

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017

Table of Adoptions

No	Item	Summary of key Adoptions
3	Declaration of Members Interest	<p>Planning Committee Members - Item 15 and 16 of L&D Minutes</p> <p>Councillor Chivers – Item 7 of L&D Minutes</p> <p>Councillor Deighan – Items 7, 12 and 15 of ES Minutes</p>
4	Minutes of Council Meeting held 28 November 2017	Confirmed
5	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held Friday 8 December 2017	Confirmed
6	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 22 November 2017	Noted
7	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 5 December 2017	Adopted
8	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 12 December 2017	
	Matters Arising	

	8.2 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Mulholland, seconded by Councillor Chivers (Item 14)	<i>Amendment lost</i>
	8.3 Any Other Relevant Business (Item 20)	<i>Resolved, correction to minute</i>
	8.4 Garvagh Forest Trails Development (Item 5)	<i>Bring further information on development of Ballycastle Trails</i>
	8.5 Funding Unit Staffing Structure (Item 19)	<i>Staffing Structures to be brought to CPR in January</i>
	8.6 Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted subject to correction of 8.1 and 8.3</i>
9	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held 13 December 2017	<i>Adopted Review timetable of meetings</i>
10	Matters for reporting to Partnership Panel – Local Government Side	<i>None</i>
11	Conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Ireland Agri-Business Conference 2018, Looking beyond 2020 	<i>Noted</i>
12	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of The Somme Yearly Subscription DfI - The Limavady Road, Garvagh – Notice of Intention to made an Abandonment Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 	<i>Pay subscription annually for remainder of Council's term</i> <i>Noted</i>
13	Consultation Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAERA – Response to the TBSPG's Recommendation to Eradicate Bovine TB in Northern Ireland 	<i>Noted</i>
14	Seal Documents	

	14.1 Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No's 4580 - 4593 inclusive)	Seal affixed
	14.2 Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (No's 2918 - 2919 inclusive)	
	14.3 Grave Registry Certificates, Enagh Cemetery, Limavady (No's 468 - 469 inclusive)	
	14.4 Memorandum of Sale, Drumaduff Road Landfill Site – 9 no.	
	14.5 Memorandum of Understanding relating to a Collaborative Partnership between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Forest Service)	
	14.6 Deed of Surrender, B Knipe, Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea	
15	<p>Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Quigley, seconded by Alderman Hickey</p> <p><i>'Volunteer drivers</i></p> <p><i>This Council notes the serious hardship arising out of changes in regulations relating to the use of volunteer drivers and the implications these changes have for schools, community groups and other voluntary organisations.</i></p> <p><i>Council asks the Department for Infrastructure to suspend the introduction of these regulations immediately to allow the above-mentioned schools, groups and organisations to make appropriate preparations relating to qualifications and not least the finance to enable such training to take place'.</i></p>	Referred to Leisure and Development Committee
16	Public Right of Way – Bath Road	Agreed not to assert

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor, Councillor Baird
- Members Present** : Aldermen Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hickey, Hillis, King, McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson
- Councillors Beattie, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Deighan, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus, McCandless, McCorkell, McGlinchey, MA McKillop, McLean, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley, Watton and Wilson
- Officers Present** : M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
D J Hunter, Council Solicitor
P Thompson, Head of Tourism and Recreation
J Grey, SIB Project Manager
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager
E McCaul, Committee & Member Services Officer
- In Attendance** : Press (1 No)

1 THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming Elected Members, Officers, the public and press to the meeting. She addressed the meeting as follows:

Good evening everyone and welcome to our last full Council meeting before Christmas.

This has been a particularly busy time in my term as Mayor, with lots of festive engagements taking place across the Borough.

I have hosted a number of individuals and groups in the Mayor's Parlour since we last met. From the sporting world this included Steven Bolton, Ballymoney's newest world champion and the SuperCup NI committee

members. Marking special anniversaries, I met Peter Langton from the Girona Orchestra and representatives of Ballyrashane Church. As Mayor, these civic receptions allow Council to acknowledge noteworthy achievements and actions from all sector of life in the Borough.

Earlier this month, I was delighted to welcome Olympians Alan Campbell and Richard Chambers here to Cloonavin for Council's first Freedom of the Borough ceremony. It was a terrific occasion for our new Freeman, their family and friends, and for the Council itself. It will certainly remain a highlight of my term and my thanks go to everyone who helped to make the event such a success. As you will know the Freedom of the Borough is the highest honour which a Council can bestow and it was a huge privilege for me to be a part of these proceedings. Our third Freeman, Peter Chambers, was unable to attend but I look forward to meeting him just after Christmas at an engagement in Coleraine Town Hall where he will sign the Freedom Register and receive his Freedom certificate.

I found myself on a film set recently as well – thanks to an invitation from Dr Peter FitzGerald. His son is using the Dundarave Estate outside Bushmills for scenes in his new film based on one of the Canterbury Tales. Despite the weather, I was delighted to meet actor Noah Huntley and highlight the growing film sector here which of course benefits hugely from our beautiful natural environment, people and creativity.

I mentioned at the beginning that the build-up to Christmas has been very busy and I was delighted to take part in some of the Christmas lights switch-on events across the area. I would like to applaud efforts to make these events more inclusive with the introduction of 'Quiet Christmas' which has been very well received. I look forward to seeing how this pilot programme develops in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who welcomed me so warmly to their community Christmas events as well.

On Saturday evening, I was delighted to host a musical evening in Holy Trinity Church in Ballycastle. My sincere thanks go to Kieran Dempsey from the Glens of Antrim Comhaltas Group and all the performers who helped to make it such a special occasion.

Finally, I would like to offer my very warm wishes to Alderman Maura Hickey, who is stepping down from Council after tonight's meeting. She has represented this area for over 10 years, having been elected to the former Coleraine Borough Council in 2005. Just last year, Alderman Hickey had a very successful term as Mayor, and I was honoured to take over this mantle from her back in June. On behalf of the Council, I would like to sincerely thank her for her many years of dedication and commitment, and I wish her a very long and happy retirement.

I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

TRIBUTES TO ALDERMAN HICKEY

Alderman Hillis Councillor Watton, Councillor Douglas, Councillor Mulholland, Councillor McShane P, Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Fielding paid tribute to Alderman Hickey and wished her good health in her retirement.

Alderman Hickey read the following statement:

'As you are all aware, am not often I am lost for words, but tonight I will be very brief.

I am standing down from Council, not because I am burned out, fed up or tired of challenges, in fact the complete opposite. I believe that the only stability we have here in politics at the minute in Northern Ireland is at local governments. I believe that the opportunities for Causeway Coast and Glens Council is enormous. I believe that this new Council is on crest of a wave with potential for investment. I feel there is a right time to leave the stage and this is my time to hand the mantle over to someone younger.

I would like to thank all the staff from Coleraine Borough Council and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for their integrity, impartiality in supporting me in my dealings with them over the years. I would especially like to thank my colleagues in SDLP for their unstinting support throughout my 12 years in Council. I would also like to thank those members of other parties who over the years in both councils and they know who they are, who have respected my approach to genuine reconciliation and respect for others through my attempts to heal the great division within our society and communities and who have made decisions based on what is best for communities and ratepayer rather than political expediency

I would also like to thank the press for their coverage they have afforded me over the years but especially during my tenure when I was Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Some of you might be aware that I have been planning my exit strategy for the last 2 years and mentoring my successor during that time who I have complete confidence in and I know will act with upmost of integrity during decision making in this council.

*I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.
Christmas. Thank you.*

- * Councillor C McShane joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

On behalf of SDLP, Councillor Loftus extended thanks to Alderman Hickey for her years of commitment. She said Alderman Hickey was a great leader and friend to those in the party and wished her well on her retirement.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillors McCaul and Stevenson.

3 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

- Planning Committee Members Present (16) for Items 15 and 16 in Leisure and Development Committee Minutes of 12 December 2017 – Lansdowne Lane Portrush, Public Right of Way and Bath Road, Portrush, Public Right of Way
- Councillor Chivers – Item 17 in Leisure and Development Minutes of 12 December: Festive Fun Grant Awards
- Councillor Deighan – Item 7, 12 and 15 in Environmental Services Minutes of 5 December: Waste related topics.

4 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017

Referring to Item 19.1 of the November Council Meeting minutes, Councillor P McShane stated that the minutes of the meeting did not accurately record the discussion which had taken place in relation to the item and his request for legal advice at the meeting which had not been provided.

The Mayor advised that the minutes of previous Council meetings are presented at the subsequent Council Meeting for the Council to confirm the minutes for accuracy.

The Director of Corporate Services confirmed the Mayor's comments and advised that the decisions contained in the Council minutes have immediate effect following the call in period and are submitted to the next meeting for confirmation.

