Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCandless, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson

Councillors Anderson, Baird, Beattie, Callan, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCaw, McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, P McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson.

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : G Thompson, Chief Executive } Causeway Coast and Glens
G Seymour, Chairman } Heritage Trust

Civic Facilities Manager

Public (20)

Press (2)

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting.

The Mayor paid tribute to Harry Gregg OBE, an icon in the footballing world. The Mayor offered his condolences to the family of Harry Gregg stating he would be sadly missed.

The Mayor took the opportunity to congratulate Council Officials who won the award for 'Excellence in Environmental Sustainability' at the recent Local Government Awards.

The Mayor highlighted recent Mayoral Receptions including one he held for Eoghan Ruá GAA, who he advised had an excellent year last year and won many titles.

The Mayor held a reception for 3-year-old Dáithí MacGabhann from Belfast. Dáithí and his family were raising awareness about organ donation through

their Donate4Dáithí initiative. The Mayor urged signing of the Organ Donor Register.

Councillor McQuillan offered congratulations to Coleraine Football Club on their recent League Cup win. The Mayor concurred and informed Council he was holding a Mayor's Reception for the Coleraine Football Club Team.

The Mayor informed Elected Members he had received a request from Councillor C McShane for an urgent Item to be heard, in relation to an incident at Ballintoy, where a driver was driving on the wrong side of the road; it would be proposed that Council write to the Minister to request warning signs be placed on that part of the road and at tourist hotspots.

The Mayor advised he would allow the Item to be heard at the end of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Councillors Hunter, McGurk, MA McKillop, Mulholland and Quigley.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

- Alderman Fielding in Leisure and Development Committee Minutes, RDP Village Renewal.
- Councillor Holmes in Leisure and Development Committee Minutes, RDP Village Renewal and

4. DEPUTATION – CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS HERITAGE TRUST, G THOMPSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN ATTENDANCE (CC&GHT)

*** Councillor Knight McQuillan arrived at the meeting at 7.15PM.**

The Mayor invited G Thompson, Chief Executive (CC&GHT) and G Seymour, Chairman (CC&GHT) to the meeting and invited them to present.

G Thompson and G Seymour presented detail via powerpoint on the activities of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, their 2019-2020 highlights, Council funding, the impact of any removal of funding and activities for 2020 and beyond.

Councillor C McShane requested an update on Council activities to date and Geopark development.

G Seymour clarified Council's Letter of Offer had been received, funding had been reduced from £35,000 to £16,000 and work was nearing completion on activities carried out to date.

G Seymour clarified Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust initiative was part of a UK list to achieve UNESCO Geopark status, using geology to promote tourism advancement and working with geological survey NI and others, he clarified they were not yet in a position to undertake full consultation alone.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for their presentation.

- * **Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust representatives left the meeting at 7.24PM.**

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020

Councillor P McShane referred to page 11, he advised he would like his speech to be included in the minutes and would forward for inclusion.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 4 February 2020 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor P McShane's speech.

6. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020, ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020

Matters Arising

6.1 Strike the Domestic and Non-Domestic Rate 2020/21

Councillor McQuillan commented, the rate set by Council was 7.65%, however, the following day it had been reduced to 7.45% and questioned how it could be changed.

The Chief Finance Officer advised Council agreed the budgets and when looking at the rate factors of 7.65% on the domestic rate and 0.01% on the non-domestic rate and after completion of the annual return, DFC advised the final revision to the conversion factor, converting the non-domestic rate to the domestic rate and that was the effect.

Councillor C McShane concurred with the previous speakers comments. She advised she was unclear of the efficiencies made. Councillor C McShane sought confirmation from senior management that all known costs were included in the rate setting process.

Councillor C McShane referred to the Council meeting audio recording, she requested that Members turn on their microphone during a recorded vote as it was not obvious when a Member had left the room.

The Chief Executive advised all known costs had been included. In relation to recorded votes, the Chief Executive advised microphones could be turned on during a recorded vote and clarified the written text is within the minute.

Councillor P McShane stated information was required in relation to known costs for last year's rates setting and the cost of the Judicial Review.

6.2 Point of Accuracy

Councillor P McShane advised of the following points of accuracy:

- Page 7, second line in Councillor P McShane's Amendment, insert the word, '*forensic*', between, 'independent' and 'Audit';
- Page 18, second line from the top, add, '*£9.5M the cost of servicing the £80M debt plus £800,000, our debt payment is £10.3M annually for the next 5 years*'.

Councillor P McShane placed on record his dissatisfaction with being put through a Freedom of Information process.

Councillor Wilson stated he was concerned Elected Members were not receiving the requested information and asked Councillor P McShane to share what information he had not received.

The Mayor advised he wished to keep to the Order of Business and the matter may be discussed outside the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Wednesday 12 February, reconvened to Thursday 13 February 2020, were confirmed as a correct record; subject to the Points of Accuracy at Item 6.2 noted above.

