

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020**

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18.	Commercial Waste Collection Service	<i>Approve Option 1, (increase commercial collection charge)</i>
19.	Use of Council Assets by Outside Bodies	<i>Withdrawn from the Agenda</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 14 JANUARY AT 7:00PM**

In the Chair: Councillor Mulholland

Members Present: Alderman Boyle, Fielding, Finlay and Robinson;
Councillors Beattie, Holmes, Hunter, McGlinchey,
McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, Wallace and Wilson

**Non-Committee
Members** Councillors Dallat O'Driscoll and Quigley (Item 4)

In Attendance:

Officers Present: A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
B Edgar, Head of Health & Built Environment
A Mullan, Head of Operations
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance: Press (1 No)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor Chivers.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 10 December 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

AGREED – to Change The Order of Business, to receive the Notice of Motion next on the Agenda of business for the evening.

**4. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DALLAT O'DRISCOLL (REFERRED
FROM COUNCIL MEETING 3 DECEMBER 2019)**

“Following the well-documented negative impact of plastic waste on our marine environment this Council wishes to be assured that plastic from the Causeway Coast and Glens does not end up in the sea; resolves to

establish a water bottle refill scheme and identify the most appropriate locations as part of its aim to reduce the amount of plastic caused by single-use drink bottles”.

The Chair invited Councillor Quigley to address Committee, Councillor Quigley presented the following statement:

“We as elected representatives, as part of our civic leadership, have a very important role in reducing the amount of single-use plastic in our area.

We are all too aware of the scourge of single-use plastics, which take generations to break down. Plastic products, not used or disposed of responsibly are damaging to our environment and harmful to our marine wildlife. As a coastal area we have a responsibility to tackle this. Marine litter presents a huge problem in our oceans, with scientists warning that by 2050, the quantity of plastics in the oceans will outweigh fish.

Fish, seabirds and marine animals can become entangled or ingest plastic debris causing suffocation, starvation and drowning. Plastic waste kills up to a million seabirds a year.

Within a generation plastic water bottles have become a scourge of land and sea. The ubiquitous water bottle has shifted from convenience to curse.

Plastic bottles and caps rank as the third most collected items in annual beach clean ups worldwide. The very simple idea of a refill station would cultivate change in use of single-use plastic water bottles, already established in cities in the UK. It is a huge success in London with more than 100 drinking in accessible areas.

The refill stations could appear in town centres, open spaces and parks to encourage the public to use reusable containers instead of single-use plastic bottles which will tackle littering and the amount of plastic we have to recycle.

We believe this initiative will be popular, a survey carried out in in the UK 7 out of 10 people supported be a complete ban on single-use plastic items such as water bottles and straws.

It is also an initiative that we believe we could get funding for and ask that this option may be explored”.

The Chair invited Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll to address Committee, Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll stated she was very happy to second the motion.

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll advised of the awareness surrounding the scourge of single-use plastics. Children in primary schools were coming home to educate families and the detrimental impact on the environment.

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll advised that plastic pollution was a huge problem of planetary proportions, that people needed to be doing more to reduce their plastic footprint, with a real need to minimise the amount of single-use plastic used and that, as elected representatives, had a moral duty to assist and lead the way.

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll stated the motion referred to something that Council can, and must do, as a local authority, to help solve the problem of the massive production of single-use plastic. She advised the proposed water bottle refill stations intended to allow the public to refill plastic bottles, the stations would cut back on waste across the borough and would also help Council tackle fly tipping and littering. She believed the initiative would reduce the number of bottles in parks, on pavements and on roadsides, that such an initiative ultimately guaranteed to reduce the amount of plastic that Council have to recycle.

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll further stated she believed the initiative would be popular, she, like other colleagues, had been approached by many constituents about water stations, especially after the success of the refill scheme during The Open. Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll advised she believed this was an initiative that Council could get funding for and asked that option was explored.

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll stated she felt a sense of duty to support the Notice of Motion.

Parties stated their respective support for the Notice of Motion.

In response to a query from Councillor Holmes, Councillor Quigley clarified any scheme would be in addition to that already operated by Council's H2O On The Go scheme.

The Director of Environmental Services advised a report would be brought back on associated costs.

The Chair put the Notice of Motion to the Committee to vote. Committee voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the motion carried.

- * **Councillors Dallat O’Driscoll and Quigley left the meeting at 7.15PM.**

5. ENTERTAINMENTS LICENSING REPORT

Report, previously circulated.

Licence No: EL 401

Premises: Glór Dhún Geimhin, 41 Main Street, Dungiven BT47 4LD

Application: Grant of Indoor Entertainment Licence

Days and times on which it is applied to provide entertainment:

Monday - Sunday 19:00hrs to 00:30hrs

None received

Representations:

PSNI and NIFRS: No objections

Recommendation

Grant of an Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Alderman Finlay and

AGREED – to recommend that Council grant an Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department.

6. EXTENSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY CONTRACTS BEYOND MARCH 2020

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Health & Built Environment to advise members of the Public Health Agency’s intention to extend the current contracts beyond 31st March 2020.

Background

Members will be aware from previous reports of the services provided by the department with financial assistance from the Public Health Agency. These are Home Accident Prevention, through the provision of targeted Home Safety Assessments and provision of appropriate equipment where necessary and Energy Efficiency Advice and supporting initiatives to reduce fuel poverty.

Proposals

In correspondence dated 23rd December 2019, the Public Health Agency has confirmed its intention to extend the existing contracts beyond 31st March 2020 for 12 months, subject to earlier termination in accordance with the terms of the contracts and subject to ongoing satisfactory performance being delivered. The match funding required has been included in current rate estimates under consideration.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the acceptance of the offer from the Public Health Agency regarding the extension of the contracts in relation to Accident Prevention and Energy Efficiency Advice Service beyond 31st March 2020.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

AGREED – to recommend that Council accept the offer from the Public Health Agency regarding the extension of the contracts in relation to Accident Prevention and Energy Efficiency Advice Service beyond 31st March 2020.

The Chair advised undernoted Items 7-15 inclusive were for information only, queries were invited.

7. AMUSEMENT PERMIT RENEWALS

Information report, previously circulated.

THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985

RENEWAL OF AN AMUSEMENT PERMIT

The undernoted applications for renewal of an amusement permit have been received and processed during the report period.

<u>Licence No:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
AP016	The Horseshoe Amusement Centre
AP018	Regal Bingo
AP006	Oasis Gaming Centre

8. APPROVAL OF PREMISES AS A VENUE FOR CIVIL MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

Information report, previously circulated.

Marriage Regulations (NI) 2003 / The Marriage (NI) Order 2003 and the Civil Partnership Regulation (NI) 2005 / The Civil Partnership Act 2004

The undernoted applications for renewal as an approved place for Civil Marriage and Civil Partnership were received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Premises Name</u>	<u>Approval Type</u>
MA015 / CP015	Laragh Lodge	Renewal
MA005 / CP005	Portrush Town Hall	Renewal

9. ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE RENEWALS

Information report, previously circulated.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

The undernoted applications for an entertainments licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
EL057	Kilrea Golf Club
EL004	Agherton Parish Centre
EL059	Lodge Hotel
EL228	Blackwater Bar and Restaurant
EL230	Magherahoney Parochial Hall
EL086	The Forge Bar
EL108	Riverside Table Table
EL304	Fullerton Arms
EL095	Villa
EL250	Scenic Inn
EL238	Rasharkin Community Centre
EL232	McLaughlin's Corner

10. LICENCES ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Information report, previously circulated.

The below licences were issued under Delegated Authority during the last report period:

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts (NI) 1929 and 1937

Unique Reference No	Premises	Type of Licence
PL067	Kennys Spar Coleraine	Grant of Licence

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985

Articles 13 &14, Practice of Acupuncture/Business of Cosmetic Piercing/Tattooing/Semi-Permanent Skin-Colouring/Electrolysis

Unique Reference No	Premises	Type of Registration
T/01/2019	The Hedges Hotel	Tattooing
CP/06/2019	Moore & Son Jewellers, Limavady	Cosmetic Piercing
T/02/2019	Jack The Lass Tattoo Studio, Bushmills	Tattooing

11. PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE RENEWALS

Information report, previously circulated.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1929 and 1937 - Petroleum Spirit Licences

The undernoted applications for renewals of petroleum spirit licences have been received acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Licence No:</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
PL043	Finvoy Filling Station

12. SOCIETY LOTTERY REGISTRATIONS

Information report, previously circulated.

The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985 Registration of a Society

The undernoted applications for society lottery registrations have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Registration No:</u>	<u>Name of Society</u>
SL031	The Triciafest Society
SL035	Focus on Family
SL025	Carnalridge Primary School PTA
SL007	McQuillan's GAC
SL010	Ballymoney & Moyle Voluntary Welfare
SL028	Coleraine Versus Arthritis
SL017	Compass Advocacy Network
SL004	Mother Goose Playgroup & Jack Horner Pre-school
SL003	St Mary & St Joseph's Parish
SL011	Ballymoney Homing Pigeon Society
SL018	Co Londonderry Horse Breeding Society
SL005	Marie Curie Cancer Care (Moyle) Support

13. FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING TO DISTRICT COUNCILS FOR EU EXIT PREPARATIONS 2019/2020

Information report, previously circulated.

The purpose of this report is to advise of additional in year funding to be provided by the Food Standards Agency to assist with EU exit preparations in relation to statutory food safety delivery functions.

Members will recall a previous report item October 2019 that following discussions between EHNI and the FSA regarding potential impacts on food enforcement delivery functions as a result of EU Exit, the FSA made a bid to the Department of Finance on behalf of the 11 district councils within Northern Ireland.

This initial bid was successful and a letter of offer dated 6th September was received in the sum of £53,957.13 for this current financial year to be paid in two instalments. The funding is ring fenced for food safety delivery functions and relates to any additional work that district councils need to undertake in their planning preparations for the UK leaving the EU.

Further to the recent submission of an expenditure return and forecast spend for December 2019 to March 2020, the FSA have offered an additional £13,377.60 to be used within the current financial year.

Acceptance of the offer was time bound with a response requested by return identifying how the money was to be used. This was submitted and accepted with notification of the first instalment received.

14. ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT 2019-2020

Report, previously circulated, to advise members of the increase in grant funding offered by Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) with respect to Local Air Quality Management.

Background

Through the Environment fund, the Air and Environmental Quality Unit of DAERA offer financial assistance to councils to carry out local Air Quality Management work in order to comply with EU Directives and ensure that relevant standards are met. A previous letter of offer had been issued in April 2019 for this current year.

Proposals

In correspondence dated 20th December 2019, the unit has offered a modest increase the level of funding for Quality Assurance/ Quality Control and data management with respect to continuous monitoring station in Dungiven and for Coal sampling and testing. The additional funding has been accepted.

15. PROSECUTION OUTCOME WELFARE OF ANIMALS ACT (NI) 2011

Information report, previously circulated, to advise members of the outcome of a recent court case taken on behalf of Council by our Animal Welfare service provider.

Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)

On the 6th December 2019 at Coleraine Magistrates court a defendant pleaded guilty to an offence under section 4 of the above Act (causing unnecessary suffering) to a single equine. The defendant at the time owned a number of horses and the remainder were in good health as confirmed by the veterinary inspector employed by Council at that time.

The Judge stated that it was clear that other animals were fine, but that the care received by this single horse was not acceptable and the defendant's failure to act lead the animal to suffer for a period.

The defendant was fined £250, £15 offenders levy fee and £230 costs (£100 legal costs, £21 Court Costs and £109 vet costs) and given 26 weeks to pay.

16. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

AGREED – to Change The Order of Business, to receive Any Other Relevant Business next on the Agenda of business for the evening.

17. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (O))

17.1 Dredging, Portstewart Harbour (Alderman Fielding)

“Any possibility that dredging could be undertaken in the near future at Portstewart Harbour”.

Alderman Fielding stated vessels had been grounded on exit at the entrance to the inner harbour, Portstewart, it was inaccessible at low tide, in addition there was a large boulder that required removal. Alderman Fielding advised there had been no dredging carried out at Portstewart Harbour for ten years, whilst it had been undertaken both at Portrush Harbour and Portballintrae Harbour, he requested whether interim action could be taken before April.

The Director of Environmental Services advised a hydrographic survey would determine the requirement for dredging to be undertaken. He advised the process was complex, would require a marine licence application and a testing of the materials to ensure it was not contaminated. The Director of Environmental Services agreed to set up a meeting to investigate what was required to be done and would further contact the concerned harbour users.

17.2 Toilets, Portrush, New Year’s Day (Alderman Fielding)

“Could consideration be given to opening some of the toilets in Portrush in future New Year’s Day”.

Alderman Fielding advised Portrush had become a popular destination for walkers and runners on New Year’s Day, that consideration should be given to opening public conveniences on New Years’ Day.

The Director of Environmental Services advised he would bring a report back on associated costs for decision.

Alderman Finlay supported Alderman Fielding’s request.

Councillor McGlinchey seconded Alderman Finlay’s support and welcomed Council taking a decision.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Councillor McMullan and

AGREED – that Council move *'In Committee'*.

- * **Press left the meeting at 7.24PM.**
- * **Head of Health & Built Environment left the meeting at 7.24PM.**

18. COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Confidential report, previously circulated, to provide information to members on a proposals for the future collection of commercial waste.

Option 1 - Increase Commercial Collection Charge

Council currently charge businesses for the collection of bins at the following rates.

240	litre bins (Black)	£ 5.75 /collection
240	litre bins (Blue)	£ 2.68 /collection
1100	litre bins (Black)	£24.43/collection
1100	litre bins (Blue)	£11.15/collection

It is proposed to increase the commercial charges by 10%.

For illustration the additional annual cost to a business getting a 240 Litre (standard household size) or 1100 Litre black bin collected once per week would be as follows:

240	Litre black bin	£29.90	additional cost per year
1100	Litre black bin	£127.03	additional cost per year

This increase would generate an additional income of circa £40k per year based on existing customer base.

Option 2 – Arrange Collection by Third Party

It is proposed that Council do not directly collect commercial waste (residual or recyclables) from April 2020.

As stated above if requested by the occupier Council shall arrange for the collection from a third party.

To arrange the collection, Council would surcharge the requestor 15%. Alternatively the occupier of the premises can arrange their own collection.

Prices would be set by waste collectors. Council would source prices via quotes and if requested to arrange a collection use the most economically advantageous price supplied.

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee approve one of the options presented.

Councillor McMullan considered Committee had not received enough information in relation to what other areas undertook private collections, he disagreed with the avenue of privatisation.

Councillor McMullan felt businesses were struggling, but may be able to cope with a 10% rise.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Alderman Robinson

– to recommend that Council approve Option 1, Increase Commercial Collection Charge.

Councillor Holmes advised Council was legally bound, at a loss.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Hunter

- to recommend that Council approve Option 2 (Arrange Collection by Third Party) on a trial basis, for one year.

The Director of Environmental Services responded to requests for clarification surrounding how the figure of 10% was arrived at, numbers of staff affected by Option 2, frequency of residual and commercial collections, route optimisation and how payments were made.

The Chair put the amendment to the Committee to vote.
2 Members voted For; 10 members voted Against.
The Chair declared the amendment lost.

The Chair put the substantive motion to the Committee to vote.
10 Members voted For; 2 Members voted Against.
The Chair declared the motion carried.

19. USE OF COUNCIL ASSETS BY OUTSIDE BODIES

The Director of Environmental Services advised the Item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the process of the Council decision taken on the matter, for Councillor McMullan.

MOTION TO PROCEED '*IN PUBLIC*'

Proposed by Alderman Finlay
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

AGREED – that Council move '*In Public*'.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.44PM.

Chair