Following further comments from Members the Mayor called a recess at 7:30 pm to allow for clarification on the matter.

The meeting resumed at 7:33 pm. The Mayor clarified that the minutes of the Council meeting are presented to Council to be confirmed as a correct record.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that the minutes of sub-committees and committees are tabled at Council meetings for the recommendations to be ratified by Council.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 28 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

5 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8 DECEMBER 2017

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of Special Council Meeting held Friday 8 December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

6 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee held Wednesday 22 November 2017 be noted.

7 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 5 December 2017 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

8 MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017

Councillor Duddy presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising

8.1 Correction to the Minutes

AGREED – that the word ‘detest’ on page 15, paragraph 2 be amended to ‘desist.’

8.2 Notice of Motion Submitted, Proposed by Councillors Mulholland and Seconded by Councillor Chivers (Item 14)

Councillor Mulholland referred to the amendment to his notice of motion and stated that it did not achieve anything of value to this Council. He reflected on the debate that took place and comments made when the Notice of Motion was discussed and how Members had voted.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland

Seconded by Councillor C McShane

“That, in the aftermath of the intimidation of families from a shared housing development in Cantrell Close Belfast, this Council acknowledges the recent statement by the six main party leaders pledging their support for ‘citizens to live in a society without fear of intimidation, free from sectarianism and condemn all forms of sectarianism, intolerance and threats of violence’, and that this council also affirms the principle of the Good Friday Agreement which promised to citizens “the right to freely choose one’s place of residence” and the “right to freedom from sectarian harassment” and pledges its support for;

- *The right to employment free from sectarian discrimination, intimidation and attack.*
- *The right to housing and to live in your home free from sectarian attack, intimidation or any other discrimination.*
- *The right to free association, recreation and to socialise at places of choice free from sectarian attack, intimidation or other discrimination.*
- *The right to practice religious faith and worship free from sectarian attack, intimidation or other discrimination.*
- *The duty to report or challenge sectarian speech, attack, intimidation, or other discrimination when witnessed or heard”.*

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Mulholland.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the meeting to vote, 7 Members voted for, 23 against and 7 abstentions.

For: Councillors Chivers, McGlinchey, McLaughlin,
(7) McShane C, McShane P, Mulholland and Nicholl

Against: Alderman Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King,
(23) McKeown, McKillop S and Robinson. Councillors
Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy,
Fielding, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan,
McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Watton and
Wilson

Abstentions: Alderman Hickey, Councillors Beattie, Deighan,
(7) Fitzpatrick, Loftus, MA McKillop and Quigley

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman Hickey

Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick

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A recorded vote was requested by Alderman Hickey.

For: Alderman Hickey, Councillors Baird, Beattie,
(15) Chivers, Deighan, Fitzpatrick, Loftus, McGlinchey,
McLaughlin, MA McKillop, McShane C, McShane
P, Mulholland, Nicholl and Quigley

Against: Alderman Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King,
(21) McKeown, McKillop S and Robinson. Councillors
Blair, Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy,
Fielding, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan,
McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Watton and
Wilson

Abstentions: Councillors Hunter
(1)

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

8.3 Any Other Relevant Business (Item 20)

Alderman Hillis queried why items had been included in the Minutes under Any Other Relevant Business which were not discussed after the meeting was declared inquorate.

Legal advice was given by the Council's Solicitor.

A discussion took place on the accuracy of the Minutes and why the items not discussed when the meeting became inquorate had been included in the minutes of the Committee's meeting.

Following debate it was

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Alderman Hickey

That the minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting be amended in the following respect; items included after the Chair declared the meeting inquorate be removed from the minutes.

A recorded vote was requested by Alderman Hillis.

For: Aldermen Hickey, Hillis, King, McKeown and
(23) McKillop S. Councillors Baird, Beattie, Blair,
Chivers, Deighan, Fitzpatrick, Holmes, Hunter,
Loftus, McCandless, McLaughlin, MA McKillop,
McShane C, McShane P, Mulholland, Nicholl,
Quigley and Wilson

Against: Aldermen Campbell, Cole, Finlay and Robinson.
(13) Councillors Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy,
Fielding, Knight-McQuillan, McCorkell, McLean
and Watton.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

8.4 Garvagh Forest Trails Development (Item 5)

The Director of Leisure and Development updated Members on

next stage of Garvagh Forest Trails Development. He agreed to bring further information to Leisure and Development Committee on development of Ballycastle Mountain Bike Trails.

8.5 Funding Unit Staffing Structure (Item 19)

Proposed by Councillor Callan
Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

AGREED – that a review on staffing numbers in terms of overall staffing structures through various directorates and tiers being filled be brought back to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee, preferably in January 2018.

It was suggested that Council could benefit from presentation on how much had been re-couped back into the area from the Funding Unit.

8.6 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Alderman Robinson and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Leisure and Development Committee held Tuesday 12 December 2017 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved and including the corrections agreed at 8.1 and 8.3.

9 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017

Councillor Beattie presented the Minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Beattie
Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee held Wednesday 13 December 2017 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

It was suggested that the timetable of Audit Committee meetings be reviewed to meet more often than on a quarterly basis if required.

10 MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIDE

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

11 CONFERENCES

The Director of Corporate Services advised of the following conference:

- Northern Ireland Agri-Business Conference 2018, Looking Beyond 2020 being held on Thursday 15 February 2018 in Craigavon Civic Centre. Cost £195 plus VAT.

RESOLVED – to note the Conference schedule.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

The Director of Corporate Services advised of the following correspondence, previously circulated:

- Friends of The Somme yearly subscription 2017.

Correspondence has been received requesting Council's yearly subscription of £650.00 plus VAT of £130.00 making a total of £780.00.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Callan

RESOLVED – that the subscription be paid for 2017 and subsequently up to 2019, the end of Council's current term.

The Director of Corporate Services agreed to circulate a list of contributions to other bodies made since 2015.

- DfI – Limavady Road, Garvagh – Notice of Intention to make an Abandonment Order (Northern Ireland) 2018.

RESOLVED – to note the Correspondence.

13 CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Council was advised of the following consultations, previously circulated:

- DAERA – Response to the TBSPG’s Recommendations to Eradicate Bovine TB in Northern Ireland.

RESOLVED – to 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:

- 14.1** Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No’s 4580 - 4593 inclusive)
- 14.2** Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (No’s 2918 – 2919 inclusive)
- 14.3** Grave Registry Certificates, Enagh Cemetery, Limavady (No’s 468 – 469 inclusive)
- 14.4** Memorandum of Sale, Drumaduff Road Landfill Site, 9 No.
- 14.5** Memorandum of Understanding relating to a Collaborative Partnership between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Forest Service)
- 14.6** Deed of Surrender, B Knipe, Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

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

15 NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HICKEY

The Mayor invited Councillor Quigley to state her Notice of Motion.

‘Volunteer drivers

This Council notes the serious hardship arising out of changes in regulations relating to the use of volunteer drivers and the implications these changes have for schools, community groups and other voluntary organisations.

Council asks the Department for Infrastructure to suspend the introduction of these regulations immediately to allow the above-

mentioned schools, groups and organisations to make appropriate preparations relating to qualifications and not least the finance to enable such training to take place’.

The Mayor advised that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the next Leisure and Development Committee Meeting.

NOTICE TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Duddy

RESOLVED – that Council proceed to conduct the remaining business ‘In Committee.’

- * Members of the Planning Committee present left the Chamber at 9:30 pm.

16 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – BATH ROAD

At Committee’s meeting on 12th December the matter was referred to the Council for consideration.

The Director of Leisure and Development outlined the information presented to the Leisure and Development Committee and which had been previously circulated, that following investigation, new evidence had been submitted on public right of way.

The Director reminded Members of the recommendation contained in the report that based on the evidence outlined in the Status Investigation Report, Council does not assert a public right of way on foot through the site of Nos 4 and 6 Bath Road connecting to the Blue Pool as no additional, substantive evidence supporting the existence of a public right of way on foot has been produced as part of the 2016/2017 investigation.

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Alderman Hickey that

Based on the evidence outlined in the Status Investigation Report, Council does not assert a public right of way on foot through the site of Nos 4 and 6 Bath Road connecting to the Blue Pool as no additional, substantive evidence supporting the existence of a public right of way on foot has been produced as part of the 2016/2017 investigation.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Duddy.

For: Aldermen Campbell and Hickey. Councillors Baird,
(17) Beattie, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Deighan, Douglas,
Duddy, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McCorkell, McLean,
McShane C, and Mulholland

Against: Alderman Hillis and Councillor Wilson
(2)

Abstentions: Councillors Quigley and Watton
(2)

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

NOTICE TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Duddy

RESOLVED – that Council proceed to conduct the remaining business
'In Public.'

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their
attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

Mayor