

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
LAND AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BANN VIEW COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC HEADQUARTERS
WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

- Chair** : Councillor Quigley
- Present** : Alderman Hillis, Councillors Baird, Duddy,
McCorkell and McLaughlin
- Officers Present** : M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
S Mathers, Development Management &
Enforcement Manager
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
E Keenan, Council Solicitor
E McCaul, Committee & Member Services Officer
- Non Sub-Committee:
Members Present** : Councillor P McShane

OPENING REMARKS

Councillor opened the meeting by welcoming those present to the first Land and Property Sub-Committee meeting for 2018 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Knight McQuillan and C McShane.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor McLaughlin

Seconded by Councillor Duddy and

AGREED - that Sub-Committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

3. REQUESTS FOR USE OF COUNCIL LAND

The Director of Corporate Services presented a confidential report previously circulated on requests for use of Council land for the Sub-Committee to consider.

The following factors were taken into account when considering each request:-

- Right of way issues
- Setting precedent
- Impact on Council's strategy
- Valuation
- Long term impact on Council's asset
- Legal implications
- Health and Safety, Insurance, Risk Assessments and Event Management Plans

3.1 (Ref 02/18) Request to use Council land at West Bay on 3 June 2018 for Ford Fair

The Director of Corporate Services (DCS) presented the report to use Council land at West Bay on Sunday 3 June 2018 for Ford Fair.

The Causeway Coast Ford Fair is a static motor vehicle display, where exhibitors display their own vehicles and the general public are invited to view them. The event is a Family Fun Day, therefore there will be kids entertainment, trade stands and music/entertainment. 400 exhibitors plus visitor numbers of 10,000+ are expected. This event is now in its 14th years, held annually in conjunction with the Council, on the first Sunday in June. The Ford Fair was held at West Bay last year and previously at Dunluce Centre, Portrush.

It is recommended that Council grants, in principle, approval to the request from Causeway Coast Ford Fair to use Council Land at West Bay, Portrush for a Motor Vehicle Display and Family Day on Sunday 3 June 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Councillor McCorkell and

AGREED – to recommend that Council grants, in principle, approval to the request from Causeway Coast Ford Fair to use Council Land at West Bay, Portrush for a Motor Vehicle Display and Family Day on Sunday 3 June 2018.

3.2 (Ref 06/18 – 07/18) Use of Council Land at Waterfoot Beach, Benone Strand and Ballycastle Beach for UPC IFSA events on Sunday 14 January 2018 and Saturday and Sunday 10/11 February 2018

A request has been received from Ulster Provincial Council Irish Federation Sea Anglers UPC IFSA to use Council land for Open Gold Medal and Interprovincial shore championship Ulster 2018 at Waterfoot Beach on 14 January and 10/11 February 2018; Benone Strand 10 February 2018 and Ballycastle Beach on 10 February 2018.

There are usually approximately 60 participants from all 4 provinces participating in each of the events.

It is recommended that Council grants, in principal, approval of the request from UPC IFSA to use Council land at Waterfoot Beach, Benone strand and Ballycastle Beach for two events on 14 January 2018 and 10/11 February 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Councillor McCorkell and

AGREED – to recommend that Council grants, in principal, approval of the request from UPC IFSA to use Council land at Waterfoot Beach, Benone Strand and Ballycastle Beach for two events on 14 January 2018 and 10/11 January 2018.

The Director of Corporate Services presented requests for retrospective approval for use of Council land as follows:

- 3.3 The DCS advised that the request ref 508/17 listed in the report had been included in error and was therefore withdrawn.
- 3.4 (Ref 507/17#23) Request from Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute to use Council Land at Causeway Street Recycling Facility to install a weather station to monitor Bathing Water Quality in early December 2017

The DCS advised members that whilst the request was included in retrospective applications, the work had not commenced. Members were advised that as this was not permitted development, planning permission would be required, and the applicant will be advised accordingly.

- 3.5 (Ref 511/17) Request from DoubleBand Films to use Council Land on North Coast for Drone filming project to be held on 01.12.2017
- 3.6 (Ref 509/17) Request from Bushmills Resident and Environment Forum to access Dundarave Car Park, Bushmills for Christmas Lights switch on to be held on 01.12.2017
- 3.7 (Ref 493/17) Request from Riding for the Disabled Association for Santa's Pony Parade on Saturday 02.12.2017
- 3.8 (Ref 506/17) Request from Graham Contractors to access Council Land at Juniper Hill Caravan Park at Portstewart to carry out work on behalf of NIW. (NIW/NIR interface scheme) commencing on 04.12.2017
- 3.9 (Ref 495/17) Request from NIEA to use Council land at Benone Tourist Complex to install 2 piezometers to monitor groundwater, 05.12.2017
- 3.10 (Ref 514/17) Request from Arcadia Bathing Club/ Aware NI to use Council land at East Strand, Portrush for a "Santa Splash" event on 17.12.2017
- 3.11 (Ref 503/17) Request to Use Downhill Beach for a Civil marriage Ceremony on 22.12.2017
- 3.12 (Ref 05/18) Request from Mervyn Thompson to use Council land for Portrush Park Run to be held on 1.01.2018

AGREED - to recommend that Council grants retrospective approval to items 3.4 - 3.12 inclusive.

4. LEGAL ISSUES

4.1 Beach Road, Portballintrae

The Land and Property Sub-Committee was advised by Council's solicitor of an area of land at Beach Road, Portballintrae which appeared to show an encroachment on to Council land.

A settlement has been negotiated with the current owner to reflect any interest Council may have had in the land. The sub-committee was asked to consider and make recommendation on the offer.

AGREED :

- (i) to recommend to accept the settlement and
- (ii) to recommend that Council registers its ownership of its land at this location.

4.2 Bayhead Road, Portballintrae

The Land and Property Sub-Committee was advised by Council's solicitor that a number of complaints have been received from members of the public pertaining to signage erected and a right of way for vehicles and pedestrians at a site at Bayhead Road, Portballintrae.

Council's Solicitor advised that the matter would be considered further by the legal team with regards to the options available. The sub-committee was advised that Council had written to the land owner on the matter.

In response to queries regarding the signage, the Development Enforcement Manager confirmed that the signage could be deemed for directional purposes and from the photograph it appeared to comply with size requirements, therefore Planning Permission was not required.

Following discussion on the matter it was

AGREED: to obtain legal advice and bring a further update to the February 2018 Land and Property Sub-Committee meeting.

5. TIME OF FEBRUARY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

The Sub-Committee agreed that the time of the February Land and Property Sub-Committee would be changed to 7.30 pm to accommodate Councillor Baird in her Mayoral duties.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman Hillis

Seconded by Councillor Duddy and

AGREED - that Sub-Committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public'.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7:45 pm.