

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017

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9.1	Briefing on Forthcoming Irish Open	Received
4	Deputation – Northern Ireland Ombudsman's Office	Received
5	Minutes of Council Meeting held Tuesday 23 May 2017	Confirmed
6	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 24 May 2017	Confirmed
7	Minutes of Annual Meeting held Monday 5 June 2017	Confirmed

8	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 6 June 2017 8.1 Castlerock Footbridge	<i>Adopted</i> <i>Bring back to Environmental Services Committee</i>
9	Minutes of Leisure & Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 13 June 2017 Item 13 – Notice of Motion, Mountsandel feature	<i>Adopted</i> <i>Amended Notice of Motion Approved</i>
10	Minute of Audit Committee Meeting held Wednesday 14 June 2017	<i>Adopted</i>
11	Minutes of Corporate Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 20 June 2017 11.1 Annual Performance Improvement Objectives	<i>Adopted</i> <i>Noted</i>
12	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held Thursday 22 June 2017	<i>Confirmed</i>
13	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	<i>None</i>
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15	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Executive, May addition of Rural Matters • Education Authority, Review of Residential and Outdoor Education • Jean Caulfield, High Sheriff of County Londonderry • Public Health Agency Annual Report • NILGA, progress on Action Research Piece (One nomination to Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group)	<i>Noted</i> <i>Next pick on rolling d'Hondt</i>

16	<p>Consultation Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Finance, Equality Screening Publication – NICS Travel and Subsistence Policy; • Department for Infrastructure, Taxis in Bus Lanes. 	Noted
17	<p>Seal Documents</p> <p>17.1 Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No's 4506 - 4517 inclusive)</p> <p>17.2 Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (2629, 2888, 2902 & 2903)</p> <p>17.3 Grave Registry Certificates, Enagh Cemetery, Limavady (No. 462)</p> <p>17.4 Letter of Offer from Invest Northern Ireland for Financial Assistance to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council</p>	Seal affixed
18	<p>Notice of Motion submitted and proposed by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Fielding</p> <p><i>'That this Council pays tribute to all those from our community who served on the Centenary of the End of the Great War, acknowledges with grateful thanks those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and do so by participating in the Beacons of Light National Tribute on the 11th November 2018 and further propose the establishment of a Group to include key stakeholders to plan this important event'</i></p>	Referred to Corporate Policy & Resources meeting
19	<p>Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Fielding, seconded by Councillor Clarke</p> <p><i>'This Council contacts the Department for Infrastructure and calls upon it to urgently consider measures to address the parking difficulties faced by residents in the Ramore Street, Ramore Avenue, Causeway View</i></p>	Motion Carried

	<i>Lane and Princess Street areas of Portrush, including assessing the locality for a residents' parking scheme'</i>	
20	<p>Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor McCorkell</p> <p><i>'That this Council works with its statutory partners, immediately, to permanently resolve the unsightly image of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Councils' grass verges.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore, the exact costings to carry out this operation solely by Council, if there is no co-operation from our statutory partners'</i></p>	<i>Motion Carried</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017 AT 7:00PM**

In the Chair : Councillor Baird - Mayor

Members Present : Aldermen Campbell, Cole, Hickey, Hillis, King,
McKeown, Robinson

Councillors, Beattie, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke,
Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Fitzpatrick, Harding,
Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus, McCandless,
McCaul, McCorkell, MA McKillop, McLaughlin,
McLean, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley,
Stevenson, Watton and Wilson

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Performance
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
P Beattie, Head of Service Prosperity & Place
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
E Keenan, Council Solicitor
E McCaul, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : F Meehan, Ombudsman's Office
P McFadden, Ombudsman's Office
S Alice, Championship Director, European Golf Tour

Press (1 no)

1. THE MAYORS BUSINESS

The Mayor addressed the meeting as follows:

'It is my pleasure to welcome you all to my first full Council meeting as Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. I am very much looking forward to working with you all throughout my year.

My first month as Mayor has been incredibly busy and started off with a significant visit to Messines to mark the 100th anniversary of World War One. It was a deeply humbling event where I visited The Island of Ireland

Peace Park for commemorations and laid a wreath at The Lone Tree Cemetery in memory of those who lost their lives. It was an emotional trip but an incredibly thought provoking one also.

The month of June marked the opening of the new A26 road. It is now a functioning dual carriageway connecting the North Coast area with an easier and more efficient route to Ballymena and Belfast. The road carries around 18,000 vehicles per day and with traffic levels continuing to grow, this significant investment will help improve road safety and encourage more visitors to our wonderful area. I was delighted to attend the official opening along with The Mayor of Mid and East Antrim, Councillor Paul Reid.

In the sporting world, excitement is building for The Dubai Duty Free Irish Open which begins next week. With over 100,000 people expected to descend on Portstewart, the Irish Open offers a unique economic opportunity. The tournament will also be broadcast worldwide, showcasing the destination to a huge global audience.

Also this month, I attended the launch of Atlantic Link- the first Enterprise Zone in Northern Ireland. The event took place at Ulster University not far from here and marks Council's vision for a digital Causeway.

The ground-breaking plans represent an investment of £2.7 million by the Council and presents a significant economic development opportunity for the North Coast.

I was very proud to be a part of this event, which marks a unique collaboration between Council and the University. I really look forward to promoting the potential of this project as a prime location for foreign direct investment and welcoming our anchor tenant 5Nines. It is going to be an exciting few years as we watch the site grow and develop, with major local economic benefits.

In other good news for the area, I attended the launch of The Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan recently. It marks an important milestone in the ongoing development of our region. Community Planning is one of the new responsibilities of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and its statutory partners, representing the whole range of public services available across the area including health, education, public safety, housing, our communities, the environment and the economy.

I am very satisfied that this comprehensive framework reflects the primary issues of individuals and communities across the area.'

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Aldermen Finlay and S McKillop, Councillors Holmes, Deighan, McGlinchey and P McShane.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for Alderman Cole, Councillors Hunter, Mulholland and M A McKillop for Item 17 – Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, within the Leisure & Development Minutes.

AGREED – to change the order of business and move to Agenda Item 9.1.

9.1 BRIEFING ON FORTHCOMING IRISH OPEN AT PORTSTEWART GOLF CLUB

The Mayor welcomed Mr Simon Allice, Championship Director of European Golf Tour to the meeting.

Members received a powerpoint presentation which outlined that the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open was set to be the biggest in history and one of the world golf's great events. Rory McIlroy would return as defending champion and would be joined by a host of world class golfers competing for the \$7 million prize fund as part of the Rolex series.

The event would include an official opening and closing ceremony, re-entry to course, under 16's go free with ticket holders and marketing opportunities from Tourism NI. A wide range of entertainment would be held over the 6 days. This would include live music being held each night and a fireworks display on the Saturday.

Two meetings had taken place with local traders to provide an overview on how the event was being run and points made following the 2012 golf event had been taken on board with regard to transport management and lack of spend during the event.

Mr Allice highlighted that community involvement was important and the event organisers had looked at what could be improved. He said a lot of work was carried out in the background on marketing promotion, transportation etc and that the event could not have been carried out without the support of Council.

The Mayor thanks Mr Allice for presenting to Council.

4. DEPUTATION – NORTHERN IRELAND OMBUDSMAN’S OFFICE

The Mayor welcomed Frank Meehan, Senior Investigating Officer, Local Government and Paul McFadden, Deputy Commissioner, NI Ombudsman’s Office to the meeting.

Members were informed about the role of the Commissioner was to investigate, adjudicate and to consider alternative action to resolve complaints.

Supporting evidence ensures vexatious malicious or frivolous complaints are not investigated and at the outset, the Councillor is informed of the name of the complainant and nature of the complaint.

All investigations are conducted in private and legislation does not permit publication of the full investigation report. Where no breach is found, no action is taken and the Commissioner has discretion to publicise a summary report.

Alternative Action Policy of June 2016 aims to resolve complaints without the cost and resource implications; deals with breaches in a proportionate manner and encourages compliance with the Code of Conduct. Alternative action include:

- Reminder of obligations under the code
- Apology to the complainant or to the public
- Rectification
- Disclosure to another body eg Data Protection breaches to ICO
- Mediation.

Members received statistical information on breaches of the Code of Conduct, complaints received and basis of complaints.

Key issue of the Code is respect and freedom of expression and a conflict of interest is defined as ‘conflict between the public duty and the private interest of the public official in which the official private capacity interest could improperly influence the performance of his//her duties and responsibilities.

The representatives from the NI Ombudsman’s Office responded to a number of queries from Members.

On behalf of Council, the Mayor thanked the representatives for their detailed presentation.

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017

Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick
Seconded by Councillor M A McKillop and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of Tuesday 23 May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee of Wednesday 24 May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

7. MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017

Proposed by Councillor Loftus
Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of Monday 5 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

8. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

The Chair, Councillor McLean presented the minutes of the meeting and proposed their adoption accordingly.

Matters Arising

8.1 Castlerock Railway Station Footbridge (Item 11)

Alderman Cole voiced concern at stipulation by Translink for Council to provide a temporary bridge whilst the Castlerock Railway Footbridge was removed for clean and repair.

The Director of Environmental Services updated members with regard to communication with Translink and said to date there had been no firm response from them.

Proposed by Alderman Cole
Seconded by Councillor Knight McQuillan

That Council undertake to restore the bridge as agreed in April 2016 and for Translink to meet the cost of a temporary bridge.

Proposed by Alderman King
Seconded by Councillor Wilson

That Council wait until Translink come back to Council and if their response is satisfactory, Council to take the bridge down and have it accessed for cost to repair.

Councillor McCaul pointed out that Council had no obligation to replace the bridge and queried the possibility of costs being met by historical funding source.

Proposed by Councillor McCaul
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland

That Council agree Option 1 within the Environmental Services minutes and 'do nothing'.

Following discussion, the Director of Environmental Services advised that the true cost for any repairs could only be established once the bridge was removed and assessed.

Proposed by Councillor Loftus
Seconded by Councillor Harding

That decision on Castlerock Footbridge be taken back to Environmental Services Committee when full details were known.

At this point Alderman Cole, Alderman King and Councillor McCaul withdrew their proposals with the consent of their seconder.

The Mayor put Councillor Loftus proposal to the meeting, with 33 voting in favour and none against. The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

The Chief Executive agreed to liaise with Translink.

8.2 Lough Foyle Ferry Service Update (Item 13)

The Director of Environmental Services responded to queries on operational costs for maintenance of the slipway and toilet facilities at the ferry terminal.

8.3 Affordable Warmth Scheme (Item 18)

The work carried out by officers on the Affordable Warmth Scheme was commended.

8.4 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the proceedings of the Environmental Services Meeting held Tuesday 6 June 2017 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017

The Chair, Councillor Duddy presented the minutes of the meeting and proposed their adoption accordingly.

Matters Arising:

9.1 Killyrammer Community Centre (Item 9)

In response to Councillor Stevenson, the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the recommendation to close Killyrammer Community Centre had been made following assessment using a strategic outline case previously agreed by Council.

9.2 Notice of Motion Proposed by Alderman Hickey, Seconded by Councillor Quigley (Item 13)

Alderman Hickey outlined that after taken on board Members comments, she wished to submit a revised version of her Notice of Motion as follows:

‘As part of the ongoing process to access developments for Mountsandel Wood and surrounding public realm, consideration should be given to the costs and benefits of creating a feature at the Lodge Road roundabout that acts as a beacon, both for a celebration of Coleraine heritage and as a marker on Causeway Coastal Route welcoming visitors to the town.

Depending on outcomes of the study, Coleraine might well benefit from a regional and international attraction that may be known as

The Mountsandel Experience. Therefore I am asking that this proposal is accessed as an annex to the Mountsandel project already being scoped. I firmly believe that such a feature that portrays a rich and diverse heritage could act as a message to convey our pride in this area to the people of Coleraine, the wider Council area and visitors.'

Members welcomed that the Notice of Motion had been reworded.

Proposed by Alderman Hickey
Seconded by Councillor Loftus

That the amended Notice of Motion be approved.

The Mayor put the proposal to a vote, 30 voted for, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The mayor declared the proposal carried.

9.3 Ballycastle Sports and Leisure Facilities Update (Item 12)

The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to organise a site visit to Shared School Campus.

9.4 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Councillor McCorkell and

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Leisure & Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 June 2017 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

10. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2017

The Chair, Councillor Beattie presented the minutes of the meeting and proposed their adoption accordingly.

Matters Arising:

10.1 Budgetary Control (Item 7.2.4)

In response to a query, the Chief Executive confirmed that the first meeting of the Efficiency Sub-Committee would be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 29 August 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Beattie
Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 14 June 2017 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

11. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2017

The Chair, Councillor Chivers presented the minutes of the meeting and proposed their adoption accordingly.

Matters Arising

11.1 Zomba – Memorandum of Understanding (Item 4)

Councillor Harding indicated that he was pleased to see Council's relationship with Zomba renewed and suggested that up to 4 Members visit the region.

11.2 Armorial Bearings Sub-Committee (Item 5)

In response to a query, the Director of Performance advised that Council was waiting on correspondence from the College of Arms on Council's new Coat of Arms.

11.3 Land & Property Sub-Committee (Item 12)

Councillor McShane stated that a policy was needed on booking of Council facilities and that it was inappropriate for someone to book facilities up to 4 years in advance.

11.4 Retirement of Lord Lieutenant of County Antrim (Item 13)

Councillor McShane outlined that her party Sinn Fein objected to Council's contribution for the Lord Lieutenant's retirement event.

11.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Chivers
Seconded by Alderman Hickey and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee held Tuesday 20 June 2017 be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

11.5 Annual Performance Improvement Objectives

A report was circulated to update Elected Members on the outcome of the performance improvement objectives consultation before the information is published within the annual performance improvement plan.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

12. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2017

Proposed by Councillor Loftus
Seconded by Council Hunter and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of Special Council Meeting held Thursday 22 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

13. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL – LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIDE

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel, Local Government side.

14. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences scheduled.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 Council was advised of the following correspondence:

- Housing Executive, May addition of Rural Matters
- Education Authority, Review of Residential and Outdoor Education
- Jean Caulfield, High Sheriff of County Londonderry
- Public Health Agency Annual Report

RESOLVED – to note the correspondence.

15.2 NILGA Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group

The Director of Performance advised that NILGA seeks to expand its Economy, Investment & Rural Development Working Group to include elected member representation from all Councils. Council currently have one representative on the group, NILGA requests a further nomination to the working group.

AGREED – nomination from next pick on rolling d'Hondt.

16. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Council was advised of the following consultations:

- Department of Finance, Policy Screening – The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificate and Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations
- Department of Finance, Policy Screening – Amendments to Part F of the Building Regulations
- DAERA, Review of Decisions Consultation Document
- Department of Health, Continuing Healthcare in Northern Ireland: Introducing a Transparent and Fair System

RESOLVED – to note the Consultation Schedule, circulated.

17. 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:

- 17.1** Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No's 4506 - 4517 inclusive)
- 17.2** Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (No's 2629, 2889, 2902 and 2903)
- 17.3** Grace Registry Certificates, Enagh Cemetery, Limavady (No. 462)
- 17.4** Letter of Offer from Invest Northern Ireland for Financial Assistance to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed be approved.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN ROBINSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FIELDING

'That this Council pays tribute to all those from our community who served on the Centenary of the End of the Great War, acknowledges with grateful thanks those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and do so by participating in the Beacons of Light National Tribute on the 11th

November 2018 and further propose the establishment of a Group to include key stakeholders to plan this important event'

The Chief Executive advised, in accordance with Standing orders, the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.

AGREED – to discuss items 19 and 20 without referral to committee.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FIELDING, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CLARKE

'This Council contacts the Department for Infrastructure and calls upon it to urgently consider measures to address the parking difficulties faced by residents in the Ramore Street, Ramore Avenue, Causeway View Lane and Princess Street areas of Portrush, including assessing the locality for a residents' parking scheme'

Councillor Fielding spoke in favour of the motion and highlighted the problems faced by residents.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Clarke.

Several Members spoke in favour of the motion. The Chief Executive was asked to use his influence with Transport and Infrastructure officials.

The Mayor put the Notice of Motion to a vote, 25 for, 0 against. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DUDDY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR McCORKELL

'That this Council works with its statutory partners, immediately, to permanently resolve the unsightly image of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Councils' grass verges.

Furthermore, the exact costings to carry out this operation solely by Council, if there is no co-operation from our statutory partners'

The Motion was seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

Proposed by Councillor Loftus
Seconded by Alderman Hickey

That the Notice of Motion be amended to include footpaths.

Councillors Duddy and McCorkell agreed to the amendment.

The Mayor put the amended Notice of Motion to a vote, which was carried unanimously.

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.50 pm.

Mayor