

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2017**

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7.	Notice of Motion submitted and proposed by Councillor Fielding, seconded by Councillor Clarke ‘That this Council considers the benefits of the Education Authority retaining the Bushmills Outdoor Education Centre; and submits a suitable response outlining the Council’s position to the Education Authority within the consultation period’.	RESOLVED under delegated authority from Council, 20 December 2016 - Support the Notice of Motion
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Unconfirmed

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2017 AT 7:06 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor Boyd Douglas
- Members Present** : Aldermen Hickey, Hillis
Councillors Callan, Clarke, Deighan, Fielding, Holmes,
McCandless, McKillop, McLean, Nicholl, Stevenson and
Wilson
- In Attendance** : Councillor Duddy
- Officers Present** : R Baker, Director, Leisure & Development
P Beattie, Head of Prosperity & Place
M Edgar, Cultural Services Manager
J McCarron, PEACE IV Manager
S McCartney, General Manager, Caravan Parks
W McCullough, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing & Sport
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services
- In Attendance** : Public (13 no.)
Press (1 no.)

1. NOMINATIONS

Councillor Fielding replaced Councillor Knight-McQuillan; Councillor Callan replaced Councillor McCorkell for the transaction of business for the evening.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor C McShane and Mulholland.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Douglas declared an interest in RDP Village Renewal Programme Tender.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2016

The Chair advised the minutes of the above meeting were confirmed at the 20 December 2016 Council Meeting.

5. CHANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS

AGREED - to change the Order of Business, to receive the two Notices of Motions next for the order of business for the evening.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR DUDDY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALLAN

Councillor Duddy spoke in support of the Notice of Motion and proposed accordingly.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Callan

- Research suggests pre-school children are not engaged in enough physical activity and this may have an impact on their future health. In a bid to encourage parents/guardians to increase physical activity in children aged 0-5 years, this council give free admission to the swimming pools throughout the Borough for 1 adult accompanying a child aged 0-5 years.

“As we are all only too aware there is considerable media coverage and concern from health officials regarding child obesity due to the lack of physical activity. The Northern Ireland early years curriculum guidance highlights; ‘Children should have access to suitable and safe spaces where they can experiment with different ways of moving’.

This council has an opportunity to play a pivotal role in addressing the issue by providing through this notice of motion an early intervention, which would have long term health and health and safety benefits to those living in the borough. This initiative will fit into our proposed community plan.

There are many positive benefits in introducing a baby into a swimming pool, which I will allude to shortly;

A recent study conducted in Germany in 1979, found; ‘Children who swam consistently from 3 months were shown to be stronger and more coordinated when tested at the ages of 2, 3, and 4 than their peers who had not swum from infancy’.

Since 1979 further studies have shown babies who have been introduced to swimming ‘reach developmental milestones much earlier than expected’.

The best age to start swimming is between 3-12 months of age and it is therefore the most appropriate choice to introduce babies to a physical activity. As most of us know by the time a child reaches 24 months they have entered the ‘challenging twos’ and it is therefore much more difficult to teach the child the necessary skills in water adjustment and breath control.

There are numerous physical and mental health benefits: Swimming can enhance the physical well-being of children with a range of illnesses;

Epilepsy, Cystic fibrosis, Down's syndrome, Hearing impairment, Visual impairment, Spina bifida and hydrocephalus, Cerebral palsy Hip dysplasia Talipes (club foot) Osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle-bone disease).

Better balance, better at grasping, the ability to use more muscles with less restrictions due to the weightless environment, significantly stronger, greater co-ordination and increased bone density.

The multi-sensory environment provides stimuli for positive emotions, improves self-discipline, greater self-control, higher self-esteem, improved mood, decreases anxiety and helps the child become more independent.

Children who continue to swim from infancy score higher in intelligence and problem solving, which carried across into excellence in academic achievement.

This is only a small number of benefits recognised through research.

Long term benefits if the baby continues to swim and remains involved in regular physical activity as it grows older, it boosts the ability to fight infection, injuries and diseases such as cardiovascular and osteoporosis. It can help to reduce anxiety and depression giving participants an outlet for stress management.

The Causeway Council has the largest coastline of all the councils in Northern Ireland. The beaches, rivers and lakes are a natural playground for everyone and especially young persons. We are all only too aware of the dangers which they can pose.

If we can, encourage parents or guardians to avail of this opportunity, we as a council would have a much healthier next generation, more swimmers, which will enhance their opportunities to enjoy the beaches, rivers and lakes much more safely. Maybe even a Commonwealth or Olympic champion.

As Councillors we should be only too aware of the social exclusion and financial difficulties which parenthood brings. For a small concession council can help new parents or guardians meet in a safe warm environment with no costs attached. This would have the added benefit for to new parents to talk, make new friendships and for the children to bond and socially interact and enjoy a shared space”.

Councillor McCandless proposed an amendment to the Notice of Motion and proposed accordingly.

Proposed by Councillor McCandless
Seconded by Councillor Wilson

- that we amend this Notice of Motion to advise that we take a 3 month period of consultation or whatever is necessary with schools, youth organisations, health authority and sports bodies.

Councillor McCandless spoke in support of the amendment:

'This Notice of Motion has touched upon a serious issue which is affecting children in the U.K. The U.K. is fast becoming the second most obese country in Europe. 19% of children aged 10-11 are obese and a further 14% are overweight. At reception level children aged 4-5 9% are obese and a further 13% are overweight.

We need to ask the question of how much physical activity do our children need? It is recommended that children (and adults) need 1 hour or more of physical activity each day.

Three key factors are :-

Aerobic Activity - brisk walking, vigorous activity such as running.

Muscle Strengthening - exercise such as push ups or sit ups.

Bone Strengthening - exercise such as jumping or running.

The more active a child is from an early age, then the more likely that they will maintain a higher activity level through childhood and will bring out the 3 elements of fitness - Endurance, Strength, Flexibility.

Swimming is only one form of exercise, I would propose that we amend this Notice of Motion to advise that we take a 3 month period of consultation or whatever is necessary with schools, youth organisations, health authority and sports bodies. Consultation with our public is essential in this.

I would ask that our Leisure and Development Director head this up and report back to us on a holistic approach with recommendations pertaining to what we realistically can offer and deliver for us to review and let us determine what we can implement for the benefit of our children and our future generations with associated costs.

We need to get this right and review what we can realistically offer and how we get a concerted effort into tackling the issue of our children not being engaged in sufficient physical activity.

One of the best ways to get children to be more active is tackling the sedentary problem where far too many of our children (and adults) are sitting in front of a t.v. screen, smartphone, tablets - too much screen time and not enough physical activity all add to the serious problem of childhood obesity".

Officers responded to queries to advise a report was scheduled to be brought to the February committee meeting analysing fees and charges across the entire council area. The Director of Leisure & Development advised an extended analysis of subsidising sport and recreation facilities was a substantial additional piece of work. The Officers agreed there was no doubt in recognising the benefit of swimming for 0-5 year olds, currently two Leisure Centres do not charge for 0-4 year olds, and at Roe Valley Leisure Centre there is no charge for 0-3 year olds. The convergence of fees and charges report would propose to bring Roe Valley Leisure Centre up to include 4 year olds.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport placed an initial cost to Councillor Duddy's proposed Notice of Motion at £42,000 per annum.

Councillor Clarke requested a recorded vote.

The Chair put the amendment to the committee to vote. 8 members voted for, 6 members voted against the Chair declared the amendment carried.

For: Alderman Hickey, Hillis
(8) Councillors Deighan, Holmes, McCandless, MA McKillop, Nicholl, Wilson

Against: Councillors Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Fielding, McLean, Stevenson
(6)

* **Councillor Duddy left the meeting at 7.50 PM**

7. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FIELDING, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CLARKE

Committee was reminded at the 20 December 2016 meeting, Council delegated authority to the Leisure and Development Committee meeting to respond to the Education Authority on behalf of Council.

Councillor Fielding spoke in support of the Notice of Motion and proposed accordingly.

Proposed by Councillor Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

- That this Council considers the benefits of the Education Authority retaining the Bushmills Outdoor Education Centre; and submits a suitable response outlining the Council's position to the Education Authority within the consultation period.

"The elected local authority should reflect the views and opinions of its residents. In this point I refer to Standing Order 15 1(b) every motion shall be relevant which affects the local government district or its residents. The proposal by the Education Authority to close the Bushmills Outdoor Education Centre in August this year (2017) has been opposed by residents across the entire community of this Council area and I believe that on behalf of that Community this Council responds to the Consultation reflecting those views.

I refer briefly to Consultation Questionnaire survey. It is widely acknowledged The survey is not user friendly for particular target groups being invited to complete the questionnaire, in particular young people, pupils and parents / guardians.

Since 1975 the Bushmills Outdoor Education Centre operated by the Education Authority has provided a variety of curriculum related programmes and

resources, primarily in the field of outdoor education, personal and social development and environmental education designed to meet the needs of both young people and adults, providing accommodation for 75 people. The Centre has become an integral part of Bushmills Village with the current building having a history of education (being a former Grammar School prior to 1975) To consider closing would not only be a loss to schools, youth organisations and the individuals who have attended but will affect the lives of those employed in the centre and their families and indeed the local community in Bushmills.

One of the Programme for Government priorities is to ensure that all children have access to the full range of educational facilities provided by the statutory sector. The benefits that the Bushmills Outdoor Education Centre has provided to our young people and made a positive contribution to society will not be available to future generations if the centre is closed. Who will lose out - many young people, particularly those from areas of poverty and deprivation who would not otherwise have an opportunity to experience the natural environment and all that Bushmills has to offer.

I refer to the Review Report of Residential and Outdoor Education in 4.4.2 on the location of the Centres - it states The statutory and voluntary centres are located across all areas of Northern Ireland, with a cluster of centres in the south eastern region. There are areas of outstanding natural beauty, such as the Mourne Mountains, Causeway Coast and Fermanagh Lakes and there are centres located in each of these areas.

Not wishing to see any Outdoor Centres close, but members, If the Education Authority proposals are implemented there will still be Outdoor Education Centres in Fermanagh and the Mournes but none on the Causeway Coast indeed those schools and youth groups who want the same high standard of experience and learning enjoyed at Bushmills will have to travel over 100 miles to Newcastle in the Mournes. Crucially - The location of the Bushmills centre has been the key to its success.

I have no doubt If someone was given a blank sheet of paper of Northern Ireland a location at the heart of the Causeway Coast would be chosen. I have visited the Bushmills Centre and it is obvious why it is popular, the ideal location in the village with 75 bed as well as good facilities it is all at one level, disability compliant so meets requirements of section 75 and is just over a mile from the coast close Dunluce Castle and the Causeway world heritage site in an area where the natural environment lends itself to providing the best and highest quality education and learning experience. Think of some of the activities carried out such as canoeing, hill walking and mountain biking here to know that it is the best location.

Let's look who uses Bushmills a Centre. If we go back to 2014-2015, 240 different schools & youth groups involving 8,587 individuals 73% from schools and youth services and 27% adults. Following a reduction of the part time staff the number of different groups reduced in 2015-16. Over 40 school and youth groups having to be refused because of reduced staffing levels and in peak

periods there was no available space. - However in 2015/16 there was still 7,400 overnight stays and in total over 30,000 activity sessions.

The centre is used by Youth groups, church groups and uniformed organisations. They provide youth skills training for part-time staff and outdoor leadership courses for our youth workers and teachers. Bushmills also provides critical adult training to run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Because it is an Education Authority (statutory) body it can make allowances and provisions for those entitled to free school meals, whereas other education centres cannot. Bushmills Centre and for the young people who go there - it is affordable.

Education Authority claim that the proposed closures, is not a result of a cut in the youth services budget but rather a redirection of funds to what they refer to as frontline services. Services provided by Bushmills are frontline services. They say there would be a saving of £1.3 Million from closing the proposed 4 centres which is small in comparison to overall youth service budget of over £40.0 M indeed the saving from closing Bushmills would be very small. If £1.3M is required it could be found from a modest/reasonable increase to the level of charges while maintaining value for money and ease of access. The review report also recommends operating all statutory Centres on a Monday to Friday basis for school groups only. It is proposed that all statutory centres are to close on weekends and only have youth groups access their services during the summer months. This means that the catered, professionally qualified staffed centres are to reduce their service to youth organisations from 48 to 8 weeks a year. This fails to respond to the needs of youth organisations it reduces the income from statutory service provision when this should be maximised.

Quality of service is guaranteed in statutory centre such as Bushmills with experienced staff holding more than basic qualifications, proficient in Education Authority/Industry standards and procedures. This is not always the case the case in voluntary or private sector. These sector would also not be as accessible to children from areas of deprivation. It is established fact some children do not respond well in a formal school environment but this can dramatically change in terms of their learning experience when visiting a statutory facility like Bushmills.

It is estimated that the planned closures across Northern Ireland will remove between 60—70% of all residential places.

If the Bushmills Centre were to close, where would the 1000's of users go. Woodhall Residential Centre in Kilrea is half the capacity and is fully booked.

If schools and youth groups want the same high standard of experience and learning they will have to travel as previously stated over 100 miles to the nearest equivalent centre in Newcastle, Co. Down. Youth groups, Church groups & Uniformed organisations will no longer have access to any statutory Residential or Education centre anywhere in the province except in July & August.

Training of Teachers and Youth workers in canoeing, Hill walking and adventurer activities will no longer be available, Centres will no longer open at week-ends.

New teaching staff or youth workers will no longer be trained to run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Bushmills Outdoor Education Centre provides educational and learning experiences that cannot be quantified in terms of budgets or pounds or pence. The benefits to our society in life –learning skills, overall outdoor experience, and social development of our young people together with critical training of adults to deliver programmes for our young people vastly outweighs any minimal savings that can be made. The quality of provision will be lost to generations if the centre is closed.

In the debate in 6th December 2016 NI Assembly on proposed closure of the Bushmills Centre the 13 MLA's who spoke in the debate all supported the retention of the Bushmills Centre.

If Bushmills were to close there is little or no alternative provision with negligible if any savings. I propose that this Council responds to the Education Authority Consultation, supporting retention of the Centre and allowing it to continue what it has been doing well for over 40 years providing a variety of curriculum related programmes and resources, primarily in the field of outdoor education, personal and social development and environmental education designed to meet the needs of both young people and adults."

Committee spoke unanimously in support of the sentiments of Councillor Fielding, to keep the Bushmills Education Centre open.

RESOLVED – to support the Notice of Motion.

The Director of Leisure & Development advised he would forward a response to the Education Authority.

8. PEACE IV LETTER OF OFFER

Report circulated.

The Council received the draft Letter of Offer on 6 December 2016. The letter outlined that the PEACE IV Partnership are entitled to avail of grant of up to a maximum of £3,591,267.97 to be expended and claimed by 31st December 2019, albeit that an additional 3 month extension has been granted to facilitate project closure and evaluation, in effect until March 2020 . The grant is 100% funded, with funding coming from the European Union (ERDF) 85% with Government of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive providing match funding of 15%.

Despite longstanding concerns regarding the availability of funding in light of the Brexit decision, SEUPB have confirmed that 100% of funding will be made available during the entire lifetime of the project.

A number of pre-commencement and Programme implementation conditions have been set and need to be met by 14 February 2017. Many of these are reflective of the positive changes to the PEACE IV Action Plans thanks to the total guarantee of funding for the full duration of Programme. The PEACE IV Partnership are confident that the conditions can be met. Primary amongst these conditions is the submission of the following:

- A revised Cross-Community Contact Plan.
- A revised “Recruitment to the Programme” Plan.
- Updated Programme budget, cost plan and quarterly cash forecasts.
- Updated procurement procedures and project procurement documentation for approval.
- A reflected approach to overall Programme Delivery.
- An updated monitoring, measuring and reporting Plan related to outcomes and progress.

It is recommended that Council accept the draft Letter of Offer, subject to fulfilment of pre commencement conditions.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

AGREED – to recommend that Council accept the draft Letter of Offer, subject to fulfilment of pre commencement conditions.

9. ARTS COUNCIL CHALLENGE FUND

Report circulated.

Committee was presented with a report to confirm if Council wish to make application to the Arts Council for Northern Ireland’s ‘Local Government Challenge Fund’, and if so, to confirm the amount of additional budget as match funding within the Community & Culture budget for the 2017/18 period.

It is recommended that Council consider the detail and issues raised within the report, circulated and subsequently consider the following options:

- a) To decline the opportunity to apply to the ACNI’s Local Government Challenge Fund and utilise the investment from other sources, as outlined above, to support the delivery of the Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy.
- b) To approve an application to the ACNI’s Local Government Challenge Fund for the period 2017-2018 and consequently agree the level of additional budget to be made available to the Community & Culture budget, up to £150,000 as match funding in the 2017/18 period.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified the Terms of Reference state Council would have to increase its Community and Culture budget in order to receive match funding. Councillor Wilson stated he was of the understanding that no projects were currently ready, the Head of Community and Culture confirmed there were no detailed project applications ready, however there may be other areas for example within Environmental Services.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

AGREED - to recommend that Council decline the opportunity to apply to the ACNI's Local Government Challenge Fund and utilise the investment from other sources, as outlined above, to support the delivery of the Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy.

10. CAUSEWAY COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE

Report circulated.

Committee was presented with a report to set out the needs, reimbursement principles and future relationship between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Community Rescue Service (CRS) NI.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council needs to retain the input of Community Rescue Service to deliver on its events programme. Community Rescue Service has no desire to recover all of its costs, make a profit from or even charge for any of its activities. Community Rescue Service does however incur significant costs as a result of the event safety support it delivers for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and the Council has a moral duty to not take advantage of the charitable giving of individuals in society in order to deliver its events programme.

While grant programmes may provide an intermittent opportunity for one off equipment or training costs it will not contribute to the ongoing costs of deploying volunteers. Equally, neither charitable giving by the Council nor tendering for services will provide a suitable solution. Council must therefore consider a one-off solution to a unique problem.

The eventual solution should recognise that the Community Rescue Service NI incurs direct costs from the deployment of its volunteers and seek to find a simple and accountable method of reimbursing these costs while avoiding any suggestion that it is paying for services that could or should be commercially tendered. Commercial services required by the Council (such as stewarding, security checking and marshalling) should continue to be procured from the private sector through open competition. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council should take care not to deploy Community Rescue Service to any such activities that could be interpreted as displacing commercial activity.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council / Community Rescue Service has established rates for reimbursing staff for the costs associated with daily subsistence as follows:

Meal	Subsistence Rate
Breakfast	£8.20
Lunch	£9.70
Tea	£3.05
Evening Meal	£15.35
Total per full day:	£36.30

These rates could form the basis of covering the costs of deploying Community Rescue Service 'volunteer days'. Event safety seldom requires volunteers to be in place over the breakfast period but by the time events finish and members of the public disperse it is most likely the case that the volunteers would still be on duty after the normal evening meal period. This would mean that the subsistence required would be to cover lunch, tea break and an evening meal i.e. £28.10 per volunteer per day.

To reflect the unusual and unique nature of the relationship between Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Community Rescue Service and having considered these facts, the following is concluded:

- Discount the options of charitable donations and tendering for services.
- Agree in advance the number of Volunteer Days Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council will require from Community Rescue Service over the next 12 month period i.e. list all the events on the programme and estimate the number of CRS volunteers required for each.
- Allow Community Rescue Service to retrospectively make subsistence claims (based on Council approved rates of £28.10) for each volunteer day deployed at a Council run event.
- Factor these costs into every events budget and make an appropriate budget provision.
- Only apply this policy to Council run events and not to cover any volunteer deployment costs for non-Council run events in the area or any other search, rescue, safety or event duties commissioned by organisations other than Council.
- Develop, agree and annually review a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Rescue Service which sets out:
 - The events where safety support is required over the next 12 months.
 - The agreed number of volunteers to be deployed at each event.
 - The volunteer subsistence rate to be applied.
 - The agreed budget for the year.
 - The range of safety roles to be provided at each event.

- The relationship, roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders at these events to include inter alia:
 - CRS
 - PSNI
 - NIFRS
 - RNLI
 - Coastguard
 - NIAS
 - Council staff
 - Others

It is recommended that Committee reimburse subsistence costs, for the number of CRS volunteers agreed in advance, on an event by event basis, upon receipt of the appropriate retrospective claim.

Committee welcomed the report.

Proposed by Councillor McCandless

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

AGREED – to recommend that Council reimburse subsistence costs, for the number of CRS volunteers agreed in advance, on an event by event basis, upon receipt of the appropriate retrospective claim.

11. NORTHERN IRELAND BUSINESS START PROGRAMME DELIVERY

Members were updated on progress of the Northern Ireland Business Start Programme Delivery.

A final legal agreement for the delivery of the Northern Ireland Business Start Programme has now been submitted with the agreement of all eleven Councils.

With this in place, it is anticipated that the temporary position of delivery for the programme in Causeway Coast and Glens will be terminated in the near future as this programme moves forward to a Northern Ireland-wide tender stage. More information will be brought to Committee as this progresses, including roll out time table for the tender of the programme.

12. CONSULTATIONS

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs 2017 Review of Bathing Waters in Northern Ireland. The closing date for consultation feedback is 3 February 2017.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised the Outdoor Recreation unit would respond accordingly.

Committee noted the Consultation Document.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

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

13. FEENY PLAYPARK TENDER REPORT

Report circulated.

Committee received a report requesting permission to progress the project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System (Appointment of a Contractor and Construction of the Works).

It is recommended the Leisure and Development Committee approve; Progression of this project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System (Appointment of a Contractor and construction of the works).

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve; Progression of this project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Management System (Appointment of a Contractor and construction of the works).

14. RDP VILLAGE RENEWAL PROGRAMME TENDER

Report circulated.

Committee was presented with a report to seek approval to accept the successful tender submission and proceed to stage 1 of the Village Renewal Delivery Programme.

After scoring by staff, the successful tender was submitted by Venturei Consulting, at a price of £90,000.

It is recommended that Council accepts the above bid, and allows staff to proceed with Stage 1 of the Programme.

Proposed by Councillor McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Stevenson and

AGREED – to recommend that Council accepts the above bid and allows staff to proceed with Stage 1 of the Programme.

15. CARAVAN EXTENDED LICENCE AGREEMENT

Report circulated.

The purpose of the report was to set the conditions to improve the consistent and effective commercial management of the Council Caravan Parks by making provision to extend the current 1-year Licence Agreement.

It is recommended that Council approve the implementation of a Extended Licence Agreement, between Council and Static Caravan Occupiers, across the Council's 4 Holiday and Leisure Parks that have provision for such units.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the implementation of a Extended Licence Agreement, between Council and Static Caravan Occupiers, across the Council's 4 Holiday and Leisure Parks that have provision for such units.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman Hickey
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

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

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.30 PM.

Chair