

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019

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21.	Illumination of Council Headquarters	<i>Motion Lost</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7:10 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor S Bateson

Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, McCandless, McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson

Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Callan, Chivers, Dallat-O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, McAuley, McCaw, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, Mulholland, Quigley, Schenning, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : Dr S Blockwell, Head of Investment Management, NI Water
D McCullough, Head of Wastewater, NI Water

Press (1. No)

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opening the meeting and addressed Council:

"Welcome everyone to our full Council meeting.

Throughout the month of September I have had the chance to continue to support my official charity for the year- the Zachary Geddis Break the Silence Trust. I attended the Northern Regional College's Fresher's week fair with the Geddis family to promote the charity to our young people starting college, reminding them that there is support available for those affected by mental health issues.

I am very much looking forward to working with the charity over the next year and making a difference across our local area. Next month we are planning to hold a fundraising coffee morning and I would encourage all of you to support our efforts.

I was delighted to join with some of our local producers and chefs for the launch of Taste Causeway 2019 which kicks off this weekend. It promises a month filled with foodie experiences and festivals, which celebrate the producers, makers, chefs and hospitality providers who make the Causeway Coast and Glens a stand-out food destination. There is a fantastic programme of events taking place throughout October which will help to showcase why Taste Causeway was named runner-up in a search to find Ireland's best foodie destination.

Last week, I attended a number of 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' events, including one here in The Bann Gallery to promote our new 'Move More' project with Macmillan Cancer Support. It was an incredibly well organised morning and provided an opportunity for staff to get together while raising much needed funds for the charity. I wish Council's new Move More co-ordinator Catherine Bell-Allen all the very best in her new role and I have no doubt this will make a positive difference to the lives of those living with cancer in this area".

The Mayor further congratulated Dunloy Cuchullains Senior Hurling Team on winning the Antrim Championship in Ballycastle and commiserations to McCleary Senior Camogie Team who were narrowly defeated by Banagher, and offered congratulations to Banagher.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hillis, McCorkell; Councillors Baird, Knight-McQuillan, McLaughlin, Nicholl and Peacock.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

Councillor Chivers, in Agenda Item 16, Deed of Variation, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and the Trustees of Drumsurn Community Association, as Drumsurn Community Association Treasurer;

Councillor McMullan as a member of the Board of the Education Authority.

*** Alderman McKeown left the meeting at 7.15PM.**

The Mayor advised he was permitting the Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Councillor MA McKillop to be dealt with on the evening; and that he was also permitting additional matters to be dealt with at the end of the Agenda from Councillor McAuley and Councillor McShane respectively.

4. PRESENTATION BY NI WATER:

Dr S Blockwell, Head of Investment Management, NI Water
David McCullough, Head of Wastewater, NI Water.

Dr S Blockwell presented on the Risk to Vital Infrastructure for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, on NI Water and Northern Ireland's ambitions, strategic issues for water and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and the critical nature of funding and Council's support.

- * **Alderman Robinson arrived at the meeting at 7.24PM.**
- * **Councillor McShane arrived at the meeting at 7.35PM.**
- * **Councillor Wilson arrived at the meeting at 7.40PM**
- * **Alderman Duddy arrived at the meeting at 7.53PM.**

The representatives responded to Elected Member questions and concerns.

Alderman Robinson referred to significant problems arising at a future date, whilst Councillors were an immediate point of contact for the electorate.

Proposed by Alderman Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

AGREED - That Council write to the Secretary of State and to the Westminster Government and to speak to individual Party Leaders.

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

Dr S Blockwell and D McCullough agreed to respond to Council on matters relating to Ballinrees Reservoir car park closure.

- * **Dr S Blockwell and D McCullough left the meeting at 8PM.**

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2019

Matters Arising

5.1 Point of Accuracy - The Mayor's Business (Minute Item 1)

Alderman McKillop clarified, page 6, summary, did not accurately reflect the following point (in Italics), '*the needs of the event organiser, RSPB Association, needed to be considered in the delivery plans of the Recreation Grounds and consultation with the Association was required*'.

5.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Councillor Chivers and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 27 August 2019 be confirmed as a correct record; including the point of accuracy noted at Item 5.1 above.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2019

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28 August 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

7. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019

Councillor Mulholland presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising

7.1 Correction to the Minute- Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Dallat O’Driscoll seconded by Councillor Beattie, received 28 May 2019, referred from 25 June Council Meeting reconvened 6 August 2019 (Minute Item 4)

Alderman Robinson advised of a typing error on Page 8 of the minutes, the fifth paragraph that should have read ‘*five*’, not eight.

7.2 Asset Disposal Investigation (Minute Item 17)

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Beattie and

AGREED – that Council move ‘*In Committee*’.

*** Press left the meeting at 8.05PM**

The Director of Environmental Services advised a workshop took place on 16th September regarding Magilligan Ferry Terminal and Slipway, at which, Elected Members discussed proposals for the asset.

Alderman Robinson stated his Party were happy to recommend the asset be deemed surplus. Councillor Holmes and Councillor Beattie concurred, respectively.

Proposed by Alderman Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

AGREED – that Council declare the asset surplus.

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

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘OUT OF COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

AGREED – that Committee move ‘Out of Committee’.

* **Press re-joined the meeting at 8.10PM.**

7.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Anderson
Seconded by Councillor Chivers and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 3 September 2019 be confirmed; including the correction to the Minute noted at Item 7.1 above.

8. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

Councillor MA McKillop presented the Minutes for adoption.

Matters Arising

8.1 Correction to the Minute- Capital Projects Prioritisation (Minute Item 7)

Alderman Duddy advised the wording of the motion on Page 12 of the Minutes should have read (*in italics*):

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

8.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 10 September 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the correction to the Minute at Item 8.1 above.

9. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Councillor McShane presented the Minutes for adoption.

Matters Arising

9.1 Loan Application Approvals (Minute Item 11)

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Alderman McCandless

- That the Chief Finance Officer drawdown 50% of the loans and revisit.

The Chief Finance Officer clarified the amount of Council Loans outstanding as £68M, and not £71M as previously reported.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

Council voted unanimously in favour.

The Mayor declared the Amendment carried.

9.2 UU Coleraine Campus (Councillor Holmes) (Minute Item 5)

Councillor Callan stated he required a Forum between Councillors and Ulster University to be established to discuss and have regular meetings.

9.3 Party Group Leaders' Forum Terms of Reference (Minute Item 10)

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Callan
Seconded by Councillor Holmes

- That Council approve the formation of a Party Group Leaders' Forum and the Forum Membership consist of Party Group Leaders, or Deputy, of any political party with at least 10% membership of council (DUP, SF, UUP and SDLP).

Councillor McCaw, speaking on behalf of smaller Party's advised they also had a mandate and membership should therefore be increased to 8.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

16 Members voted For; 10 Members voted Against; 4 Members abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment carried.

9.4 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McShane

Seconded by Councillor McGurk and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 17 September 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the Amendments each at Item 9.1, 9.2 and Item 9.3 above.

10. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

Councillor McAuley presented the Minutes for adoption.

Matters Arising

10.1 Internal Audit – Council Easement and Disposal Process (Minute Item 14)

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland

Seconded by Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll

- That Council move 'In Committee'.

*** Press left the meeting at 8.25PM.**

Councillor Quigley clarified that her motion was linked with the second paragraph of text presented and should have added:

- documents of strategic importance need to be presented not less than four days before a committee.

Proposed by Councillor Quigley
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland and

AGREED - that Council hold a Special Audit Committee meeting at the end of October / early November.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

Council voted unanimously in favour.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

10.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee held Wednesday 18 September 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the correction to the minute at Item 10.1 above.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘OUT OF COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move ‘Out of Committee’.

11. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE SELF-ASSESSMENT 2018/19

The purpose of the report was to update Members to the content of the self-assessment report on Council’s performance against the 2018/19 Performance Improvement Plan.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

AGREED – that Council move ‘In Committee’.

*** Press left the meeting at 8.32PM.**

During requests for clarification from Elected members, the following responses were provided:

Development of the new Enterprise Zone: The Director of Leisure and Development provided a confidential update;

Prompt Payment Invoices - The Chief Finance Officer advised he would provide a response in due course regarding the implementation date of electronic systems;

Self imposed Indicators - the Director of Corporate Services advised detailed analysis on Agency Staff costs would be brought to the Audit Committee and other relevant committees;

Council Absenteeism - the Director of Corporate Services advised a detailed update was provided to Audit Committee and a quarterly report on absenteeism would be presented to all Committees going forward;

Referring to a Press query posed to Council in connection with sick leave and mental health issues, the Director of Corporate Services stated a response had now been issued.

Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) created in the Borough – the Chief Executive agreed to engage with the BID Team.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘OUT OF COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Alderman Finlay and

AGREED – that Council move ‘Out of Committee’.

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

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

13. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated.

14.1 NILGA, correspondence dated 8th August 2019

Correspondence had been received from Councillor Frances Burton, NILGA President to convey both personal thanks and corporate

congratulations to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, following the immensely successful 2019 Open Golf Championship in July.

14.2 Royal Portrush Golf Club, correspondence dated 13h August 2019

Correspondence had been received from Wilma Erskine, Secretary/Manager and John Bamber, Chairman, Open Championship Committee thanking the Chief Executive and Council for its support and assistance provided with the hosting of The 148th Open.

14.3 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council correspondence dated 20th August 2019

TV Licensing for the over 75s

Correspondence had been received from Mr Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive, advising that at its meeting held on Monday 5 August 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

“This Council notes with serious concern the plans that the British Broadcasting Corporation has announced relating to the means testing of the provision of TV licensing for the over-75s.

The Council agrees to request that the BBC immediately cease these plans and agrees also that the Chairperson of Council convenes a meeting with BBC senior officials and the Newry and Mourne Senior Citizens Consortium to hear at first hand the impact that this decision will have on our most valued and respected Citizens of Newry, Mourne and Down”.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are seeking support for this Motion from all Councils across N Ireland and seek a reply.

Alderman McCandless spoke in support of the Notice of Motion, stating the BBC plans would have an adverse impact, television was the main form of companionship for some Pensioners who were caught in a tug of war between BBC and the Government.

Alderman Duddy agreed, Council had an ageing population and would impact on residents in the Borough.

Proposed by Alderman McCandless
Seconded by Alderman Duddy and

AGREED – that Council support the Notice of Motion.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

14.4 Belfast City Council, correspondence dated 12th September 2019

Equal Protection for Children Legislation

Correspondence had been received from Democratic Services, Belfast City Council, at its meeting on 2nd September, passed the following motion:

“This Council notes and welcomes the work of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People’s work in promoting positive parenting and Equal Protection for Children.

In recognition of this work by the NICCY and in support of other agencies such as the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, this Council will write to Assembly Party Leaders, the Executive Office and other NI Councils to champion the inclusion of Equal Protection for Children legislation in the Programme for Government, which would remove the defence of reasonable chastisement for parents who physically punish their child and provide more support and guidance for parents to promote constructive and effective ways to encourage better behaviour and development for their children”

Belfast City Council would welcome any comments Council may wish to make in relation to the motion.

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

AGREED – that Council note the correspondence Items 14.1, 14.2 and 14.4.

15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Report, previously circulated.

The following Consultation documents were presented:

- Northern & Western Regional Assembly, Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES) Update – Proposed Material Amendments & Public Consultation;
- The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, Changes to the Annual Return Regulations 2019 (ARR 2019) and the Online Registration Application;

- DfC Equality Unit, Draft Equality Action Plan 2019 – 2022;
- Commission for Victims and Survivors Disability and Quality Action Plans, Draft Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation schedule.

16. 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.

16.1 Coleraine/Ballywillan/Agherton/Portstewart/Kilrea (10 No);

16.2 Ballymoney/Rasharkin (1 No);

16.3 Full Fibre Northern Ireland Consortium Agreement (FFNI) Programme (Ref L&D 190813 / CM 190827);

16.4 Deed of Variation – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and the Trustees of Drumsum Community Association (Ref CM 190416).

Proposed by Alderman McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 16.1-16.4 inclusive) be approved.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALAN MCLEAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHN MCAULEY

“Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has many miles of beautiful coastline that has seen an increase in visitors during the last number of years as we promote its tourism opportunities. Unfortunately, the marine environment suffers from an increasing amount of plastic waste and in shore litter which locals have always been keen to keep under control. In order to assist local communities in keeping their areas tidy and free from litter, this Council would purchase and install a number of Seabins in order to improve this position and ensure future generations can enjoy this wonderful asset.”

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environmental Services committee.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN JOHN FINLAY,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MARGARET-ANNE MCKILLOP**

“That this Council expresses its deep concern at the decision by Westminster to proceed with reform of abortion law against the wishes of the people of Northern Ireland and their elected representatives, and notes the sensitivity and complexity of this issue, and ask that no legislative changes regarding abortion be considered until the NI assembly is restored.”

Alderman Finlay advised this was not a Party Political issue, although DUP were very pro-life, it was a moral issue giving a voice to the voiceless, a matter of unborn children and the hope of keeping them alive.

Alderman Finlay presented a statement to Council:

“Abortion is not a rare occurrence:

- An estimated 56 million abortions were carried out each year worldwide between 2010 and 2014; this means that 25% of all pregnancies ended in abortion over this period.*
- There were 200,608 abortions carried out for women resident in England and Wales in 2018. A further 4,687 abortions were performed upon non-resident women. Of these, 1053 were from Northern Ireland. The total number of abortions in England and Wales last year represents an overall increase of 4% and is the highest number of abortions ever recorded .*
- 26% of abortions were performed in NHS hospitals and 72% in approved independent places under NHS contract, meaning that 98% of abortions were funded by the NHS while the remaining 2% were privately funded. As such, abortion services are largely subsidized by the tax payer.*
- 3,269 (2%) abortions were carried out due to the risk that the child would be born seriously handicapped.*
- 39% of abortions were carried out on women who had one or more previous abortions (abortion as contraception?).*
- 97% of abortions in the UK over the past 10 years have been carried out under ‘Ground C’. Abortions under Ground C stipulate that:
“...the pregnancy has not exceeded its 24th week and the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk, greater than if the pregnancy were terminated, of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman.”*
- 99.9% of abortions carried out under Ground C were performed because of a perceived risk to the mother’s mental health, or “F99 (mental disorder, not otherwise specified)”. As such, the vast majority of abortions appear to be carried out for social reasons i.e. abortion ‘on demand’.*

Abortion is not safe:

- *A Finnish study found that 15.6% of women who took abortion pills attended hospital for haemorrhage, one-fifth of whom required medical intervention (e.g. blood transfusion)*
- *Compared to women who carried their pregnancy to term, women who abort their child are 3.5 times more likely to die within the year due to all causes.*
- *Women who undergo an abortion are 81% more likely to suffer subsequent mental health problems than women who carry their pregnancy to term.*
- *78,4% of women who take abortion pills describe the pain they experience as “moderate to severe.”*

Councillor MA McKillop presented a statement to Council:

“If the NI Executive does not reform by 21st October on the 22nd October section 9 of the NI Executive formation act will come into force. According to the application of this act, abortion could be available up to 6 and half months in a pregnancy and the law allows for abortion on request.

All legal protection for the unborn will be removed by this act.

There is confusion over what the new law means and there is disagreement around what practical changes will arise if the assembly is not restored by October 21st.

The reality is we will have no legislation and no statutory framework until March 2020.

This in itself is an unacceptable outworking of a law being imposed on us without proper consultation or consent

There is particular uncertainty for medical professionals who trained to protect life not to end it. There is no guarantee of and provision for conscientious objection within this legislation for the medical profession.

Should this legislation come into being on 22October wild birds’ eggs will have more legal protection than unborn babies up to at least 6 months in their mother’s womb.

We have here in NI the wildlife NI order 1985 and it makes it illegal to kill or injure any wild bird or to destroy one of their eggs.

As a woman a mother grandmother and a councillor I firmly believe that woman deserve better than abortion.

When a woman is faced with a crisis pregnancy we need to ensure that we are providing the resources to end the crisis and maintain the pregnancy. This evening I urge this council to support this motion that no legislative changes to abortion be considered until the NI Assembly is restored.

Councillor MA McKillop added that if the proposer, Alderman Finlay was in agreement that Council also write to Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Alderman Finlay added he was in agreement and that Council also write to the Prime Minister and Leaders of the Party's in Northern Ireland.

Councillor MA McKillop requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Wilson did not disagree, other than they would not see restoration of devolved Government in Northern Ireland, Legislation would be passed by Westminster, and it was hard to watch and debate a motion that Council had no power to change.

Alderman Boyle stated it was a sensitive and complex topic, for Alliance it was an issue of personal conscience. Alderman Boyle advised David Ford had consulted on fatal foetal abnormality and payed tribute to Sarah Ewart stating she was very brave to help get the law changed. Alderman Boyle summarised the Legal Position in the UK by the Supreme Court which was a breach of human rights in cases of fatal foetal abnormality, rape and incest. Alderman Boyle noted the uncertainty from Doctors and a conflict of duty to patients and the Law and Guidance on abortion.

Councillor McLean supported Alderman Finlay and Councillor MA McKillop and their proposal.

Councillor Holmes felt the right to life would lead over the right to choose, except in very exceptional circumstances and supported the motion.

Councillor McCaw stated it was a sensitive topic and his Party's view was a matter of conscience for start and end of life issues. Councillor McCaw stated he did not understand the mood against giving women autonomy over their own bodies and as a liberal respected peoples right to do as they see fit with their own bodies in their own circumstances.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor McShane

Seconded by Councillor McGurk

- That this Council calls for the Assembly to be re-established immediately on the basis of rights and equality and provide modern healthcare for

women including terminations where a woman's life, health or mental health is at risk and in cases of fatal foetal abnormality and sexual crime.

Councillor Quigley advised SDLP was a pro-life Party, for the human right of the baby in the womb, she advised of a GP and a thousand healthcare workers who had written to Secretary of State regarding the issue and was fully supportive of motion.

Alderman McCandless stated it was regrettable women were driven to choose, that recriminations would haunt women for the rest of their lives and advised Council to lobby MLA's to return to Stormont.

Councillor Beattie stated she did not support the amendment, being cited from Sinn Féin.

Alderman Duddy stated everybody had the right to life from the moment of conception and welcomed the motion and its cross Party support.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

7 Members voted For; 21 Members voted Against; 1 Member abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

For (7)	Alderman Boyle, Councillors Bateson, Chivers, McCaw, McGurk, McMullan, McShane
Against (21)	Alderman Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, McCandless, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson, Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, McAuley, MA McKillop, McLean, McQuillan, Mulholland, Quigley, Scott, Wallace, Wilson
Abstain (1)	Dallat O'Driscoll

The Mayor put the Motion to the Council to vote.

22 Members voted For; 7 Members voted Against; 0 members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

For (22)	Alderman Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, McCandless, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson, Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Callan, Dallat O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, McAuley, MA McKillop, McLean, McQuillan, Mulholland, Quigley, Scott, Wallace, Wilson
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Against (7)	Alderman Boyle, Councillors Bateson, Chivers, McCaw, McGurk, McMullan, McShane
Abstain (0)	

19. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD HOLMES SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SANDRA HUNTER, SUPPORTED BY ALDERMAN NORMAN HILLIS

“DEVELOPMENT

Council notes that we own significant plots of land and buildings across the Borough which may have development potential. We also note that there has been significant growth in housing stock in recent years but that demand still outstrips supply with waiting lists for housing still an issue. Whilst ensuring we manage our green spaces, we task officers to:

1. *Explore options to develop land/buildings for housing and/or commercial purposes;*
2. *Determine whether it is a viable option to enter the renting sector having developed sites and whether this should be done alone or in partnership with housing organisations;*
3. *Assess whether a Council Owned Development Company is the best option to deliver the above.”*

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environmental Services committee.

20. WRIGHTBUS

Councillor McAuley addressed Council, that although Council was liaising with Mid and East Antrim Council, it was very important for Council to receive an update and progress plans for Advice and Redundancy Clinics etc within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council as the effects of the factory closure would have a huge impact in the area.

Councillor McAuley advised an opportunity had come to light with Ulster University to work with Invest NI to fund targeted retraining of staff, with at least 300 people in the Borough being affected.

Proposed by Councillor McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Callan

- That Council provide, as a minimum, the same level of support Mid and East Antrim had given to the employees of Wrightbus;
- That Council support the initiative with Ulster University.

Councillor Wilson concurred, with the adverse impact on the manufacturing factories in the Borough.

The Chief Executive advised Council had engaged immediately with Mid and East Antrim and Invest NI at the earliest opportunity.

The Director of Leisure and Development summarised the work to date and further advised of four Business Engagement events, the first on 9th October in Ballymoney with the Jobs and Benefits Office and prospective employers and with a focus on Wrightbus, and that work would continue unabated.

Alderman Duddy expressed concern with the date of the first event of 9 October and expressed a desire that it would occur earlier.

The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to look at the timescale.

Councillor McShane suggested Council work with Trade Unions and include more profile and signposting.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

* **Alderman Robinson left the meeting at 9.43PM.**

21. ILLUMINATION OF COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS

Proposed by Councillor McShane

Seconded by Councillor McGurk

- That in advance of the next European Council meeting on October 17th, the last EU summit planned before Brexit (on 31st October), in an effort to highlight the dangers posted to citizens, the all island economy, the agricultural sector among others, are requesting that Causeway Coast and Glens Council lights up Cloonavin (Council's HQ) in Yellow and Black on October 16th in support of Border Communities Against Brexit.

Councillor Wilson stated he did not feel the motion would achieve anything.

Councillor McCaw supported the measure to support the disaster of Brexit.

Councillor Holmes, having supported Brexit, felt businesses and trade want Brexit done.

Alderman Duddy considered Council could not support one and not the other and was an equality issue and may be divisive for Council.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

12 Members voted for; 16 Members voted Against.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.45PM.

Mayor