

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee Meeting, held, in committee, in the Committee Room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB, on Tuesday, 5 December 2006, at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE (in the chair)
Alderman Mrs G Rice (from 7.30 pm)

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Beattie (from 7.00 pm)
J Beattie (from 7.00 pm)
Mrs S Duncan
B Hanvey
J Spratt
Miss V Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Chambers, Hall, Jeffers and Henderson

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Client Manager, Operational Services Manager, Building Control Manager, Acting Environmental Health Manager and Assistant Members' Services Officer

TABLED : MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2006

MATTERS ARISING

T&ESC/2006/419 : RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE FROM PSNI RE: GAMING MACHINES AT LUCKY JACKS, 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD (Minute T&ESC/2006/378 refers)

Councillor Spratt sought reassurance that Officers would contact the PSNI to ask for further clarification regarding previously received correspondence. The Acting Environmental Health Manager replied that this matter would be tabled at a later point in the meeting.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/420 : PRESENTATION BY THE CLIENT MANAGER RE: CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST

The Client Manager reminded Members that the new Capital Projects Officer was now in post. He then went through the current capital projects list for the Department of Technical & Environmental Services, and Members recommended that:

- Proposed cemetery at Greengraves Road – to remain on capital projects list
- Synthetic hockey pitch at Billy Neill Centre – to be removed from capital projects list
- Garden of Peace, Belvoir – to remain on capital projects list (nearing completion)
- Sale of Tullycarnet nursery – to be removed from capital projects list
- Tullycarnet Park redevelopment – revised schemes to address paths, roads and parking
- Davarr/Dunlady playground – to remain on capital projects list
- Castlereagh Hills Golf Club / Club House / golf course / entrance – to remain on capital projects list
- New park at Hydebank – to be removed from capital projects list
- Landscaping at bus terminal, Upper Knockbreda Road – to be removed from capital projects list
- Refurbishment of existing cemetery – only path refurbishment to remain on capital projects list
- Alterations to internal lay-out, Braniel Community Centre – to be reviewed with Community Services
- Proposed playground in Clonduff – to be removed from capital projects list
- Proposed playground in Woodbreda – to remain on capital projects list
- Hanwood development – to be referred to the Department of Finance & Leisure Services
- George Best football pitch in Cregagh – to be removed from capital projects list
- Dundonald HRC – to remain on capital projects list
- Carryduff Community playground – to remain on capital projects list
- Cregagh playground – to remain on capital projects list
- DDA work – to remain on capital projects list
- Fishing facilities at lake at Billy Neill Centre – to remain on capital projects list

Councillor Hanvey proposed that all the remaining projects be listed in a matrix with influencing factors, so that Members could prioritise them, with the prioritised list then being forwarded to the Estimates Working Group for consideration.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Client Manager provide a list of the remaining projects in a matrix with influencing factors to assist Members with prioritisation.
- (b) That projects be referred to respective Committees for prioritisation.

REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER

(copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2006/421 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager outlined the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period 1-31 October 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/422 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS' ENQUIRIES

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/423 : PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – FULL PLAN APPLICATIONS FOR JULY 2006 TO SEPTEMBER 2006

The Building Control Manager provided details of target performance and actual performance for the second quarter of the 2006-2007 financial year.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/424 : STAFF ISSUES

The Building Control Manager reported that the Senior Building Control Officer had resigned from his post with effect of 8 December 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/425 : THE BUILDING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006

The Building Control Manager outlined details of amendments to the above regulations, which had taken effect on 30 November 2006.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/426 : MINUTES OF THE SOUTH EASTERN GROUP BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2006

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/427 : STREET NAMING AT 70 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from G R Homes for the street name of 'Church Close' for ten No townhouses and six No apartments on a site at 70 Church Road, Dundonald. He confirmed

that the request met with the requirements of the Council's street naming policy, in that the name 'Church' was in use in the area.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the street name of 'Church Close' be adopted for ten No townhouses and six No dwellings on a site at 70 Church Road, Dundonald.

T&ESC/2006/428 : STREET NAMING AT LAND AT HARBERTON HEIGHTS (OLD MILL DEVELOPMENT), UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Building Control Manager advised that a proposal had been received from Taggart Homes for the development name of 'Coopers Mill' for approximately 400 dwellings on land at Harberton Heights (Old Mill development), Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald. He confirmed that the request met with the requirements of the Council's street naming policy, in that the name 'Coopers' had historical significance in the area.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval that the development name of 'Coopers Mill' be adopted for approximately 400 dwellings on land at Harberton Heights (Old Mill development), Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/429 : SOUTH EASTERN GROUP BUILDING CONTROL

Councillor Hanvey raised concerns regarding the proportional levy that Castlereagh Borough Council had been asked to contribute to the Group, as, in his view, this had been too high. He proposed to raise this issue at the Group's next meeting on Monday, 11 December 2006.

Noted.

**REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2006/430 : REQUEST FROM SANDOWN BOWLING CLUB

The Operational Services Manager tabled a request received from Sandown Bowling Club for a Coca-Cola cooler to be installed in Tullycarnet Pavilion. As the Council has a contract with Coca-Cola, the company had been contacted, but no response had been received to date. The Operational Services Manager further stated that a cooler was already installed in the building.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the request from Sandown Bowling Club for a Coca-Cola cooler in Tullycarnet Pavilion be declined.

T&ESC/2006/431 : MINUTES OF THE BILLY NEILL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2006

The Operational Services Manager outlined details of Matters Arising:

- At the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting concerns had been raised regarding financial information being presented to the Billy Neill Advisory Committee
- Request to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for a line to be inserted in the estimates for 2007-2008 to allocate £5,000 for marketing of the Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence
- The PR & Marketing Manager to liaise with the Director of Finance & Leisure Services to ensure that the Development Officer and the IFA Grassroots Officer attend future meetings
- Request from Councillor Robinson that all comment cards be forwarded to the Billy Neill Advisory Committee
- Request from Alderman Norris to contact Glentoran regarding confirmation of their interest in proposals for a floodlit synthetic pit
- The Client Manager to include the upgrading of the lake to the capital projects list

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/432 : QUOTATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF BEDDING PLANTS 2007

The following quotations had been received for the supply of hanging baskets:

Pentland Plants £6,006.75 plus VAT
Pentland Nurseries
Loanhead
Midlothian
EH20 9QG

Hannas Nursery £6,386.60 plus VAT
16 Hannas Road
Larne
Co Antrim

H Geddis & Son £25,892.06 plus VAT
71 Banbridge Road
Waringstown
Co Down
BT66 7RU

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval to appoint Pentland Plants, Pentland Nurseries, Loanhead, Midlothian, EH20 9QG, for the supply of hanging baskets in the Borough.

**REPORT FROM THE ACTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

**T&ESC/2006/433 : STATUTORY NOTICES – PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND)
ACTS 1878 TO 1907**

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of Statutory Notices that had been served regarding the abatement of public health nuisances/conditions prejudicial to health.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/434 : LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The Environmental Health Service had received policy guidance on smoke control areas from the Department of the Environment, and a copy of the report was available for Members' perusal.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/435 : INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION CONTROL

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that the estimated income of £10,715 for the current financial year had been reduced by £2,135 to £8,580, due to changes in guidance and closure of premises.

Councillor J Beattie asked that this point be highlighted in the estimates proposals.

Noted.

**T&ESC/2006/436 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985**

Two applications for registration of premises to carry out ear-piercing had been received under the above-mentioned legislation. However, one of these applications had subsequently been withdrawn. The remaining application was for the following premises:

Janet Kelly at Dome 2000
69a Newton Park
Belfast
BT8 4LH

The premises had been inspected and complied with the bye-laws under the above Order.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the registration of Janet Kelly at Dome 2000, 69a Newton Park, Belfast, BT8 4LH, to carry out ear-piercing on the premises.

T&ESC/2006/437 : FOOD SAFETY (NI) ORDER 1991 – ARTICLE 27 (Minute T&ESC/2006/237 refers)

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred to the above Minute and informed Members that a Food Service Plan had been compiled in accordance with guidelines issued by the FSA and giving consideration to legislative requirements in relevant food legislation. In accordance with legislation, Eurofins Laboratories Ltd had been appointed as public food analyst. Copies of the certificates of qualifications held by the eight public analysts employed by Eurofins Laboratories Ltd were available for Members' perusal.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the appointment of Eurofins Laboratories Ltd as public food analyst in accordance with requirements under the Food Safety (NI) Order 1991, Article 27.

T&ESC/2006/438 : TRANSFER OF PETROLEUM LICENCE FUNCTION

A consultation document outlining proposals for the transfer of petroleum licensing functions and related matters from District Councils to Health & Safety Executive Northern Ireland had been received in the Environmental Health Service Unit. The document had been considered by the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group, and their response had been included in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report. The deadline for receipt of responses was 12 January 2007.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for submission of the Chief Environmental Health Officers Group's response to the consultation document outlining proposals for the transfer of petroleum licensing functions and related matters.

T&ESC/2006/439 : HOME SAFETY PREVENTION (Minute T&ESC/2006/372 refers)

The Acting Environmental Health Manager referred to his report, which outlined a request for provision of £6,000 for the extension of the Home Safety Officer's post in Eastern Group.

The post of Home Safety Officer had been created to encourage other organisations such as the NIHE to become more aware of accident prevention and install safety devices in dwellings such as thermostatic mixing valves. The

Home Safety Officer also works with the Health Trusts to provide information to child carers.

During the ensuing discussion, Members were of the view that it was not the Council's responsibility to provide measures relating to accident prevention but rather that Housing Associations should take over this role. Furthermore, Members felt that the provision of funding of £6,000 for the post of Home Safety Officer would place an unnecessary burden on ratepayers, therefore it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to decline the request for provision of £6,000 for the post of Home Safety Officer in the 2007-2008 estimates.

T&ESC/2006/440 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES – DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS

The Acting Environmental Health Manager tabled statements received from the PSNI regarding incidents of drinking in designated areas in the Borough.

During the ensuing discussion, Members raised concerns about the lack of policing in the area and the length of time it takes the PSNI to respond to calls from residents. Councillor Spratt stated that he was concerned about plans to close the police station in Carryduff. He pointed out that there was a possibility that there would be no police stations in the Castlereagh area following the RPA, and he urged Members to campaign for the preservation of existing police stations.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/441 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL OF A LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of applications for renewal of entertainment licences at the following premises:

The Ivanhoe Inn & Hotel
566 Saintfield Road
Carryduff
BT8 8EU

Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church (Jack Britton Hall)
Gilnahirk Road
Gilnahirk

St Elizabeth's Church Hall
Church Green
Dundonald

Belvoir Players Rehearsal Studios
Belvoir Drive
Belvoir

The Acting Environmental Health Manager confirmed that all necessary inspections would be carried out.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to authorise that the Entertainment Licences, as detailed in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report, be renewed, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the Council's Terms and Conditions of Licence.

T&ESC/2006/442 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – GRANT OF A PETROLEUM LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that, as required by the above legislation, an application had been received for a licence to store petroleum at the following premises:

Mount Merrion Filling Station
54 Rosetta Road
Rosetta
Belfast
BT6 0LT

The Acting Environmental Health Manager confirmed that an inspection would be carried out to ensure that the premises complied with the requirements of the Act and the Council's Petroleum Licence terms and conditions.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant a licence, as outlined in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Petroleum Licence.

T&ESC/2006/443 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – RENEWAL OF A PETROLEUM LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that, as required by the above legislation, an application had been received for the renewal of a licence to store petroleum at the following premises:

Thomas Lowe & Sons (Carryduff) Ltd
31 Ballynahinch Road
Carryduff
BT8 8AH

The Acting Environmental Health Manager confirmed that an inspection would be carried out to ensure that the premises complied with the requirements of the Act and the Council's Petroleum Licence terms and conditions.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of a licence, as outlined in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report, subject to receipt of all necessary documentation and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Petroleum Licence.

T&ESC/2006/444 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 – RENEWAL OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT – LUCKY JACKS, 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Acting Environmental Health Manager stated that he had prepared a supplementary report to deal with the above matter.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/445 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOG KEPT WITHOUT A LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reported that a Fixed Penalty Notice to a man from the Breda area had been returned unpaid from the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office, therefore he requested approval to instigate legal proceedings in accordance with the above legislation.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval that legal proceedings be instigated in accordance with the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 against a man from the Breda area for non-payment of Fixed Penalty Notice regarding a dog kept without a valid licence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM THE ACTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER
(copy tabled at meeting)**

T&ESC/2006/446 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985

An application for registration of premises to carry out electrolysis had been received under the above-mentioned legislation:

Lesley Alcorn at Urban Beauty and Skincare Centre
33a Comber Road
Dundonald
BT16 2AA

The premises had been inspected and complied with the bye-laws under the above Order.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the registration of Lesley Alcorn at Urban Beauty and Skincare Centre, 33a Comber Road, Dundonald, BT16 2AA, to carry out electrolysis on the premises.

T&ESC/2006/447 : THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 – LUCKY JACKS, 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD

The Acting Environmental Health Manager tabled additional information regarding the renewal of the amusement permit for the above premises. Discussions had taken place with the two neighbouring local authorities to determine how they have dealt with similar machines as per the resolution of T&ESC/2006/378. Both neighbouring Councils have confirmed that, although they believed that these machines did not operate within the spirit of the legislation, they were not viewed as being illegal, and the Councils had renewed amusement permits for these premises.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager recommended that, in light of this additional information, Members should renew the amusement permit for Lucky Jacks, and that this renewal should be subject to all the terms and conditions under which the original permit was granted.

Members referred to the hours of operation of the premises, which the proprietors had extended since the granting of the permit. The Acting Environmental Health Manager stated that these new hours were still within the prescribed times detailed in the legislation and had agreed that Members had reluctantly accepted this change, as the Council did not have legal powers to prevent it.

On 21 August 2006, Enforcement Officers had asked the proprietor to remove a window display with the wording 'Roulette Here', as this was in breach of legislation. However, a similar poster was noticed on 29 November 2006 which read 'Monthly Poker Prize £150 Enquire within'. As this was the second offence, the Acting Environmental Health Officer sought Members' views whether to commence legal action for breach of the conditions of the amusement permit.

During the ensuing discussion, Members raised concerns that the amusement permit had expired in September 2006, and to date the Council had not granted a renewal, therefore there was doubt whether legal action could be taken. The Acting Environmental Health Manager confirmed that there should be no concerns about taking this action, but he would confirm this matter with a legal opinion.

Councillor Spratt commented that the Council should contact the PSNI again to seek further clarification of their statement made previously in a letter regarding the legal status of the gaming machines on the premises. Members agreed, and it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Acting Environmental Health Manager contact the PSNI to ask for further, more detailed, clarification of their statement made previously in a letter regarding the legal status of the gaming machines located at Lucky Jacks, 1 Church Road, Dundonald.
- (b) That a decision regarding commencement of legal action against the proprietors of Lucky Jacks, 1 Church Road, Dundonald, be postponed until further clarification had been sought from the Council's legal advisors.
- (c) That the permit be granted in accordance with the original conditions, with the exception of Condition 1, which referred to the days and hours of opening.

**REPORT FROM THE CLIENT MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2006/448 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL

The Client Manager reported that approximately 1,700 tonnes had been deposited at landfill during November 2006.

Noted.

**T&ESC/2006/449 : PROPOSED CEMETERY ADJACENT TO BILLY NEILL
MBE SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

The Client Manager outlined the results of the hydro-geological assessment of the land intended for development as a cemetery. The area had been divided into three areas: A, B and C for the purposes of the survey. The Client Manager further stated that from a hydro-geological point of view, area A was likely to be suitable for a cemetery, area B may be suitable, but this could be confirmed or otherwise by a tier 2 survey. Area C was unlikely to be suitable, but this exclusion could be relaxed if streams were culverted.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to submit the report to support the application for planning permission for area A for development as a cemetery as outlined in the Client Manager's report, and that the Client Manager provide an update report at a future Committee meeting.

**T&ESC/2006/450 : REQUEST FOR PLAYGROUND IN BRED A TERRACE
AREA**

The Client Manager outlined details of a request received from a representative of a community association for Belvoir, Milltown and Newtownbreda for a playground in the Breda Terrace area. However, he reminded Members that residents in the area had previously voiced their

opposition. The Client Manager reminded Members that the capital projects list was being reviewed, and as part of that process the Council could carry out an independent survey of residents regarding the siting of a playground in the area.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council be recommended to carry out an independent survey of residents in the immediate Breda Terrace area in respect of the erection of a playground
- (b) That the Client Manager respond to the request of a representative of a community association for Belvoir, Milltown and Newtownbreda, informing him that the Council had instigated an independent survey of residents in the area in respect of the erection of a playground as part of a review of the capital projects programme.

T&ESC/2006/451 : REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE PHOTOGRAPH

The Client Manager outlined details of three requests received from Cambridge, Salanise Valley Southern Waste Authority in California and a rock group, wishing to use one of the photos on the Council's website, showing a Council refuse collection vehicle depositing its load at the Belfast Dargan Road landfill site.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/452 : ENERGY REPORTING ON 04/05 AND 05/06 CONSUMPTION

In the 2004-2005 financial year, the Council put in place a comprehensive monitoring procedure for energy consumed in Council premises, as this could help to identify areas where energy could be saved as well as monitoring existing energy saving projects. As a result, significant savings had been achieved, for example, in the Ice Bowl, Robinson Centre, Lough Moss Centre and Civic Centre. The Council had also been made exempt from paying Climate Change Levy due to the procurement of 'green electricity' on many of its smaller sites.

Councillor Spratt extended his congratulations to Officers for achieving these substantial energy savings.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/453 : CARRYDUFF SECURITY

Following the break-in at Carryduff Household Recycling Centre, Officers had obtained the following quotations for the installation of speakers that could be

mounted on site and used from the Civic Centre and from a monitoring station:

ESS Security	£1,850.00
Bell Security	£1447.48

Quotations had also been obtained for remote monitoring of the site to a monitoring station:

Security Company	Monitoring Quotation	Keyholder Charge	Call-out
Mercury Security	£1,500	£250	£25 for 1 st hour, £15/hr thereafter, or £16.50/hr thereafter if a dog and handler
ESS Security	£2,000	£300	£25/hr
Scan Alarms	£1,050	£50	£25/hr
Bell Security	£1,600	£250	£25/hr

All companies have stated that they could be on site within 20 minutes, although this could not be guaranteed. Mercury Security was the only company that offered a dog and handler and had a base close to the Council's site.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to accept the quotation from Mercury Security for remote monitoring of Carryduff Household Recycling Centre as outlined above.

T&ESC/2006/454 : LANDFILL LEACHATE RESULTS

In accordance with the Water Act (NI) 1972, monthly water samples are taken from three sample locations at a stream beside the closed landfill site at Moss Road and sent to a laboratory to be tested for biological oxygen demand and ammoniacal nitrogen content. The Client Manager drew attention to continuing breach of consent limits, and he reminded Members that the Council was vulnerable to legal action should the Enforcing Authority decide to instigate proceedings.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/455 : SCHOOLS RECYCLING SCHEME

The Client Manager advised that the principal and two pupils from each school participating in the Schools Recycling Scheme had been invited to the Civic & Administrative Offices for a presentation of certificates for recycling in the period September 2005 to August 2006. The event took place on 21 November 2006. During the last academic year, schools in Castlereaugh had collected 71,000 kg of paper, card and plastic bottles for recycling.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/456 : SALE OF BAGS FOR GARDEN WASTE

The Council has recently purchased 100 eco-friendly, reusable, biodegradable bags from Jutexpo Ltd to assist with the disposal of garden waste. The price per bag is £3.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/457 : ROLL-OUT OF TRI-CYCLE SCHEME TO HIGH-RISE FLATS

Following discussions between the Council and NIHE, a pilot scheme at Whincroft House, Braniel, has been proposed. This will involve the provision of 3 x 1100 litre wheeled bins, with dedicated apertures for recyclable wastes. Residents will be provided with a reusable bag for recyclables, and the bins will be located outside the flats. The scheme will be monitored, and if successful, it will be offered to all high-rise flats.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/458 : BOTTLE BANKS AT CLONDUFF ACTIVITY CENTRE

Following continuing vandalism, the recycling banks have been removed from Clonduff Activity Centre. The nearest recycling point to Clonduff will now be the Household Recycling Centre in the Cregagh Road.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/459 : BRYSON RECYCLING DONATION TO COMIC RELIEF 2007

Bryson Recycling have decided to donate £1 per tonne to Comic Relief for every tonne collected in kerbie boxes between Christmas and March 2007. There will be no cost to the Council.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/460 : THE LITTER (NI) ORDER 1994

A PSNI Officer had provided a witness statement regarding a littering offence, which was committed by a 16-year old youth on 31 October 2006. However, as the PSNI Officer is not an authorised Council Officer, it would not be possible to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. The Council could issue a formal caution or proceed with prosecution.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to issue a formal caution to the 16-year old youth who had committed a littering offence on 31 October 2006.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T&ESC/2006/461 : LANDFILL SITES

The Client Manager informed Members that sweepers were not permitted to use landfill sites anymore, as their waste was now classed as liquid waste. However, an agreement had been reached with Irish Waste to use their treatment facility at a cost of £42 per tonne, which was lower than the Council's current landfill costs. The Client Manager now sought Members' views as to how to proceed.

The Client Manager advised Members that the restricted opening hours of the new landfill sites were causing operational difficulties with the emptying of skips from the Household Recycling Centres. He undertook to keep Members informed of any developments in this situation.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the use of the Irish Waste treatment facility at a cost of £42 per tonne.

T&ESC/2006/462 : NOLAN RADIO PROGRAMME

The Client Manager advised Members that Mr Nolan had expressed a desire to view recycling arrangements following an interview with the Mayor on the radio. The Client Manager had subsequently invited Mr Nolan to spend time with Castlereagh staff to experience recycling first hand.

The Client Manager went on to say that Mr Nolan had contacted him to say that he would like to make an item for his new television programme in the new year. He went on to say that this was a good opportunity to promulgate the recycling message, but there was a risk, as the Council would have no editorial control.

The Mayor recommended that the Council accept the invitation and that Castlereagh should take the lead in participating in the programme.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to permit staff to meet with BBC production staff and participate in the programme.

T&ESC/2006/462 : CONNSWATER COMMUNITY GREENWAY

The Client Manager advised that the East Belfast Partnership intended to proceed with the application for Lottery funding of £27 million. Officers had also been asked to comment on the design details of the project.

Noted.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2006/463 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that the following information was available for Members' perusal:

- Your Guide to the Drainage Council of Northern Ireland
- Contaminated Land: Applications in Real Environments (CL:AIRE)
- Conservation Planner Autumn 2006, RSPB, issue 25

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/464 : SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – INTRODUCTION OF A STATUTORY DUTY ON PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to correspondence received from the Office of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister, outlining the timeframe for the introduction of statutory duty and its implications on relevant authorities. The statutory duty will come into force on 31 March 2007. It is anticipated that there will be financial implications for the Council. However, initial guidance on these matters is still awaited. It would be important, if this guidance becomes available, to consider these matters in the preparation of the 2007-2008 estimates.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/465 : CONNSWATER COMMUNITY GREENWAY

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred to correspondence received from the Chair of the East Belfast Partnership, seeking a nominated representative from the Council for a Project Management Board. The Chief Executive had proposed that the Client Manager be nominated as a representative, although the Director of Technical & Environmental Services had raised concerns in respect of the time commitment to the project. The Chief Executive had advised that this commitment would be limited to one meeting per month and would be monitored to ensure that the Client Manager's responsibilities within the Technical & Environmental Services Department were not adversely affected.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to the nomination of the Client Manager as representative from the Council on the Project Management Board for the Connswater Community Greenway project, but that the matter be kept under review.

T&ESC/2006/466 : WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2007-2008

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to several issues relating to grant funding for the Waste Management Grant Scheme 2007-2008:

- No new and additional funding available in 2007-2008
- 2007-2008 is the last year of the scheme, with no indication of any further grant funding being available in the future
- All capital expenditure, including that relating to any capital carry-over from previous years must be incurred by 31 March 2008 and claimed by 18 April 2008

This reduction in government funding and the implications for the 2007-2008 estimates process were discussed during an ARC 21 Briefing Session for Chief Executives on 22 November 2006.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew attention to the implications of the absence of grant funding as outlined for the 2007-2008 estimates process.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/467 : RESIDUAL WASTE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that preliminary consideration had been given to raising Members' awareness of proposed residual waste procurement procedures, including technical and public acceptability issues, at the ARC 21 Joint Committee meeting of 26 October 2006.

The Director drew attention to the need for Members' awareness of the implications of these more contentious procurements that lay ahead, and in particular the public acceptability issues which related to any EFW proposals once a site was specified. Attention was also drawn to ARC 21 proposals to address these matters.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/468 : ARC 21 COMMITTEE MEETING OF 26 OCTOBER 2006

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services drew Members' attention to points that were addressed at the above meeting:

- Contracts Update
- Revision of Waste Framework Directive
- Residual Waste Procurement Process
- WITF Final Draft Report
- NILGA Proposals for Waste Strategy Board

- Consultation Report
- Equality Panel
- Agricultural Waste

The Director drew Members' attention to the need to peruse the contents of the above minutes and acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/469 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE OF 26 OCTOBER 2006 – LETTER OF THANKS

The Director referred to correspondence received from ARC 21, thanking the Council for hosting the Joint Committee meeting at Castlereagh Hills Golf Club and for the excellent hospitality provided.

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/470 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE – 30 NOVEMBER 2006 – MEMBERS' BULLETIN

Noted.

T&ESC/2006/471 : WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the date of meetings of the Waste Management Working Group be changed to take place at 3.00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

T&ESC/2006/472 : TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY 2007

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that, due to the Christmas holidays, the agenda for the January 2007 meeting of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee would be forwarded to Members on 22 December 2006. As this left only two weeks for Officers to prepare their reports, there was a possibility that the reports might be more limited than usual.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of

_____ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR