

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, 27 July 2006, at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Alderman J Norris MBE
Alderman P D Robinson MP MLA (until 8.05 pm)
Alderman Mrs I Robinson MP MLA (until 8.05 pm)

Councillor Mrs A Beattie
Councillor J Beattie
Councillor Ms J Bunting
Councillor Mrs M Chambers
Councillor Mrs J Cochrane
Councillor D Drysdale
Councillor Mrs S Duncan (from 7.25 pm)
Councillor C Hall
Councillor B Hanvey
Councillor M Henderson
Councillor Miss R Hughes MBE
Councillor T Jeffers
Councillor M Long
Councillor G Robinson
Councillor J Spratt
Councillor V Stevenson
Councillor C Tosh
Councillor J White

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Chief Executive, Director of Finance & Leisure Services, Human Resources Manager, Client Manager, Planning Service Officer, Planning Officer and Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES:-

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Aldermen Copeland and Mrs Rice

2006/383 : OPENING OF MEETING

In the absence of Reverend Brown due to illness, Mrs Elizabeth Simpson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

2006/384 : MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

- (a) the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record:
- Council meeting of 22 June 2006
 - Special Central Services meeting of 7 June 2006
 - Central Services meeting of 12 June 2006
- (b) the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record, subject to the following amendments:
- Annual General Meeting of 15 June 2006 –
Insert apology for Councillor J Cochrane
Delete apology for Councillor J Bunting and record as present
P7 – Central Services Committee – insert Councillor C Hall under new heading ‘Ulster Unionists’
P7 – Leisure Services – delete Councillor M Henderson, insert Councillor D Drysdale
P8 – Golf Club Board – insert Councillor T Jeffers
P13 – Summer Scheme – delete Councillor M Henderson, insert Councillor C Hall
 - Special Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting of 22 June 2006 –
Insert apology for Councillor M Henderson
- (c) the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting of 21 June 2006 be amended as follows and resubmitted to Council at the August meeting – delete existing content of Minute F&GP/2006/326 and replace as follows:

Following a request by Members at the March meeting (F&GP/2006/212 refers), the Human Resources Manager had prepared a report on the use of Assessment Centres in Recruitment and Selection which had been circulated to Members.

This research demonstrates that using interviews alone reduced the likelihood of getting the best person for the job to a 15% chance, but with Assessment Centres this likelihood increased to as much as a 70% chance. She advised that, whilst the cost of Assessment Centres to date was high as external consultants had been used, the cost had been funded from the salary gap between post holders.

She further advised that, if staff within the Council received appropriate training, they would be able to run Assessment Centres internally, thus saving the cost of using external assessors. The cost of training HR staff would be £1,300 per officer, which could be met from the Corporate Training Budget.

The Manager’s recommendations were as follows:

- The use of external assessors for Director Posts
- Training of six in-house assessors for both professional/technical posts and Sectional Manager level, at a cost of £1,300 per Officer – the total cost of £7,800 to be met from the Corporate Training Budget.

There was lengthy discussion on this subject, with Councillor Bunting stating that it was important to ensure that resources were not used on external consultants for assessment centres. She felt we should have sufficient expertise in-house to run our own tests, or we could draw on expertise in other councils on a grace-and-favour basis, which could be reciprocated.

After a lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to approve that

- a) Three staff be trained internally to run assessment centres.
- b) Internal Recruitment Tests / Assessment Centres to be organised by Officers internally for posts up to PO5 / Sectional Manager level as deemed appropriate.
- c) Director level posts –The recruitment process would be agreed by Committee on a case-by-case basis at the time of recruitment and consideration be given to involving outside assessors/expertise.

MATTERS ARISING

2006/385 : LUCKY JACK'S AMUSEMENT ARCADE, 1 CHURCH ROAD, DUNDONALD (Minute T&ESC/2006/98 refers)

Members raised concerns regarding the management of the premises. As the licence for the establishment would be due for renewal soon, Members asked that Officers carry out an inspection of the premises to ensure that the gaming machines comply with licence stipulations.

RESOLVED: That Officers carry out an investigation to ascertain that the gaming machines in Lucky Jack's Amusement Arcade comply with licence stipulations.

2006/386 : MOBILE PHONE TENDER (Minute F&GP/2006/336 refers)

Members agreed that more discussion was needed regarding mobile phones for Members and staff, therefore it was

RESOLVED: That a sub-committee be formed to discuss the details of future provision of mobile phones for Members and Council staff.

2006/387 : SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: That Members agree to a suspension of the relevant Standing Order to enable a Notice of Motion to be brought forward by Alderman P D Robinson MP MLA.

NOTICE OF MOTION

2006/388 : NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN P ROBINSON RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLACING OF HEADQUARTERS FOLLOWING RPA

‘This Council notes with concern the ongoing moves by Down District Council to construct new **civic** headquarters and considers such a plan as a flagrant attempt to pre-empt any decision on the **siting** of the administrative centre of the proposed “super-council” to be comprised of Ards, Castlereagh, Down and North Down Council areas; considers any decision on the **siting** of the headquarters of the new “super-council” to be a matter for that Council to decide and therefore believe that this expenditure is totally unjustifiable in advance of the proposed changes to local government and find it unacceptable that ratepayers in this Borough and others will be left to foot the bill for this nugatory expense; calls on Down District Council to desist from its premature plan and resolves to write to the Environment Minister and the Local Government Auditor seeking a ruling on the validity of Down District Council’s plan in light of the Secretary of State’s announcement on the 11th November 2005 that Councils “will wish to consider all areas of capital expenditure to ensure that this will be fully justified by the future arrangements and not prove to be an unnecessary burden on tax and rate payers.’

Alderman Robinson then outlined details of Down District Council’s plans to build new Council buildings, which would be large enough to accommodate the new super-council. However, Alderman Robinson stated that the decision regarding the location of the new Council building should lie with the newly formed Council, therefore this expenditure by Down District Council would be an unnecessary burden on ratepayers.

Alderman Robinson continued to say that Downpatrick would not be the most suitable location for the new headquarters, but that Comber or Newtownards would be more central, the largest town would be Bangor, and the most accessible area in the new Council would be Castlereagh. Alderman Robinson further stated that, in his view, this was an Officer-led project, designed to ensure job security for employees of Down District Council. He suggested that the Local Government Auditor be asked to investigate whether the expenditure by Down District Council for a new building would be

appropriate when taking into consideration that one of the main objectives of the RPA was to save ratepayers' money.

Councillor Bunting rose to support the motion. She referred to the final report by the RPA Estates Sub Group, which stated that it was important that any capital schemes did not influence any location decision for new Councils. The cost for the new headquarters was estimated at £10 million, which would be paid through rates. Councillor Bunting felt that the new building in Downpatrick would set a dangerous precedent, and she agreed with Alderman Robinson that any decision regarding the location of the new headquarters rested entirely with the new Council members.

Councillor Drysdale also rose to support the motion.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council unanimously approve the Notice of Motion and that the Chief Executive write to the Minister for the Environment and to the Chief Local Government Auditor, outlining the Council's concerns in relation to Down District Council's proposal to construct new civic headquarters, in light of the Secretary of State's announcement on 11 November 2005, concerning capital expenditure by district councils and requesting that they make a ruling in respect of the validity of such a proposal.

PLANNING

2006/389 : JOHN MCCALLUM, PLANNING SERVICE

Councillor Mrs Cochrane informed Members that the Planning Officer had sent a get well card to Mr John McCallum on behalf of the Council.

Noted.

2006/390 : MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Planning meeting, held on 19 July 2006, be accepted as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

Insert apology for Councillor M Chambers
P2 and P3 – delete 'Lenaghan Park', insert 'Lenaghan Avenue'

MATTERS ARISING

2006/391 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2004/0701/F (Minute PC/2006/22 refers)

Councillor Mrs Duncan asked that it be noted that, as well as a petrol station, a house had also been demolished to make room for the development.

Noted.

**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 27 JULY 2006
(copy previously circulated)**

2006/392 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2004/0561 – 32-34 OLD DUNDONALD ROAD, BALLYBEEN, DUNDONALD, BT16 2EH - MIXED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, CONSISTING OF 15 NO PROPERTIES IN TOTAL, INCLUDING A VARIETY OF HOUSE TYPES AND SIX NO APARTMENTS (THREE NO 2-BED AND THREE NO 1-BED) WITH 23 NO PARKING SPACES

Councillor Robinson asked if there would be a condition requiring the developer to investigate lowering the ground levels of the site. The Planning Service Officer advised that this could create drainage problems, and Councillor White confirmed that they had only undertaken to investigate it, and this had been done.

Noted.

2006/393 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2005/0489/F – UNITS 5 AND 6, PRINCE REGENT TRADE CENTRE, PRINCE REGENT ROAD, CASTLEREAGH, BT5 6QP - ERECTION OF 25M LATTICE MAST AND INSTALLATION OF THREE NO 2.06M 3G ANTENNAE, ONE NO 0.6M TRANSMISSION DISH, THREE NO 0.3M TRANSMISSION DISHES AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT

Councillor Robinson requested that a site meeting be arranged to discuss this application in more detail. He referred to the Council's policy to reduce the number of mast sites in the area by using one site for various servers, and he stated that residents had objected to the erection of these masts.

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0489/F be deferred 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 Councillor Robinson.

2006/394 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2005/0344/RM – 1 GILBOURNE COURT, TULLYCARNET, BELFAST, BT5 7JB - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 15 NO APARTMENTS – RESERVED MATTERS

The Planning **Service** Officer informed Members that detailed drawings had **already** been approved in respect of the above application, **and the current application was simply showing the omission of balconies.**

Noted.

2006/395 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0108/F – 81 BARONSCOURT ROAD, CLONTONAKELLY, CARRYDUFF, BT8 8BQ - ERECTION OF SINGLE-STOREY EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING

As this application had been withdrawn **from the Planning Schedule** the previous month, Councillor Long enquired why it had been resubmitted. The Planning Service Officer outlined that amended drawings had been received on 22 June 2006, the day of the last Council meeting, **therefore the application had been withdrawn from the schedule. However, following consideration of the amended drawings, it was now deemed to be acceptable.**

Noted.

2006/396 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0129/F – SITE ADJACENT TO 28 CREGAGH PARK, CREGAGH, BELFAST, BT6 9LF - ERECTION OF 8 NO DWELLINGS

Members took the view that the Council should offer support to the developer for this application, as there was much anti-social behaviour in the area which might cease following the erection of houses. Councillor Cochrane further suggested that the Council put a representation to the Planning Appeals Commission in support for this development.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer contact the developer to offer the Council's support for the above Planning Application.

2006/397 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0148/O – SITE APPROXIMATELY 420M NORTH OF EXISTING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 141 BELFAST ROAD – SITE FOR RETIREMENT DWELLING - SITE FOR RETIREMENT DWELLING

Councillor Chambers **advised that the applicant intended to withdraw the above application. She further requested that discussion pertaining to this application be deferred for one month.**

RESOLVED: That discussion pertaining to Planning Application Y/2006/0148/O be deferred for one month.

2006/398 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0215/F – 1027-1035 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD (ODD NUMBERS ONLY), BALLYREGAN, DUNDONALD, BT16 1RN - REDEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE 33 NO TWO-BEDROOM AND THREE NO ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENTS WITH ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AND CAR PARKING

Councillor Long referred to the number of objections received, and he was of the view that the above application required further consideration. Alderman Mrs I Robinson reminded Members that the Council had previously decided not to object to the development, therefore she did not feel there was a need for any further discussion.

During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Long requested that either an office meeting or a site meeting be arranged, and he asked that this proposal be put to the vote.

With two votes for deferment of the above application and 13 against, it was

RESOLVED: That no office meeting or site meeting be arranged in respect of Planning Application Y/2006/0215/F.

2006/399 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0138/F – 2 BRERTON CRESCENT, BALLYDOLLAGHAN, BELFAST, BT8 6QD - ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING ROOF TO FORM THREE NEW BEDROOMS AT FIRST-FLOOR LEVEL, INCLUDING DORMER WINDOWS TO FRONT

Councillor Tosh was of the view that this development was out of character in the area. Councillor Mrs Beattie agreed and requested that either a site meeting or an office meeting be arranged to facilitate further discussion.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2006/0138/F be deferred to enable an office **meeting or a site** meeting to be held, at a date and time to be arranged with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, in liaison with Councillor **Mrs Beattie**.

2006/400 : PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0270/A – LEATHAM SQUARE, EAST LINK ROAD, DUNDONALD – ERECTION OF TWO 48-SHEET DISPLAY PANELS - ERECTION OF TWO 48-SHEET DISPLAY PANELS

Councillor Robinson strongly supported the Planning Service's decision to refuse the above application, as he felt the erection of the display panels were an eyesore to residents in the area.

Councillor White agreed, and he asked what steps the Planning Service intended to take to ensure that the panels were removed.

The Planning Service Officer replied that the Planning Service had notified the Enforcement Section in this respect.

Noted.

2006/401 : WEEKLY LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 13 JUNE – 17 JULY 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/402 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 30 JUNE 2006, RE: THE PLANNING (ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006 SR NO 276 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/403 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 23 MAY 2006, RE: THE PLANNING (APPLICATION OF SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION TO THE CROWN) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006 (SR 2006 NO 219) (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/404 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 31 MAY 2006, RE: THE PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006 (SR 2006 NO 219) AND THE PLANNING REFORM (2006 ORDER) (COMMENCEMENT NO 1) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006 (SR 2006 NO 222) (C 12) (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/405 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 8 JUNE 2006, RE: THE PLANNING (CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/406 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 16 JUNE 2006, RE: PLANNING (INQUIRY PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006 (SR 2006 NO 259) (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/407 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 10 JULY 2006, RE: ERECTION OF ADVERTISEMENT HOARDINGS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/408 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM TAYLOR PATTERSON, DATED 15 MAY 2006, RE: PROPOSED 02 RADIO BASE STATION AT GRASS VERGE AT ROUNDABOUT AT NEWTOWN PARK

AND CAIRNSHILL ROAD, BELFAST, BT8 6FX (copy previously circulated)

Following a query from Councillor Hall, the Planning Officer explained that the above correspondence was in respect of pre-application consultation. Following receipt of the application, she would **submit a letter of objection to the Planning Service.**

Noted.

2006/409 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MASSEY MARINE RE: 228 KINGS ROAD, SITE FOR SIX APARTMENTS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/410 : COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING OFFICER TO PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 10 JULY 2006, RE: SITE FOR SIX APARTMENTS AND COMMUNAL PARKING, GARDENS AND UPGRADED VEHICULAR ACCESS AT 228 KINGS ROAD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/411 : COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING OFFICER TO PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 29 NOVEMBER 2005, RE: ERECTION OF 25-METRE LATTICE MAST AND INSTALLATION OF THREE NUMBER 2.06M 3G ANTENNAE, ONE NUMBER 0.6M TRANSMISSION DISH, THREE NUMBER 0.3M TRANSMISSION DISHES AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT AT UNITS 5 AND 6 PRINCE REGENT TRADE CENTRE, PRINCE REGENT ROAD, CASTLEREAGH (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/412 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM W C OWENS, DAVID HUGHES, MR AND MRS J B DONALDSON AND MR AND MRS SMYTH, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0270/A, TWO 48-SHEET DISPLAY PANELS, LEATHEN SQUARE, DUNDONALD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/413 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM TESCO/PATTON CONSTRUCTION RE: NEW TESCO STORE AT NEWTOWNBREDA (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/414 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DATED JUNE 2006, RE: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2025 – REVISED REGIONAL HOUSING FIGURES (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/415 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, DATED 20 JUNE 2006, RE: PRELIMINARY PUBLIC REPORT AND TECHNICAL REPORT OF THE SETTLEMENT INFORMATION, CLASSIFICATION AND ANALYSIS GROUP (SICAG) ON SETTLEMENT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – PLANNING

2006/416 : TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT PRIMROSE HILL

Councillor Hanvey referred to discussion at the June Council meeting in respect of conditions attached to planning permission for Application Y/2005/0500/F, which require the erection of traffic lights by the developer. The Planning Service Officer replied that enforcement could only take place once approximately 90 houses were occupied. She added that the Planning Service was monitoring progress of the development.

Noted.

2006/417 : NOTIFICATION FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Chambers enquired whether all relevant parties were notified of amended drawings or advertising in respect of planning applications. The Planning Service Officer replied that this was done.

Noted.

PRESENTATION

2006/418 : PRESENTATION BY MR MAURICE KINKAID, CHAIRMAN OF ENLER STEERING GROUP

Members welcomed Mr Kinkaid to the meeting. Mr Kinkaid then outlined details of the plans for the Enler project, where shops would be situated etc. He continued to say that the intention was to bring together community facilities, elderly day care as well as retail units, and following serious concerns and objections, all detailed plans had been redrafted, taking into

consideration comments from residents in the area etc. Mr Kinkaid also thanked the Planning Officer for her practical support.

Following the presentation, Councillor Drysdale enquired about the type of shops that would be situated at Enler. Mr Kinkaid replied that a variety of retail outlets was sought in order to address all needs, with the exception of alcohol, gambling or hot food outlets. In order to alleviate residents' concerns, shops would have overhanging roofs over the yards to avoid exposure to a part of Ballybeen Park, which overlooked the rear of the shops.

Councillor Jeffers rose to support the project. He stated that it would mean regeneration for Ballybeen, and he hoped it would be successful.

Councillor Chambers added her support for the project, adding that she welcomed the fact that the community would be part of it.

Following some further discussion, Councillor Robinson proposed that the Council write a letter of support for this project to the Planning Service. The proposal was seconded by Councillor White, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Planning Service in support of the Enler project.

ROADS

2006/419 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ROADS SERVICE, DATED 21 JUNE 2006, RE: PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT STREETS WORKS (AMENDMENT) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/420 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ROADS SERVICE, DATED 30 JUNE 2006, RE: QUESTIONS ASKED BY COUNCILLORS FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF ROADS SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Chambers stated her disappointment that no consideration had been given by the Roads Service to a reduction of the speed limit following the tragic accident on Ballygowan Road at the bend between Ryan Park and Roselawn on 15 April 2006.

Noted.

HOUSING

2006/421 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE, DATED 3 JULY 2006, RE:

**EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ORDER NO 1, 2003,
GRANTON HEIGHTS, TULLYCARNET (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

WATER

**2006/422 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE WATER
SERVICE, DATED 28 JUNE 2006, RE: DRINKING WATER QUALITY
REPORT (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

FINANCE

2006/423 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

Capital Account (General)	£5,383.55
General Account (Salaries)	£422,315.98
General Account (Suppliers)	£1,013,856.45

**2006/424 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR JULY 2006 (copy
previously circulated)**

Noted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

**REPORT FROM THE AREA LEISURE MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

2006/425 : PERSONAL TRAINING FEES

The Director of Finance & Leisure Services informed Members of queries received from gym members and pay-and-play customers about availability of personal training. The Director, therefore, sought Members' views to the following proposal:

- Fees – Breathe member £10.00 per session
Non-member £14.40 per session
- Only fully qualified and insured personal trainers will be permitted to undertake this role
- Personal training sessions will normally be outside of the instructors' contracted hours with Breathe, and he/she must book sessions in

advance and inform both Breathe and the Council reception of any bookings, so that they can be monitored

- The overall charge for a session will be the above charges plus a fee charged by the personal trainer, which is likely to be in or around £15. Personal training charges in other facilities range from £25-£30.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for personal training to be made available in the Council's fitness suites, details as follows:

- Fees – Breathe member £10.00 per session
Non-member £14.40 per session
- Only fully qualified and insured personal trainers will be permitted to undertake this role
- Personal training sessions will normally be outside of the instructors' contracted hours with Breathe, and he/she must book sessions in advance and inform both Breathe and the Council reception of any bookings, so that they can be monitored
- The overall charge for a session will be the above charges plus a fee charged by the personal trainer, which is likely to be in or around £15. Personal training charges in other facilities range from £25-£30.

2006/426 : JUNIOR SWIM CHARGES

The Director of Finance & Leisure Services sought permission to temporarily reduce admission for junior swimmers from £1.65 to £1.00, Monday to Saturday, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, during August 2006 and up to Saturday, 2 September 2006 inclusive. The reduction would help the Council's leisure centres to compete with summer schemes at highly discounted prices and would be advertised in the Robinson, Lough Moss, and Belvoir Centres, the Ice Bowl, other Borough facilities and promotional advertisements in publications.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to reduce admission for junior swimmers from £1.65 to £1.00, Monday to Saturday, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm, during August 2006, up to Saturday, 2 September 2006, inclusive.

REPORT FROM THE CLIENT MANAGER (copy previously circulated)

2006/427 : TENDER FOR KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF MULTI-MATERIAL RECYCLING 2006-2009

The Client Manager referred to his report and outlined details of a tender that had been advertised for the provision of a kerbside and back-door collection

service of recycling materials. One tender had been received from Bryson Recycling Ltd, Belfast Road, Central Park, Mallusk, BT36 4FS.

Following some discussion, Councillor Henderson proposed to accept the tender. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chambers, and it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to accept the tender from Bryson Recycling Ltd, Belfast Road, Central Park, Mallusk, BT36 4FS, for the provision of a kerbside and back-door collection service of recycling materials, and that a contract be prepared and signed by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

2006/428 : PURCHASE OF ONE NO 26-TONNE GVW REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLE

The Client Manager reported that one tender had been received on Tuesday, 27 June 2006, for the purchase of a refuse collection vehicle. The details were as follows:

Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd 161 Dargan Crescent Belfast BT3 0JP	Dennis Phoenix	£94,500 plus VAT and registration
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Following some discussion, Councillor Henderson proposed to accept the tender. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chambers, and it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to accept the tender from Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd, 161 Dargan Crescent, Belfast, BT3 0JP, for the Dennis Phoenix refuse collection vehicle, at a cost of £94,500 plus VAT and registration.

2006/429 : PURCHASE OF HIGH-LEVEL SPLIT AUTOMATIC BIN LIFT

The Client Manager informed Members that four tenders had been received on Tuesday, 27 June 2006, for the purchase of a high-level split automatic bin lift. The details of the tenders were as follows:

Castlereagh Motors Ltd Cedarhurst Works Off Beechill Road Newtownbreda Belfast BT8 4RH	Zoeller Lift	£10,650
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Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd Unit 2 Duncrue Crescent Duncrue Industrial Estate Belfast BT3 9BW	Terberg Lift	£12,250
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Plant-Mec Ireland Ltd 39 Drumconwell Road Lisnadill Co Armagh BT60 2AT	Plant-Mec Lift	£21,750
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Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd 161 Dargan Crescent Belfast BT3 9JP	Otto Lift	£10,250
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The Manager advised that the tender received from Manvik Plant and Hire Ltd, 161 Dargan Crescent, did not meet the specification.

Following some discussion, Councillor Henderson proposed to accept the tender from Castlereagh Motors Ltd, Cedarhurst Works, Off Beechill Road, Newtownbreda, Belfast, BT8 4RH. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chambers, and it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to accept the tender from Castlereagh Motors Ltd, Cedarhurst Works, Off Beechill Road, Newtownbreda, Belfast, BT8 4RH, for the purchase of a high-level split automatic lift, at a cost of £10,650.

2006/430 : PURCHASE OF NEW BOWLS

Councillor Duncan raised an enquiry from a resident in Belvoir, who had informed her that he was a member of a bowling club, which was not owned by the Council. He had further stated that the club was willing to allow non-members to use the club facilities, although there were no spare bowls available, therefore he had enquired whether the Council would be willing to supply bowls.

The Client Manager replied that no provision had been made in the estimates for this type of purchase, but he added that the request had been passed on to the relevant department.

During the ensuing discussion, Members suggested that the Sports Development Officer might agree to purchase bowls, which could then be hired out.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Sports Development Officer investigate as to the cost of purchasing new bowls with a view to offering them for hire.

2006/431 : SPECIAL COLLECTION

Councillor Long outlined details of a request from a resident for a special collection. However, as this resident was on benefits, she had asked for redemption or reduction of the fee.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the request from a resident for redemption or reduction of the fee for a special collection be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

GENERAL

2006/432 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS, NORTHERN IRELAND REGION, DATED 12 JUNE 2006, RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS (NI) REGION (copy previously circulated)

Alderman Norris proposed to appoint Councillor Chambers as fourth member to the National Association of Councillors (NI) Region.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Chambers be appointed as fourth member to the National Association of Councillors (NI) Region.

2006/433 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION, DATED 4 JULY 2006, RE: ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION CONFERENCE, 25-30 SEPTEMBER 2006 (copy previously circulated)

To mark the occasion of their 50th anniversary, a request had been received from the Ulster Historical Foundation, asking if the Council would consider hosting a civic reception for the Foundation's overseas delegates and local conference participants one evening between 25-30 September 2006.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council agree to host a wine and finger buffet reception for overseas delegates and local conference participants of the Ulster Historical Foundation to mark the Foundation's 50th anniversary.

2006/434 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: CONSULTATION IN THE DRAFT NORTHERN IRELAND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2007-2013

Noted.

2006/435 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DRIVER & VEHICLE LICENSING AGENCY, DATED 3 JULY 2006, RE: CONSULTATION ON THE POLICY ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRANSFER, ASSIGNMENT AND RETENTION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS (copy letter enclosed)

Noted.

2006/436 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ROAD SAFETY BRANCH, DATED 4 JULY 2006, RE: CONSULTATION ON REVISED HIGHWAY CODE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (copy letter enclosed)

Noted.

2006/437 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE VALUATION & LANDS AGENCY, DATED 29 JUNE 2006, RE: RESPONSE TO COUNCIL LETTER, PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE CAPITAL VALUES LIST (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/438 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM LISBURN CITY COUNCIL, DATED 9 JUNE 2006, RE: RESPONSE TO COUNCIL LETTER REGARDING OPENING HOURS OF LIBRARIES (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/439 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DERRY CITY COUNCIL, DATED 27 JUNE 2006, RE: 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/440 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DATED 26 JUNE 2006, RE: ALL-IRELAND FREE TRAVEL SCHEME FOR OLDER PEOPLE (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/441 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PORTS & PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIVISION, DATED 23 JUNE 2006, RE: PORTS POLICY – YOUR VIEWS INVITED, POWERS, STATUS & GOVERNANCE OF PUBLIC TRUST PORTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/442 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, DATED 30 JUNE 2006, RE: GUIDE TO THE UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS (NI) ORDER 2005 (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/443 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY DIVISION, DATED 4 JULY 2006, RE: REVIEW OF THE LAW ON SEXUAL OFFENCES IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/444 : CONSULTATION DOCUMENT RECEIVED FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE RE: YOUNG PEOPLE AND LICENSED FIREARMS

Noted.

2006/445 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATION TO NIELB, DATED 14 JUNE 2006, RE: ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 12 AND 13 OCTOBER 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Members reiterated concerns raised the previous year regarding the cost of the conference.

Noted.

2006/446 : CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND BELVOIR PLAYERS AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY RE: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Duncan referred to correspondence received from Belvoir Players, and as this was the first time that the group had reached the British All-Winners Festival, she proposed that the Council consider their request for financial assistance.

Councillor Chambers proposed that this request should be referred to the Arts Committee. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Hughes, and it was

RESOLVED: That the request from Belvoir Players for financial assistance towards participation in the British All-Winners Festival be referred to the Arts Committee.

2006/447 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION, DATED 12 JUNE 2006, RE: POLITICAL PARTIES ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ACT 2000 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/448 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION, DATED 15 JUNE 2006, RE: LATEST SUMMARY RESEARCH UPDATE ON ELECTORAL REGISTRATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2006/449 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM FOUR COUNTRIES INDOOR BOWLS FELLOWSHIP, DATED 16 JUNE 2006, RE: ASKING THE COUNCIL TO CO-HOST A RECEPTION FOR PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS (APPROXIMATELY 60) ON FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2006, AT BELFAST STADIUM (copy previously circulated)

Members entered into a discussion about the request to co-host a reception for players and officials from Four Countries Indoor Bowls Fellowship. Councillor Bunting suggested that the Council could hold a reception in the Civic & Administrative Offices for officials.

Councillor Chambers proposed that the Deputy Mayor should host the reception, and this proposal was seconded by Councillor J Beattie. However, the Mayor suggested that he and the Deputy Mayor would meet to discuss who should host the reception.

RESOLVED: That the Council host a reception in the Civic & Administrative Offices for officials from Four Countries Indoor Bowls Fellowship, and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor decide who should host the reception.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2006/450 : MOBILE PHONES SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That Council grant approval that the following Members be appointed to the Mobile Phones Sub-Committee: Councillor C Hall, Councillor Mrs J Cochrane, Councillor Ms J Bunting, Councillor G Robinson, Councillor J Spratt, Councillor J White and Councillor J Beattie.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.10 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR

