

**NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
MONDAY 13 JUNE 2016 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor Alderman Maura Hickey

Members Present : Aldermen - Campbell, Cole, King, McKillop, S

Councillors - Baird, Beattie, Blair, Deighan, Fielding, Harding,
Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, Loftus, McCandless, McKillop,
MA, Nicholl, Stevenson, Watton

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Performance
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
S Duggan, Committee and Member Services

In Attendance : Western Trust:
- F Beattie, Assistant Director for Cancer Services

Causeway Coast Dog Rescue
- Maggie Dimsdale Bobby

Press (1no.)
Public (20 no.)

1 Condolences

The Mayor offered her sympathy to the family of the Ballymoney resident who had a fatal vehicle accident.

2 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hillis, Robinson, Councillors Beattie, Douglas, Clarke, Hunter, McCorkell, McLean, Quigley and Wilson

3 Presentation – Western Trust, Altnagelvin Radiotherapy Unit

F Beattie presented using Powerpoint ([attached](#)) and responded to Elected Member queries surrounding the types of cancers that would be treated, staffing resourcing and recruitment, public transport accessibility and school education and training opportunities.

In response to concerns expressed regarding the location of the Unit for residents of The Glens, F Beattie assured there would always be an element of patient choice in their Pathway.

The Unit is due to be handed over to the Western Trust in September and after a period of commissioning and training, will open in late autumn 2016.

F Beattie stated she would take the issue of public transport back for consideration.

* F Beattie left at 7.50pm.

4 Presentation – Causeway Coast Dog Rescue

The Mayor invited M Dimsdale-Bobby to make her presentation.

M Dimsdale-Bobby presented on the work of the Charity, rescuing and rehoming dogs, now established 15 years. M Dimsdale-Bobby supplied statistics on the number of dogs taken from Pounds and those 'given the chance of a lifetime' – where arrangements are made for the dog to be given a home in England.

M Dimsdale-Bobby affiliated her Charity to German Shepard Dog Rescue, St Bernard Rescue, Border Collie Rescue and Dogs Trust and illustrated examples of the Charity's work with PSNI.

M Dimsdale-Bobby sought Council recognition of puppy farming cruelty and stated more could be done by Council, as the licensing authority, in its granting of breeding licenses and further sought to build a relationship with Council.

The Mayor thanked all volunteers for their work throughout the Borough.

Councillor Harding voiced his respect and admiration for the Charity which he supported. Alderman Cole endorsed the comments of Councillor Harding and remarked on the alarming statistics. Councillor Stevenson stated the Charity was a very worthy cause. Alderman McKillop stated she would like to see Council building the connection better with the Charity. Councillor Nicholl also suggested Council navigate its way through to a new way of doing things.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the presentations concluded at 8.20 pm.