7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee held Wednesday 22 January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

8. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020

Alderman Finlay presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption subject to any matters arising.

Matters Arising

8.1 Review of Street Trading at Lammas Fair 2019 (Item 5)

Councillor Beattie questioned whether Access NI checks would now be made every 3 years.

The Director of Environmental Services advised a report would be brought back to Committee on the matter.

8.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Finlay
Seconded by Councillor Beattie and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 11 February 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020

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

Proposed by Councillor Callan
Seconded by Alderman McKillop and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 18 February 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020

Councillor C McShane presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption pending any matters arising.

Matters Arising

10.1 Peace IV Shaping Our Place Bushmills Project (land and property Minutes Item 4) (Item 12.2)

Alderman McKillop wished to raise the Item, as it was '*In Committee*', the Mayor clarified it would be considered at the end of the meeting.

10.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor C McShane
Seconded by Alderman McKillop and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 25 February 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved, excluding Peace IV Shaping Our Place Bushmills Project, which was considered, '*In Committee*', at the end of the meeting.

11. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

The Chief Executive advised the meeting of the Partnership Panel may be held in June 2020.

12. CONFERENCES

Report, previously circulated.

The following were listed for consideration:

12.1 Dundalk Chamber of Commerce – Cross Border Tourism Conference 2020

Venue: Carrickdale Hotel & Spa, Co Louth
Date: 11 March 2020
Cost: Free

12.2 Building the Cross Border Economy - Post Brexit

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth
Date: 22 April 2020
Cost: €30

Recommendation - Members wishing to attend the above conferences and receive further information should contact Democratic Services.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Conference Schedule.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated.

The following were listed:

13.1 Department for Communities, Deidre Hargey MLA, dated 6 February 2020

Re: Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Correspondence had been received from the Minister for Communities regarding various news reports in the Media of concerns about the financial position of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Under section 104 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, the Minister had requested information by 20 February 2020.

Councillor P McShane stated there were 2 missing documents to ensure the Minister's Department could make informed decisions to include details of two files and emails.

The Chief Executive clarified he was content to share any documents that Members felt were missing.

13.2 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, dated 10 February 2020

Re: A1 Junctions

Members of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council unanimously agreed to this Motion and urge Council to support it also by making a submission to the inquiry.

"This Council make a formal written submission to the upcoming A1 Junctions Phase 2 Public Inquiry, which is to begin in March 2020.

The submission will reflect the full support of this council for an urgent upgrade of this road as per the DFI proposals, a stretch of road that has brought so much devastation to the families of many local people who have lost their lives while travelling on it over the years. Council will also write to the other local authorities through which the A1 travels, namely Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council urging them to support our motion and requesting that they too make their own submissions to the inquiry."

13.3 Office of the Minister for Infrastructure Nichola Mallon MLA, dated 17 February 2020

Re: NI Water Funding

Acknowledging correspondence from Council conveying Council's concerns relating to the funding and governance of water and wastewater infrastructure.

13.4 NI Housing Council - February Housing Council Bulletin, dated 17 February 2020

The Northern Ireland Housing Council met on Thursday, 13th February 2020 in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Offices.

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Correspondence schedule.

14. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Report, previously circulated.

14.1 Department of Education, NI Nutritional Standards for School Food, submission by 27 March 2020;

14.2 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Draft Equality Action Plan 2020-2023 and Draft Disability Action Plan 2020-2023, submission by Friday 10th April 2020;

14.3 Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, Have your say on Carnlough Harbour Car Park, submission by 6 March 2020.

RESOLVED - that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

15. SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

15.1 Grave Registry Certificates, No's 4895 – 4910 (inclusive)

15.2 Deed of Surrender of Commercial Lease, Hands That Talk, Dungiven (Ref L&P 170802 /CP&R 170815/ CM 170822)

15.3 Ref 03/19/NIE – NIE Networks Wayleave Agreement No 818295 – Portstewart, No 79 Ballyreagh Road – New Connection (Ref L&P 190115 / CP&R 200228 / CM 200204)

15.4 Ref 06/19/NIE – NIE Networks Wayleave Agreement No 806486 – Landhead Recreation Grounds, Ballymoney – Cabling (Ref L&P 190115 / CP&R 200228 / CM 200204)

15.5 Ref 06/19/NIE – NIE Networks Wayleave Agreement No 806487 – Landhead Recreation Grounds, Ballymoney – Cabling (Ref L&P 190115 / CP&R 200228 / CM 200204)

