

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019

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| 6. | Minutes of Annual Meeting held Tuesday 14 May 2019 | <i>Confirmed</i> |
| 7. | Performance Improvement Objectives 2019/2020 | <i>Approve; Add Performance Improvements to the Corporate Body</i> |
| 8. | Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel – Local Government Side | <i>Nil</i> |
| 9. | Conferences | <i>Noted</i> |
| | - NAC Regeneration of Towns & Villages | |
| 10. | Correspondence | |
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| 12. | Seal Documents | <i>Seal Affixed</i> |
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| 13. | Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McGurk, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey, referred from Planning Committee Meeting 19 April 2019 | <i>Invite relevant representatives and Refer to Environmental Services Committee</i> |
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor S Bateson

Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell
McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson

Councillors Anderson, Baird, Beattie, Callan, Dallat
O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, Lavery, McAuley, McCaw,
McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, , McLaughlin, McLean,
McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl,
Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, Scott, Wallace, Watton and
Wilson

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
S McMaw, Head of Performance
J McCarron, Performance and Transformation Officer
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : Press (1. No)

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opening the meeting and addressed Council:

"I want to start my contribution by once again thanking the outgoing Mayor and party colleague, Councillor Chivers on behalf of us all for the excellent job she did representing the Council and its people over the past year.

I don't think anyone could honestly look over her year in office and question either her work ethic or her ability to represent all geographical parts of this Council and all the people within it.

As I have already stated, I have a hard act to follow.

Being the Mayor of this Council is a great honour and I want to thank my party for allowing me, a young, proud Irish Republican born and bred in Kilrea, this privilege.

I also want to congratulate Councillor McKillop on becoming the Deputy Mayor and I look forward to working with her over the coming 12 months.

If my first few weeks in in this role are anything to go by then I will have an extremely enjoyable and worthwhile year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support since the Annual Meeting.

It has been incredibly busy so far with a range of engagements taking place. I was delighted to attend the North West 200 as one of my first official public outings. The amazing atmosphere ensured a very memorable event and I would like to thank all involved for organising such a professional event.

I was also delighted to host a Civic Reception for a delegation of road racing enthusiasts from Macau who were here during Race Week.

I really hope they enjoyed their time spent in our area and return home with fond memories of both the NW 200 and the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

I also had the pleasure of hosting the Lubbock Christian University Choir from Texas in Cloonavin recently. The choir performed a number of beautiful songs including 'Danny Boy' in the Bann Gallery and it was an honour to welcome them to the area.

Looking ahead, our busy events calendar continues with the return of Bushmills Salmon and Whiskey Festival from Friday 7th until Sunday 9th June. Celebrating the village's famous local produce and our growing reputation for world-renowned hospitality. This is a weekend not to be missed with free live music, artisan markets and live cookery demonstrations.

I am looking forward to this and the many other events that highlight our food, culture, geography, talents and success throughout my year as Mayor.

Undoubtedly, a big focus in my first few months will be around The Open golf championship. The eyes of the world will be on us and if I were only a sports mad member of Kilrea golf club this would be an exciting time.

Now as the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens council, it goes beyond that.

It will be my absolute privilege, along with the rest of you and our officer team, to use this opportunity to represent this area and all that we have to offer and to make this event spectacular as well as ensure that we provide a worthwhile and lasting legacy for all our citizens for years to come.

I understand my new responsibilities as the Councils first citizen and it is a challenge which I relish. I mentioned my pride in who I am and where I come from earlier not to annoy or antagonise anyone but merely to demonstrate the changing nature of this island.

Culturally, socially, politically, from the bottom of Ireland in Cork to its top here on the North coast nothing is standing still. Nobody has anything to

fear either from this changing society or indeed from me in my role as Mayor. I want to meet, engage, visit, highlight and represent all within Causeway Coast and Glens.

I intend to use my year in office to carry on the work of Brenda and continue to allow the position of Mayor to provide a platform to communities across Causeway Coast and Glens regardless of their politics, sexual orientation, the language they chose to speak or colour of their skin. I will be a Mayor for all.

As the youngest Mayor so far in the short history of this council I intend to bring a focus on the youth of the area – their talents, their attributes but also their difficulties and challenges they face in a digitalised age. I want to highlight mental health – one of the major concerns in our new age- and signpost all that is being done and can be done to ensure all of us can seek help if and when required. This will be a major and developing theme throughout my year as Mayor.

So to conclude, my office is open to all am I looking forward to travelling right across this council area to help highlight, promote, and celebrate the good work that our communities and organisations within our communities are doing. I make this appeal from the outset. If you are involved in a group and that group is involved in community, youth, charity, environmental, cultural or sporting work please feel free to invite me along”.

Councillor Quigley congratulated Coleraine Heights Football Club who won the North West Junior Cup and Ballycastle United Football Club who reached the Final of the County Antrim Junior Cup.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor Chivers, Knight-McQuillan and McCandless.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded in Item 13, Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McGurk, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey, referred from 19 April 2019 Planning Committee meeting by the following Elected Members:

Alderman Boyle, McKeown; Councillors Baird, Dallat O'Driscoll, Hunter, Laverty, MA McKillop and Alderman McKillop on behalf of DUP members of the Planning committee.

The above noted Elected Members left the Chamber at that point of the meeting.

In response to a query from Alderman Duddy, Councillor McGurk clarified the area referred to the Sperrins and Binevenagh.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2019

Proposed by Councillor Hunter
Seconded by Councillor McGlinchey and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 16 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2019

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 17 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019

Proposed by Councillor McGlinchey
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held Tuesday 14 May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

7. PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2019/2020

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Performance.

*** Councillor Nicholl left the meeting at 7.13PM.**

The purpose of the report was to present the proposed Performance Improvement Objectives and Self-Imposed Indicators for inclusion in the 2019/20 Performance Improvement Plan.

Council was advised, the Performance Team would come back to Committee in June 2019 seeking approval for a Performance Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Elected Members were encouraged to continue to provide comments and feedback to the Performance Team to help identify Improvement Priorities for the Council.

In September 2019, as permitted within the legislation, the Performance Team will open up the opportunity for members to add a further Performance Improvement Objective to the 2019/20 Plan.

Members were asked to approve the proposed Performance Improvement Objectives and self-imposed indicators for inclusion in the 2019/20 Performance Improvement Plan.

Elected Members put forward additional improvements for consideration surrounding increased income through Leisure Centres, driving cost reductions, asset disposal, drive the percentage of money earned from non-rates, reduce the percentage of income servicing debt; Performance Improvement at the core of Council's Strategy, indicators in relation to the ranked top ten Projects, completion of Council's re-structuring.

Alderman McKillop proposed that in addition to approving the Officer recommendation, that Council make Performance Improvements core to the Corporate Body.

Proposed by Alderman McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Callan

- that Council approve Table 1 and Table 2 within the report circulated; that Council make Performance Improvements core to the Corporate Body within the 2019/20 Performance Improvement Plan.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Alderman Hillis

- that Council approve Table 1 and Table 2 within the report circulated with the inclusion of the following to Table 1:

- 5 We will increase income from non rates;
- 6 We will reduce the cost of service debt as a percentage of overall income.

Alderman McKillop clarified Councillor Holmes' Amendment was within the scope of her substantive proposal.

The Chief Executive clarified the proposal by Alderman McKillop, seconded by Councillor Callan:

- that Council approve (Table 1 Proposed Performance Improvement Objectives 2019/20);

- 1 We will increase the usage of our Leisure centres;
- 2 We will increase support for local businesses;
- 3 We will introduce robust arrangements for engaging with our citizens;
- 4 We will lower staff absenteeism rates;
- 5 We will increase to increase income from non rates
- 6 We will reduce the cost of service debt as a percentage of overall income

- that Council approve (Table 2 - Self-imposed Indicators);
 - 1 % of invoices paid within 30 days;
 - 2 Debt owed to Council;
 - 3 Number of complaints dealt with at stage 1;
 - 4 % of FOI and EIR requests dealt with within target 20 working days;
 - 5 Number of staff training attendees;
 - 6 The cost of agency staff across the Council;
 - 7 The % of agency staff hours as overtime hours;

- that Council make Performance Improvements core to the Corporate Body within the 2019/20 Performance Improvement Plan.

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

* **Councillor Nicholl re-joined the meeting at 7.20pm during consideration of the Item.**

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

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

9. CONFERENCES

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive detailing the undernoted Conference.

- NAC – Regeneration of Towns & Villages Conference
Venue: The Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport
Date: 28-30 June 2019
Cost: £350 + VAT

Recommendation

Members wishing to attend the above conference should contact Democratic Services.

Alderman Duddy considered a relevant Officer(s) from Prosperity and Place Department would find it beneficial to attend.

RESOLVED – That the conference report is noted.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive, detailing correspondence from Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA).

- The next Central, Local Government Political Partnership Forum is taking place on Friday 28th June from 10am – 12pm in the NILGA Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh.
- The Northern Ireland Local Government Association cordially invites senior officers and those Elected Members nominated to NILGA and its associated network groups to attend its Annual General Meeting and first all council meeting of the new council electoral term on Friday 21 June 2019, 10.30am - 1.30pm at the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle.

RESOVLED – that Council note the Correspondence schedule.

11. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive.

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Consultation on Amendments to the Marketing of Fresh Horticulture Produce Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010, The Marketing of Bananas Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 and the Agriculture, Food and Horse (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

12. 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.

12.1 Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (No's 4759 – 4771 and 4774 – 4777 inclusive);

12.2 Grave Registry Certificates, Ballymoney Cemetery (No 2953, 4772 and 4773);

- 12.3** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Crocknamack Green, Crocknamack Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.4** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, West Bay Car Park, Portstewart Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.5** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Black Hill Green, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.6** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Ballyreagh Golf Course, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.7** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Ballyreagh Car Park, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.8** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Glen Road Car Park, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.9** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Ballyreagh Golf Course, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.10** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Quarry Hill Car Park, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.11** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Car Park No 5 Lady's Hill, Ballyreagh Road, (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.12** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Car Park No 2, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.13** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, The Paddock, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.14** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, The Trade Village, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.15** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Ringaree Coastal Park, Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.16** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, Field at Finish Line, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);
- 12.17** Licence Agreement Coleraine and District Motor Club, The North West 200 2019, The Trade Village opposite The Paddock Ballyreagh Road, Portrush (Ref CP&R 190219/CM 190226);

12.18 Performance Bond, McLaughlin & Harvey Limited and QBE UK Ltd
(Ref ES 181204/CM 1912/CM 181218).

Proposed by Councillor Hunter
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 12.1-12.18 inclusive) be approved.

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCGURK,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCGLINCHEY REFERRED FROM
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 19 APRIL 2019**

Declarations of Interest were recorded for Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Finlay, McKeown, McKillop; Councillors Anderson, Baird, Dallat O'Driscoll, Hunter, Lavery, Scott, MA McKillop, as members of the Planning Committee and left The Chamber.

- * **Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Finlay, McKeown, S McKillop; Councillors Anderson, Baird, Dallat O'Driscoll, Hunter, Lavery, MA McKillop, Scott left The Chamber at 8.20pm.**

'This Council opposes plans to develop a goldmine and processing plant in the Sperrins and wider region. Given the serious health and environmental risks involved, this council is opposed to the use of cyanide for mining purposes, which also contravenes the European Parliament resolution of 27 April 2017 on the implementation of the Mining Waste Directive (2006/21/EC).'

Councillor McGurk read from a prepared statement:

"As many of you may already know, there are plans to open Goldmines through the Sperrins and Binevenagh areas, with prospecting licences already in place for these areas. The problem with these mines is typically the processing to obtain the gold from the ore with the use of cyanide.

Gold typically occurs at very low concentrations in ores and the most commonly used process for gold extraction is gold cyanidation. In the gold-extraction process, rock is smashed to dust, mixed with water, then cyanide is added to "leach" the gold out. However for every tonne of rock mined, as little as 0.6g of gold can be produced.

More than half of all gold and silver mines in the world rely on the use of cyanide. The use of cyanide in mining is however controversial, as spills have the potential to inundate an ecosystem with toxic levels of cyanide. There have been a string cyanide-related disasters in the EU alone include

Stava (Italy, 1985), Los Frailes (Spain, 1998) and Baia Borsa (Romania, 2000). The worst accident took place in 2000 at a gold mine in Baia Mare, Romania, where heavy rain, ice, and snow caused a breach in a tailings dam (tailings are the cyanide-treated ore waste, from which gold has been removed), resulting in the release of 100,000 cubic meters of cyanide contaminated waste into the surrounding watershed. Drinking water supplies were cut off for 2.5 million people in neighbouring Hungary and Serbia and hundreds of tons of fish in the Danube River system were killed.

Industry claims cyanide is relatively safe because — even if it spills — it breaks down rapidly in surface water. But the compounds that cyanide breaks down into can be harmful. Cyanide spills into groundwater can persist for long periods of time and contaminate drinking water supplies. Cyanide contaminated groundwater can also pollute hydrologically connected neighbouring streams. However recent disasters how very clearly the impact of cyanide spills can have on the environment over a large area and the local people in terms of health.

Now much has been made of the economic benefits of such mines, however it is worth noting that most of the companies that have prospecting licences for the wider Sperrins and Binevenagh areas are not owned by Irish companies. Instead are foreign owned which means the profits from these mines will not be fed back into the locally economy. In fact the company operating the current mine in West Tyrone is Canadian company owned by a vulture fund. The jobs created by these mines would only last for a generation, the lifespan of the mine (25-30 years), however the environmental impact of the mine would last for many generations to come and potentially impact on more sustainable options for economic growth in these areas such as tourism and hospitality”.

Councillor Wilson considered Council required more information to better inform the decision making process.

In response to Councillor Holmes, the Chief Executive agreed to consult with DfI regarding the process for determining such regionally significant applications.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Alderman Hillis

- that Council refer the Notice of Motion to the Environmental Services Committee, however, before that take place that Council invite an expert from the Environmental side and expert from the mining side to talk to Council regarding any deemed potential risk.

Councillor Beattie read from a prepared statement:

“The SDLP has already called for an immediate moratorium on precious mineral mining and for a public inquiry into the plans for gold and silver mining in the Sperrins.

In Government, when others wanted to exploit our natural resources for reckless profiteering, the SDLP took a stand and introduced a moratorium on fracking until we could be assured by scientific evidence that there would be no lasting impact on our environment or on local communities. Even today, there is no such compelling evidential case.

More recently, we have made it very clear publicly that we back an update to that policy which opposes strip mining in the Sperrins.

It is our duty, as elected representatives and custodians of our natural environment, to leave our stunning landscapes in a better state than we found them for future generations to enjoy. But, more importantly, our first responsibility is to protect the health of local people and local wildlife.

So far, there has been no assurance that the process for extracting precious minerals from sites across the North is free from risk to our environment, public health and local communities. That is why the SDLP has been calling for a further moratorium on these mining operations and proposals until we can all be satisfied about its safety.

We have backed calls for a public inquiry into the proposed mine near Greencastle, a forum through which local people can state their opposition and we can test the evidential basis for applications of this nature is the only way forward”.

Councillor McCaw, on behalf of Alliance, advised of his Party support for a moratorium on the extraction of storage of fossil fuels in Northern Ireland, given the concerns of environmental impacts and public safety. Councillor McCaw stated his support for the Notice of Motion.

The Mayor put the amended motion to the Council to vote.
11 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against, 12 Members Abstained.
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

Mayor