

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held, in committee, in the Members' Committee Room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Tuesday, 3rd January 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Alderman J Norris	(in the chair)
Alderman Mrs G Rice	(until 10.10 p.m.)
Councillor J Beattie	
Councillor Mrs M Chambers	
Councillor Mrs S Duncan	
Councillor B Harvey	(until 10.10 p.m.)
Councillor M Henderson	
Councillor A Ramsey	
Councillor J Spratt	

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

APOLOGIES:- Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Beattie, Drysdale and also from the Client Manager.

TSC/2006/001 : MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6TH DECEMBER 2005

Noted.

MATTERS ARISING

TSC/2006/002 : LANDS AT CARRYDUFF (Minute Ref No: TSC/2005/447 refers)

Councillor Henderson suggested that the Committee hold a site visit to the land in question to avoid any confusion of its actual location. He indicated that it was his understanding that there was a previous Council resolution whereby any land surplus to requirement should be offloaded and he wished to ascertain if this was the case.

Several of the Members expressed their concern that by selling off this portion of land, it would set a precedent and encourage speculation.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That,

- (a) A site visit to the land at Loughbrin Park be held in March 2006, at a date and time to be organised, following which
- (b) Members may take an opportunity to raise this matter again in 6 months time and review their decision.

TSC/2006/003 : PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM INVESTING FOR HEALTH

The Chairman of the Committee welcomed Fionnuala Close and Jennifer Parkinson to the meeting.

They commenced their presentation by referring to the role of Environmental Health in Accident Prevention, namely:-

- The Background
- Mapping Exercise
- Accident Picture in Northern Ireland
- Home Safety
- Home Accident Prevention Strategy & Action Plan
- Points to Consider
- Conclusions
- Recommendations
- Benefits to Councils

Councillor Chambers' sought clarification of the wording of the legislation, which gave the Council responsibility for this matter.

Ms Close stated that Article 27 of the Local Government Act detailed that Local Councils could promote home safety.

She added that no other organisation had been given this discretionary power and Local Government were already actively trying to create a better quality of life for everyone through their existing service provision.

She then referred to a recent Price Waterhouse survey, which highlighted that there was a public demand for council leadership to have a greater role in home safety. She indicated that there was no-one prepared to co-ordinate the best use

of resources available, and a Home Safety Co-ordinator post would be beneficial at an initial cost of £5,000 to the Council. Members were informed that this expenditure would not be recurring, as further funding could be applied from the Investing for Health budget.

Several of the Members felt that the issue of home safety was the responsibility of Central Government and the Health & Safety Executive, and they were unhappy that ratepayers would have to pay for this service.

Councillor Hanvey stated that having suffered the effects of a home accident as a child, he thought that the Council should contribute the necessary £5,000, as it would help to reduce the statistics of accidents in the home.

Councillor Henderson indicated that this issue had been presented at the last Eastern Group meeting and the other Councils in the Group had agreed to sponsor a Home Safety Co-ordinator post for 18 months. Although he concurred with Councillor Hanvey's comments, he held reservations with regard to the feasibility of finding further funding for the post.

Members agreed that they did not want the same situation to arise when the Council took over responsibility for Air Pollution Control in the Borough, despite initial reassurances and grant aid, the Council now had to totally fund it.

Councillor Mrs Duncan indicated that as Castlereagh had been the only Council not to support the post of Home Safety Co-ordinator, she felt that the Council should contribute the £5,000 and asked if the funding could be found from other sources, e.g. the Technical & Environmental Services budget.

Councillor Henderson commented that, if the Council made the initial contribution, it was possible to set down guidelines, in the likelihood that further funding could not be found in the future, allowing the Council thereby to opt out.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That, consideration of the request for £5,000, as Castlereagh Borough Council's contribution to a Home Safety Co-ordinator's post for an initial 18 month period, be deferred to enable Councillor Beattie to raise the matter informally with the Community Safety Partnership to ascertain if they could provide the necessary funding.

REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)

TSC/2006/004 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager outlined the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period of 1/11/2005 to 30/11/2005.

Noted.

TSC/2006/005 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS ENQUIRIES

Noted.

At this point of the meeting, Members agreed to discuss the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report.

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

TSC/2006/006 : PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACTS 1878-1907 STATUTORY NOTICES

RESOLVED:- That, the Acting Health Manager provide Councillor Mrs Duncan with details of the Statutory Notice issued.

TSC/2006/007 : AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2004 REPORT

Noted.

TSC/2006/008 : POISONS (NI) ORDER 1976

RESOLVED :- That the following premises be registered for the selling of poisons, as required under the Poisons (NI) Order 1976 :-

- Co-op Welcome, 150 King's Road, Belfast, BT5 7EJ.
- Co-op Welcome, 69 Rosetta Road, Belfast, BT6 0LR.
- Co-op Welcome, 6 Ballygowan Road, Belfast, BT5 7LL.

TSC/2006/009 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES- ENFORCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL BYE-LAW

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that, further to Minute reference 2005/653 part (b), relating to signage prohibiting the use of alcohol, the following applies:-

At present the Council has designated 14 categories of areas under the byelaw relating to the prohibition of consumption of alcohol in designated places. Below are details of these categories and the number of areas within each category:

Parks	5
Playing Fields	8
Open Spaces	85 (approximately)
Children's Playgrounds	12
Grounds of Churches	55 (approximately)
Miscellaneous Grounds	30
Community/Activity Centres	10
Roads/Streets	Over 850
Schools	27
Health Centres	6
Libraries	7
Hospitals	4
Training Centres	6
Public Rights of Way	43

The Byelaw was made by Council on 27 September 2001 and confirmed by the Department on 31 December 2001.

There are numerous signs indicating that certain areas are designated. Should specific areas be identified as "hot spots" either by Council Officers, the Police Service of Northern Ireland or members of the public, signs can be erected on request if the area is not covered.

The PSNI have an up-to-date copy of the Schedule of Designated Places and therefore the absence of signage should not prevent them from taking the appropriate action. However, problems may arise if an individual declared they were unaware that they were consuming intoxicating liquor in a designated place as the relevant sign may have been removed or vandalised.

The Environmental Health Service Unit will continue to seek approval for the instigation of legal proceedings against all offenders to which they have been made aware.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That,

- (a) Officers be instructed to report the following information on a monthly basis:-
- the number of cases reported by the PSNI to Environmental Health regarding breaches of Council Byelaw and their locations
 - the number of cases pending prosecution
 - the number of cases dealt with by means of a formal caution
- (b) Officers be instructed to ascertain if it is feasible to “name and shame” offenders as is the case with dog fouling incidents.
- (c) Officers be instructed to write to the District Commander enclosing a copy of the Council Byelaw passed on the 27th September 2001 and informing him that, as such, offenders should be prosecuted irrespective if a prohibitive sign is displayed or not, and asking that he ensures that all Officers within the Castlereagh Borough are notified of the existence of this Byelaw.

TSC/2006/010 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES – DRINKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS

The Environmental Health Service has received witness statements from the Police Service of Northern Ireland in respect of two people who were detected drinking in a designated place, contrary to the Council Byelaws made under the above legislation. The incidents occurred on:

- Saturday 22 October 2005 at Upper Knockbreda Road, Belfast.
- Monday 31 October 2005 at Dundonald International Ice Bowl, Dundonald.

RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommended to instigate legal proceedings against the offenders in relation to the above incidents.

TSC/2006/011 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – LICENCE RENEWAL

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that as required by the above legislation, an application for the renewal of a licence to store petroleum has been received at the premises outlined in his report.

RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of the licence in respect of Petroleum Consolidation Act (NI) 1929, as outlined in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report.

TSC/2006/012 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 : ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL OF LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised Members that applications for the renewal of Entertainment Licences had been received for the premises detailed in his report.

RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommended to agree to the renewal of licences in respect of the Local Government (NI) Order 1985 – Licensing of Places of Entertainment, as outlined in the Acting Environmental Health Manager's report.

TSC/2006/013 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOG KENNELING FACILITIES AT CARRYDUFF

The Acting Environmental Health Manager informed Members that Article 40(a) of the above legislation provides that every district Council shall establish and maintain dog pounds or make arrangements with any person who keeps kennels which are approved by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the use of those kennels by the Council on such terms and conditions as may be agreed.

Currently the USPCA provide kennelling facilities and related services at their premises at 11 Drumview Road, Lisburn for Castlereagh Borough Council but the current contract is due to expire on 31 March 2006.

A contract has now been drawn up to allow for the continuation of the provision of these services from 1 April 2006 and he had attached a draft of the proposed contract within his report. The draft document has been seen by the USPCA and they are in agreement with the proposed arrangements.

RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommended to approve the contract with the USPCA which will subsequently be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Council.

REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER

TSC/2006/014 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF CLUB INCOME REPORT AND PROJECTION

The Operational Services Manager advised Members that, due to the Christmas/New Year holidays, the financial information relating to the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club was not yet available.

He referred to the Membership figures, which were slightly down on those projected, due to some retention difficulties, which he indicated were quite usual for a Golf Club in its infancy.

Alderman Mrs Rice enquired about catering figures, but was informed that this was the remit of the Leisure Services Committee.

The Operational Services Manager referred to a survey of existing members that had been carried out and indicated that, although the findings had not yet been collated, the initial response had been positive.

He informed Members that a meeting of the Castlereagh Golf Club Advisory Committee meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday, 25th January 2006. He continued that the Chief Executive had requested that Members' attention was again drawn to the Terms of Reference for this Advisory Committee, which had originally been set up as a User Group.

Councillor Henderson asked that all Departments with responsibility for any aspect of the Golf Club be in attendance at the above-mentioned meeting.

He added that this Advisory Committee had been set up at a Council Meeting with initial representation from Alderman PD Robinson, and Councillors White and Henderson, however Alderman Robinson had since been replaced with Councillor Robinson. He continued that eventually, a General Committee would be formed with representation from Elected Representatives and Golf Club users.

Following a suggestion from Alderman Norris, Members agreed that the issue of the terms of reference be raised at the next Council Meeting.

Alderman Norris then commented that, as Chairman of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee, he felt that he should be represented on the General Committee. However, Councillor Henderson responded that the General Committee could not be formed until the Club's constitution had been approved by the GUI, and this User Group had been set up by the Council to steer matters in the interim.

The Operational Services Manager reiterated that once the Constitution had been agreed by the GUI and the Golf Club affiliated, that the Council would have

six appointees to the General Committee, which would ensure that the Council would make up the majority on the Committee.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services commented that the role or purpose of the User Advisory Committee had not been defined, however ongoing discussions with the GUI were almost completed and the Council was awaiting written confirmation of its affiliation.

He indicated that the Leisure Services and Technical Services Committees were currently dealing with separate issues of the Golf Club, therefore if one General Committee was formed, clarification was required in relation to whom it would report to.

At this point, the Members agreed that the Committee go into “Staff-in-Committee”.

At the point the meeting went into Staff in Committee, and continued discussing this matter.

TSC/2006/015 : BILLY NEILL USER GROUP

The Operational Services Manager again indicated that the Chief Executive had sought clarification in relation to the terms of reference for this User Group.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That, the Billy Neill User Group have the same terms of reference as the rest of the Council’s User Advisory Committees, and that Officers arrange for a meeting of the Group as soon as possible.

TSC/2006/016 : SCOUT CENTENARY 2007

The Operational Services Manager referred to his report to the Committee in December 2005, minute T&ESC/2005/417 refers, whereby it was resolved that this request be deferred to a future meeting for consideration.

Councillor Chambers referred to the difference in costs to mount a floral display at the site of the old Council Offices at the bus terminal on the Cregagh Road and suggested that the Officer investigate the costs of providing a display using annual bedding.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That,

- (a) the Council floral bedding display for 2006 commemorate the Mayor's Charity, Multiple Sclerosis and that the request for the Scout Centenary 2007 be deferred until September 2006, when the new Mayor has been appointed.
- (b) the Operational Services Manager will contact MS to ascertain a copy of their logo and will report back to Committee regarding the feasibility of using annual bedding plants, the costs involved, and the possibility of obtaining sponsorship of the display.

TSC/2006/017 : CAIRNSHILL PLAYING FIELDS AND PAVILION

The Operational Services Manager referred to his report on this matter to December's Committee meeting. He confirmed that the Operational Services Unit had received one complaint from a member of the public in relation to Cairnshill Pavilion, reporting that graffiti had been sprayed over the new mural put up by Community Services and that they were now dealing with this issue, in consultation with the local community. It may therefore be appropriate to refer the matter of anti social behaviour to the Community Services section.

Alderman Norris enquired if the Officers had received any information from the PSNI with regard to the 3 escape routes.

Councillor Spratt responded that the PSNI had allegedly stated that the number of actual complaints in relation to Cairnshill, had been low, namely 4 complaints. Therefore it was obvious that people were not reporting any incidents to the PSNI or the relevant Council Departments.

Following a request from Councillor Chambers, it was

RESOLVED:- That,

- (a) the Operational Services Manager provide Councillor Chambers with details of all football clubs that use the Cairnshill Pavilion, the amount of revenue generated through this use, how often the pitches are used and if there is any night use involved.
- (b) the matter of anti social behaviour around the area of Cairnshill Playing Fields and Pavilion be referred to the Community Services Section.

TSC/2006/018 : REQUEST FOR PROVISION OF MOBILE CATERING SERVICES AT BILLY NEILL MBE SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Operational Services Manager asked Members to recall his report to the Committee in December regarding the above. He had enclosed a detailed

breakdown of the income received from the vending at the Billy Neill and the cost of providing the hot drinks machine at Castlereagh Hills Golf Club, for the assistance and information of Members.

Billy Neill Centre

Total sales to end of Period 8	£2,992.39
Income received by Operational Services Unit	£1,166.27

Castlereagh Hills Golf Club

Total sales to end of Period 8	£9,947.82
Income received by Operational Services Unit	£3,381.31

The hot drinks machine at the Golf Club had a total income to end of period 8 of £121.40 (commission earned at 40% less VAT) £41.33

He referred Members to an application form used by the applicant when requesting for the provision of mobile catering services, which had been agreed by Council in December 2002, minute TSC/2002/497 refers. It will be seen that this specifies the requirements in relation to Equipment and Food Handling, Litter, Insurance etc. Members will recall the recommendation made at the last meeting of the Committee, and which was subsequently ratified by Council that:

- ascertain whether the individuals making the application could meet Council requirements, in terms of public liability insurance, health regulations, etc.
- determine the income received from the vending machine currently located in the Centre, and ascertain the cost of providing one that sells hot drinks.

The Officer commented that, in view of current income projections set out above there would appear to be no economic incentive to grant approval for the provision of mobile catering services at Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence on the basis of current information.

He added that the Council had, in his estimation, fulfilled its obligations but did not have to accept the tender.

The Operational Services Manager continued that the supplier of the hot drinks machine at the golf club was going to remove it as it was not economically viable at this location.

Members felt that it would be more appropriate to relocate it at the Billy Neill facility.

RESOLVED:- That,

- (a) Officers be instructed to write back to the applicant stating that the Council does not wish to proceed with the provision of mobile catering services at Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence.
- (b) Officers be instructed to highlight the income from vending machines, should the situation re-occur in the future.
- (c) Officers contact the supplier of the hot drinks machine, and request that they relocate it from the Golf Club to the Billy Neill facility for a 6 month trial.

TSC/2006/019 : BILLY NEILL MBE SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – PITCH 5

The Operational Services Manager informed Members that, following December's Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting, Officers were asked to investigate the problems in relation to changing facilities and usage of Pitch 5 at the Billy Neill Centre.

He commented that, at the beginning of the 2005/2006 football season additional pitches were requested by Castlereagh U9's. As a result, the Amateur League Pitch, Pitch 5, and Pitches 4 and 7 were made available. In light of the concerns raised over usage of the pitch, Officers have written to Castlereagh U'9s stating when another pitch is available at Billy Neill this is to be used instead of Pitch 5. These new arrangements should address the difficulties previously raised.

It is planned to also remove the posts after play on Saturday afternoons to discourage youths from the neighbouring area using the pitch.

Noted.

TSC/2006/020 : PURCHASE OF 1 NO. 26 TONNE GVW REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE

The Operational Services Manager reported that, following a public advertisement, three tenders were received on Wednesday 9 November 2005, opened by the Mayor on the 10 November 2005 and subsequently evaluated.

Totals Exclude VAT and registration

Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd Unit 2 Duncrue Crescent	DENNIS PHOENIX	£91,520.00
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Duncrue Industrial Estate
Belfast BT3 9BW

RD Mechanical Services Ltd Unit 11 McKinney Industrial Estate Newtownabbey BT36 8PX	ROS ROCA	£93,251.00
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The following tender did not meet the specification:

Castlereagh Motors Ltd Cedarhurst Works Off Beechill Road Newtownbreda Belfast BT8 4RH	SEDDON ATKINSON EUROMOVER & MERCEDES-BENZ ECONIC	£90,990.00
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The Operational Services Manager stated that, in his view, it was essential that this vehicle was replaced as any delay in replacement may incur expensive maintenance charges.

Members discussed the proposal of pricing leasing costs for a period of 3-4 years as the Council would no longer be in place after 2009.

The Operational Services Manager informed Members that all vehicles currently purchased by the Council were leased and the costs had been covered in the Estimates.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:- That,

- (a) the Council be recommended acceptance of the lowest tender meeting the specification from Manvik Plant Hire Ltd in the sum of £91,520 for a Dennis Phoenix RCV.
- (b) Officers to provide Members with an update on the age of the Council's current fleet and the annual maintenance costs involved.
- (c) Officers to report on the leasing costs involved in the purchase of all of the vehicles included in the Operations Manager's report.

TSC/2006/021 : PURCHASE OF HIGH LEVEL SPLIT AUTOMATIC BIN LIFT

Members were informed that, following a public advertisement four tenders were received on Wednesday 9 November 2005 opened by the Mayor on the 10 November 2005 and subsequently evaluated.

Totals Exclude VAT and registration

Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd Unit 2 Duncrue Crescent Duncrue Industrial Estate Belfast BT3 9BW	OTTO LIFT	£9,850.00
Castlereagh Motors Ltd Cedarhurst Works Off Beechill Road Newtownbreda Belfast BT8 4RH	ZOELLER LIFT	£10,750.00
Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd Unit 2 Duncrue Crescent Duncrue Industrial Estate Belfast BT3 9BW	TERBERG LIFT	£11,000.00
Cahill Motor Engineering Ltd. 10 Quay Road Newtownabbey	TERBERG LIFT	£11,250.00

RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommend to accept the third lowest tender, ie Manvik Terberg Lift at £11,000.00. This is the lifter, which the Council uses on the majority of RCV's and which has proven to be reliable and long lasting. Also in the event of shortages, parts are interchangeable between vehicles. This is very useful when fault diagnosis is difficult, as parts can be interchanged for testing purposes without incurring any expense. Repairs can be carried out efficiently reducing down time and need for hiring in of replacement vehicles.

TSC/2006/022 : PURCHASE OF 1 NO 4.2 TONNE GVW MECHANICAL SWEEPER

Following a public advertisement only one tender was received on Wednesday 9 November, opened by the Mayor on the 10 November 2005.

Totals Exclude VAT and registration

McCreath Taylor Ltd 5 Flush Park Lisburn County Antrim BT28 2DX	SCARAB MINOR HYDROSTATIC	£48,820
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RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommended to accept this offer, being the only tender received. This vehicle is similar to the one being replaced and it meets the Council's specification and previous experience indicates reliable performance and good value.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER

TSC/2006/023 : QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF SUMMER BEDDING

The Operational Services Manager advised Members that, following invitations being sent out to 5 suppliers to quote for the supply of summer bedding, quotations had been received from the following

H Geddis & Son
Hoophill Nurseries
71 Banbridge Road
Waringstown
Co Down
£30,624.48

Hanna's Nursery
16 Hanna's Rd
Larne
Co Antrim
£7,944.00

Pentland Plants
Pentland Nurseries
Loanhead
Midlothian
EH20 9QG
£7,376.53

Whites Nursery
28 Moira Rd
Moira
BT76 0LX
£7,143.60

Following discussion, in which the Operational Services Manager informed Members that Pentland Plants had been used by the Council in the past and had supplied an excellent quality of plants, providing a service, which far outweighed the additional costs. Furthermore, that Pentland delivered all their summer bedding plants on the same day, from the same batch, which was a facility which experience had shown the other suppliers could not provide.

Councillor Chambers concurred, that experience had shown that Pentland Plants provided a better quality produce, therefore it was

RESOLVED:- That, the quotation from Pentland Plants for £7,376.53 be accepted, being the quotation that represents best overall value to the Council.

Pentland Plants deliver their product in articulated lorries as a one off event consequently entailing less cost in man hours when receiving the plants.

REPORT FROM CLIENT MANAGER

(copy previously circulated)

In the absence of the Client Manager, the Operational Services Manager took Members through his report.

TSC/2006/024 : TONNAGES

The Operational Services Manager informed Members that during the month of November 1,865.7 tonnes was deposited at Belfast City Council's landfill site at Dargan Road. If this rate of filling were to continue until the end of the year, it was anticipated that the total landfill for year 05/06 would be a little under 25,000 tonnes, as indicated in the report to the November meeting of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

He indicated that the tonnage figures for December were not yet available due to the Christmas holiday period.

Councillor Chambers referred to the Bryson House kerbie box scheme and was disappointed to note that they were refusing to collect copies of the "Yellow Pages" if the back covers had not been removed, despite householders not being informed to do this in the first instance.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services was unable to comment in the absence of the Client Manager but felt that Mr Donaldson had already written to Bryson House bringing this matter to their attention.

Councillor Chambers then referred to the recycling of glass and expressed her concern that some elderly people did not have transport to access bottle banks.

Alderman Norris suggested that, in these instances, householders should contact the Council's Recycling Officer to make arrangements to collect glass and other waste, which could not go into a blue or brown bin, e.g. Christmas wrapping paper.

In response to a query from Councillor Chambers, the Director of Technical & Environmental Services informed Members that Bryson House were issuing

householders on the Saintfield Road with carrier bags to participate in a pilot scheme for cardboard recycling.

Councillor Hanvey wished to commend the staff at the Comber Road Civic Amenity Site for their hard work in the run-up and following the Christmas holidays, especially their efficient operation of the site despite large volumes of users wishing to access the facility.

Noted.

TSC/2006/025 : NORTHERN IRELAND AMATEUR GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION – 12 PRINCE REGENT ROAD

Members were informed that the Client Manager had been contacted by Ms Glenda Burns, Business Development Manager of the Northern Ireland Amateur Gymnastics Association. They are currently looking for office accommodation for approximately 3 personnel. The former offices of the Technical Services Department, 12 Prince Regent Road might be suitable (these are currently being used as the stores). The Technical Services Officers are currently investigating as to whether these offices could be adapted and rented to the Northern Ireland Amateur Gymnastics Association with a sufficiently short payback period to make it economically viable.

Noted.

TSC/2006/026 : SITE VISITS – MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER TO PURPOSE DESIGNED HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES AND POSSIBLE SITES IN DUNDONALD

Members were informed that the Client Manager had attached a number of photographs to his report taken at the recent site visit organized for Monday, 12 December to visit the purpose built Household Recycling Centres at Magherafelt and also at Blackstaff Way, Belfast.

Following discussion, Councillors Chambers and Mrs Duncan requested that the Officers organise a further site visit to the facilities, but asked that it be scheduled over a half-day, rather than a full day.

RESOLVED:- That, any Members, other than Councillors Chambers and Duncan, wishing to attend a further site visit to the Magherafelt and Blackstaff Way Household Recycling Centres, should contact the Client Manager directly and a date and time will be organised in due course.

TSC/2006/027 : TRAINING – CDM REGULATIONS

Members were referred to the Client Manager's report, which contained details of a course being organized in Belfast by Zest Training on the 8 March 2006 at a cost of £235. All, but the most minor works, are subject to these construction design and management regulations, which the Council has a statutory duty to comply with. Permission was sought to send one member of staff to this course, and there were sufficient funds within the training budgets to cover the course fees.

RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommended to authorise one member of staff from the Client Services section to attend the CDM Regulations course in Belfast on 8 March 2006 at a cost of £235 +VAT.

TSC/2006/028 : BILLY NEILL MBE SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - FISHING

The Officer informed Members that the Chief Executive had been contacted by Councillor Gareth Robinson, on behalf of a constituent, who wishes to investigate the possibility of turning the lake at the Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence into a rainbow trout facility for local community anglers. Councillor Robinson's constituent was particularly keen to investigate the possibility of making the facility accessible for disabled anglers.

A similar request was received some years ago but had not been progressed because of difficulties relating to maintaining separation between the Enler River and the lake.

RESOLVED:- That, the Client Manager be granted authority for the investigation of the possibility of the lake at the Billy Neill MBE Soccer Centre of Excellence being used as a rainbow trout fishery.

TSC/2006/029 : TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ONE NO 2.5 TONNE FORKLIFT TRUCK

Following a public advertisement 4 tenders were received for the supply of a forklift truck. The following suppliers complied with the specification:

Carryduff Forklift Ltd, 7 Cadger Road, Belfast BT8 8AU - £13,500.

Handling and Storage Equipment Ltd, Blaris Industrial Estate, Altona Road, Lisburn, BT 27 5QB - £14,558.

The following non compliant tenders were received:

TBF Thompson (Garvagh) Ltd, 6-10 Cherryvalley Road, Garvagh, Coleraine, BT51 5JZ.

CMS Lift Trucks Ltd, 9 Michelin Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 4BT. The non compliance related particularly to stability systems for forklift trucks.

RESOLVED:- That, further consideration of this tender be deferred until the Client Manager is in attendance.

At this point in the proceedings, Alderman Mrs Rice and Councillor Hanvey left the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TSC/2006/030 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised Members that Water Demand Management Bulletin : Issue 74: December 2005 was available for Members' perusal.

Noted.

TSC/2006/031 : SERVICE PROVISION – LETTER OF THANKS

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred to a letter of thanks, enclosed with his report, from a resident of Moneyreagh expressing her thanks for competent, understanding and courteous service that she received from a member of staff from this Department in relation to a pest control problem.

He stated that it was gratifying that this resident of the Borough had taken the time and effort to express her thanks in this manner, and this had been appreciated by staff.

Noted.

TSC/2006/032 : TOWARDS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. A CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR A NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services stated that Members will recall that this matter was brought to the attention of the Committee at its meeting of 1 November 2005 (Minute T&ESC/2005/400 refers).

Subsequently to the consideration of the above matter at that Meeting, Members were asked to recall that there had been two further detailed reviews, and discussions on this consultation.

The first of these further discussions was held on Thursday 17 November 2005 at the Culloden Hotel, Cultra, Holywood. This event was organised by Arc 21, and was attended by representatives of its 11 participating councils. This full day event was concerned with a review of the consultation by over 40 delegates, including a number of Members from this Council and an outcome of that meeting had been included in his report as a response to the Department of the Environment (NI). This response was endorsed at the Arc 21 Joint Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2005.

The second consideration of this Consultation Paper took place on Tuesday 29 November 2005 at the Burnavon Arts Centre, Cookstown. This event was jointly organised by the Department of the Environment (NI) and NILGA. At this event, there was significant elected member representation, including ten Members from this Council. Arising from that event, he had also attached to his report, a Summary Report, Supplementary Report and Comments and a Local Government Response (TAG/NILGA).

He indicated that, as will be seen from the above comments, there had been considerable elected member input into the draft responses to this significant consultation paper. This was clearly appropriate, in view of the significance of this consultation paper.

RESOLVED:- That, the Council be recommended to authorise the above responses to form the basis of the Council's response to the above consultation.

TSC/2006/034 : PROPOSED LANDFILL (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NI) 2006.

The Director informed Members that the above matter had been brought to the attention of the Committee at its meeting held on 6 December 2005 (Minute T&ESC/2005/457 refers).

He outlined that the proposals had been reviewed by the Council's Waste and Environment Officer, Mr Tim Smith and will have direct relevance to landfill site operators. He stated that, consequently, any implications for the Council will be of an indirect nature.

The Director continued that Arc 21 was preparing a draft response to this consultation, and should there be further matters arising from that response that are of direct relevance to the Council, a further report will be brought to the attention of the Committee.

Noted.

TSC/2006/035 : ARC 21 STUDY TOUR – REPORT

The Director referred Members to a detailed report on the above-mentioned study tour organised by Arc 21, which was contained within his report.

He indicated that the event took place over the period 5th – 7th October 2005, and the purpose was to examine new and existing waste management and treatment technologies in the Styrian region of Austria. A total of ten sites were visited over the period of the study tour, and the report provided useful background information and descriptions of various waste management technologies.

Members were informed that this event was attended by two representatives from the Council, namely the Chairman of the Technical and Environmental Services Committee, Alderman J Norris and the Client Services Manager, Mr B Donaldson.

Members then referred to the waste treatment plant at Mallusk and commented on its cleanliness and efficiency.

Noted.

TSC/2006/036 : ARC 21. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2004/05.

The Director referred Members to the Arc 21 Annual Performance Report for 2004/05 contained within his report and requested that they peruse the contents of this report, and note the progress that has been made over the period 2004/2005.

Councillor Henderson wished to thank the Council's representatives on Arc 21 for their excellent work to date.

Noted.

TSC/2006/037 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24 NOVEMBER 2005

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services referred Members to the minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24 November 2005 at Castlereagh Borough Council's Castlereagh Hills Golf Club, which were attached to his report, and requested that they peruse the contents to acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

Noted.

As there was no other business, the meeting concluded at 10.23 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of

_____ 2006 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE