

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair: Councillor Margaret-Anne McKillop

Members Present: Alderman Duddy, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell
Councillors Baird, Bateson, Holmes, Knight-
McQuillan, McAuley, McCaw, MA McKillop, Nicholl,
Schenning, Watton

In Attendance: Alderman McCandless

Officers Present: R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
W McCullough, Head of Sport & Wellbeing
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In attendance: Gallery (1 no)
Press (1 no)

SUBSTITUTIONS

Alderman Finlay substituted for Alderman McKillop.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman McKillop and Councillor McShane.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019

Summary previously circulated.

The Chair advised of a Change in the Order of Business.

**4. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BAIRD,
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCCANDLESS (REFERRED FROM
COUNCIL MEETING 25 JUNE 2019)**

'Over the past year there have been numerous collisions at the road junctions most used by traffic approaching and leaving the Dark Hedges. Sadly a young man from USA was killed in one such accident in September 2018. After lobbying the Roads Service and PSNI new high visibility Give Way signs were erected in October 2018 at two of the junctions but sadly the accident rate has not declined. Apart from the obvious high risk to life at these junctions the collisions have necessitated high level presence from the Ambulance Service, Air Ambulance Service and Police on an almost weekly frequency. Local people now live in fear in what has become treacherous international road junctions.

In support of lobbying currently underway I would ask that Council write to the Permanent Secretary at DfI and the Chief Constable for NI to have STOP signs put in place immediately at the Fivey Road and Bregagh Road junctions with Gracehill Road and that this is followed by other effective measures to ensure safety is paramount at these junctions. Furthermore that the Fivey Road junction with the Drones Road is risk assessed and appropriate action taken to ensure safety'.

Councillor Baird spoke in support of her Notice of Motion, stated she had been requesting of DfI Roads to place 'Stop' signs on two junctions near the Dark Hedges and Fivey Road near the intersection with Gracehill Road, near Armoy, Ballymoney. Councillor Baird advised that over the last year there had been numerous accidents, near misses, and she received reports on a weekly basis from constituents regarding cars speeding straight across the junction, a dangerous intersection whose popularity has been driven by the Game of Thrones. Councillor Baird advised most users were foreign tourists, unfamiliar with 'Give Way' signage and sadly reflected on a young American gentlemen who had unfortunately lost his life on honeymoon in a road traffic collision near the Dark Hedges.

Councillor Baird advised Emergency Services, Air Ambulance, and PSNI were providing a lot of resources in the area, farmers were afraid to use the road, Farmers For Action NI and Life After had been providing support.

Councillor Baird advised DfI Roads were reluctant to take immediate action, that works were planned to narrow a road junction, however that would take time and requested that in the meantime, 'Stop' signs were erected to reduce the risk further. Councillor Baird asked for support in

writing to DfI to request 'Stop' signs urging DfI not to wait to be implemented.

Councillor McCandless, having seconded the Notice of Motion, read from a prepared statement:

"In our Council area our Council officers have worked extremely hard in promoting the area. Our tourism has experienced continuous growth and we hopefully will continue to grow in the tourism industry.

Figures from Tourism NI have revealed that 350,000 people come to Northern Ireland annually just to visit " Game of Thrones " sites, that is one in six of our visitors. The Dark Hedges is one of these must see locations.

Regrettably while we should be recognising the Dark Hedges as a game changer for tourism here this evening, it is regrettably being highlighted as an accident black spot.

Visitors are wanting to enjoy our beautiful scenery and unfortunately collisions can be caused by inattention.

I am aware that DfI have advised that standard practice accepted throughout the U.K. in a rural location is a Give Way sign with the associated road markings and that reviews took place with DfI and PSNI.

However, we also need to accept that 80% of the world drive on the right hand side of the road. Foreign tourists are arriving tired after long flights, unaware of their surroundings, in an unfamiliar car, driving on what they perceive as the "wrong side "of the road - they are understandably confused. When you are tired and in unfamiliar surroundings old driving habits may kick in and some foreign visitors will probably not be aware that at junctions the priorities are reversed.