- 15.6** Supplemental Lease – Transfer Station Artikelly, Aghanloo, Limavady (Ref Lease dated 4th October 2007)
- 15.7** Licence to Enter Upon Lands and to Use as a Works Compound – Anderson Park, Coleraine (L&P SC 190206 / CP&R 190219 / CM 190226, L&P 191002 / CP&R 191022 / CM 191105)
- 15.8** DFI Rivers Agency Gauging Station Lease Agreement – Ballymoney Alert Station (203346) (Ref L&P SC 200115 / CP&R 200128 / CM 200204)
- 15.9** DFI Rivers Agency Gauging Station Lease Agreement – Ballycastle Alert Station (204012) (Ref L&P SC 200115 / CP&R 200128 / CM 200204)
- 15.10** Causeway Coast and Glens Community Centre Managed Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations (Ref L&D191119 / CM 191203, L&P 200115 / CP&R 200128 / CM 200204)
- 15.10.1** Stranocum Community Centre Ltd, Stranocum Community Centre;
- 15.10.2** Magilligan Community Association, Community Centre;
- 15.10.3** Ballybogey Community Centre Ltd, Ballybogey Community Centre;
- 15.10.4** Greysteel Community Association, Greysteel Community Centre.

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 15.1 – 15.10.4 inclusive) be approved.

* **Councillor McCaw arrived at the meeting at 7.30PM.**

16. Write to Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for the Economy - 'Drive on Left' signage

Councillor C McShane introduced dashcam video footage taken from a car travelling on the B15 from Ballycastle to Ballintoy on the Coast Road, behind a vehicle driving on right hand side.

Councillor C McShane requested that signage be placed altering drivers to drive on the left at Tourist hot spot areas, that was visible in neighbouring jurisdictions. Councillor C McShane advised continuous awareness, education, training and enforcement were required to improve road safety.

Councillor Baird advised of a similar incident where a vehicle left Carrick-a-Rede towards Ballintoy on the wrong side of the road. Councillor Baird

urgently requested signage at all major tourist attractions, the Dark Hedges, Carrick-a-Rede, Giants Causeway, Mussenden Temple and Bushmills Distillery.

Councillor P McShane urged warning signage on exiting tourist attractions, essential to mitigate any potential serious incident.

Proposed by Councillor C McShane
Seconded by Councillor Baird

- that Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Economy to urgently request signage be erected, altering drivers to drive on the left hand side of the road and for immediate action to be taken.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.
Council voted unanimously in favour.
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

- * **Alderman McKeown arrived at the meeting at 7.50PM during consideration of the matter.**
- * **Councillor McGlinchey arrived at the meeting at 7.50PM during consideration of the matter.**

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Baird
Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

RESOLVED – that Council move, 'In Committee'.

- * **Press and Public left the meeting at 7.55PM.**
- * **Chief Finance Officer left the meeting at 7.55PM.**

17. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020

17.1 Peace IV Shaping Our Place Bushmills Project (Land and Property Sub-Committee Minutes, Item 4) (Item 12.2)

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman McKillop
Seconded by Councillor C McShane

- that Council surrenders the existing Licence with Bushmills Distillery and enters into a 10 year commercial lease with The "Old Bushmills" Distillery Company Limited and then seek permission to sub-let the lease to the Bushmills Community Association, for the purposes of the Peace IV funded

initiative of a community shed for use in developing a community garden area at the Woodvale site in Bushmills.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan advised the matter should come back before Council prior to final signing off.

Alderman Hillis stated his support.

The Mayor put the amendment to the Council to vote.

Council voted unanimously in favour.

The Mayor declared the amendment carried.

* **Director of Environmental Services left the meeting at 8.01PM.**

18. CALL IN REQUEST IN RESPECT OF A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL DATED 6TH AUGUST 2019 IN RELATION TO THE FLYING OF A 'RAINBOW PRIDE FLAG' ON COUNCIL PROPERTY

Confidential advice, previously circulated.

The Chief Executive referred to the summary of the 'Call In' advice and conclusion, the 'Call In' does not have merit under Section 41(1)(a) and Section 41(1)(b) and does require reconsideration and voted on by simple majority vote.

Councillor C McShane welcomed the advice stating it gave reassurance and clarification to Members who did not accept it on the night.

Councillor McCaw stated Members have the right to call in a decision they feel is unfair, Councillor McCaw emphasised the Dublin Pride Flag flew alongside the National Flag, it would be a gesture of acceptance for a minority group.

Proposed by Councillor C McShane

Seconded by Councillor McCaw

- that this Council does fly the Rainbow Flag from Cloonavin on Foyle Pride Day on Saturday 29th August this year.

Councillor C McShane requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

15 Members voted For; 17 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

For (15)	Alderman Hillis
	Councillor Baird, Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, Councillors McCaw, McGlinchey, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning and Wilson
Against (17)	Alderman Fielding, Finlay, McCandless, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop
	Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, Councillors McLean, McQuillan, Robinson, Scott, Wallace, Watton

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman McKillop

Seconded by Councillor Scott

RESOLVED - that Council move, '*In Public*'.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.15PM.

Mayor