

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, 23 February 2006, at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor T Jeffers
(in the Chair)

ALDERMEN: M Copeland MLA
J Norris MBE
P D Robinson MP MLA
Mrs I Robinson MP MLA (from 8.35)

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A M Beattie
J Beattie
Ms J Bunting
Mrs M Chambers
Mrs J Cochrane
D Drysdale
Mrs S Duncan
C Hall
B Hanvey
Miss R Hughes MBE
M Long (until 10.30 pm)
G Robinson
J Spratt
Miss V Stevenson
C Tosh
J White

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Aldermen Mrs G Rice and Councillor Henderson

2006/73 : OPENING OF MEETING

In the absence due to illness of the Reverend Caldwell, Alderman Norris opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

2006/74 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record:
- Special Council meeting of 13 February 2006
 - Leisure Services Committee meeting of 2 February 2006
 - Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 8 February 2006
 - Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting of 7 February 2006 – subject to Minute T&ES/2006/47 being taken back to Committee for further consideration
 - Central Services Committee meeting of 13 February 2006 – subject to Minute CS/2006/19 being taken back to Committee for further consideration
- (b) the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record, subject to the following amendments:
- Council meeting of 26 January 2006
Page 8 – Minute 2006/16: 1st paragraph
Clarification that Belfast Boys' Model and Belfast Girls' Model are not part of the Public Private Partnership Scheme
 - Special Council meeting of 17 November 2006
Page 1 – Record Councillor Mrs S Duncan as being present at the meeting
 - Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 15 February 2006
Page 6 – Minute F&GP/2006/182:

Insert the following sentence into the body of the Minute

“In the interim, no further discussion would be entered into with outside bodies, including trade unions”.

MATTERS ARISING

2006/75 : CLOSURE OF LIBRARIES (Minute 2005/637 refers)

Councillor Bunting stated that to date there had been no meeting of the Working Group arranged to consider an action plan regarding the threatened closure of libraries in the Borough. She reminded Members that library closures were imminent. Councillors Long and Spratt agreed that it was a matter of urgency that a meeting be arranged, as Gilnahirk Library was due to close in one month, and there had already been changes to facilities in other libraries.

Alderman P Robinson was of the view that a number of issues were involved and that school principals should also be invited to give their views, as there was concern regarding the cost of additional duties contained in the new curriculum, which meant that the number of teachers in schools had to be reduced in order to cover these extra costs. Alderman Robinson felt that Members should hear what the principals have to say.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That a Working Group meeting be convened for Thursday, 9 March 2006, to discuss recommendations to take to the Education & Library Board regarding the closure of libraries in the Borough.

2006/76 : VISIT TO BROMLEY BY BOW (Minute CS/2006/35 refers)

Councillor Chambers informed Members that funding for the visit had been secured from the Department for Social Development. She requested Council's approval that the visit take place during the last week in March 2006, at no cost to Council other than subsistence.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve a visit by members of the Central Services Committee to Bromley by Bow to take place during the last week in March 2006, at no cost to Council other than subsistence.

2006/77 : MONEYREAGH COMMUNITY FACILITIES (Minute CS/2006/36 refers)

Councillor Chambers outlined the urgency that the facilities be progressed, and she asked for Council's approval to grant executive powers to the Committee to consider the design scheme at its next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Central Services Committee be authorised to discuss community facilities at Moneyreagh at its next meeting, and to be given executive powers to deal with this matter.

PRESENTATION

2006/78 : PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE WATER SERVICE RE: CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2006-2008, CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH AREA

Councillor Jeffers welcomed Mr Rodney Neill, Mr Gordon Smyth and Mr Gary Curran to the meeting.

Mr Neill began the presentation by outlining the Water Service Capital Works Programme for the Castlereagh area.

Mr Smyth then continued by detailing projects under construction or programmed to commence in 2006, projects scheduled to start in the next two years and other projects under consideration as well as their total value.

Following the presentation, Councillor Hanvey stated that he was delighted to see substantial investment in the Borough, although he asked for assurances that the existing infrastructure would be capable to sustain these developments.

Mr Smyth replied that there was an overlap of Planning Service and Water Service, and studies would be carried out regarding water and sewer networks, which would take into account all planned developments and allow for additional developments over a 25-year period.

Councillor Chambers also raised concerns regarding infrastructure capacity. She stated that planning permission had been given for developments in Primrose Hill, but the Planning Service had not taken into account the lack of adequate sewage provision. This had affected the residents in the area, therefore Councillor Chambers felt that the adequate provision of sewage drainage should to be ascertained before planning permission was granted, so that this would not happen again.

Members shared Councillor Chambers' concerns. Councillor Robinson suggested that screening-off be used to stop flooding of roads during periods of heavy rain. Councillor Duncan enquired about the Newtownbreda study, which had been set up as the first phase to determine the water mains size and future requirements in the area.

Mr Smyth assured Members that he would take on board all concerns that had been raised.

Noted.

PLANNING

2006/79 : PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES RE: UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ULSTER HOSPITAL SITE

Councillor Jeffers welcomed Mr Dennis McMahon, Mr Leo McKenna, Mr Brendan Smyth, Mr Jim McCall and Ms Jennifer Welsh to the meeting.

Mr McCall provided an update on the progress of the Ulster Hospital development. He outlined plans for an investment of £2.9 million on infrastructure. The Trust had developed an Outline Business Case for Stage 1, and this had been approved by DHSSPS/NICS. The project would be taken forward in two stages, with Phase A currently underway.

Mr McKenna then outlined time scales. It was hoped to achieve outline planning permission by 22 June 2006, with final approval being given in

August 2008, and it was estimated that hospital services would commence in April 2012.

Ms Welsh informed Members of key areas and current developments. She stated that the approach for this development had been patient-centred, with only necessary services being provided. She continued to say that there had been a recent ministerial announcement regarding funding of £100 million for Phase A. The renal and maternity units would soon be available, and planning approval for a multi-storey block containing seven theatres, 16 critical care beds, laboratories and Sterile Supplies Department had been obtained, and this would commence in spring 2007.

Ms Welsh then went on to outline Phase B of the development. The planning application would be submitted by 24 March 2006 and the Outline Business Case for the second stage of the project would be submitted by 31 May 2006.

Alderman I Robinson expressed delight at the announcement of funding of £100 million, although she was disappointed not to have been present for the announcement, as she and the Chief Executive had given much support to obtaining this funding.

Members were delighted about the plans for the hospital development and welcomed the achievement of additional funding. Councillor Bunting also wished to place on record the Council's appreciation for the support extended by Alderman I Robinson to secure this funding.

Alderman P Robinson stated that the new hospital would have a big impact on the area. He enquired as to what facilities would be contained in the new Ulster Hospital that were not available in other hospitals nearby. Ms Welsh replied that, although this was a redevelopment of existing services, additional theatres and care beds would be available as well as CCT and MRI scanners. The Trust intended to ensure that a full range of services of a general hospital was provided.

Councillor Drysdale raised concerns regarding the number of employees and car parking facilities for them. Mr Smyth replied that the hospital did not experience any difficulties recruiting staff and an ongoing programme was in place to support existing staff. With regard to car parking, staff would be encouraged to ensure that there was no disruption to facilities for patients and visitors. Mr McKenna added the hospital's need for space was paramount and that the Trust wanted to set standards. The new hospital's design would allow for some services to move in order to ensure that the right services would be in the right place and that patients would be admitted on time.

Alderman I Robinson then drew Members' attention to an attack on a Philippine nurse, whose house in Dundonald had been petrol-bombed, and as a result the family intended to leave. Alderman Robinson stated that Philippine nurses were needed here to fill a gap in nursing staff and that she had never met kinder people. She was of the view that the Council should

write to the nurse, expressing regret of this incident. Councillor Drysdale shared this view.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Philippine nurse, expressing the Council's regret about the incident at her house.

**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS
DATED 2006
(copy previously circulated)**

2006/80 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0373/F - ERECTION OF 5 NO THREE-STOREY DETACHED HOUSES (AMENDED PLANS) AT 183 SAINTFIELD ROAD, BALLYLENAGHAN

Councillor Chambers raised concerns regarding inconsistencies in decisions reached in respect of this application as well as ownership of land. This view was shared by Councillor Duncan.

During the ensuing discussion, Members felt that the Planning Officer should write to Management Board, requesting guidance and clarification regarding the criteria applied in the determination of planning permission.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer write to Management Board, requesting guidance and clarification regarding the criteria applied in the determination of planning permission.

2006/81 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0585/F - ERECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 10 NO HOUSES INCLUDING DOMESTIC GARAGING (FURTHER INFORMATION) AT 83A GILNAHIRK ROAD, TULLYCARNET

Councillor Long requested clarification regarding the progress of the Path Diversion Order in respect of the Right of Way across the site. The Planning Officer advised that the applicant had submitted information to the Technical Services Committee and the consultation procedures for this were due to commence following ratification by the Council. She went on to say that if the development were to commence before this was fully resolved the Council would be in a position to take legal action under Access to the Countryside legislation.

Alderman P Robinson stated that the only matter which should be under consideration by the Planning Committee at this stage was whether or not the development was acceptable in planning terms. If there was a separate issue relating to the Right of Way this should be dealt with separately to the planning application.

The Chief Executive raised concern that the Council was being asked to offer a view on the planning application while the Countryside Officer was also progressing the Path Diversion Order, which could take a couple of months.

He also highlighted guidance issued by the Environment and Heritage Service which advises that consideration of the planning application will normally be deferred while these matters are being dealt with.

The Planning Service Officer replied that this guidance had been issued as advice only and the Planning Service were of the view that the matter had been sufficiently addressed for the purposes of the planning application.

Alderman P Robinson concluded by saying that granting planning permission did not necessarily mean the development would proceed and that the Right of Way would require to be fully resolved under other legislation and therefore there were no other material planning considerations which should postpone determination of the application.

The Chief Executive stated that he remained concerned about the legal implications for the Council if development was to proceed before the Right of Way issue had been fully resolved.

The Planning Officer requested that a condition be imposed on the consent to ensure that the applicant had fully addressed the Right of Way prior to development starting on site.

It was therefore:

RESOLVED: that the Planning Officer would write to the applicants reminding them that the Path Diversion Order had only recently commenced and any development on the site prior to the completion of this would result in the Council taking legal action.

2006/82 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0240/F - CHANGE OF USE FROM POST OFFICE TO GAMING MACHINE ARCADE AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD

Alderman I Robinson voiced her extreme disappointment that this application had been progressed to an opinion to approve and proposed that it was referred to the Management Board for consideration on the grounds that it was a departure from the Planning Service's own guidance and was an application which had generated a lot of objection throughout the village of Dundonald.

Councillor G Robinson also stated his disagreement with the opinion of the Planning Service which was inconsistent given the sign across the road which had been refused and seconded the proposal to refer the application to Management Board.

It was therefore

RESOLVED: that the Planning Officer would write to the Planning Service to have the application referred to Management Board.

2006/83 : PLANNING APPLICATIONS Y/2005/0289/F AND Y/2005/0293/RM - ERECTION OF ONE PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS AND ERECTION OF TWO-STOREY DWELLING AT 57 LENAGHAN PARK, BALLYLENAGHAN

The Planning Service Officer informed Members that the applicant had submitted two applications for the same site in order to create a further option for development. Outline planning permission had already been granted for the erection of one dwellinghouse.

The Planning Officer advised that, due to the positioning of the sites, it would not be possible to implement both planning permissions if granted.

Noted.

2006/84 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0304/A - SHOP SIGN AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0304/A be deferred until a decision regarding the change of use application had been received from Management Board.

2006/85 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0558/F - TAXI BOOKING OFFICE (RETENTION OF EXISTING TAXI BOOKING OFFICE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED TEMPORARY APPROVAL UNDER PLANNING REFERENCE Y/2001/0588/F) AT 1A CUMBERLAND DRIVE, CHURCH QUARTER, DUNDONALD

The Planning Service Officer reported that five letters of objection had been received in regard of the above application. However, the Planning Service was satisfied that all requirements had been met.

Noted.

2006/86 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0338/F - CHANGE OF USE AND CONVERSION OF REDUNDANT VERNACULAR BARN TO DWELLING (FURTHER INFORMATION) AT 11 CADGER ROAD, CLONTONAKELLY, CARRYDUFF

On behalf of Councillor Henderson, Councillor Drysdale asked that the above application be deferred to enable an office meeting to take place.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0338/F be deferred for one month to enable an office meeting to be held, at a date and time to be arranged with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, in liaison with Councillor Henderson.

2006/87 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0519/O - SITE FOR SIX APARTMENTS AND COMMUNAL PARKING, GARDENS AND UPGRADED VEHICULAR ACCESS AT 228 KINGS ROAD, BELFAST

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0519/O be deferred for one month to enable a site visit to be held, at a date and time to be arranged with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, in liaison with Councillor Robinson.

2006/88 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0549/F - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AT 18 COTSWOLD AVENUE. REDEVELOPMENT INCLUDING PART GARDEN OF 1 CHARTWELL PARK TO PROVIDE FIVE NO DWELLINGS PLUS ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AT 18 COTSWOLD AVENUE, FOUR WINDS, BELFAST

Councillor Bunting asked that the above application be deferred to enable further discussion between the applicant and the Planning Service.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Planning Application Y/2005/0549/F be deferred for further discussion.

2006/89 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0568/O - SITE FOR THREE NO TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENTS AND ONE NO THREE-BEDROOM APARTMENT WITH ACCESS FROM COMMONS BRAE TO INCLUDE REORGANISATION OF PRIVATE ACCESS DRIVE TO NO 11 COMMON BRAE PLUS PROVISION OF EIGHT NEW PARKING SPACES AT 5 BEECHILL PARK WEST, BALLYLENAGHAN

The Planning Service Officer advised Members that the above application had been withdrawn.

Noted.

2006/90 : PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED : That the Notes and Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record:

- Office meeting of 10 February 2006
- Special Planning Committee meeting of 10 February 2006

2006/91 : WEEKLY LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 17 JANUARY TO 13 FEBRUARY 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/92 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 9 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0240/F - CHANGE OF USE FROM POST OFFICE TO GAMING MACHINE ARCADE AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/93 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 9 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0240/F - CHANGE OF USE FROM POST OFFICE TO GAMING MACHINE ARCADE AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/94 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE SERVICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, DATED 15 DECEMBER 2005, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0240/F - CHANGE OF USE FROM POST OFFICE TO GAMING MACHINE ARCADE AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/95 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DUNDONALD HIGH SCHOOL, DATED 29 NOVEMBER 2005, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0240/F - CHANGE OF USE FROM POST OFFICE TO GAMING MACHINE ARCADE AT 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/96 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 10 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0373/F - 183 SAINTFIELD ROAD, BALLYLENAGHAN, BELFAST, ERECTION OF FIVE NO THREE-STOREY DETACHED HOUSES (AMENDED PLANS) (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/97 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR GARY WOODS, DATED 5 JANUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0373/F - 183 SAINTFIELD ROAD, BALLYLENAGHAN (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/98 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM F J SMITH, DATED 25 JANUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0373/F - 183 SAINTFIELD ROAD, BALLYLENAGHAN (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/99 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR STEPHEN NIXON, DATED 10 JANUARY 2006, RE: 57 LENAGHAN PARK, BELFAST (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/100 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM TODD ARCHITECTS, DATED 7 DECEMBER 2005, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0585/F - 83A GILNAHIRK ROAD, TULLYCARNET (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/101 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 9 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0585/F - ERECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, COMPRISING TEN NO HOUSES INCLUDING DOMESTIC GARAGING (FURTHER INFORMATION), 83A GILNAHIRK ROAD, TULLYCARNET (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/102 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM S R K MARTIN, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0568/O - 5 BEECHILL PARK WEST, BELFAST (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/103 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 27 JANUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0257/O - MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION, LANDS SOUTH-WEST OF JUNCTION OF PURDYSBURN ROAD AND SAINTFIELD ROAD, INCLUDING LANDS AT REAR OF 227 AND 279 SAINTFIELD ROAD, CAIRNSHILL, CASTLEREAGH, APPLICATION FOR RETAIL WAREHOUSE AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Duncan was of the view that this development would not be suitable for the area. Alderman P Robinson agreed, and following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer write to the Planning Service to register the Council's objection to the above application.

2006/104 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 1 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION

Y/2004/0135 - MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL, EXTENSION TO EXISTING RETAIL STORE AND ERECTION OF DECKED CAR PARK AT MARKS & SPENCER STORE ADJACENT CAR PARK, FORESTSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE, UPPER GALWALLY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/105 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 10 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL Y/2004/0634/F - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF TEN NO APARTMENTS (AMENDED - GRASS VERGE TO FRONT OF SITE TO BE RETAINED AS EXISTING) AT 1 WILLOWBANK CRESCENT, BALLYMACONAGHY (copy previously circulated)

Members were disappointed that the Planning Service had granted approval for the above development and requested that the Planning Officer seek clarification and guidance regarding criteria and to convey the Council's disappointment.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer contact the Planning Service to convey the Council's disappointment in respect of approval having been granted for the above planning application and to seek clarification regarding the criteria applied.

2006/106 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 8 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0374/F - CHANGE OF USE TO BOOKMAKING OFFICE AT 78 OLD MILLTOWN ROAD, BALLYNAVALLY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/107 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ENGINEERED COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS, DATED 31 JANUARY 2006, RE: TRAINING FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS - MOBILE PHONE MASTS (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Robinson proposed that the Planning Officer arrange training for Members in respect of mobile phone masts. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Drysdale.

RESOLVED: That the Council agree that the Planning Officer make arrangements for training for Members in respect of mobile phone masts.

2006/108 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM COTSWOLD ACTION GROUP, DATED 20 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0549/F - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 18 COTSWOLD AVENUE AND PART GARDEN 1 CHARTWELL PARK, FOUR WINDS, BELFAST (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2006/109 : SAM BAIRD, OPTICIAN, UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST

The Planning Officer advised that a response had been received from the Management Board, who, after consideration of the application, were in agreement with the view to refuse planning permission.

Noted.

2006/110 : LIMO NIGHTS SIGNS

Councillor Robinson stated that the Limo Nights signs had reappeared at the Old Mill Heights development.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer contact the Planning Service and the Roads Service regarding the reappearance of the Limo Nights signs.

2006/111 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF CLUB BOARD

Alderman P Robinson proposed that a Board be formed with responsibility for Castlereagh Hills Golf Club, entitled Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board, and he suggested that meetings should be structured to include an agenda, be minuted by Council staff and meet every two months with Officers of the Golf Club. Alderman Robinson was of the view that the Golf Club was a first-class facility, and responsibility should lie with the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board, which would be accountable to Council. He further suggested that, if Members were in agreement, a meeting be convened following the Council meeting in order to determine membership of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board.

Members concurred, and Councillor White seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval to form a Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board with responsibility for matters relating to Castlereagh Hills Golf Club.

ROADS SERVICE

2006/112 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ROADS SERVICE, DATED 24 JANUARY 2006, RE: THE BELVOIR ROAD AND NEWTOWNBRED A ROAD (STOPPING-UP) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

HEALTH

2006/113 : MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY REVIEW – NEWS LETTER JANUARY 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/114 : PRESS RELEASE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY, RE: DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES HEALTH SERVICE SPENDING PLANS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

FINANCE

2006/115 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

Capital Account (General)	£24,889.62
General Account (Salaries)	£403,642.50
General Account (Suppliers)	£481,444.62

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

2006/116 : REPORT FROM THE IT MANAGER RE: UPGRADES OF BUILDING CONTROL WIZARD AND THE LAND CHARGE/PROPERTY CERTIFICATE WIZARD (copy previously circulated)

Councillor J Beattie asked that the above report be referred back to the IT Working Group for further consideration.

Noted.

2006/117 : REPORT FROM THE CLIENT SERVICES MANAGER RE: LANDS AT THORNDALE ROAD NORTH (copy previously circulated)

The Client Manager outlined details regarding a sale of land at Thorndale Road North and subsequent purchase of additional land at the rear of the property. However, since the sale took place, it has transpired that there are discrepancies in the drawings relating to the property boundaries, in that land to the front of the property had been omitted. The Client Manager therefore recommended Members' approval that the Council's solicitor be instructed to

draw up legal documentation, showing the correct property boundaries, and that each party would meet the respective costs.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council agree that the Council's solicitor be instructed to draw up legal documentation, showing the correct property boundaries relating to the sale of land at Thorndale Road North and the subsequent purchase of additional land at the rear of the property, and that each party meet respective costs.

2006/118 : LANDS AT 10 THORNDALE ROAD NORTH

During a recent site visit it was indicated that a rectangle of ground adjacent to the above property, which was previously thought of as Council property, appears to be part of 10 Thorndale Road North. The Client Manager, therefore, recommended that Officers enter into discussions with the property owner in order for them becoming the registered owner.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Council agree that Officers enter into discussion with the owner of 10 Thorndale Road North in order that a rectangle of ground previously thought of as being Council property be registered as being part of 10 Thorndale Road North.

MAYOR'S/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2006/119 : MAYOR'S/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

GENERAL

2006/120 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM CAMPBELL & CAHER SOLICITORS, DATED 30 JANUARY 2006 AND 9 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: HYDEBANK WOOD SOCIAL & RECREATION CLUB – RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/121 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM HOLMES & MOFFIT SOLICITORS, DATED 20 JANUARY 2006, RE: ROAD POLICING COMMAND UNIT URBAN CASTLEREAGH SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB – RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/122 : NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN OCCASIONAL LICENCE

The Director of Administration & Community Services provided Members with the detail of the above request. She reported that she would be reluctant to permit this function to go ahead unless the outstanding debt had been cleared, and all booking procedures were in place.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that an Occasional Licence be granted, subject to the organisation clearing all outstanding debt, and all relevant booking procedures were in place. .

2006/123 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM TRANSLINK, DATED 14 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: METRO CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY WITH 10% GROWTH (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/124 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 18 JANUARY 2006, RE: PROPOSAL TO AMEND TAXI BY-LAWS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/125 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ULSTER FARMERS' UNION, DATED 25 JANUARY 2006, RE: DARD CONSULTATION: 'RECOMMENDATIONS TO DARD FOR A RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY' – ULSTER FARMERS' UNION RESPONSE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/126 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE BOORD O ULSTER-SCOTCH, ULSTER-SCOTS AGENCY, DATED 10 FEBRUARY 2006, RE: CROSS-BORDER PROJECT (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Bunting felt that the Council should contact the Ulster Scots Agency to express an interest in the proposed cross-border project, which aimed at increasing local authorities' awareness of Ulster Scots community issues, developing knowledge and awareness of Ulster Scots in the educational system, both north and south of the border, and developing a relationship with museums and libraries to utilise facilities to promote Ulster Scots awareness and inclusion. However, she felt that the time allowed by the Agency for receipt of a reply had been insufficient.

Councillor Bunting also informed Members that the 400th anniversary of the plantation was due to take place during 2006, and she proposed that the

Council should mark the occasion as well as inviting representatives from the Ulster-Scots Agency to give a presentation. The proposal was seconded by Councillor White.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council contact the Ulster Scots Agency to express their support for the proposed cross-border project aimed at increasing awareness of Ulster Scots issues;
- (b) That representatives from the Ulster-Scots Agency be invited to give a presentation to Council.

2006/127 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL, DATED 31 JANUARY 2006, RE: CRIMINAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SCHEMES (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Spratt proposed that the Council write to the Secretary of State in support of the motion brought forward by North Down Borough Council in respect of a system of criminal restorative justice schemes in Northern Ireland. The proposals contained in the schemes had been discussed by the DPP, and there had been reservations that people with paramilitary backgrounds might become involved. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Hanvey.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Secretary of State in support of the motion brought forward by North Down Borough Council in respect of a system of criminal restorative justice schemes in Northern Ireland.

REPORTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS

2006/128 : FIFTH REPORT OF THE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONER JANUARY 2006

Noted.

2006/129 : NORTHERN IRELAND PRIORITIES AND BUDGET 2006-08 AND NEWS RELEASE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/130 : STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD – INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 1005-1015

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2006/131 : RECYCLING

Councillor Bunting enquired whether Council Officers and Administration Services recycled as much as possible, including Council agendas etc. The Chief Executive confirmed that this was the case.

Noted.

2006/132 : VISIT TO THE SOMME

Alderman Norris proposed that Alderman I Robinson represent the Council at the celebrations of the 90th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. Alderman P Robinson was of the view that an Officer should be in attendance as well. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Bunting.

RESOLVED: That Alderman I Robinson and one Officer represent the Council at the 90th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

2006/133 : LOUGH MOSS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Councillor Hanvey asked that the February Lough Moss Advisory Group meeting be reconvened, as there had been no Council representation present.

RESOLVED: That the February Lough Moss Advisory Group meeting be reconvened at a future date.

2006/134 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF CLUB BOARD

Councillor Robinson put forward a proposal in respect of the composition of Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board. He further proposed that the first meeting of the Board take place immediately following the Council meeting and that Councillor Drysdale be substitute for Councillor Henderson at the first meeting only.

Alderman P Robinson seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: That Council grant approval that the following Members be appointed to the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board: Councillor J White, Councillor J Spratt, Councillor M Chambers, Councillor G Robinson, Councillor M Henderson, Councillor J Cochrane, Councillor B Hanvey as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor ex officio, and that the first meeting be convened after the Council meeting.

2006/135 : DOG FOULING IN THE BOROUGH

Councillor Drysdale raised concerns regarding the number of incidents involving dog fouling in the Castlereagh area. He informed Members that he

had received a letter from a constituent, recalling an incident on Moat Park, when a football player had swallowed dog excrement.

During the ensuing discussion, Members enquired regarding the number of convictions in respect of dog fouling in the Borough, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Client Manager provide a report containing the number of incidents of dog fouling in the Borough during the past 12 months.

2006/136 : ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL REGARDING CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF CLUB BOARD

Alderman P Robinson proposed that, as the Council's AGM was drawing near, the duration of the elected membership to the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board for 2006-07 be 15 months.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Drysdale.

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval that the duration of the elected membership to the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board for 2006-07 be 15 months.

2006/137 : NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: USE OF PLASTIC BAGS

The Chief Executive sought Members' views in respect of the following Notice of Motion received from North Down Borough Council:

"That Council writes to the Department of Environment stating the following – that plastic bag tax must be introduced in the very near future to help reduce this needless extravagance of modern-day living; that Council writes to all other councils seeking their support on the matter; and that Council writes to the Minister responsible, proposing that this tax must be brought in to tackle the increasing problems caused by plastic bags."

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to write to Lord Rooker in support of the above Notice of Motion received from North Down Borough Council.

2006/138 : NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM BELFAST CITY COUNCIL RE: CONVERSION OF THE MAZE PRISON TO NORTHERN IRELAND FOOTBALL STADIUM

Noted.

2006/139 : NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM LISBURN CITY COUNCIL RE: CHRONIC WAITING LISTS WITHIN THE EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH

LEARNING DIFFICULTIES WHO REQUIRE URGENT DENTAL TREATMENT

Noted.

IN COMMITTEE

2006/140 : 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSPITAL RADIO

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to hold a civic reception, hosted by the Deputy Mayor, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of hospital radio in the Ulster Hospital.

2006/141 : MEMORIAL FOR GEORGE BEST

Councillor Chambers provided an update following a meeting with Belfast City Council, which she and the Director of Administration & Community Services had attended. Councillor Chambers reported that Mrs Barbara McNarry and Mr Dickie Best had expressed agreement that a monument be erected in Belfast City. Mr Best was of the view that the memorial should be a province-wide memorial, erected in Belfast as the capital city of Northern Ireland.

Alderman P Robinson was of the view that the decision regarding the location of a memorial in respect of George Best needed to be handled carefully and that the Best family should take the lead.

Members agreed that the final decision regarding the monument rested with the Best family and that the best way forward for the Council would be to offer assistance where needed.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Director of Administration & Community Services and the Chairman of the Civic Committee represent the Council on the Working Group;
- (b) That the Chief Executive contact the Chief Executive of Belfast City Council regarding the composition in this regard of any subsequent press release.

2006/142 : WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR V STEVENSON

Councillor Robinson welcomed Councillor Stevenson to the Council. He then proposed that duties previously carried out by Andy Ramsey be transferred to Councillor Stevenson, with the exception of East Belfast Partnership, which would be transferred to Councillor Bunting, and Local Strategy Partnership, which would be transferred to Alderman Norris.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Spratt.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the transfer of all of Andy Ramsey's duties on to Councillor Stevenson, with the exception of East Belfast Partnership, which would be transferred to Councillor Bunting, and Local Strategy Partnership, which would be transferred to Alderman Norris.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.40 pm.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR