

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of Castlereagh Borough Council held, in the Council Chamber, Castlereagh Borough Council, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Thursday 23rd June 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor T Jeffers
(in the Chair)

ALDERMEN: M Copeland MLA
J Norris MBE
G Rice
I Robinson MP MLA
P D Robinson MP MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: A M Beattie
J Beattie
J Bunting
M Chambers
J Cochrane
S Duncan
C Hall
B Hanvey
M Henderson
R Hughes MBE
M Long (from 7.50 p.m. until 10.50 p.m.)
A Ramsey
G Robinson
J Spratt
C Tosh
J White (until 11.40 p.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Director of Administration & Community Services, Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Director of Finance & Leisure Services, Planning Service Officer, Planning Officer and Assistant Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Drysdale and an apology for the late arrival of Councillor Long

2005/311 : OPENING OF MEETING

Reverend Caldwell opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

2005/312 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the following Minutes be accepted as a true record:
- Council meeting of 19th May 2005
 - Special Central Services Committee meeting of 19th May 2005
 - Central Services Committee meeting of 13th June 2005
 - Special Leisure Services Committee meeting of 19th May 2005
 - Leisure Services Committee meeting of 9th June 2005
 - Special Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting of 19th May 2005
 - Special Finance & Leisure Services Committee meeting of 19th May 2005
 - Special Planning Committee meeting of 19th May 2005
 - Special Planning Committee meeting of 3rd June 2005
- (b) the following Minutes be accepted as a true record, subject to the following amendments:
- Annual General Meeting of 19th May 2005
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delete Councillor Drysdale as being in the Chair
- Page 12 : Minute No. 2005/225 : Resolution
Delete "Councillor Henderson" and insert "Councillor Duncan"
- (c) Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting of 7th & 14th June 2005
Include Councillor Ramsey in those present
- (d) Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting of 21st June 2005 to be considered later in the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

2005/313 : NEIGHBOURHOOD ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (Minute No. TSC/2005/180 refers) AND SALE OF LAND AT HYDEBANK TO ROADS SERVICE (Minute No. TSC/2005/219 refers)

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised Members that a report from the Environmental Health Manager in respect of the above had been considered at the last Committee meeting. He added that it had been resolved to refer the Officer's report to Council, and that this had been included on the Agenda as Item 12.

He further advised that he would be reporting later in the meeting on the issue of the sale of land at Hydebank to Roads Service, in terms of the Council's legal and valuation procedures (Agenda item 11 (b)).

Noted.

2005/314 : HANWOOD TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

Councillor Jeffers outlined that at the Annual General Meeting he had been appointed onto the above body, but unfortunately, the date of the meetings clashed with other commitments and he would not be able to attend.

Councillor White proposed that Councillor Tosh replace Councillor Jeffers, and this was seconded by Councillor Henderson.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Councillor Tosh replace Councillor Jeffers on the Hanwood Trust Company Limited.

2005/315 : ALDERMAN NORRIS MBE

Representatives from each of the political parties stood to congratulate Alderman Norris on recently receiving the MBE for his longstanding service to Local Government.

Noted.

Councillor Long arrived at this point 7.50 p.m.

2005/316 : FORMER MAYOR

Councillor Bunting outlined that as she had been on holiday during the last Annual General meeting, she would like to take this opportunity to thank Members for their kind words and to express her gratitude for the support she had received during her year as Mayor of Castlereagh.

She referred to a number of events, which had taken place during the year, and in particular, two major events, i.e. the Celebration of Ulster Scots and the Battle of Freeman.

She advised that she had raised just over £13,300.00 for her two charities, i.e. Children in Need and Assisi and she thanked those who had helped her raise this amount. She expressed her particular thanks and gratitude to RIR 2nd Battalion; Hydebank Wood, former Councillors Miss Stevenson and Sandford; staff at the Ice Bowl; the Chief Executive, Directors and their staff; Edel Patterson; Alison Dunbar and Shernelle Scott.

Councillor Bunting then thanked her Chaplain, Reverend Greenfield for fulfilling all duties asked of him in such a warm and friendly manner. She also passed on her gratitude to her Group Leader and her colleagues, and outlined that although she had initially been resistant to taking on the role of First Citizen, she would be eternally grateful for all the help and support she had received from them.

She concluded by thanking her husband and advised that he had asked for his sincere thanks to be passed onto the Council Members.

Noted.

2005/317 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 – UPDATE ON THE PROVISIONAL GRANT OF AN AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR PREMISES AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD (Minute No. T&ESC/2005/182 refers)

Alderman Peter Robinson sought clarification as to whether the Council was being asked to consider this matter in terms of the suitability of the premises rather than the wider issue of location. He added that it was already very clear that there would be massive objections when this proposal reached the planning stage. He indicated that he too was totally opposed to this type of facility being located at 1 Church Road, Dundonald, particularly given its close proximity to a church and a school. He continued by stating that he did not feel it was appropriate for the Council to be considering the licence before planning approval had been granted, and he sought clarification on the legislation in terms of the various conditions that had to be met.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined that as reported by the Environmental Health Manager at the June Committee meeting, the applicant had complied with all five requirements, i.e.

- had paid the required application fee
- had advertised the application in the local press
- had provided the necessary financial reference
- had not been objected to by the PSNI
- had not been the subject of any objections as a result of the Public Notice regarding the application

He pointed out that the legislation offered little discretion to Councils in their power to refuse an application for an amusement permit, and where an application had already been provisionally granted, a permit, according to the legislation, shall be declared final unless two years had expired from the date the permit had been provisionally granted.

Alderman Peter Robinson sought clarification that where the applicant had met the requirements, the Council had absolutely no power to turn down the licence, but could express its opposition when it came to the planning stage.

Alderman Mrs Robinson indicated that there had been a significant number of objections to these premises at that location, but the Council had been of the opinion that it had made its decision on the licence based on the understanding that a planning application had been submitted. On this basis, she asked if there was anything the Council could do to negate any previous decision made.

She continued by expressing the view that when dealing with the licence, there should be a requirement that the advertisement be placed in a widely read

newspaper, such as the Belfast Telegraph or the Newsletter. She asked if this was something the Council could take up with the Planning Service.

The Chief Executive stated that the advice obtained at the time was that if all the requirements had been met, then there was nothing the Council could do about the licence, and the planning application was not a stipulation of the licence.

Councillor Hanvey outlined that as this application had been advertised in a local paper, people had not been given adequate notice and therefore unable to express their objections. He agreed that this was a matter which needed to be addressed by the Planning Service.

Alderman Mrs Robinson expressed the view that there had obviously been a change of heart or u-turn from a certain Ulster Unionist Councillor who had been a member of the former committee that had supported this application, and now he was giving the impression that he had opposed it all along.

Alderman Peter Robinson proposed that the Chief Executive writes to the Department asking for changes to the legislation, in that, there should be a requirement for the planning application to have been submitted before the licence could be considered, and that the matter of public notification also be considered.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor White

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Chief Executive writes to the Department of the Environment requesting changes to the legislation in respect of Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order, in that, there should be a requirement for planning approval to be in place before the licence could be considered, and that the matter of public notification also be considered.

2005/318 : PRESENTATION BY ROADS SERVICE EASTERN DIVISION – SPRING REPORT 2005

Councillor Jeffers welcomed Mr Drew, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr Neill Balmer, Castlereagh Section Engineer to the meeting.

Mr Drew began by outlining that the Council had previously nominated its Countryside Officer to attend a working group, which was actively considering the provision of cycle facilities within the Council boundaries. He envisaged that cycle schemes recommended by this working group would be rolled out on an annual basis, and he hoped that the Council would continue to permit this Officer to support the Roads Service in this way.

He then took Members through the Spring Report, highlighting a number of key elements.

The Roads Service representatives addressed a number of Members' concerns/queries which included the following:

- request for directional signs to the former cemetery at Lisnabreeny

- Saintfield Road to Knockbracken Road – request for adjustments to light sequencing to enable right turn
- request re-examine sightlines to assist traffic turning out of Glencreagh Road onto Manse Road
- request for bus turning circle at Ballymaconaghy Road
- lack of consultation with residents when installing Devarr Avenue bus lane
- Old Dundonald Road/East Link Road – pedestrian provision to be added to traffic signal junction
- request for sightline improvement work to assist drivers turning right towards Comber, to be carried out at the same time as the pipe laying work at Old Dundonald Road / Comber Road
- request for traffic lights at Old Mill development
- widening of road at junction of Hillsborough/Ballygowan Road – request to have scheme put back into the programme of work
- request for speed ramps along Stirling Avenue
- query re 40 mph speed limit along Manse Road
- request for traffic calming measures near Lisnasharragh Primary School
- request for speed ramps at Church Road and Lower Braniel Road, and also on length of Church Road from junction with Ballygowan Road
- request for sightline improvement work – Glencreagh Road junction
- request for higher speed ramps in Newton Park
- request for footway – Glencreagh Road
- request improved street lighting at Breda Road area
- request for improved speed limit signage from top of carriageway and down Cregagh Road to Bells Bridge
- request for tidy up of shrubbery : left hand side of Church Road (previously planted by Roads Service)
- request for traffic management scheme in Newtownbreda Village (prior to supermarket opening)
- request to look at junction Ormeau Road/Annadale Avenue
- request improved lighting at garages in Belvoir
- request for footpath from Four Winds to Lagan College to be continued to the end of Manse Road
- request for signage advertising the presence of senior citizens in the area of Church Road and Killynure Road
- problem with drainage : facing Safeway supermarket, Upper Newtownards Road
- problem with junction steepness : Ballyregan Road/Upper Newtownards Road

Before leaving the meeting, the Roads Service representatives advised Members that they would respond in writing to any queries they had not been able to address directly.

Noted.

2005/319 : MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JUNE 2005

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposed Committee meeting held on 21st June 2005 be accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

2005/320 : INTER AGENCY BONFIRE WORKING GROUP

Councillor Henderson outlined that he had asked the Chairman to raise an issue on his behalf at the last Finance & Leisure Services Committee meeting, to request additional funding of £1,000.00 for the Inter Agency Bonfire Working Group. He added that, given the volume of business that evening, this issue had not been raised. He therefore proposed that a further £1,000.00 be allocated to the Inter Agency Bonfire Working Group.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to provide additional funding of £1,000.00 to the Inter Agency Bonfire Working Group.

PLANNING

At this point, Councillor Duncan took the Chair.

2005/321 : PRESENTATION BY MR GIBSON, HILLFOOT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXPRESSING OBJECTIONS TO Y/2004/0135/0 – MARKS AND SPENCER STORE AND ADJACENT CAR PARK : EXTENSION TO EXISTING RETAILS STORE AND ERECTION OF DECKED CAR PARK (AMENDED) AND Y/2004/0634/F – 1 WILLOWBANK CRESCENT : DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF 10 APARTMENTS (AMENDED) (report on public meeting circulated at the meeting)

Mr Gibson referred to his report which had been circulated at the meeting, and he took Members through the document outlining in great detail the residents various objections to the above two applications, in terms of:

Application Y/2004/0135/0 – Marks and Spencer

- potential to breach criteria which regulates and controls the amount of retail sales area
- potential breaches in the criteria to the landscaping requirements of the original planning consent
- the detrimental road traffic situations which would result from the application being approved

Application Y/2004/0634/F – 1 Willowbank Crescent

- inappropriate to have apartment block in an area of single dwellings

- over-development of the site and inadequate car parking spaces, resulting in an overflow of parked cars in the immediate area
- only one entry and exit point to the development
- detrimental impact on neighbouring properties

He concluded by asking the Council to postpone consideration of the applications to enable site visits to be convened.

There being no questions from Members, Mr Gibson returned to the public gallery.

Noted.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (copy previously circulated)

2005/322 : APPLICATION Y/2004/0007/F – 52 GREER PARK HEIGHTS, BALLYDOLLAGHAN, CASTLEREAGH : ERECTION OF GRANNY FLAT EXTENSION TO EXISTING DWELLING (AMENDED PLANS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Following a proposal from Councillor Duncan, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2004/0007/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held.

2005/323 : APPLICATION Y/2004/0135/0 – MARKS AND SPENCER STORE AND ADJACENT CAR PARK, FORESTSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE, UPPER GALWALLY, NEWTOWNBREDIA : EXTENSION TO EXISTING RETAIL STORE AND ERECTION OF DECKED CAR PARK (AMENDED)

Councillor Chambers expressed her disappointment that the determination remained as an approval, despite significant objections, which had been evident by the presence this evening of the Hillfoot Residents' Association.

She added that she fully supported the residents in their concerns relating to the visual impact and increased traffic at a location which was already congested during most of the day, and not only at peak times.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that the Planning Service and the Roads Service had considered all the objections raised before including the application in the schedule as an approval. He added that there had already been a deferral for a site visit and if the Council were anxious to defer again, then he would recommend that it be referred to the Management Board, as he did not believe that anything positive would come out of a further site visit.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Planning Application Y/2004/0135/0 be referred to the Management Board.

2005/324 : APPLICATION Y/2004/0609/F – TO REAR OF 1 BALLYNAHINCH ROAD, AND ADJACENT TO 2 QUEENSFORT PARK SOUTH, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF 1 TWO STOREY PRIVATE DETACHED RESIDENCE (AMENDED PLANS)

Alderman Rice outlined that the Council had previously had a site visit in respect of the above and had asked that the Roads Service be in attendance, but unfortunately they did not turn up.

The Planning Officer explained that following her written request, the Roads Service had telephoned her to say that they would not be prepared to meet with the Council as they were of the view that the developer had done everything asked of him. She added that her letter had been forwarded onto Network Traffic Section in order for them to consider traffic management in Queensfort Park South.

The Planning Service Officer confirmed that an amended plan had been submitted which dealt with the roads issue and the Roads Service had been content to give their approval.

Councillor Beattie referred to another application on the schedule for 10 apartments in the area, which he felt would only add to the pressure.

Councillor Henderson stated that it was his understanding that a further site had been released for a significant number of houses, and he asked if the problem of over development in the area was being taken into consideration.

Alderman Rice proposed that the Roads Service meet with the Council to consider overall traffic management in the area, and this was seconded by Councillor Henderson.

The Planning Service Officer sought clarification as to whether the application was being deferred for a traffic-calming scheme.

Alderman Mrs Rice indicated that the reason for the deferment was to ensure that proper traffic management was in place for the safety of residents, as a result of this particular application and other proposed developments in the area.

Councillor Tosh agreed with Councillor Rice and expressed the view that the Planning Service needed to look in more detail at the potential problems caused by over development in the area.

Councillor Hanvey commented that he had attended the site visit and it was his view that the work being proposed would enhance sightlines and make the road safer. He asked that in future, did this mean that before an application such as this could be approved, the Council would place a requirement on the applicant to include traffic safety measures. He asked if this could be seen by this particular developer as the Council setting a precedent.

Councillor Spratt outlined that he too had attended the site visit and he was of the view that as the Roads Service had put in place measures to address Council's

concerns in respect of traffic management, he could see no benefit in deferring this application for another month.

Alderman Peter Robinson referred to Councillor Hanvey's comments in respect of precedent, and he indicated that by ensuring that the DRD Roads Service had satisfied themselves about road safety of any proposed planning application, the Council would not be setting a precedent.

He added that the difficulty may be that in considering this proposal on its own, the applicant was being asked to bear a considerable burden because of other proposed developments in the area. He outlined that the Council had a duty, however, to ask the Planning Service questions about potential traffic hazards in respect of this particular application and to highlight the implications of further proposed developments in the area

Alderman Peter Robinson commented that there were two options, either defer the application until Members had met with the Roads Service on site, or refer it to the Management Board.

Alderman Rice stated that there had already been a proposal to defer the application for a site visit and to consider the implications of further proposals in the area, which had been seconded.

The Planning Service Officer pointed out that each application had to be considered on its own merit. He added that he would contact the Roads Service to ensure that a representative would be in attendance at the site meeting.

Following further discussion, it was.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Planning Application No. Y/2004/0609/F be deferred for a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Alderman Rice and the Chairman of the Planning Committee, and that the Roads Service be in attendance.

2005/325 : APPLICATION Y/2005/0029/A – 732 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BALLYREGAN, DUNDONALD : FREE STANDING SIGN

Alderman Mrs Robinson expressed her disappointment that this application had been refused, particularly as the sign was being used for public safety announcements.

Councillor Jeffers agreed and stated that he had attended the site visit and the Roads Service had not provided any logical reasons for refusing this application.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that the Roads Service had reconsidered its opinion and its main concern was the sign's close proximity to a road junction.

Councillor Jeffers referred to the major video screen located at Shaftsbury Square, one of the busiest junctions in Belfast, and he sought clarification as to how the Planning Service could determine this sign not to be a danger to road users but

would determine a comparatively insignificantly sized sign to be a danger to road users.

Alderman Peter Robinson expressed the view that he could not comprehend how a statutory body could endorse this kind of recommendation, particularly as this sign was clearly not a danger to road users.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to refer Planning Application Y/2005/0029/A to the Management Board.

2005/326 : APPLICATION Y/2003/0014/F – BRACKENVALE, 520 SAINTFIELD ROAD, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO EXISTING SHOP PREMISES FOR CLASS 1 RETAIL PURPOSES INCLUDING RETENTION OF ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND CRIB WALL

Following a proposal from Councillor Mrs Beattie, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2003/0014/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Councillor Mrs Beattie and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2005/327 : APPLICATION Y/2004/0448/F – 21 ILFORD ROAD, CROSSNACREEVY, BELFAST : ERECTION OF DWELLING IN REAR GARDEN OF EXISTING DWELLING

Following a proposal from Alderman Rice, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2004/0448/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Alderman Rice and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2005/328 : APPLICATION Y/2004/0470/F – 182 SAINTFIELD ROAD, BREDAS, CASTLEREAGH : REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING DWELLING WITH 4 APARTMENTS (AMENDED PLANS)

Following a proposal from Councillor Chambers, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2004/0470/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Councillor Chambers and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2005/329 : Y/2004/0565/F – ADJACENT TO 132 RAVENSWOOD PARK, BRANIEL : ERECTION OF TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLING WITH ACCESS TO LOWER BRANIEL ROAD (AMENDED PLANS)

Following a proposal from Alderman Peter Robinson, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2004/0565/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Alderman Peter Robinson and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2005/330 : APPLICATION Y/2004/0588/F – 116 CUMBERLAND ROAD, DUNDONALD : PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF 12 APARTMENTS (AMENDED)

Following a proposal from Alderman Mrs Robinson, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2004/0588/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Alderman Mrs Robinson and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2005/331 : APPLICATION Y/2004/0634/F – 1 WILLOWBANK CRESCENT, BALLYMACONAGHY, CASTLEREAGH : DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF 10 APARTMENTS (AMENDED)

Alderman Peter Robinson outlined that the above application should be considered in the context of PPS7 and whether the application was in keeping with the character of the area. He added that this was a large detached property, in its own grounds in a residential area, and he expressed the view to approve this application for an apartment block would not only change the character of the area in terms of land use but would visually impact on the other residents.

He outlined that this was clearly a substantial site and although 10 apartments would clearly fit, the application should be looked at in terms of over intensive use of the site. He then referred to the issue of height, and indicated that although the plan had been amended and reductions made, he felt there would still be a clear impact on residents living close to the development.

Alderman Peter Robinson expressed the view that he did not feel that the residents' concerns had been adequately taken into account by the Planning Service. He proposed that the application be deferred for a site visit, and this was seconded by Councillor Hall.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2004/0634/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Alderman Peter Robinson and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2005/332 : APPLICATION Y/2005/0051/F – 11 QUEENSFORT ROAD, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF 4 APARTMENTS AND ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING SPACES

Following a proposal from Alderman Rice, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0051/F for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be arranged with Alderman Rice and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2005/333 : APPLICATION Y/2005/0090/F – DRD PUMPING STATION, MILLMOUNT ROAD, BALLYLISBREDAN, DUNDONALD : 17.5M FRANCIS & LEWIS PARALLEL TOWER, PAINTED GREEN, 6 ANTENNA PAINTED GREEN, 2600MM DIA TRANSMISSION DISHES, 1 RADIO CABINET 3710 LONG X 2510 WIDE X 2895 HEIGHT PAINTED GREEN AND 1.8M HIGH PALISADE FENCING

Councillor Jeffers referred to the Council's moratorium on the erection of telecommunication masts in the Borough.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that he was aware of the Council's policy in this respect. He added that the reason for bringing this application forward was that there were no objections, the mast would be located on a DRD installation, it was well away from residential properties, and was the type of mast that would facilitate sharing.

Alderman Peter Robinson indicated that the reality was that most people owned a mobile phone and these masts would continue to be required. He added that, given the potential health risks, the reason for the Council placing the moratorium was to attempt to keep these masts away from residential properties. He added that he had no problem with this application as the mast would not pose a danger to anyone, and it would facilitate mast sharing.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to approve Application Y/2005/0090/F, as it related to the erection of a telecommunication mast on a DRD installation which was well away from residential properties and would facilitate mast sharing.

2005/334 : APPLICATION Y/2005/0171 – 43 ROSETTA ROAD, BALLYMACONAGHY, BELFAST : RETENTION OF AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT AND CONCEALING FENCES ON FLAT ROOF TO REAR OF BUILDING

Following a query from Councillor Long in respect of the above, the Planning Service Officer reported that the application was retrospective and provided screening of an unsightly roof top air conditioning unit. He confirmed that the screening had already been erected.

Noted.

Councillor Long left the meeting at this point at 10.50 p.m.

APPEAL DATES NOTIFIED

2005/335 : APPLICATION Y/2001/0019/CA – FARM YARD TO REAR OF 115 LOWER BRANIEL ROAD, CASTLEREAGH

Councillor Bunting outlined that it was her understanding that the Council had previously requested that the Planning Officer be in attendance at the hearing to make a case, and she asked the newly appointed Planning Officer to take this on board.

Noted.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

2005/336 : WEEKLY LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 10TH MAY TO 2005 (copy previously circulated)

Alderman Peter Robinson referred to the proposed application in respect of Glensharragh Park, involving the demolition of a block of shops and the erection of 9 town houses. He added that these shops were an integral part of the local estate, particularly for those who did not have transport. He pointed out that there would be significant objection to this application when it appeared on the schedule.

He suggested that, at this stage, the Planning Service consult with the applicant to ascertain if there was any possibility of the development being amended so as to retain the shops and build first floor apartments.

Councillor Bunting agreed and felt that it would be preferable if a compromise could be reached at this stage.

Councillor Norris outlined that he and Councillor Robinson had visited the site and had been approached by a number of residents expressing their total opposition to the development.

The Planning Service Officer indicated that he would take on Board Members' comments in respect of the retention of the shops and the provision of first floor apartments.

Noted.

2005/337 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION RE: RESPONSE TO REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FURTHER CONSULTATION (copy previously circulated)

The Chief Executive advised Members that the RPA Team had offered to come along to Council to give a presentation on the consultation exercise, and a provisional date of 8th September 2005 had been suggested. He added that correspondence from NILGA had also been tabled later on in the Agenda, requesting to come along to Council to do a presentation on its response to RPA.

Members agreed to convene a Special Council meeting on 8th September to hear both presentations, and that the correspondence from the Planning Appeals Commission on its response to RPA also be tabled.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that a Special Council meeting be convened on 8th September 2005 to hear presentations on the Review of Public Administration from NILGA and the RPA Team. The correspondence from the Planning Appeals Commission on its response to RPA also be tabled at that meeting.

2005/338 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: PROPOSED WESTERN EXTENSION AT CASHEL QUARRY, LISDOONAN, SAINTFIELD (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Beattie indicated that residents living at the back of the proposed extension had expressed their concern

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer forward a response to the Special Studies Unit, Planning Service, expressing the Council's concerns in relation to the proposed western extension at Cashel Quarry.

2005/339 : OLD MILL ESTATE

Councillor White outlined that there has been an advertisement board located at the entrance to the Old Mill estate for quite some time. He asked the Planning Service Officer to investigate this matter.

Noted.

2005/340 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: LAND NORTH OF MARLBOROUGH CRESCENT, BLENHEIM PARK AND QUEENSFORT COURT, WEST OF SAINTFIELD ROAD AND SOUTH OF MEALOUGH ROAD, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF 350 HOUSES AND ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/341 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: TREE PRESERVATION ORDER ON LANDS AT AND ADJACENT TO HANWOOD HOUSE (copy previously circulated)

Following a query from Alderman Peter Robinson, the Chief Executive confirmed that an objection had been forwarded in respect of the above.

Noted.

2005/342 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, EQUALITY UNIT RE: ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONSULTATION BY DRD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/343 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 13 : TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE (copy previously circulated)

Alderman Peter Robinson outlined that he had strongly supported the case, which the Council had made to BMAP when it put forward its proposition that the Transport Plan should include the E Way as a key element, and that there should be appropriate land zoning. He added that houses should be built where the transport links are, rather than the other way around.

Noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2005/344 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL – ERECTION OF MANAGER'S DWELLING ADJACENT TO 109 MONEYREAGH ROAD, MONEYREAGH

Alderman Mrs Robinson outlined that it was disappointing that the Planning Service remained of the opinion to refuse this application.

Noted.

2005/345 : BMAP EXHIBITION

The Chief Executive advised Members that a request had been received from BMAP to erect a small display in the foyer of the Civic Offices from 8th August until 30th September 2005.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council authorises BMAP to erect a small display in the foyer of the Civic Offices from 8th August until 30th September 2005.

Councillor Jeffers returned to the Chair.

ROADS

2005/346 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

EDUCATION

2005/347 : MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD HELD DURING APRIL/MAY 2005

Noted.

2005/348 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NIPSA RE: DEFICIT ON EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARDS' FUNDING

Noted.

HOUSING

2005/349 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE RE: EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ORDER NO.1 2004 CASTLEREAGH, BELVOIR, BELVOIR DRIVE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

HEALTH

2005/350 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: SUICIDE PREVENTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council supports Down District Council's campaign by writing to the Minister calling for a Regional Strategy to be developed on the prevention of suicides.

2005/351 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: CONSULTATION ON QUALITY STANDARDS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/352 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY (NI) TEAM RE ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE CONSULTATION REPORT (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/353 : EASTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD'S APRIL 2005 MONITORING REPORT

Noted.

FINANCE

2005/354 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR MAY AND JUNE 2005

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

Capital Account (General)	£171,418.76
General Account (Salaries)	£785,560.44
General Account (Suppliers)	£2,130,451.19

LEGAL

2005/355 : AGREEMENT TO SIGN WAIVER IN RESPECT OF GRANT AWARDED TO BALLYORAN CENTRE, BALLYBEEN AS PER MINUTE CS/2005/37

Alderman Mrs Robinson, Councillor Jeffers and the Director of Administration & Community Services declared an interest.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to sign the waiver in respect of grant awarded to Ballyoran Centre, Ballybeen as per Minute No. CS/2005/37.

2005/356 : AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF LAND AT HYDEBANK TO DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ROADS SERVICE, TO FACILITATE A ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred to the Committee meeting held on 7th and 14th June 2005, and in particular, Minute No. TSC/2005/219 in respect of the above matter. He pointed out that the Council needed to make a decision on this matter rather than the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

He highlighted the main issues regarding the sale of this land to the Roads Service for a road improvement scheme.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : The Council agrees to the sale of land at Hydebanks to the Department for Regional Development, Roads Services to facilitate a road improvement scheme.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

2005/357 : NEIGHBOURHOOD ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (Minute No. T&ESC/2005/180 refers)

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised Members that the above matter had been fully discussed by the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

Councillor Spratt expressed the view that he was extremely disappointed that there were those in Council who had expressed the view that his abhorrence to this scheme was merely a means for the old RUC to criticise the new PSNI. He emphasised that this was not the case, and that his main concern related to the funding of the scheme, with 75% of the costs being met by the PSNI and 25% by the Council, which would be an additional burden on the ratepayers of Castlereagh.

He referred Members to the Ards example, stating that he understood that Ards Councillors were now questioning the work which the Enforcement Officers did, pointing out that their primary role was to enforce bye laws and undertake school briefings. He added that the number of detections, however, had been relatively small over the three month period.

Councillor Spratt stated that time and again, whilst canvassing around the doorsteps, the issue of anti social behaviour had been raised by the ratepayers, with concerns expressed that the police needed to deal with the problem. He stated that the police were failing to deal with these offences, and instead, were pulling in other agencies to do the work for them.

He continued by stating that it was his view, that it was totally unacceptable to have Castlereagh Borough Council employees working out of local police stations. He indicated that there was also a danger that the police would attempt to blame any failings in addressing anti social behaviour on the Council.

He proposed that the Council do not go down the route of employing Enforcement Officers.

Councillor Beattie referred to years gone by, and the respect that there had been for the police. He felt that, sadly this was no longer the case within the local community. He reminded Members that the DPP had been forced upon Council, resulting in an amount of money having to be put into the rates, year on year, to keep this Partnership afloat. He reminded Members that this was coming at a time when there would be other substantial increases on the rates, including the Water Charges, and he felt that Council needed to be careful that it was not going to incur even further expenditure. He also raised questions of liability, e.g. if the Enforcement Officers were hurt in the line of duty, and also safety issues in relation to their personal protection at home.

He seconded the proposal put forward by Councillor Spratt.

Alderman Rice indicated that she was disagreeing with the proposal, and referred to partnership through the DPP, and the relationship developed between Council and the local Police. She suggested that the District Commander be invited to come along to Council and explain what was happening on the ground.

Councillor Bunting outlined that this matter had been raised at the DPP meeting, and the District Commander had advised the Members, that in his view, it was a very good scheme. She commented that, like many, she was disgusted with the Patten reforms and the fact that the number of police on the ground was totally inadequate to police the community effectively.

She went on to state that it was not the Council's job to police the Borough, nor pay for this service. She added that if we followed this logic, where would it all end? She commented that rather than continue to cut police resources through this scheme, and weaken the police's case for more funding, it was better to put pressure on Government for more police Officers on the ground.

Councillor Hanvey confirmed that he would like to find out more about what was exactly intended by the scheme, adding that it was widely accepted that the Police were not as effective as they should be. He stated that he would support the police when they were doing a good job, but equally, he would criticise them when they were not.

He referred to regular complaints he received regarding anti social behaviour amongst young people in Carryduff, and the fact that the Police were not dealing with this problem effectively.

Alderman Peter Robinson stated that any Elected Member who has been around in Local Government for some time, would be aware of how Central Government tried to offload various bits and pieces of legislation onto Councils, not because Councils were best placed to deal with them, but rather that Officials were wanting to transfer the problem.

He stated that when this happened it started to blur the issue, with responsibilities getting divided. As a result, people on the ground started to lose out. He emphasised that the Council did not have the professional capability to deal with policing, and consequently the PSNI should be left to get on with it.

He also reminded Members that the Council would have to bear the financial burden of providing this service, which would have a direct effect on the ratepayers. He further added, that previous experience would indicate that having two bodies to deal with one matter would lead to an increase in service costs. He also felt that if structures were being built within the Council to cope with this new service, Officers' responsibilities would subsequently increase and lead to further job evaluation requests, and associated costs.

He urged Council to be very wary of taking on this function as it could not provide a better product than that currently offered by the PSNI.

Alderman Peter Robinson stated that all of the problems stemmed from a lack of police cover, and he reminded Members that Patten had done away with the Reserve Forces which had been an extremely professional body of Officers. He indicated that what was now being proposed was to replace these individuals with a bunch of amateurs, in the form of Enforcement Officers. He went on to criticise

the 50 : 50 recruitment policy of the police and the implications on providing adequate cover.

Councillor Jeffers reminded Members that a proposal had been put forward by Councillor Spratt, which had been seconded by Councillor Beattie. He then asked Members to vote on the proposal and a recorded vote was requested.

For the proposal:

Alderman M Copeland
Alderman J Norris
Alderman I Robinson
Alderman P D Robinson
Councillor A M Beattie
Councillor J Beattie
Councillor J Bunting
Councillor M Chambers
Councillor C Hall
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor T Jeffers
Councillor A Ramsey
Councillor G Robinson
Councillor J Spratt
Councillor C Tosh
Councillor J White

Against the Proposal

Alderman G Rice
Councillor J Cochrane
Councillor B Harvey
Councillor R Hughes
Councillor S Duncan

With 16 Members voting in favour and 5 against, the proposal was duly carried.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees not to participate in the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team Initiative.

2005/358 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR MAY/JUNE 2005 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

GENERAL

2005/359 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ARDS BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: COMMUNICATION WORKERS' UNION'S FIGHT AGAINST PRIVATISATION OF ROYAL MAIL (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/360 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROYAL MAIL GROUP PLC DATED 10TH JUNE 2005 RE: POSTCOMM PRICE CONTROL REGIME FOR ROYAL MAIL (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/361 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RE: REPRESENTATION IN NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL AREAS (copy previously circulated – referred to Council by the Central Services Committee)

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised Members that this related to the Tullycarnet area, and two Councillors had been nominated to sit on the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership at the last Central Services Committee meeting.

Noted.

Councillor White left the meeting at this point at 11.40 p.m.

2005/362 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NIO : CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY DIVISION RE: PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A NEW OFFENCE OF CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/363 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION RE: SECURING THE VOTE (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/364 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RE: ITS RESPONSE TO PWC STUDY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/365 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ULSTER FARMERS' UNION RE: A STUDY OF RURAL POLICY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/366 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ARTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND SEEKING 3 REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON THE FORUM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS (copy previously circulated)

The Chief Executive pointed out that the Arts Council was seeking three nominations, i.e. an Elected Representative, the Council's Arts Officer and a local arts activist.

Councillor Beattie proposed Councillor Bunting as the Council's representative, and this was seconded by Councillor Robinson.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Councillor Bunting, the Arts Officer and Mr Richard Mills be nominated to sit on the Forum for Local Government and the Arts.

2005/367 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS ASSOCIATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND SEEKING REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON THE ASSOCIATION (copy previously circulated)

It was proposed by Councillor Beattie, seconded by Councillor Henderson, and

RESOLVED : That Councillor Robinson represent the Council on the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for the 2005/2006 year.

2005/368 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM FAMILIES ACTING FOR INNOCENT RELATIVES SEEKING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO INTERESTED COUNCILLORS (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to Families Acting for Innocent Relatives inviting it to make a presentation to the September Finance & General Purposes Committee.

2005/369 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM URBAN FORUM RE: NATIONAL LSP CONFERENCE IN TORQUAY ON 4/5 JULY 2005 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

REPORTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS

2005/370 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION'S FOR NORTHERN IRELAND - CORPORATE PLAN 2005-2008 AND BUSINESS PLAN 2005-2006

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2005/371 : SUMMER RECESS

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that

- (a) Committee meetings would not be convened during July and August, unless the Chairman deemed it necessary to do so
- (b) the Council meeting in July would be held as usual on the 4th Thursday, and during August would be held on the 3rd Thursday

2005/372 : FLYING OF FLAGS

Councillor Chambers outlined that she had been approached by a number of residents in the Newton Park area requesting that she set the record straight on their behalf in relation to complaints about the flying of flags in the area. She added that the residents had stated that they had absolutely no objection to the flags being flown, particularly as they were not paramilitary flags, and were put up and taken down at the appropriate time.

Noted.

Alderman Rice left the meeting at this point at 11.50 p.m.

2005/373 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION (copy previously circulated)

It was proposed by Alderman Peter Robinson, seconded by Councillor Henderson, and

RESOLVED : That Council agrees that Councillor Beattie be nominated for both positions on the Local Government Staff Commission, i.e. Member and Chairman.

2005/374 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: THE CHILDREN (LEAVING CARE) REGULATIONS (NI) 2005 AND GUIDANCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2005/375 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE, NORTHERN IRELAND RE: NORTHERN IRELAND

Noted.

2005/376 : BELLS BRIDGE ROUNDABOUT

Alderman Peter Robinson asked if something exceptional could be done at Bells Bridge roundabout, rather than just planters.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that Officers had tabled a proposed scheme for the roundabout at a Committee meeting last year, but due to budgetary constraints, it had been agreed not to proceed with the scheme.

He added that he would review the matter and report back to a future Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Director of Technical & Environmental Services prepares a proposed scheme for Bells Bridge Roundabout, to be tabled for consideration at a future Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting.

2005/377 : ROBINSON CENTRE

Alderman Peter Robinson referred to an incident involving a young child being injured on one of the handrails in the Robinson Centre. He outlined that it was his understanding that remedial work had not yet been carried out to ensure there would be no re-occurrence of this incident.

The Director of Finance & Leisure Services outlined that, as reported at the recent Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, the Manager of the Centre had been liaising with the Technical Officer in this respect. He indicated that he would ensure that the necessary work would be carried out as soon as possible.

RESOLVED : That the Director of Finance & Leisure Services liaise with the Leisure Services Manager to ensure that the work required to the handrails in the Robinson Centre was carried out as quickly as possible.

IN COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES (copy circulated at the meeting)

2005/378 : PROPOSED COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT MONEYREAGH

The Director of Administration & Community Services referred to her report providing detailed background information on the above proposal, dating back to 1982.

She then outlined current developments, as follows:

- In May 2005, the Chairman of the Finance & Leisure Services Committee, along with the Chief Executive and the Director of Administration & Community Services, met with Officers from the SEE&LB and Big Lottery Funders for PE & Sport, regarding a further funding proposal towards the provision of the centre for Moneyreagh.
- At the meeting, the Funding Officers indicated that there may be some slippage in the current programme (approximately £90,000), which the

Council could draw down if a new application was lodged and was successful.

- Despite the tight time deadline (three weeks to submit), Officers, including the Council's Sports Development Officer and Community Development Worker for Moneyreagh, along with the temporary Capital Projects Officer, worked diligently to complete the proposal in order that it would be submitted on time.
- One of the requirements of the funders was that the design of the building meets with the criteria set down by the PE & Sports Lottery, which includes a multi-purpose sports hall, changing facilities, etc. This, however, was not envisaged as part of the community scheme provided for in the Council's Estimates back in 2002.
- The Big Lottery Funders have indicated that, while the new application has been advanced through the first stage, they will now require full details of design, to include costings, surveys, quantities, procurement strategy, form of contract, etc.

The Director asked Members to note that in order to take the project to this stage, it would require the procurement of a design team, which will incur a cost in the region of 10-12K. While an amount of £2,350 is available under the Big Lottery programme for development costs (based on 2.5% of the £90,000 initially set aside for the partnership), this was far short of what was required.

Members were also asked to note that there may be planning constraints on the site, as the area has not been zoned within BMAP for recreational purposes, and Council have therefore registered an objection in this respect.

The Director of Administration & Community Services indicated that before taking this matter further, Members were being asked to consider the following:

- (a) The Capital Projects Officer estimates that a community facility could be built, which would cost in the region of 450K, including design costs. This means that there is a shortfall of 150K in the 2002 estimated budget, ring-fenced for the centre.
- (b) In order to attract a potential grant of £90,000 from the Big Lottery and meet the funding criteria, the 450K estimated costs will be increased even further by an estimated amount of 50-100K, to include fit-out of changing areas, etc.
- (c) In order to provide funders with full details of the design, it will require the appointment of consultants at an estimated cost of £10,000. This would need to be done with immediate effect, and in advance of planning permission being agreed, which is subject to BMAP review.

- (d) A recent community survey in the Moneyreagh area, carried out by the local Community Association, did not identify any major demand for a sports facility, with the preference being to have a local community hall.
- (e) The Moneyreagh Primary School Board, who were part of the original funding application to the New Opportunities Fund, have since built on an extension to the school.
- (f) The SEE&LB Portfolio Manager has indicated that the Board would be looking to have the use of the new community facility free of charge, as the school budget would not permit them to pay for the hire. It is likely, therefore, that the Council will not generate any ongoing revenue from this source.

She then asked Members to determine the following in order for Officers to proceed accordingly:

- Does the Council wish to continue to pursue, with immediate effect, the Big Lottery funding of £90,000 and engage professional consultants to prepare the necessary drawings and incur a cost in fees of 10-12K, and a further 50-100K for enhanced structural designs, to include changing facilities and fit-out?
- Furthermore, even if the Council does not decide to proceed with the Lottery application, consideration will still have to be given to the shortfall in the original budget for the community hall (approximately 150K).

Councillor Beattie outlined that although there were a number of issues to be resolved, he felt that the people of Moneyreagh deserved this facility. He then congratulated the Director and Officers for their achievements in pursuing the Big Lottery Funding.

Alderman Mrs Robinson expressed her thanks to her colleague, Councillor Beattie for the hard work he had carried out in negotiating with the various Principals of the Primary School. She added that, although she fully appreciated the risks, she felt that planning approval for the portion of land should be pursued.

Following a query from Councillor Hanvey, the Chief Executive confirmed that the issues in respect of access had been resolved.

Following discussion, Members agreed to proceed to the next stage.

The Director of Administration & Community Services confirmed that that this would involve the procurement of the services of a design team. She added that she would therefore liaise with the Director of Technical & Environmental Services in respect of the design brief. She further reiterated that if the Council was successful in being awarded the larger amount of money, the Council would need to meet the shortfall in the reserve that had previously been set aside in 2002.

RESOLVED : That the Council authorises the Director of Administration & Community Services to

- (a) advise the Big Lottery that the Council would be pursuing the potential £90,000.00 funding in respect of the proposed community facility in Moneyreagh
- (b) engage consultants to proceed immediately to take the scheme to design stage and liaise with the Director of Technical & Environmental Services in order for his Officers to prepare the design brief for the proposed new facilities in Moneyreagh.

2005/379 : ATTENDANCE AT NAC NI REGION CONFERENCE, SEMINARS, ETC

Councillor Henderson proposed that the two representatives, and where appropriate, the substitute, be authorised to attend the above without having to seek prior approval from the Council.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12.15 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR