

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Jeffers  
(in the Chair)

**ALDERMEN:** J Norris MBE  
Mrs G Rice  
P D Robinson MP MLA

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 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  
G Robinson  
J Spratt  
C Tosh  
J White

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

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received on behalf of Aldermen Copeland, Mrs Robinson and Councillor Henderson

### **2006/02 : OPENING OF MEETING**

Reverend Caldwell opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

### **2006/03 : MINUTES**

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record:
- Special Council meeting of 16 January 2006
  - Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting of 3 January 2006
  - Special Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting of 10 January 2006
  - Special Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting of 17 January 2006
  - Central Services Committee meeting of 9 January 2006, subject to Minute No. CS/2006/13 being referred back to the Committee for further consideration (please refer to Minute No. 2006/63)
- (b) the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record, subject to the following amendments:
- Council meeting of 15 December 2005  
Page 8 – Minute No. 2005/706 : 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> line  
Delete “PPS8 legislation” and insert “DCAN 1”
  - Leisure Services Committee meeting of 5 January 2006  
Page 1 – Minute No. LS/2006/01  
Include Resolution (b) to read  
“That the presentation be given at a future Leisure Park Board meeting”.
  - Finance & General Purposes meeting of 18 January 2006  
Delete Alderman Copeland from the list of those Members present  
Record the following in the appropriate part of the Minutes:  
“Councillor Chambers returned to the meeting at this point at 9.00 p.m.”
- (c) the Minutes of the following meetings be noted:
- Leisure Park Board meeting of 21 November 2005
  - Special Leisure Park Board meeting of 28 November 2005
  - Leisure Park Board meeting of 19 December 2005

## **PLANNING**

### **2006/04 : PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

- Special Planning Committee meeting of 5 January 2006
- Special Planning Committee meeting of 6 January 2006

**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
DATED 26 JANUARY 2006  
(copy previously circulated)**

**2006/05 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0626/F – ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AND DORMER WINDOW EXTENSION TO ROOF TO FACILITATE ROOFSpace CONVERSION PLUS ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING AT 9 ROCHESTER DRIVE, CREGAGH**

Alderman Peter Robinson referred to the Planning Service's opinion to refuse the application on the grounds of prematurity, and he indicated that he had since obtained a significant amount of legal material concerning the Joint Ministerial Statement. He stated that, as clear criteria had been laid down, the Planning Department subsequently had to prove that an application such as this would be detrimental to the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan. In this instance, he felt that there was no justification for refusing this application, in that a precedent had been set as other properties in the vicinity had installed dormer windows. Therefore, in his opinion, the Planning Service was abusing its power in recommending a refusal of this application.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that he fully appreciated the points made in respect of the whole question of the Planning Service's approach to a number of applications, in advance of the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan. He added that the Team that produced BMAP recognised that the Department would be open to any other information that would have a bearing on a particular proposal. He outlined that if new information was brought forward, the Planning Service would discuss this proposal further with the applicant, but emphasised that the Department could not change its position unless it was presented with other evidence.

Alderman Peter Robinson asked for the application to be deferred in order for the architect to be consulted. He commented that, should the Department remain of the opinion to refuse the application, the applicant may wish to look at the proposal again.

Councillor Duncan expressed the view that the Alderman's comments would also apply to Item D3 on the Schedule.

The Planning Service Officer stated that he would be prepared to meet with the applicants to discuss both proposals, and would involve members from the Belfast Metropolitan Area Planning Team.

**RESOLVED** : That Planning Applications Y/2004/0626/F and Y/2005/0309 be deferred to enable further discussions with the applicants and their agents.

**2006/06 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0178/F – LAND ADJACENT TO ‘THE BOG FARM’, 121 BALLYSTOCKART ROAD, COMBER**

Councillor Spratt referred to the above planning application, and asked if an Environmental Impact Assessment, or any other form of investigation, had been carried out.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that a member of the Environment Unit had attended the site visit, and on the basis of the discussion, the Environment & Heritage Service had requested a further condition, in that, the site be fenced off.

The Planning Officer sought clarification that the application was subject to two conditions, which the Council had previously requested.

The Planning Service Officer confirmed that the Department had now included two conditions to the application, stipulating the incorporation of a wheel wash facility, and granting permission for inert material only to be in-filled at the site.

Noted.

**2006/07 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0716/0 – LAND TO REAR OF 17-23 FERDENE PARK, BALLYBEEN, DUNDONALD, BT16 2ES : SITE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

On behalf of Alderman Mrs Robinson, Councillor Robinson proposed that consideration of the above application be deferred for an office meeting.

RESOLVED : That, consideration of Planning Application Y/2004/0716/0 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 Alderman Mrs Robinson.

**2006/08 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0113/F – 188 SAINTFIELD ROAD, BALLYLENAGHAN, BELFAST : AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED APPLICATION Y/2002/0142/F, 1 RETAIL UNIT TO HOT FOOD BAR**

Councillor Hall requested a site meeting in respect of the above application.

Councillor Chambers sought clarification as to the basis of the objections.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that there had been seven objections to the proposal, the majority of which were from other traders in the area relating to traffic congestion and insufficient parking areas.

Councillor Chambers outlined that it was her understanding that a moratorium was in existence, limiting the provision of hot food bars in that area. She noted that this was an amended application, and asked what the previous one related to. She added that she was already concerned at the number of

businesses in the area, and given that there were still 2 or 3 units to be let, this would exacerbate the traffic congestion and parking difficulties.

The Planning Service Officer reported that a previous application related to 4 units to replace the filling station, and this application referred to a change of use of one of the units to a hot food bar. He indicated that a guidance note had been produced in 1998, which made reference to the provision of hot food bars.

Councillor Chambers outlined that, on the basis of the Planning Service's moratorium, she too was requesting a deferral for a site meeting. She added that she was particularly concerned that the application had not been determined using clearly laid down planning policy, but had been based on the interpretation of a guidance note by an individual officer in the Planning Service.

Councillor Duncan suggested that the site visit be held between 4.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m., when traffic volumes were constant, in order to better determine the impact on traffic levels.

RESOLVED : That consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0113/F be deferred for one month to enable a site meeting to be held, at a date and time to be arranged with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, in liaison with Councillors Chambers and Hall.

**2006/09 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0206/F – 24A LISDOONAN ROAD, LISDOONAN, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING AND CONVERSION OF EXISTING DWELLING TO OUTBUILDING**

Councillor Beattie referred to correspondence in respect of the above application, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, and he requested a deferral in order to convene an office meeting.

Councillor Robinson outlined that Alderman Mrs Robinson had also requested that this application be deferred for an office meeting

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0206/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 Alderman Mrs Robinson and Councillor J Beattie.

**2006/10 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0396/F – 22 GILNAHIRK WALK, TULLYCARNET : PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO DETACHED SPLIT LEVEL DWELLINGS**

Following a query from Councillor Cochrane in respect of the above, the Planning Service Officer confirmed that the development was entirely within the curtilage of the existing building and the adjacent right of way.

Noted.

**2006/11 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0518/F – GRAND PRIX MEWS (PREVIOUSLY ELIM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH YOUTH HALL, 1 GRAND PRIX PARK, BALLYBEEN, DUNDONALD : CHANGES TO HOUSE TYPES B1 & B2 TO INCLUDE SMALL WINDOW TO THE GABLE WALLS (AT SECOND STOREY LEVEL) AND ESCAPE ROOF LIGHTS (WITH OBSCURE GLAZING) FACING GRAND PRIX GROVE (PREVIOUS PLANNING APPROVAL REFERENCE Y/2004/0118/F)**

Councillor White sought clarification on how the small window on the gable wall would impinge on the adjoining properties, and on which particular site B1 & B2 were located.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the small window was located on the second storey of the building, and although it was a minor modification, it was necessary to regularise the proposal through a planning application.

Noted.

**2006/12 : PLANNING APPLICATIONS AT QUARRY CORNER, DUNDONALD AND 94 COMBER ROAD, DUNDONALD**

Councillor Robinson asked for an update in respect of the above two applications, which had been with the Planning Service for quite some time, and asked when it was envisaged they would be appearing on the Schedule.

The Planning Service Officer referred to Quarry Corner, and outlined that this had initially been submitted as an outline application, and had been converted into a full application within the last month. With regard to 94 Comber Road, he reported that he hoped to meet with the Agent in the near future.

Councillor Robinson suggested that the Planning Officer to write to the Planning Service, in order to place on record the Council's concerns at the length of time it was taking for these two applications to appear on the Schedule.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** : That the Council writes to the Planning Service expressing concern at the length of time it was taking to reach a determination in respect of Quarry Corner and 94 Comber Road, for inclusion in the Planning Schedule.

**2006/13 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0589/0 – OUR LADY & ST PATRICK’S COLLEGE, KINGSWAY GARDENS, BELFAST : SITE FOR NEW BUILD COLLEGE, PLAYING FIELDS AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS (AMENDED – ACCESS TO BE FROM GILNAHIRK ROAD)**

Councillor Robinson asked for an update in respect of the above application.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that he was waiting on further information from the applicant, in particular, the results of an archaeological survey.

Noted.

**ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS**

Alderman Peter Robinson stated that he would like to raise three planning issues that impacted on both Belfast City Council and Castlereagh Borough Council.

**2006/14 : MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AT RAVENHILL RUGBY GROUNDS**

Alderman Robinson reported that two applications had been submitted to the Planning Service in respect of the above. He outlined that he was not sure whether these applications had been considered yet by Belfast City Council, but given the detrimental impact on the area, he was aware of the significant opposition by local residents to the proposal. He added that this development also had a major impact on residents of Castlereagh, particularly those living in the Mount Merrion area, where the main entrance to the grounds was located.

He stated that these residents were currently experiencing difficulties during matches, and if it was going to be used almost nightly, they would suffer significant detriment as a result. He asked how the Planning Service intended to deal with the views of Castlereagh Elected Representatives, as well as those of Belfast City Council.

Councillor Long concurred with Alderman Robinson’s comments and agreed that this proposal would have a major impact on residents in the neighbouring vicinity.

The Planning Service Officer suggested that he would write to the Divisional Planning Officer, or alternatively, the Council may wish to send a delegation to meet with him to establish what the current position was. He added that the role of Roads Service would also need to be taken into consideration.

Alderman Peter Robinson outlined that he would be satisfied if the Council’s Planning Officer wrote to the Divisional Planning Officer.

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer writes to the Divisional Planning Officer outlining Members' concerns on the detrimental impact the proposed major development at Ravenhill Rugby Grounds would have on Castlereagh residents, particularly those living in the Mount Merrion area.

**2006/15 : PROPOSAL FOR IKEA STORE TO BE LOCATED AT THE D5 SITE AT THE HARBOUR ESTATE**

Alderman Peter Robinson referred to the above, and stated that this was a very important development, creating 400 to 500 jobs in store, and 100 jobs out sourcing, and given its location, 100 of the jobs may come to the Borough. He outlined that given the importance to the economy, he proposed that the Council writes to the Planning Service outlining its support for the application.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Robinson.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to the Planning Service outlining full support for the proposal to locate an Ikea Store at the Harbour Estate.

**2006/16 : PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

Alderman Peter Robinson outlined that the Belfast Education & Library Board planned to redevelop the land at the Grosvenor/Orangefield campus to accommodate a number of schools in the area. He added that the scheme was being progressed via a Public, Private Partnership initiative.

He advised that following months of negotiations with local residents, Belfast Education & Library Board, the Department, Strategic Investment Board and Elected Representatives, it had been agreed that the best place to locate the entrance to the campus would be in from the Knock Dual Carriageway. He outlined that at a recent meeting of Assembly Members, consideration had been given to the entrance being located at Prince Regent Road.

He indicated that although this application was being dealt with by Belfast City Council, the increased traffic would have a major impact on Castlereagh Borough Council residents. He asked that the Planning Officer write to Planning Service outlining the Council's concerns.

Councillor Long stated that he had been contacted by local residents voicing their concerns.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to the Planning Service in respect of the Public Private Partnership Schools Initiative at the Grosvenor/Orangefield campus, outlining the Council's concerns on the traffic impact on Castlereagh residents.

**2006/17 : WEEKLY LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 6 DECEMBER 2005 TO 16 JANUARY 2006 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/18 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM COOGAN & CO ARCHITECTS LTD RE: LEISURE PARK COMPRISING MULTI-SCREEN CINEMA BUILDING, RETAIL UNITS, RESTAURANTS ANCILLARY SPACE AND CAR PARKING (copy previously circulated)**

The Planning Officer advised Members that the above application had been made invalid.

Noted.

**2006/19 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ASDA STORES LTD RE: NEW STORE DEVELOPMENTS AND WORKING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, TOWN CENTER MANAGERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Robinson expressed the view that the content of the correspondence was factually incorrect, and it should be pointed out to Asda Management that an Asda Store was already operating in Dundonald.

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer writes to Asda pointing out that it already had a store located in the Castlereagh Borough.

**2006/20 : COUNCIL'S RESPONSE - CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF REGIONAL HOUSING GROWTH INDICATORS IN THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (copy previously circulated)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That approval be given for the response to the Consultation on Review of Regional Housing Growth Indicators in the Regional Development Strategy, as prepared by the Planning Officer.

**2006/21 : DRAFT BMAP – REQUEST TO DISPLAY AN EXHIBITION IN THE FOYER OF THE CIVIC CENTRE**

The Planning Officer advised Members that the BMAP Team was seeking permission for the above to be held in the Civic Centre foyer on various dates.

RESOLVED : That the BMAP Team be authorised to display an exhibition on the draft BMAP in the foyer of the Civic Centre for an 8 week period from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006, with a late night until 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**ROADS SERVICE**

**2006/22 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE  
RE: MILLTOWN ROAD AT RAMADA HOTEL (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Cochrane sought clarification as to whether the survey had been carried out during peak periods, i.e. at the weekend, or during the rugby/hockey season, as she felt this may have had a bearing on the survey findings. She suggested that the Council ascertain if the Roads Service would consider the installation of part-time traffic signals at this junction, in light of the hazardous traffic implications.

RESOLVED:- That, the Council writes to the Roads Service seeking clarification as to when the survey had been carried out at Milltown Road/ entrance to Ramada Hotel, and whether they would consider the installation of part-time traffic signals at this junction, in view of the hazardous traffic implications.

**2006/23 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ROADS SERVICE  
RE: QUEENSFORT PARK SOUTH – REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING  
MEASURES (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman Rice expressed her disappointment that traffic calming measures were not being introduced. She requested that the Council writes asking the Roads Service to reconsider its decision.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to the Roads Service asking that it reconsiders its decision not to introduce traffic calming measures at Queensfort Park South.

**2006/24 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE:  
KILLYNURE ROAD, CARRYDUFF – TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME (copy  
letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**ANY OTHER ROADS ISSUES**

**2006/25 : COMBER ROAD, DUNDONALD**

Councillor Robinson proposed that the Council writes to the Roads Service asking for either a crossing or traffic calming measures to be introduced at Comber Road, Dundonald. He expressed his concern for the safety of the elderly and visually impaired residents who had been experiencing difficulties crossing this very busy road.

Councillor Drysdale concurred with Councillor Robinson's comments, and seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council writes to the Roads Service outlining the difficulties being experienced by the elderly and visually impaired attempting

to cross the Comber Road, Dundonald, and requesting that either a crossing or traffic calming measures be introduced.

## **EDUCATION**

### **2006/26 : MINUTES OF SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES HELD IN DECEMBER 2005**

Noted.

**2006/27 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RE: NEW POST-PRIMARY ARRANGEMENTS AND PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT EDUCATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

## **HEALTH**

**2006/28 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: PRIMARY DENTAL CARE STRATEGY – A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

## **FINANCE**

### **2006/29 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

Capital Account (General)	£ 54,833.57
General Account (Salaries)	£ 424,513.53
General Account (Suppliers)	£1,121,587.12

## **LEGAL**

**2006/30 : AUTHORISATION FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT OF SALE FOR LAND AT CREGAGH PARK, CREGAGH (SALE OF LAND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL)**

RESOLVED : That the Council authorises the Chief Executive and Mayor to sign the contract of sale for land at Cregagh Park, Cregagh.

## **MAYOR'S/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

**2006/31 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR JANUARY 2006 (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Jeffers thanked those Members who had supported the Ulster Scots Evening, and advised that almost £1,500.00 had been raised for Multiple Sclerosis.

He further advised that an invitation had been extended to all Councillors to visit the RUC George Cross Garden.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That Members' Services liaise with the Mayor's Officer in order to arrange a suitable date and time for Members to visit the RUC George Cross Garden.

### **GENERAL**

**2006/32 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION NORTHERN IRELAND, THE COMBINED UK PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/33 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION NORTHERN IRELAND RE: INSPECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE OMBUDSMAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Noted.

**2006/34 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM BEECHGROVE AND GLENCREGAGH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS AND DISPLAYS IN THE BOROUGH (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/35 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCILLORS' CENSUS 2005 (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/36 : CORRESPONDENCE RE: ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONSULTATION BY DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/37 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY DIVISION RE: CORRUPTION LAW REFORM (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/38 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: ISSUE OF REPORT ON THE INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION ON THE REFORM OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/39 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, RE: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Spratt stated that anti social behaviour was a serious problem within certain areas of the Borough, but the police were not properly targeting these particular areas. He expressed his concern in relation to recent attacks on the elderly, lack of police on the ground, and lack of response to members of the public.

He indicated that he was very disappointed with the District Commander's reply, and it appeared to him that the local commander did not understand how serious the Council believed this issue to be.

Alderman Rice stated that there was a clear lack of police presence in all areas of the Borough.

Councillor Bunting outlined that the District Commander tended to quote trends and speak about robust action, but it was difficult to get to the bottom of what was actually being done to address these problems. She added that, although the Council always had the utmost sympathy for the police on the ground, it had to be recognised that the PSNI had responsibility for ensuring that it provided an effective and efficient service.

Councillor Long made reference to a constituent who had sought police assistance, and had been advised that all officers were in other parts of the Borough on that particular night.

Alderman Peter Robinson referred to the issue of anti social behaviour, and he detailed a number of areas in the Borough where this was a particular problem. He expressed the view that better use should be made of the Anti Social Behaviour Enforcement Policy in order to ascertain whether any changes could be brought about by handing out more anti social behaviour orders.

Councillor Drysdale stated that, although there was a clear lack of police resources, he would like to commend the community police in Castlereagh for the excellent job they did.

Councillor Spratt proposed that the Council writes to the District Commander expressing the Council's disappointment at his reply, and relaying Members' comments in relation to wider use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to the District Commander expressing disappointment at his reply, and relaying Members' views on the wider use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders throughout the Borough.

**2006/40 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM BELFAST CITY HOSPITAL TRUST  
RE: VISIT TO NEW CANCER CENTRE AT BELFAST CITY HOSPITAL  
TRUST (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Jeffers outlined that an invitation had been extended to Councillors to visit the new cancer centre at Belfast City Hospital, either on 9<sup>th</sup> February or 9<sup>th</sup> March, between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m.

Members agreed to participate in the visit, and felt that 9<sup>th</sup> March would be the most suitable date.

Councillor Hughes advised Members that she had visited the centre earlier that day, and had welcomed the opportunity to see the excellent work carried out by the staff.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to visit the new cancer centre at Belfast City Hospital Trust on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

**2006/41 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT  
OFFICE RE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT DAY (copy previously  
circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/42 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALDERMAN I ROBINSON MP MLA,  
HOUSE OF COMMONS RE: MEETING OF THE ENLER STEERING  
GROUP (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Beattie proposed that Councillor White continue to represent the Council on the Enler Steering Group during this current Council term, and Councillor Robinson replace Alderman Mrs Robinson. The proposal was seconded by Alderman Norris.

Councillor Long referred to the above correspondence, and sought clarification as to whether the Council was being asked to consider replacing Alderman Mrs Robinson with Councillor Robinson, or whether Alderman Mrs Robinson would remain as a Member of the Group, with Councillor Robinson acting as her proxy.

Alderman Peter Robinson stated that Members were being asked to nominate a representative to replace Alderman Mrs Robinson. He added that a proposal had been put forward and had been seconded.

Councillor Long indicated that he had some difficulty with the statement in paragraph three of Alderman Mrs Robinson's letter, in which she stated that the reason for suggesting Councillor Robinson as her proxy, was the significant votes he had received at the last elections. He expressed the view that it would be useful if 4 Elected Members sat on the Group, in order to achieve cross party representation.

Councillor White outlined that Councillor Long's former party colleague had been Chairman of Landmark East for a number of years, and during that period, the Alliance Party did not call for cross party representation.

Councillor Long stated that he understood that Alderman Mrs Robinson had been included in the membership of the Enler Steering Group, in her capacity as MP for the area. He outlined that he was of the view that two Councillors for the area from different political parties should be appointed to sit on the Group.

Councillor Drysdale asked if it had been Landmark East's decision to have two Members from one political party represented on the Group.

Alderman Peter Robinson outlined that the DUP had received the largest vote in that area, and based on d'Hondt, would have automatically been entitled to have two Members in the Group. He added that when the Ulster Unionist Party was the dominant party, they had no misgivings about putting their people into positions, but now wanted to take away the benefits that electoral success brought.

Following further discussion, Councillor Jeffers asked Members to vote on the proposal put forward by Councillor Beattie. With eleven Members in favour, three against and two abstentions, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Councillor White continue to represent the Council on the Enler Steering Group during the current Council term, and Councillor Robinson replace Alderman Mrs Robinson.

**2006/43 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM HARRISONS SOLICITORS RE: TRANSFER OF A LICENCE, ASDA STORES LTD, 1009 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

#### **REPORTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

**2006/44 : ARK NORTHERN IRELAND, SOCIAL & POLITICAL ARCHIVE, ANNUAL REPORT 2004 (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/45 : DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE, ANNUAL REPORT 2004-05 (copy available at Members' request)**

Noted.

**2006/46 : INVEST NORTHERN IRELAND, ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2004-05 (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2006/47 : NORTHERN IRELAND PARADES COMMISSION, 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT**

Noted.

**2006/48 : NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ANNUAL REPORT 2004-05 (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2006/49 : PLANTING OF A TREE CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF GRETTA FALLOON MBE**

Councillor Chambers reminded Members that at the November Council meeting it had been agreed to postpone the above ceremony.

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported that the matter was being placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next Central Services Committee meeting.

Noted.

**2006/50 : VINTAGE CAR ASSOCIATION RALLIES**

Councillor Chambers asked for Council support by writing to the relevant Minister requesting that when organising rallies, the requirement for the Vintage Car Association to fill in the Parades Commission's 11/1 form be removed. She added that she could not understand why this type of event should be determined by the Parades Commission in the same way as a contentious parade.

Councillor Spratt expressed his support, and outlined that it was hideous that Associations such as these should be required to fill in this form.

RESOLVED : That the Council writes to the Minister requesting the removal of the requirement for organisations such as the Vintage Car Association to fill in the Parade Commission's 11/1 form, when organising rallies.

**2006/51 : BROOKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Councillor Robinson proposed that the Council write a letter of support to Brooklands Primary School. Furthermore, the letter to include an offer of

advice and assistance from the Council to ascertain potential funding sources for its Toy and Book library.

Councillor White seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council writes a letter of support to Brooklands Primary School. Furthermore, the letter to include an offer of advice and assistance from the Council to ascertain potential funding sources for its Toy and Book library.

**2006/52 : BALLYREGAN CRESCENT**

Councillor Robinson outlined that he had been contacted by a number of residents living in Ballyregan Crescent, who were being disturbed by young people playing football outside their properties. He asked if Officers could arrange for a sign prohibiting football to be erected.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to the Housing Executive requesting that a sign prohibiting football be erected in Ballyregan Crescent.

**2006/53 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF COURSE**

Alderman Peter Robinson referred to the overlap in responsibility for the golf course, in that, the Technical & Environmental Services Committee was responsible for some aspects and the Leisure Services Committee for others. He proposed that Members liaise with their Party Whips before the next Council meeting, in order to determine how this facility could be more effectively dealt with.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Members liaise with their Party Whips to determine a more effective way of dealing with Castlereagh Hills Golf Course, for consideration at the next Council meeting.

**2006/54 : TULLYCARNET NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Councillor Drysdale stated that at the last Council meeting, he had raised a number of questions in respect of the above.

The Chief Executive outlined that he would speak with the Councillor after the meeting.

Noted.

**2006/55 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM PHOENIX NATURAL GAS RE: TARRIFF PRICE REVIEW (copy circulated at the meeting)**

Councillor White outlined that he was horrified at such a significant increase in the above tariff. He added that over the past number of years, the Housing Executive had introduced gas heating into its properties, and continued to do so. He expressed the view that an increase of 17.3% was appalling for the elderly and those on benefits, particularly given the added financial burden of a potential increase in electricity prices. He proposed that the Council writes to Phoenix Natural Gas objecting in the strongest possible terms to tariff increases.

Councillor Bunting seconded the proposal.

Alderman Peter Robinson suggested also writing to the Energy Regulator.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to Phoenix Natural Gas and the Energy Regulator objecting in the strongest possible terms to recent tariff increases.

**2006/56 : THE MS SOCIETY'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BALL ON FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2006 AT CULLODEN HOTEL, CULTRA (copy circulated at the meeting)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That Members' Service liaise with Members to determine numbers, and book a table at the MS Society's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ball accordingly, at a cost of £650.00.

**2006/57 : THE WATERLOO BALL BEING HELD AT COOKE RUGBY CLUB ON SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006**

As previously instructed, Officers had contacted Members to determine interest in the above.

RESOLVED : The Council agrees to book two tables at the Waterloo Ball, being held at Cooke Rugby Club on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006, at a total cost of £2,000.00

**2006/58 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: RURAL LIFE WEEK (copy circulated at the meeting)**

Noted.

**2006/59 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DUNDONALD VILLAGE REGENERATION GROUP RE: DUNDONALD ART PROJECT (copy circulated at the meeting)**

Councillor Jeffers declared an interest. He advised Members that the Group had decided not to proceed with the Dundonald Art Project, and had returned to the Council the grant of £15,000.00.

Noted.

### **IN COMMITTEE**

#### **2006/60 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: REVIEW OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT (copy previously circulated)**

A number of Members present indicated that they had not been provided with a copy of the Northern Ireland Code of Local Government Conduct.

The Director of Administration & Community Services outlined that this had been distributed to all Members at the beginning of the new Council term. She added that she would arrange for a further copy to be forwarded to all Members.

RESOLVED : That a copy of the Northern Ireland Code of Local Government Conduct be forwarded to all Members of Council.

#### **2006/61 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM FORMER COUNCILLOR A RAMSEY (copy previously circulated)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council writes to former Councillor Ramsey expressing Members' sadness on learning of his resignation, and thanking him for his contribution.

#### **2006/62 : MEMORIAL FOR THE LATE GEORGE BEST**

Alderman Peter Robinson advised Members that he had been contacted by a member of the press indicating that the Council had agreed to attend a meeting at Belfast City Hall to consider the above.

He queried why this had been in the press in advance of the Council agreeing to nominate any representatives to attend.

The Chief Executive confirmed that a call had been received inviting representation from Castlereagh Borough Council.

Councillor Chambers reported that the Central Services Committee had taken a considered decision not to do anything regarding the late George Best until the family had been given sufficient time to grieve, and they were in a position to enter into discussions with the Council.

Following a detailed discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Mayor, the Chairman of the Central Services Committee, and the Director of Administration & Community

Services attend a meeting being held in Belfast City Hall to hear the discussion on proposals for a memorial to the late George Best.

**2006/63 : GEORGE BEST MEMORABILIA (Minute No. CS/2006/13 refers)**

Councillor Chambers appraised Members of the discussion that had taken place at the last Central Services Committee meeting in respect of the above, including the sale of George Best Freedom of the Borough medallions.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Minute No. CS/2006/13 be referred back to the Central Services Committee for further consideration.

**2006/64 : GEORGE BEST MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CHARITY DINNER**

Councillor Jeffers advised Members that he had received an email from the late George Best's agent inviting Councillors to a Memorial Service and Charity Dinner, being held at Old Trafford, Manchester on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006. He added that, he and the Mayoress would be attending, with the costs being met out of the mayoral budget.

Following discussion, it was felt that it would be in order for a small group to attend, and it was agreed that the Chief Executive, the Director of Administration & Community Services, and the Administration Manager attend.

Alderman Peter Robinson proposed that Officers ascertain the extent of the invitation to the Service and the Dinner, and if appropriate, anyone wishing to attend, over and above those already approved, would meet the costs themselves.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Chief Executive, the Director of Administration & Community Services and the Administration Manager be authorised to attend the George Best Memorial Service and Charity Dinner at Old Trafford, Manchester on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006, with the costs being met out of the appropriate budget. Councillor Jeffers would be attending in his capacity as Mayor, and would be accompanied by the Mayoress.

**2006/65 : SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE STRIKING OF THE DISTRICT RATES**

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that a Special Council meeting be convened on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 5.00 p.m. for the striking of the District Rates.

**2006/66 : FAIRTRADE STEERING GROUP**

The Director of Administration & Community Services confirmed that, due to the date of the Estimates meeting being confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006, she

would contact Councillor Long in order to organise an alternative meeting date to discuss the possibility of establishing a Steering Group.

Noted.

### **2006/67 : MEETINGS**

Councillor Long outlined that in order to attend meetings during the day, he required adequate notice so that he could organise time off work. He referred to two recent daytime meetings that had been postponed with only 48 hours' notice being given. He asked for a requirement to be put in place that a minimum number of three or four days notice needed to be given when a meeting was being postponed or cancelled.

Councillor Beattie paid tribute to the staff that were currently working on the estimates, and added that unfortunately a recently scheduled Estimates Working Group had to be postponed to enable further work to be carried out.

Councillor Bunting stated that there should be a mechanism in place, in an effort to avoid Council Committee meetings, clashing with any meetings of outside bodies, which Members also sat on.

Noted.

### **2006/68 : CHARITY EVENT AT CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF COURSE**

Councillor Robinson stated that he had received a letter from a resident seeking Council support for an event he wished to organise in aid of Cancer Relief at Castlereagh Hills Golf Club. He asked that the Operations Manager and the Marketing Team meet with the gentleman in order to determine how the Council could support him in his fundraising efforts.

**RESOLVED :** That the Council agrees that the Operations Manager and the Marketing Team meet with the gentleman wishing to hold a charity event in Castlereagh Hills Golf Club, to determine how best the Council could assist with the fundraising event.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**MAYOR**