Most rental cars are stick shift, our rural roads can quickly become narrow uneven or winding and we need to be more accepting and accommodating of the dangers facing foreign visitors with improvements such as clearer road markings and signs and preparation to stop clearly marked on roads.

Tourism is vital to the welfare of our area, let us do all we can to make it as safe as possible for our visitors foreign and local.

Stop signs could potentially save lives and seriously reduce accidents at the Dark Hedges.

I appeal to the DFI - in the interest of saving lives - change your policy”.

All Parties stated their respective support for the Notice of Motion.

The Chair put the proposal to the committee to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

* ***Councillor Knight-McQuillan arrived at the meeting at 7.09PM.***

* ***Councillor McCandless left the meeting at 7.10PM during consideration of the Item.***

**5. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN FINLAY,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCAULEY (REFERRED FROM
COUNCIL MEETING 27 AUGUST 2019)**

‘That a memorial tablet, in memory of William Dunlop, be placed within his father, Robert Dunlop’s memorial garden in Ballymoney’

Alderman Finlay spoke in support of his Notice of Motion:

“William died tragically in July 2018, doing what he loved. Racing was in his blood, following in the footsteps of his father and Uncle, Joey Dunlop. I believe that it would be a fitting tribute to erect a Plaque in his honour in the Joey Dunlop Memorial Garden and I am requesting that Council undertake this in memory of William and his contribution to motorbike racing in Northern Ireland.”

Councillor McAuley echoed the sentiment of Alderman Finlay, stating William Dunlop was one of a kind, made his own name in the motorcycling circle and it would be fitting for Council, in this small way, to mark one of the Borough’s greatest Sports people, taken at such a young age.

All Parties stated their respective support for the Notice of Motion.

Alderman Finlay requested the DEA Councillors, in consultation with family members were involved in the detail of the tribute.

The Chair put the proposal to the committee to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

6. REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SPORTS FACILITY PROJECT BOARD

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Wellbeing and Sport, to request approval of a mechanism with which to consider the strategic oversight of the development of specific capital projects in Sport & Wellbeing, including the strategic review of Tier 1 & 2 leisure facility provision across the borough.

In January 2019 Members were updated on the successful funding application of €3.1 million from Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) towards community sports hub element of Ballycastle Shared Education Campus.

Members then proposed the establishment of a working group to consider the development of Leisure Facilities in line with Council's aspirations for Ballycastle. Rather than establish a separate working group Members agreed that the existing Project Board for "Coleraine Leisure Centre and Options Appraisal of Leisure Management", take on the planning of work proposed in relation to Ballycastle.

In June 2019 a report was brought to Leisure and Development committee for consideration which detailed the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for this Project Board – re-titled "Leisure Facilities Project Board". Following some debate about the merits of combining multiple SWB capital projects into one Project Board, a motion to defer any decision until August Leisure and Development committee was made and carried.

The proposal is that Members now consider how best to progress this issue taking into consideration the project board responsibility for the Sport and Wellbeing major capital projects;

Major Projects

- Options Appraisal of Leisure Management.
- The replacement of Coleraine Leisure Centre.
- Ballycastle Shared Education Campus (Phase 1).
- Ballycastle Leisure Facilities (Phase 2).

Options

Option 1 – Single Project Board for all Sport and Wellbeing Major Projects

Adopt the recommendation previously submitted in June 2019 to re-title the Project Board "Leisure Facilities Project Board" with the associated amendments to the Terms of Reference (Annex A) and the additional recommendation to increase the size of the Project Board to 10, thereby ensuring the membership can be more representative of the DEAs within which the multiple projects are based.

Option 2 – Multiple Project Boards for each Major Project.

- a) Continue with the “as-is” position i.e. Project Board for Coleraine Leisure Centre and Options Appraisal of Leisure Management and its existing Terms of Reference.
- b) As each major project moves beyond Stage 1 of the 4 Stage Gateway Review Points, establish project specific Project Boards by D’Hondt. Numbers to be determined by Council. As the Ballycastle leisure facilities provision has two interdependent phases establish a Project Board now with briefing / updates on Phase 1, which is an Education Authority led project, plus strategic planning for Phase 2.

It is recommended that the L&D Committee considers the above and recommends to Council the appropriate option to take.

Councillor Holmes proposed a more efficient use of time, the adoption of Option 1, with 8 Project Board Members; and allow substitutions.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Baird

- that Council adopt Option 1 – Single Project Board for all Sport and Wellbeing Major Projects;

Adopt the recommendation previously submitted in June 2019 to re-title the Project Board “Leisure Facilities Project Board” with the associated amendments to the Terms of Reference (Annex A, circulated) and the additional recommendation to increase the size of the Project Board to 8, thereby ensuring the membership can be more representative of the DEAs within which the multiple projects are based.

Councillor McCaw stated he had no issue with Councillor Holmes’ proposal, however, observed Independent and PUP Elected Members would not be entitled to have representation.

Councillor Watton referred to his electoral vote and stated he would have liked to have a say in Coleraine Leisure Centre and echoed Councillor McCaw, that representation should come from the DEA, to include the same for Ballycastle.

Alderman Duddy’s view was Coleraine should have a stand-alone Project Board, the precedent had been set by Council’s use of D’Hondt and the position on Substitutes set out in Standing Orders.

Councillor Bateson advised the Sinn Féin preferred position, Option 2.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl

- that Council adopt Option 2 – Multiple Project Boards for each Major Project;

(a) Continue with the “as-is” position i.e. Project Board for Coleraine Leisure Centre and Options Appraisal of Leisure Management and its existing Terms of Reference;

(b) As each major project moves beyond Stage 1 of the 4 Stage Gateway Review Points, establish project specific Project Boards by D’Hondt. Numbers to be determined by Council. As the Ballycastle leisure facilities provision has two interdependent phases establish a Project Board now with briefing / updates on.

Councillor Schenning, in the interests of time constraints and pressures on staff, stated support for Option 1.

The Chair put the Amendment proposed by Councillor Bateson, seconded by Councillor Nicholl to the committee to vote.

4 Members voted For; 10 Members voted Against.

The Chair declared the Amendment lost.

The Chair put the substantive motion proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Baird to the committee to vote.

10 Members voted For; 4 members voted Against.

The Chair declared the substantive motion carried.

The Chair advised agenda Item 5 – 7 were for information and assumed read.

7. CAPITAL PROJECTS PRIORITISATION

Information report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development to inform of the current situation in relation to progress of Leisure and Development Capital Projects.

The Environmental Services Capital Works Section has informed the Leisure and Development Directorate that it is only able to proceed with a limited number of Leisure and Development Capital Projects at this time because of limited resources following recent staff departures.

Consequently, the short term availability of technical staff within the Capital Projects Team has necessitated the prioritisation of Capital Projects.

Accordingly, an exercise has been carried out to identify those projects that must continue as a priority until such times as the Capital Works Section resourcing is resolved and normal working can resume. This exercise has identified projects based on those subject to legal commitments through signed Letters of Offer / Funding Contracts and those that could lead to Health and Safety liabilities if not progressed.

Leisure and Development Capital Projects

The projects below have been identified as Tier 1 because it is assessed that the consequences of not proceeding with them exceed any savings so generated. Accordingly, if the Environmental Services Capital Team do not have the resources to proceed with all of these projects, it will be necessary to deploy external delivery resources to ensure they are progressed

1. Tier 1 Projects

| Project | Reason | Consequences of not proceeding | Net Capital Cost to Council |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Peace Community Facilities Upgrade IV | Legal commitment – LoO / Funding Contract Signed | Breach of contract, claw-back of funding already provided, loss of funder confidence prejudicial to future funding and public / Member expectation of delivery of publically announced projects. | £0 – fully funded (£894k grant aid). Requirement for internal professional services. |
| Village Renewal | Legal commitment – LoO / Funding Contract Signed | Breach of contract, claw-back of funding already provided, loss of funder confidence prejudicial to future funding and public / Member expectation of delivery of publically announced projects. | £400k (£900k grant aid). Requirement for internal professional services. |
| Ballycastle Sports - Shared Campus | Legal commitment – LoO / Funding Contract Signed | Breach of contract, loss of funder confidence prejudicial to future funding and public / Member expectation of delivery of publically announced project. | £0 – fully funded (£2.6m grant aid). Requirement for internal professional services. |
| Magheracross Scenic Experience | Legal commitment – LoO / Funding Contract Signed | Breach of contract, loss of funder confidence prejudicial to future funding and public / Member expectation of delivery of publically announced project. | £275k (£530k grant aid). Requirement for internal professional services. |

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| West Bay Amenity Phase 2 | Health and Safety Risk to Members of the Public | Public liability claim risk and loss of amenity. | £580k – no grant aid yet secured. Requirement for internal professional services. |
| Options Appraisal of Leisure Management. The replacement of Coleraine Leisure Centre. | Affordability options combined with service / performance improvement. | The process of transformation is predicted to realise savings, generate efficiencies and achieve greater income generation. To not proceed may compromise the 'live' process of transformation. At this stage this project is not dependent upon the availability of Capital Projects Team technical staff. | N/A Requirement for internal professional and leisure specific consultancy services. |

2. Tier 2 Projects

The following projects are the top ranked projects based on Member prioritisation. It currently appears that the Environmental Services Capital Team do not have the resources to proceed with these projects at this stage, however, once resources become available, the work focus will be realigned in accordance with the following prioritisation;

1. Limavady Accessible Play Park.

Whilst this project is not subject to Contract or Health and Safety liabilities, the following work is proceeding:

- a. Following the identification of a preferred site, technical meetings are in progress to consider topographical surveys and potential outline design options.
- b. First draft of an outline design will be available in October 2019.
- c. Officers are currently engaged with the Principle of St Mary's Grammar School in order to secure the aforementioned lands on which to develop the accessible play park.

2. Cloughmills Sports Pitch Scheme.
3. Burnfoot Changing Rooms & Grounds.
4. Ballymoney to Ballycastle Greenway.
5. JDLC / Riada Changing Facilities.
6. Aghadowey Play Park.
7. Bushmills Traffic and Transport Hub.
8. Portrush Recreation Grounds.

Members were asked to note that the progression of any project is not entirely dictated by the prioritisation process and the availability of Council's resources. Other factors may include the availability of grant funding, the availability of land, the cooperation of other stakeholders, legal processes and the scale and technical nature of a project.

Alderman Duddy stated it was unacceptable Councillors' top ten priority projects had not progressed within the past 4 years and sought an explanation as to why they had not progressed and the as-is position with each.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised of issues with availability of resources and responded to questions surrounding Capital Projects officers and staffing.

Councillor Nicholl concurred with Alderman Duddy and whilst welcoming RDP and PEACE IV funding and understanding the constraints, perceived a wider issue how Council operates.

Councillor Baird drew on the Ballycastle Sports Shared Facility, that it should not have featured as it was now up to the Education Authority to produce the funding and expressed the List was allowed to be developed, exceeding capability.

Alderman McCorkell expressed concern, an undertaking had been given to provide a Play Park in Limavady by December, whilst not having the ability to deliver.

Councillor Holmes questioned the capability of the organisation for dealing with Projects. The Director of Leisure and Development advised of factors dictating progress, in Limavady suitable land was being sought.

Alderman Hillis did not disagree with Alderman Duddy.

Alderman Finlay concurred with Alderman Duddy.

Councillor Schenning queried the position with the land for Limavady Play Park, the Head of Wellbeing and Sport stated she wished to fully explore the current, preferred position before other options.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

- to recommend that the 8 projects sitting in Tier 2 are moved into Tier 1 within the next 6 months; that an update on all projects be brought to Council within 6 months.

The Chair put the proposal to the committee to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

8. ATLANTIC LINK ENTERPRISE CAMPUS UPDATE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development to provide an update in relation to Atlantic Link Enterprise Campus (ALEC) activity in this financial year.

Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)

ALEC, with an existing anchor tenant, 5NINEs data centre, is an opportunity to attract new business sectors in a wider Digital Causeway/Creative Causeway offering. To achieve its goals of diversifying the economy, Council aims to secure high-calibre tenant/s to occupy the site. The sectors which will benefit most from the Atlantic Link Enterprise Campus, and will deliver most benefit to the area's proposition include: Digital/ IT; Health & Life Sciences; Creative Media; and Cyber Security.

Progress Update

International professional property agents, CBRE were appointed in September 2018 via SIB's Asset Management Framework. The key role of CBRE is to market/promote/sell ALEC regionally, nationally and internationally to secure large-scale tenant/s to locate on site.

On the 12th February 2019, the ALEC Development Brief was officially launched and is being actively marketed by both CBRE and Council. Sales activity to date includes:

- Ongoing promotion/marketing of outline Development Brief to prospective tenants regionally, nationally and internationally via CBRE's networks and regional offices.
- Newspaper Adverts (see Annex One):
 - 9th April 2019 – Belfast Telegraph and Coleraine Times;
 - 30th April – Irish News and Irish Independent;
 - 14th May – Property Week
- Front cover page articles in both Agenda NI and Eolas¹;
- ALEC information events/roadshows to explain the offering; benefits and eligibility criteria. Key events to date included a breakfast workshop in CBRE offices in Belfast (May 2019) and an upcoming NI Chamber information event in Ballycastle (August 2019). Further

¹ Agenda NI's business magazine in Ireland.

breakfast roadshows proposed at CBRE's offices in Dublin and London in autumn 2019.

- Regular wide-spread mailshot of both new hard and soft copies of the ALEC Brochure and Development Brief to prospective investors.

See Annex Two (circulated) for a copy of CBRE's August 2019 update report. In summary, CBRE have stated that: *'The current commercial property market within Northern Ireland is suffering from a lack of occupier and investor confidence as a result of the wider political uncertainty. The threat of a "no deal Brexit" and the continued lack of government within Northern Ireland has resulted in a general decline in demand for property across the province.'*

In recent months CBRE have witnessed a number of large scale requirements across Northern Ireland being put on hold due to the uncertainty at present. CBRE and Council are reviewing our marketing approach on a month to month basis as the political landscape becomes clearer.

Summary

Despite the difficult market conditions, there has been a number of informal inquiries regards the site. CBRE continue to engage with one interested party requiring a presence on the site. Commercial in confidence at this stage, but it is anticipated that a formal response to the Development Brief will be submitted by the prospective tenant in late September 2019. Members will be updated accordingly.

Councillor McCaw queried input from Invest NI, the Director of Leisure and Development advised of the Invest NI property database, they were working with 5Nines, supporting business activities on site and were fully engaged.

9. LET'S TALK EVENT

Report, previously circulated, to seek participation from Elected Representatives from all parties and independent's in Council's annual Let's Talk event on Tuesday 8th October 2019 which is included as part of its Good Relations Plan.

As outlined in the Corporate Business Plan though resilient, healthy and engaged communities, the event is a youth citizenship project delivered as part of Council's Good Relations strategic theme for Our Children and Young People. The project is delivered as a Let's Talk event which aims

to increase awareness on local citizenship and increase awareness of cultural and political diversity.

Council's Good Relations audit identified the need to develop the leadership capacity of pre-teens and young adults to play a full and active role in building a shared and cohesive society. The overall purpose of the event is to help build the confidence of young people and encourage engagement with civic leaders to assist young people to making informed choices. The audit identified a need to assist young people in being more active in civic life and encourage and develop emerging leaders from across the Borough by engaging with local politicians and others from a different community background.

The Let's talk event involves post primary schools from across the Borough coming together to engage with political leaders via round table discussions and panel question and answer session, with participants voting for their preferred political parties taking place at the beginning and end of the event. It provides pupils from schools across the Borough with the opportunity to become more aware of who their local elected representatives are and question them about issues that are important to them.

This is an annual project that is continuing due to its ongoing success with an increase in the number of schools participating each year, hence the need for a larger venue to accommodate growing participant numbers. The project has been adapted over the last few years using feedback from participants and councillors. Last year 98% of participants said that the programme was beneficial to them. 91% of participants reported that they are more aware of what they can do to influence decision making as a result of participating in the Let's Talk event. In 2018 there were increased participant numbers from the previous year by 32. While the initial response for taking part was poor, there was an increase in councillor participation from 7 the previous year to 12 councillors participating in 2018.

In order to ensure the event meets the aims and objectives outlined within the Good Relations Action plan, it is essential that we have enough elected representatives taking part in the event not only to give a broad perspective of cultural and political diversity that exists within our Borough, but also to ensure accommodation of the increasing participant numbers of pupils.

Resources

The project receives 75% funding from The Executive Office through the District Council Good Relations Programme.

It is requested that there is a broad representation from Elected Members participating in the event and that all political parties and independent members are represented.

Names of the Councillors who would like to participate should be forwarded to Joy Wisener, Good Relations Officer by Wednesday 25th September 2019. Email: joy.wisener@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Director of Leisure and Development presented the correspondence.

10.1 Ulster University, Coleraine – Autumn Committee Meeting (dated 29 July 2019)

Correspondence has been received from Ulster University, Coleraine inviting the Leisure and Development Committee to host an Autumn Committee Meeting at Coleraine Campus. The meeting would provide an opportunity for Councillors and officials to meet with University colleagues, view the facilities and discuss opportunities for future collaboration.

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee consider this invitation.

Councillor Nicholl considered Council should accept the Invitation.

Councillor Watton stated he had no issue in trying the University location.

Councillor Holmes advised he had no issue seeing the facilities, and to return to the Chamber for the Committee meeting.

Alderman Duddy stated concern further external Invitations may follow and voiced reservations regarding technical capabilities, given the recent microphone failure at a Planning Committee meeting and enjoyed the convenience of Party pre-meetings.

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

– to recommend that Council host an Autumn Committee Meeting at Coleraine Campus.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote.
5 Members voted For; 8 Members voted Against.
The Chair declared the proposal lost.

11. MATTERS REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the partnership Panel.

12. CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultation documents.

AGREED – To Change the Order of Business

13. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (O))

13.1 Air Waves (Alderman Hillis)

On Sunday 1st September (Air Show Sunday) "no parking" cones were put out on Mark Street Portrush and parking tickets issued without prior warning.

Why was this done and why did we need them?

If there was a Traffic Management Plan in place for the Air Show who requisitioned it and what was the cost?

What are the implications for future tourism events?

What was the cost of the parking attendants (Red Coats) and who paid for them.

The Director of Leisure and Development informed Committee of the Traffic and Transport Plan agreed by SAG for the Air Show. Mark Street had been designated a White Route for Emergency Services and was coned to ensure it was accessible both ways and necessary to facilitate this.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised Council had employed a Traffic Management Team, legally certified, at a cost of £10,000 + VAT. The cost of Traffic Attendants at the Air Show and Auld Lammas Fair to enforce, was £3,500, twelve parking tickets had been issued at the Air Show, 11 cancelled and 1 extant.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation advised under Road Traffic Regulations 1997, updated, responsibility had transferred from PSNI to the Event Organiser and a Traffic and Transport Plan was required for

events, depending on their scale and size, whether it was on, or, near to, a public road. The Head of Tourism and Recreation advised SAG was multi-agency to include DfI, Fire Service, PSNI and Air Ambulance. The Officer further stated Council aspired to provide the service in-house, that £40,000 had been spent on Traffic Management last year.

Councillor Baird requested guidance be issued by Council due to the impact on charitable events.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Alderman McCorkell

Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move 'In Committee'.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

- * **Press left the meeting at 9.15PM.**

13.2 Dunluce Centre, Portrush (Alderman Hillis)

Can we please have an update on what is happening at the Dunluce Centre Portrush as the developer was to have finished his three year development in time for the Summer 2019 season.

The Director of Leisure and Development outlined the current position and advised a report would be brought to the October or November Committee meeting detailing responses to the concerns and enquiries directed by Members.

- * **Councillor Baird left the meeting at 9.36PM during consideration of the Item.**
- * **Councillor McCaw left the meeting at 10.01PM.**

14. REORGANISATION OF BUSINESS SUPPORT

Confidential report, previously circulated.

It is recommended that Members:

- Agree the Voluntary Severance request as detailed in the report presented.

Members are asked to note that;

- Full consultation has taken place with the post holder and the individual is in agreement with the redundancy decision.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Knight McQuillan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council agree the Voluntary Severance request as detailed in the report presented;

to recommend that Council note full consultation has taken place with the post holder and the individual is in agreement with the redundancy decision.

The Chair put the proposal to the committee to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

Alderman Duddy sought a definitive answer on the last date for Voluntary Severance.

15. REORGANISATION OF TOURISM AND RECREATION EVENTS TEAM

Confidential report, previously circulated presented by The Head of Sport and Wellbeing.

It is recommended that Members:

- Agree the Voluntary Severance request as detailed in the report presented.

Members were asked to note that;

- Consultation has taken place with the post holder and the individual is in agreement with the redundancy decision.
- Consultation has taken place with the permanent staff as detailed in the report presented, in relation to future structure options.

Alderman Duddy requested sight of the proposed structure along with costs prior to taking a decision.

The Director of Leisure & Development responded to Elected Member questions.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

– to recommend that Council defer consideration.

The Chair put the proposal to the committee to vote.

11 Members voted For; 1 Member voted Against; 1 member Abstained.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

16. REORGANISATION OF SPORT AND WELLBEING DEVELOPMENT UNIT

Confidential report, previously circulated presented by The Head of Sport and Wellbeing.

It is recommended that Members:

1. Agree the implementation of the revised staff structure for Council's Sport & Wellbeing Development Service Unit.
2. Agree the Voluntary Severance request as detailed in the report presented.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport responded to Elected Member questions.

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl
Seconded by Councillor Holmes

– to recommend that Council

1. Agree the implementation of the revised staff structure for Council's Sport & Wellbeing Development Service Unit.
2. Agree the Voluntary Severance request as detailed in the report presented.

The Chair put the proposal to the committee to vote.

4 members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 6 members Abstained.

The Chair declared the motion carried.

17. REORGANISATION OF SPORT AND WELLBEING BALLYSALLY

Confidential report, previously circulated presented by The Head of Sport and Wellbeing.

It is recommended that Members;

- Agree the progression of severance requests as detailed in the report presented.

Members are asked to note;

- Full consultation has taken place with the post holders and the individuals are in agreement with the severance decision.

Proposed by Councillor Schenning
Seconded by Councillor Watton and

AGREED – to recommend that Council

- Agree the progression of severance requests as detailed in the report presented.

That Council note;

- Full consultation has taken place with the post holders and the individuals are in agreement with the severance decision.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move ‘In Public’.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 11.29PM.

Chair