

**COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020**

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	<b>24.1</b> Internal Audit Review of Land and Disposal Easement	<b>Director of Corporate Services to follow up</b>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON  
TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020 AT 7:00PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor, Councillor Bateson
- Members Present** : Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, McCandless, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson
- Councillors Anderson, Baird, Beattie, Callan, Chivers, Dallat- O’Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, McAuley, McCaw, McGlinchey, MA McKillop, C McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, Scott, Wallace, Watton and 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  
J Richardson, Head of Capital Works and Infrastructure  
T Vauls, Car Parks Manager  
J Morton, Harbour Master  
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer
- In Attendance** : N Moore, BID Coleraine BID Influence Sub Group Chairman,  
Owner Managing Director Moores of Coleraine  
I Donaghey MBE Chair of Coleraine BID Board  
J Hamill, CBID Manager
- Public (9 No)  
Press (1 No)

**1. THE MAYOR’S BUSINESS**

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed Members back after the Christmas break.

‘Before we begin this evening’s business, I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved break over Christmas with your family and friends.

I visited Black Santa in Ballymoney 2 days before Christmas and during the month Black Santa had stood in Ballymoney, a substantial amount of money has been raised for a number of local charities.

On Christmas Eve, I was delighted to show my support for my charity The Zachary Geddis Break the Silence Trust by attending its Alternative Xmas' event in Coleraine. St Malachy's Community Hall opened on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day providing a much needed space for those who might have found the Christmas period difficult.'

Proposed by Councillor C McShane  
Seconded by Councillor McGlinchey

- that Agenda Item 21 – Review of Car Parking Charging be discussed '*Out of Committee*' and be taken after Agenda Item 5.

The Mayor put the Motion to the Council to vote. Council voted unanimously in favour.

The Mayor declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Alderman Fielding offered his congratulations to Portstewart Football Club on winning the Craig Memorial North West Cup Final.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hillis and Councillors Knight-McQuillan and McGurk.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

## **4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019**

### **4.1 Point of Accuracy – Apologies**

Alderman S McKillop stated that she had sent her apologies for the Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 December 2019 and requested that it be recorded in the minutes.

### **4.2 Point of Accuracy – Update on Shooting Club request to lease land at Drumaduff Landfill Site (Item 20.1)**

Councillor Scott stated that at the Council Meeting on 3 December 2019 he had proposed that the lease to be offered to the Drumaduff Clay Pigeon Club as per the original Council decision 2016, this was seconded by Alderman Fielding; this was not included in the minutes.

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 December 2019, are adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the point of accuracy noted at Items 4.1 and 4.2 above.

\* **Councillor Nicholl left the meeting at 7.15pm.**

## **5. PRESENTATION BY BID COLERAINE – CAR PARKING ISSUES**

The Mayor welcomed Neville Moore, BID Coleraine BID Influence Sub Group Chairman, Owner Managing Director Moores of Coleraine, Ian Donaghey MBE Chair of Coleraine BID Board and Jamie Hamill, CBID Manager to the meeting.

N Moore informed Members that key was how to create an additional 600 car parking plus spaces within Coleraine Centre at no cost to Council and enhance the experience for Customers in Coleraine.

Coleraine BID made a response to the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Car Parking Strategy document and highlighted some of the key areas raised within that relating to car parking in the town centres.

The key issue is the lack of available spaces for customers, Abbey Street and the Mall are technically full from 9.30am to 3.30pm most days. The lack of available car parking spaces for a large part of the day is hurting business in Coleraine. Customers are avoiding Coleraine town centre because they are unable to get parked and not because of the cost of car parking as emphasised by customers and is holding back investment in the town centre.

The obvious solution is to provide more car parking spaces such as the Market Yard with a compelling business case that must be considered. Too many of the existing spaces in Abbey Street and the Mall are taken up by people spending more than 4/5hrs because they have opted to park there for most of the day mainly because they work in the town centre.

The simple way to create more capacity is to discourage all day car parking through tariffs but at the same time must offer additional free or very good value car parking as an alternative for people working in the town centre. There are proposals to supply significant free additional capacity and seasonal car parking passes with incentives should also be offered for

those car parks that do not operate at capacity, such as Railway Road and Long Commons.

Waterside car park since free car parking was introduced has had a significant detrimental impact on businesses in that part of town. Charges should be reintroduced but there is a need to look after the people working in the town centre. In conjunction with that additional car parking and incentives to use the less well used car parks should be introduced.

A short video was played to Members outlining the problems highlighted by businesses in Coleraine.

In conclusion the key points are:

- More car Parking spaces
- More availability of existing spaces
- Discourage all day parking
- New carpark for town centre staff
- Reintroduce charging at the Waterside
- Proper messaging system
- Improved Lighting
- Better use of the app and payment incentives
- More electric charging points.

**\* Alderman Duddy joined the meeting at 7.30pm.**

N Moore and N Donaghey MBE discussed with Members queries in relation to:

- Opportunity for additional Spaces at Market Yard
- Waterside Car Park – free or charges
- Angling car parking spaces at 45 degrees to increase capacity
- Traffic flow through the town
- Improvement of public transport system
- Council maintaining car parks - private enterprises to build car parks
- Abbey Street and the Mall
- Coleraine Tech and available car parking spaces
- Mobility issues

**\* Councillor McGlinchey and Councillor McShane left the meeting at 7.40pm and rejoined at 7.50pm.**

The Head of Capital Works and Infrastructure clarified that Council was looking at other sites including one at the Harbour which is a significant size site and currently leased by Council.

In response to a query from councillor Anderson Members were invited to visit the Harbour site to look at the proposals if they so wished.

The Mayor thanked Neville Moore, BID Coleraine BID Influence Sub Group Chairman, Owner Managing Director Moores of Coleraine, Ian Donaghey MBE Chair of Coleraine BID Board and Jamie Hamill, CBID Manager for their presentation.

\* **N Moore, I Donaghey MBE and J Hamill left the meeting at 8.00pm.**

## **6. REVIEW OF CAR PARKING CHARGING**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Capital Works and Infrastructure.

The report provides Members with a review of parking tariffs throughout the Borough as requested & provides the impact details on a proposal (Option C below) made by the DUP on the 3 December 2019.

A decision was taken at the full Council Meeting on 27 February 2018 to introduce seasonal charging. This decision was 'Called In' and at the full Council Meeting on 27 March 2018 the original decision was overturned.

Members agreed that a need exists to develop the Market Yard site in relation to car parking to relieve the current congested parking situation at core trading times within Coleraine. Members did however express concerns that Coleraine had a disproportionate amount of pay and display car parks within the Borough, securing over 70% of the Borough car parking income – see appendix B (previously circulated) and also had the lowest number of free spaces as shown in appendix C (previously circulated).

Parking tariffs have now been reviewed across the Borough as per Members request. In reaching a comprehensive, accurate and impartial review, Seán McConnell, DfI Parking Enforcement Manager NI and Chairman of NI British Car Parking Association (BPA) was consulted given his past experience of tariffs & reviews in NI RTA Associates were recommended and subsequently appointed to assist officers in the review. RTA's summary and tariff conclusions are attached appendix E (previously circulated).



A consultation evening took place on the 20 August to get feedback with regard to the proposed tariffs review. A full list of invitees and the feedback from the evening is also attached in appendix F (previously circulated).

**It is recommended** that Members consider the proposed tariff review and direct officers on an appropriate option (**Option A, B or C**).

Council will have a limited lead time to procure equipment to avail of charging within additional carparks from March 2020, equipment shall be ordered ASAP.

The Director of Environmental Services referred Members to Page 5 of the report and clarified that the breakdown of the revenue increases were gross figures. The approximate net increase for the options are:

<b>Option A</b>	<b>£1,000,000</b>
<b>Option B</b>	<b>£800,000</b>
<b>Option C</b>	<b>£500,000</b>

Councillor P McShane advised Members that this proposal be rejected; it was a tax for inefficiencies and inadequacies within Council. Members should decide whether there be an inevitable increase in rates or the proposed car parking charges be adopted.

Councillor P McShane stated that he believed that it was down to financial mismanagement over a number of years which leads to another number of avenues of maladministration within the organisation and a full investigation should be conducted immediately.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified that all advice/comments provided by BID Coleraine had been taken into account when formulating the proposals.

Councillor Baird enquired if similar consultations been carried out in Limavady, Ballycastle and Ballymoney. The Director of Environmental Services referred Members to the Car Parking Consultation Event report which detailed those organisations which had received invites to attend the consultation event at the Lodge Hotel on Tuesday 20 August 2019.

\* **Alderman Robinson left the meeting at 8.05pm.**

The Head of Head of Capital Works and Infrastructure clarified that all comments, both negative and positive, had been included in the report.

The Car Parks Manager confirmed that representatives from Ballycastle were unable to attend on the evening of Tuesday 20 August 2019 as it

clashed with another meeting within Council and that he had met with representatives from the Ballycastle Chamber of Commerce along with Councillor C McShane, earlier in the day, so the Ballycastle concerns were taken on board.

Councillor MA McKillop stated that car parking charges would have a detrimental impact on constituents, businesses and tourist industry.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified that revenue would be channelled into Councils service delivery.

\* **Alderman Robinson re-joined the meeting at 8.10pm.**

Proposed by Councillor P McShane

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop

- that Council reject all Options A, B, and C to introduce car parking charges

Councillor C Mcshane stated this was an unfair levy and only 30 people had attended the consultation event at the Lodge Hotel, taking into account 6 of those were consultees and Officers; this did not accurately reflect the area. A more extensive meaningful localised consultation should be carried out.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor C McShane

Seconded by Councillor McMullan

- that the decision on car parking charges be deferred for a more meaningful and localised DEA consultation.

Councillor McCaw stated that his party would not be supporting any proposed increases on car parking charges. This is passing on the financial difficulties of Council on to the people Members represent. He informed Members that only 4 Councillors chose to attend the consultation (10% of Councillors). There was a need for a more meaningful consultation and a need to make a distinction around commercial towns and tourist towns. Displacing people into residential areas would be disaster in tiny villages.

Councillor McCaw also commented that the responses to 'Call In' questions were poor.

In response to Councillor McCaw's comments the Head of Health and Built Environment clarified:

- (i) The invite to attend the consultation at the Lodge Hotel was extended to over 70 people; only 24 chose to attend.
- (ii) Portrush was represented; they did have a voice.
- (iii) Council have offered to provide free parking to people who use Portballintrae Hall. Free parking will also be offered for those people using the Medical Centre. This is situated at Sandhill Drive yards away from Medical Centre itself.
- (iv) Lansdowne Road, Portrush free car parking will be offered to those people living in the town.

In response to Councillor McMullan's query in relation to inappropriate parking on Council land the Car Park Manager stated that this had been addressed in the car parking strategy and that Council would have to take out a policy to act on inappropriate parking on Council land.

Councillor Mulholland stated that the SDLP would not be supporting any car parking charges in the boroughs coastal communities. Council should be promoting health and wellbeing in the community and car parking charges does not encourage fitness. The current consultation was not adequate and further consultation needed to be carried out.

Alderman McCandless commented that Council has spent many thousands of pounds repairing car parks fit for purpose and Council has failed miserably. Council's budget has not been managed well and this Council is in severe financial difficulties.

He also added that he would like to see a review of car parking charges but done separately within each DEA.

Councillor Wilson requested clarification on the proposal by Councillor P McShane and Amendment by Councillor C McShane and requested a recorded vote.

Councillor Quigley commented on the lack of residents' car parking scheme in place.

In response to a query by Councillor Holmes, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that should the car parking proposal be defeated then an increase of 2% on £1,000,000 would be expected on the rates.

The Head of Capital Works and Infrastructure clarified that the cost to Council in regards to consultations carried out was circa £5,000. With

regards to expenditure on car parks around the borough since the formation of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council was approximately £740,000 to date with further works scheduled; £350,000 within the Capital Programme due to be spent over the next two years.

Councillor P McShane clarified his proposal.

- \* **The Chair declared a recess at 8.50pm.**
- \* **The meeting reconvened at 9.05pm.**
  
- \* **Alderman Finlay and Councillor McGlinchey did not re-join the meeting at 9.05pm.**

Councillor C McShane clarified her Amendment.

Councillor Callan stated that the Proposal and the Amendment put forward was neither sensible nor prudent so the DUP would be abstaining from voting on the proposal.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

**For:** Alderman Boyle  
**(8)** Councillors Bateson, Chivers, McCaw, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane and Peacock

**Against:** Aldermen McCandless and McKeown  
**(14)** Councillors Baird, Beattie, Dallat O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter MA McKillop, McQuillan, P McShane, Mulholland, Quigley, Schenning and Wilson

**Abstain:** Aldermen Duddy, Fielding, S McKillop, McCorkell and  
**(12)** Robinson  
Councillors Anderson, Callan, McAuley, McLean, Scott, Wallace and Watton

The Mayor declared the Amendment **LOST**.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote.

**For:** Alderman Boyle, McCandless and McKeown  
**(22)** Councillors Baird, Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, McCaw, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning and Wilson

**Against:** Aldermen Duddy, Fielding, McCorkell, S McKillop and  
**(12)** Robinson  
Councillors Anderson, Callan, McAuley, McLean, Scott,  
Wallace and Watton

There were no abstentions.

The Mayor declared the proposal to **reject** all Options A, B, and C to introduce car parking charges **CARRIED**.

**7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY  
27 NOVEMBER 2019**

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 27 November 2019 are noted.

**8. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 28  
NOVEMBER 2019**

The Chair of the Finance Committee Councillor Peacock presented the minutes and their adoption.

**8.1 Point of Accuracy – Apologies**

Councillor Hunter clarified that she did attend the meeting and not as recorded as an apology in the minutes.

**8.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 28 November 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the point of accuracy noted at Item 8.1 above.

**9. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019**

The Chair of the Environmental Services Committee Councillor Mulholland presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

**9.1 AORB – Riverside Walk, Cushendall (*Item 17.2*)**

Councillor McKillop raised an issue on behalf of one of the new landowners as to whether the clearing of steps was part of the Permissible Path

Agreement. The Director of Environmental Services to check with the Officers who dealt with the Permissible Path Agreement.

## **9.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland  
Seconded by Councillor Beattie and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 10 December 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; excluding Item 19 to be discussed 'In Committee' later in the meeting.

## **10. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019**

The Chair of the Audit Committee, Councillor McAuley presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

### **10.1 Annual Accounts – Full Council Powers (*Item 8*)**

Councillor Holmes suggested that as the Annual Accounts required to be approved before the end of September rather than re arrange the calendar as previously suggested a Special Council Meeting be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of September before the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes  
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

**AGREED** – that Council hold a Special Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in September to approve the Annual Accounts.

### **10.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor McAuley  
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Audit Services Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 December 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the proposal carried at Item 10.1 above.

## **11. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2019**

The Chair of the Leisure and Development Committee, Councillor Callan presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

#### **11.1 Stendhal Festival (*Item 4*)**

Councillor Chivers stated that following the presentation from Stendhal at the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting on Tuesday 17 December 2019 she had received notification from Stendhal that they had received an email informing them that their grant was to be cut.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified that Council had not yet agreed Tourism Events Grand Funding, and was not sure why Stendhal had received this information and that he would follow this up.

Councillor Schenning informed the Director of Leisure and Development that she had been informed that a discussion had taken place within tourism stating those who may receive Tourism Grants should be prepared to receive something similar to the previous year because there was no additional money available to Council as was available in 2018.

#### **11.2 Crescent, Portstewart Summer Operations (*Item 9*)**

Councillor Wilson requested an update on the café/building on site at the Crescent, Portstewart.

The Chief Executive informed Members that the tender process for this would begin shortly.

\* **Councillor McLaughlin left the meeting at 9.30pm.**

#### **11.3 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Callan  
Seconded by Alderman Duddy and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 17 December 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

#### **12. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2019**

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor Peacock presented the minutes and their adoption.

## **12.1 Financial Advice Tender (Item 8)**

In response to a query by Councillor Callan in relation to the attendance of PWC at the Finance Meeting on 16 January 2020, the Chief Executive confirmed that there was a 5 day stand still period and that PWC would be meeting with Council the following week.

## **12.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 19 December 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

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

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

## **14. CONFERENCES**

The Chief Executive presented the report, previously circulated.

**14.1 National Association of Councillors and the University of Sunderland Certificate for Councillors**, Hartlepool Civic Centre on 11 and 12 January 2020. Dates for second and third weekend to be confirmed during first weekend.

**14.2 Councils Driving the Local Economy Event (NILGA)**, at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry on 23 January 2020.

**14.3 National Association of Councillors Environment/Climate Change Conference**, at the Ripon Spa Best Western Hotel, Ripon, North Yorkshire on 24 to 26 January 2020.

**It is recommended** that Council note the conference schedule.

**RESOLVED** – that Council note the conference schedule.

## **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chief Executive presented the correspondence report, previously circulated.



## 15.1 Housing Council December Bulletin

Correspondence was received from The Northern Ireland Housing Council which met on Thursday, 15th December 2019, Bulletin previously attached.

## 15.2 RBL, S Barnett, Assistant Director Operations – Care Services, Breaks and Recovery

Email correspondence was received in relation to consultation acknowledgement to the proposed closure of the Legion's Break Centre, Bennet House in Portrush.

**It is recommended** that Council note the correspondence schedule.

**AGREED** – that Council note the correspondence schedule.

## 16. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The Chief Executive presented the report, previously circulated.

The following Consultation documents were presented:

- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council – Disability Action Plan 2019-2023 and Equality Action Plan 2019-2023.
- Department for Infrastructure (DfI) – Commercial Bus Service Permits – Airporter Limited
- HSC Public Health Agency – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Framework of Training Consultation.
- Department for Communities (DfC) – Consultation on Regulation of Gambling In Northern Ireland.
- Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council - The Council's Policy Screening Report, December 2019.
- Invest Northern Ireland (Invest NI) – Invest NI Policy and Programme Screenings.
- Invest NI – Invest NI Disability Action Plan Consultation.

- The Department for the Economy – Call for Evidence to inform the development of a new Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland.

**RESOLVED** – that Council note the Consultation schedule.

\* **Councillor McAuley left the meeting at 9.32pm.**

## **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 (9) / Ballymoney (6) / Limavady (1)  
Numbers 4860 – 4875 inclusive

**17.2** Boundary Rectification Causeway Memorial School Bushmills,  
(Ref L&P 170607/CM 170627)

**17.3** Deed of Transfer, Boundary, Aston Park Coleraine  
(Ref L&P 20191106/CM 191203)

**17.4** Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Wayleave Agreement No 818135 –  
Juniper Hill, Portrush Underground Cabling  
(Ref L&P 191106/CP&R 191126/CM 191203)

**17.5** Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Wayleave Agreement No 818136 –  
Carrick Dhu, Portrush Underground Cabling  
(Ref L&P 191106/CP&R 191126/CM 191206)

**17.6** Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Wayleave Agreement No 818137 –  
Juniper Hill and Ballyreagh, Portrush Underground Cabling  
(Ref L&P 191106/CP&R 191126 /CM 191203)

**17.7** Permissive Path Agreement John and Charlie McAlister / CC&GBC  
(Ref L&D 191119/CM 191203)

**17.8** Permissive Path Agreement Andrew McAlister / CC&GBC  
(Ref L&D 191119/CM 191203)

**17.9** Agreement relating to advance purchase of a car (2no.)

*For projects within the 2014-2020 NI Rural Development Programme, Village Renewal Scheme*

- 17.10** Friends of Glenariff / CC&GBC - Deed of Consent  
(Ref L&P 190807/CP&R 190820)
- 17.11** Friends of Glenariff / CC&GBC – Development Agreement  
(Ref L&P 190807/CP&R 190820)
- 17.12** Permissive Path Agreement relating to Burnfoot Riverside Walkway with  
Mr Mark Robinson (Ref CM 190416)
- 17.13** Mr Mark Robinson / CC&GBC Deed of Consent (Ref CM 190416)
- 17.14** Permissive Path Agreement relating to Burnfoot Riverside Walkway with  
Mr Boyd Douglas (Ref CM 190416)
- 17.15** Mr Boyd Douglas / CC&GBC Deed of Consent (Ref CM 190416)
- 17.16** Permissive Path Agreements relating to Burnfoot Riverside Walkway with  
Mr Adrian Pollock (Ref CM 190416)
- 17.17** Mr Adrian Pollock / CC&GBC Deed of Consent (Ref CM 190416)
- 17.18** Carey Faughs (Ballyvoy) GAC / CC&GBC Deed of Consent  
(Ref CM 190416)
- 17.19** Carey Faughs GAC / CC&GBC Development Agreement  
(Ref CM 190416)
- 17.20** Dervock Loyal Orange Order / CC&GBC Deed of Consent  
(Ref CM 190416)
- 17.21** Dervock Loyal Orange Order / CC&GBC Development Agreement  
(Ref CM 190416)
- 17.22** Loughgiel Community Association Ltd / CC&GBC Deed of Consent  
(Ref CM 190416)
- 17.23** Loughgiel Community Association Ltd / CC&GBC Development  
Agreement (Ref CM 190416)

Proposed by Councillor C McShane  
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

**RESOLVED** - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 17.1-17.23 inclusive) be approved.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MA MCKILLOP,  
SECONDED BY MULHOLLAND**

*This Council resolves:*

*to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people, to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks, to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays and to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display.*

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BAIRD,  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HILLIS AND COUNCILLOR HOLMES**

*A Million Trees to Secure our Future on Earth.*

*It is now clear from empirical evidence that we face a global climate change challenge. The Earth’s atmosphere is warming at a fast rate and while we must continue to reduce our carbon emissions we can help redress the problem by conserving and planting many more trees. A tree can store 48 lbs of carbon dioxide in one year and sequester 1ton of CO2 by the time it reaches 40 years old. Sadly Northern Ireland has the lowest tree coverage in the UK at only 8%.*

*Reforestation a very effective solution in mitigation of the impending climate crisis and as a Council I propose that we set a target of planting 100,000 trees over this term of Council in our Borough. I further propose that we ask other Councils to join us and make it 1Million trees across Northern Ireland. Tree planting on this scale will make a difference with benefits not only to store carbon but reduce flooding risk, extend natural habitats and promote physical and mental wellbeing for our citizens.*

*Council should make tree planting a priority in all environmental schemes and involve all our Communities including farmers and business in this strategy to ensure inclusivity, commitment and success. Funding may be obtained from a variety of sources such as the newly announced National Lottery Community Fund which is directed specifically at climate change. Commitment to tree planting will make a huge difference and I urge you to*

*back this motion and ask other Councils to join with us in improving the environment in Northern Ireland.*

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

**20. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN FIELDING,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCLEAN**

*That this Council provide a permanent toilet facility at Portstewart Harbour for the use of Boat Owners.*

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

**MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’**

Proposed by Councillor Schenning  
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

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

\* **The Press and public left the meeting at 9.32pm.**

**21. STRUCTURAL SUPPORT WORKS TO PORTSTEWART TOWN HALL**

The Director of Environmental Services provided Members with an update on the tender position for structural support works to Portstewart Town Hall.

He confirmed that information received in relation to ownership elements would be discussed at the January Corporate Policy & Resources Committee Meeting.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy  
Seconded by Council Wilson and

**AGREED** – that discussion/decision be deferred until the Land and Property Sub-Committee Meeting.

**22. REVIEW OF LEISURE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS/SHADOW BID  
EXERCISE**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

The purpose of the report is to request Members' approval of payment to the Client Support Team/V4 Services, for the Evaluation of the Shadow Bid Exercise/Leisure Management Options Appraisal.

In March 2018 the Leisure and Development Committee and Council agreed the next steps in relation to the options appraisal for the shortlisted Leisure Management Options for 6 of the main leisure sites across the borough.

Following completion of the Shadow Bid, the Client support team has commenced the Evaluation, with an expectation of Officers delivering a preliminary report to the Project Board on 13 January, followed by a Workshop for Members detailing the Evaluation outcome (23<sup>rd</sup> January), and finally a report for decision in February Leisure & Development Committee/Full Council March 2020.

\* **Councillor P McShane left the meeting at 9.40pm.**

In response to Members queries the Director of Leisure and Development clarified that the shaping/development of the process was detailed in the report.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that 4 tenders had been submitted.

\* **Councillor Chivers and Councillor Callan left the meeting at 9.45pm.**

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the successful bid was procured through a vigorous procurement process.

\* **Councillor Watton left the Meeting at 9.48pm.**

**It is recommend** that Council note the information as detailed in the report and grant approval for the payment of the Evaluation which will enable Officers and the Client Support Team to present the findings of the Shadow Bid Exercise to Council for consideration and decision-making in respect of how the Council chooses to manage the operations of its 6 main Leisure/Sports facilities.

Members are asked to note that the In-House transformation programme in the 6 sites continues to be implemented irrespective of any final decision yet to be taken by Council.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes  
Seconded by Alderman Duddy and

**AGREED** - that Council note the information as detailed in the report and grant approval for the payment of the Evaluation which will enable Officers and the Client Support Team to present the findings of the Shadow Bid Exercise to Council for consideration and decision-making in respect of how the Council chooses to manage the operations of its 6 main Leisure/Sports facilities.

## **23. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 10 DECEMBER 2019 'IN COMMITTEE'**

### **23.1 Use of Council Assets by Outside Bodies (Item 19)**

Councillor McQuillan voiced concerns in relation to external organisations who wish to borrow/hire Council equipment for events and the proposed charging options.

The Director of Environmental Services referred Members to the 4 options as detailed in the report.

Alderman Boyle suggested that further information was needed to clarify the complex situation along with details on grants available to charities.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that a report with further information would be a report presented at the Environmental Services Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 January 2020.

- \* **Alderman Fielding left the meeting at 9.55pm**
- \* **Councillor C McShane left the meeting at 9.57pm.**

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Councillor McAuley

- that Council do not charge Charity Groups, Community Associations and Non-profit making organisations for the use of Council equipment for external events.

The Director for Leisure and Development advised Members:

“To date officers have honoured legacy arrangements when being asked to provide resources for external events and activities, the best example being the NW200”.

“However, there are thousands of groups in this Borough, which can claim to be charities, community and / or non-for-profit”.

“As there is no such thing as **Support in Kind**, the cost consequence of this motion will be tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of pounds on Council’s budget, which is simply unaffordable”.

The Mayor put the Motion to the Council to vote. 16 Members voted For, 6 Members voted Against and 5 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

## **24. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES 11 DECEMBER 2019**

### **24.1 Internal Audit Review of Land and Disposal Easement**

In response to Members’ queries The Director of Corporate Services informed Members that she would follow up on the matter.

#### **MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

It was **AGREED**: that Council move ‘In Public’.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at **10.05pm**.

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Mayor