

## **CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of Castlereagh Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Thursday, 25 January 2007, at 7.15 p.m.

### **PRESENT:-**

Alderman J Norris MBE  
Alderman Mrs G Rice  
Alderman Mrs I Robinson MP MLA  
Alderman PD Robinson MP MLA

Councillor Mrs A Beattie  
Councillor J Beattie  
Councillor Ms J Bunting  
Councillor Mrs J Cochrane  
Councillor Mrs S Duncan  
Councillor B Hanvey  
Councillor M Henderson  
Councillor Miss R Hughes MBE  
Councillor T Jeffers  
Councillor M Long  
Councillor G Robinson  
Councillor J Spratt  
Councillor Miss V Stevenson  
Councillor C Tosh  
Councillor J White

### **IN ATTENDANCE:-**

Chief Executive, Director of Administration & Community Services, Director of Finance, Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Area Manager Leisure, Capital Projects Officer, Planning Officer, Planning Service Officer and Assistant Members' Services Officer

### **APOLOGIES:-**

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Alderman Copeland and Councillors Mrs Chambers, Drysdale and Hall

### **2007/10 : OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The Reverend Brown opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

## **2007/11 : MINUTES**

RESOLVED:- That

- (a) the minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record:-
- Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 December 2006
  - Minutes of the Central Services Committee meeting held on 8 January 2007
  - Minutes of the Finance & General Services Committee meeting held on 13 December 2006
- (b) the minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record, subject to the following changes:
- Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 11 December 2006: delete resolution and replace with the following: 'RESOLVED: That NILGA be placed on the Council agenda as a regular item to enable the Council to invite representatives to inform Members of any progress in respect of the RPA and to receive feedback from Members.'
  - Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 11 January 2006: record an apology for Councillor Bunting
  - Minutes of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 2 January 2007: Minute T&ESC/2007/21 – delete 'geographical' and insert 'geological'
  - Minutes of the Special Central Services Committee meeting held on 17 January 2007: record an apology for Councillor Hughes
- (c) the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 10 January 2007 be tabled again at the February Council meeting
- (d) discussion and approval of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 4 January 2007 be postponed until after the presentation

## **2007/12 : LEISURE PARK BOARD MINUTES**

Tabled:- Leisure Park Board Minutes of 20 November 2006 and 18 December 2006 (copies previously circulated).

Noted.

## **2007/13 : CASTLEREAGH HILLS GOLF BOARD MINUTES**

Tabled:- Castlereagh Hills Golf Board Minutes of 17 November 2006 (copies previously circulated).

Noted.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**2007/14 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0466/F (Minute 2006/757 refers)**

Councillor Long referred to Councillor Chambers' comments that integrated schools were privileged in that all pupils of integrated schools received paid transportation, irrespective of their address in relation to the school. Councillor Long asked that it be recorded that this was not the case, but rather, that the same criteria were applied to integrated schools and state schools when determining paid transportation.

Noted.

**2007/15 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0382/F (Minute 2006/756 refers)**

Councillor White referred to the site visit which had taken place in respect of the above planning application. He further stated that it had been his understanding that the Planning Officer would inform Members of objections to planning applications. However, he had been contacted by objectors who had stated that they had been unaware that a site visit had been arranged and had, therefore, been unable to attend. Councillor White, therefore, sought clarification who had been notified of the site visit in respect of Planning Application Y/2006/0382/F. Furthermore, as there had been concern in the neighbourhood about this development, Councillor White requested that an office meeting be arranged to enable objectors to put their views to the Council. He further requested that, in future, objectors should be notified of the time and date of site visits.

The Planning Service Officer replied that the Planning Service had also received correspondence from an objector who had not been at the site visit. The Planning Service had replied, informing the objector that site visits were arranged to assist Members to reach a decision regarding planning applications, and as the site visit in respect of the above application had already taken place, the Planning Service had invited the objector to a meeting in Bedford House.

Following some further discussion, Councillor White proposed that objectors should be notified of dates and times of site visits, and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Robinson.

Alderman Robinson advised that the Planning Officer was not in a position to decide who could attend site visits, and he asked that a caveat be added to the proposal that it should be up to the Members' discretion whether objectors should be invited to attend site visits.

RESOLVED: That consideration of invitations to objectors to attend site visits be continued during the Planning Committee meeting.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS RELATING TO MEETINGS**

#### **2007/16 : PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PSYCHIATRIC UNIT**

Councillor Long wished to put on record apologies from Alderman Mrs Robinson that, unfortunately, she had been unable to attend the meeting on 18 January 2007, but that she would support plans for the establishment of a psychiatric unit either at Forster Green or Knockbracken Healthcare Park.

Noted.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **2007/17 : PRESENTATION BY PASTOR MCILWRATH FROM FORESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CENTRE IN BELVOIR, RE: COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS FOR A SYNTHETIC FOOTBALL PITCH IN BELVOIR**

Pastor McIlwrath began the presentation by introducing himself and his role in Forestside Christian Centre. He stated that the Centre was very much involved in the community and youth work, therefore the Council's plans to build a synthetic football pitch beside the Activity Centre and close to the Church had come as a surprise, and the Church had stated its objection.

Following a meeting with Members, the project had been moved approximately three metres. Pastor McIlwrath felt that this was not satisfactory. He explained that the Community Association, NIHE or residents had not been aware of the plans for the synthetic pitch, and many signatures had been collected in protest of the project being located so close to the Church.

Pastor McIlwrath stated that the Church welcomed the plans for the new football pitch, but he listed the following reasons for objecting to it being located beside the Church:

- Noise disturbance
- Church needs some privacy
- Offensive to the landscape

- It will be located beside a rookery
- Concerns regarding two mature oak trees which require protection
- Concerns regarding parking spaces
- Additional screening would create more gathering space for rubbish
- Concerns regarding plans to create a commercially operated recreational feature for Sundays

Pastor McIlwrath completed the presentation by appealing to the Council to show sensitivity to the Church.

Councillor Spratt thanked Pastor McIlwrath for giving the presentation.

Councillor J Beattie commented that the synthetic pitch would be of great benefit to the people in the area, especially the children. He suggested carrying out an independent survey to seek the opinion of residents in this respect.

Alderman Peter Robinson pointed out that there was a time limit on the availability of funding for the proposed football pitch. He suggested that Officers investigate the suitability of the alternative locations put forward by the Church, as it was not the Council's intention to cause inconvenience to the Church. He further proposed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would visit the site to see for themselves the recommended location and whether there would be any other suitable alternatives.

Members thanked Pastor McIlwrath for attending the meeting and advised that Members would give this matter further consideration.

Noted.

**2007/18 : MINUTES OF THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2007**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 4 January 2007 be accepted as a true record, but that Minute LS/2007/10 be referred back to Committee for further consideration.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**2007/19 : RELOCATION OF PROPOSED SYNTHETIC FOOTBALL PITCH IN BELVOIR (Minute LS/2007/10 refers)**

The Area Manager Leisure outlined the reasons for the choice of location for the synthetic football pitch. A meeting took place with Pastor McIlwrath on 7 November 2006 during the initial planning stage, when objections were noted regarding the noise level and proximity to the Church. Consideration was then

given to the possibility of moving the football pitch, and the drawings of the proposal were discussed with Pastor McIlwrath in January.

The Area Manager Leisure explained that the location had been chosen as there would be little excavation work, and in his view the noise level would be minimal. He added that funding had to be drawn down by November or December 2007, therefore there was some urgency to progress the project.

The Capital Projects Officer stated that the site had been surveyed by representatives of the IFA, and because of concerns regarding the close proximity to the Church and the car park, the location had been moved. He added that the site had been chosen for various reasons, for example, the land was owned entirely by the Council. The location adjacent to Belvoir Activity Centre facilitated close management, security and supervision, including child protection. If the site was moved, the Council might have to purchase additional land.

Alderman Robinson commented that the Council should make every effort to find the best possible site for the proposed synthetic football pitch in order to resolve any objections, therefore he proposed that the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor inspect the proposed site in order to consider whether it could be moved. This proposal was seconded by Alderman Norris, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor visit the proposed site for a synthetic football pitch in Belvoir in order to investigate whether the site could be moved further away from the Forestside Christian Centre.

## **PLANNING**

### **2007/20 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2007**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting held on 15 January 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

### **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING – 25 JANUARY 2007**

#### **2007/21 : WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS**

The Planning Service Officer informed Members that Application Y/2006/0581/F had been withdrawn by the Planning Department, and Applications Y/2006/0624/F and Y/2006/0630/F had been withdrawn by the applicants.

Noted.

**2007/22 : APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0257/F – 14 BALLYGOWAN ROAD, CARNAMUCK, BELFAST, BT5 7LL - CHANGE OF USE FROM HOT AND COLD FOOD TAKE-AWAY FACILITY TO SIT-IN CAFÉ, WITH EXISTING TAKE-AWAY PROVISION**

Councillor Bunting raised concerns that planning applications were submitted for retrospective planning permission, and in the meantime businesses operated without authorisation. She felt that this was a means to work around the system.

Councillor Bunting further stated that the senior citizens who lived above the business were concerned that this premises could be turned into an Indian restaurant, which would produce strong cooking smells.

The Planning Service Officer pointed out that in this application, operation was limited, therefore it would be unlikely that the business would be changed into an Indian restaurant, which would expect to trade in the evening. With regard to cooking smells, the Planning Service Officer explained that Environmental Health Officers had been consulted, and they had been satisfied that the three-tier extraction system included in the application was sufficient to minimise any smells.

Councillor Stevenson suggested that it should be clearly stated on planning applications if approval was sought retrospectively.

The Planning Officer pointed out that she had written to the Divisional Planning Manager, but to date she had not received a response.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council's concerns regarding this application be noted.

**2007/23 : APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0364/F – 110M NORTH-WEST OF NO 20 BALLYKNOCKAN ROAD, SAINTFIELD – PROPOSED NEW DWELLING AND GARAGE**

Councillor Henderson requested that consideration of Application No Y/2006/0364/F be deferred for two months in order to obtain more information, as there appeared to be medical reasons.

RESOLVED: That consideration of Application No Y/2006/0364F be deferred for two months in order to obtain additional information.

**2007/24 : APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0446/F – NOS 40 AND 42 KINGSWAY PARK, BELFAST – RETENTION OF EIGHT NO APARTMENTS AS BUILT**

Alderman Robinson reiterated concerns regarding applications being submitted seeking retrospective planning permission. He felt that, once building had been completed, it would be more likely that permission would be granted by the Planning Service.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2006/0446/F be referred to Management Board.

**2007/25 : APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0506/F – LANDS AT 170-174 NEWTOWNBREDA ROAD, BALLYLENAGHAN, BELFAST, BT8 6PZ – REMOVAL OF CONDITION 16 OF PLANNING APPROVAL Y/2000/0766/O (REMOVING LIMITATIONS TO HOURS OF SERVICING)**

Councillor Tosh raised concerns regarding noise levels if permission was granted to lift the service restrictions, and he felt that this would be unreasonable for residents in the area.

The Planning Service Officer replied that the Department had consulted with Environmental Health Officers to examine the proposed service arrangements. He also pointed out that permission would be granted on a temporary basis for one year, after which the arrangements would be reviewed. For this reason, it would be in the store's interest to adhere to the conditions of the approval and keep disturbance to residents to a minimum.

Noted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2007/26 : LIMO NIGHTS SIGNS**

Councillor Bunting stated that Limo Nights signs had reappeared at the entrance to Old Mill Heights.

Noted.

**2007/27 : SITE VISITS**

Members enquired when site visits that had been agreed at the December Council meeting would take place. The Planning Officer replied that arrangements would be made shortly.

Noted.

## WEEKLY LISTS

**2007/28 : APPLICATION NO Y/2007/0003/F – 6-12 BREDA PARK, BREDA, BELFAST, BT8 6JR – DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS ON SITE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF 23 NO 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS, SIX NO 3 BEDROOM DWELLINGS AND EIGHT NO 2 BEDROOM DWELLINGS, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND LANDSCAPING**

The Planning Officer referred to the above application from Oaklee Housing Association for a housing scheme for active elderly or social housing, and she sought Members' advice whether to send a letter of objection.

RESOLVED: That no letter of objection should be sent in respect of Application No Y/2007/0003/F.

**2007/29 : APPLICATION NO Y/2006/0547/F – LAND ADJACENT TO 132 RAVENSWOOD PARK, LOWER BRANIEL ROAD, BELFAST – ERECTION OF FOUR NO APARTMENTS WITH ASSOCIATED ON-SITE CAR PARKING AND LANDSCAPING**

Following a request from Councillor Bunting, it was

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer write a letter of objection in respect of Application No Y/2006/0547/F.

**2007/30 : COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT BMAP HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED E-WAY**

Alderman Robinson referred to the Council's submission in respect of BMAP. He proposed that the Planning Officer should represent the Council. The proposal was seconded by Alderman Norris, and it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted that the Planning Officer represent the Council in respect of BMAP.

**2007/31 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM G CONNOLLY RE: TESCO DEVELOPMENT, NEWTOWNBREDA**

Noted.

**2007/32 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR JOHN C FOSTER RE: TESCO DEVELOPMENT, NEWTOWNBREDA**

Noted.

**2007/33 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR ALAN ELDER RE: TESCO DEVELOPMENT, NEWTOWNBREDA**

Noted.

**2007/34 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM MR JOHN A CROTHERS RE: TESCO DEVELOPMENT, NEWTOWNBREDA**

Noted.

**2007/35 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING OFFICER TO BELFAST DIVISIONAL PLANNING OFFICE, DATED 6 JULY 2006 AND 23 NOVEMBER 2006, RE: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF FIVE APARTMENTS AT 67 CHURCH ROAD, NEWTOWNBREDA**

Noted.

**2007/36 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL, DATED 8 JANUARY 2007, RE: PLANNING / COUNCIL PROCESS REFINEMENTS TO GUIDANCE PROCEDURES**

Noted.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2007/37 : DEVELOPMENT OF CASTLEREAGH ENTERPRISES**

Councillor White enquired when planning applications submitted for the development of Castlereagh Enterprises would be forwarded for Members' consideration. The Planning Service Officer replied that consultations had taken place, and he would inform Members when the applications would be forwarded to the Council.

Noted.

**2007/38 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Planning Officer tabled correspondence received from the Management Board regarding the following planning applications:

Declined to consider:

- Planning Application Y/2005/0489/F – Unit 5 and 6 Prince Regent Trade Centre, Prince Regent Road, BT5 6QP - erection of 25m lattice mast and

installation of three 2.06m 3 antennae, one 0.6m transmission dish, three 0.3m transmission dishes and ancillary equipment

- Planning Application Y/2005/0182/F – 9-16 Glensharragh Park, Lisnasharragh, BT6 9PB - construction of nine town houses and associated parking

Will consider:

- Planning Application Y/2006/0087/F – Granton Heights, Kings Road, Dundonald - proposed housing development of 93 apartments

Noted.

### **2007/39 : NOTIFICATION OF SITE VISITS**

The Planning Officer sought clarification whether objectors should be notified in all cases. She added that she did not have sight of all letters of objections. The Planning Service Officer further cautioned that Members were only allowed on properties for a site visit at the applicant's discretion, therefore it might cause confrontation if objectors were also invited to attend.

Councillor Robinson suggested that the party whips could consider this issue and devise a policy in respect of invitations to objectors to attend site visits.

RESOLVED: That consideration of invitations to objectors to site visits be referred to the party whips in order to devise a policy in respect of invitations to objectors to attend site visits.

## **EDUCATION**

### **2007/40 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DATED 3 JANUARY 2007, RE: DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL NO 174**

Councillor Long stated that the Board of Governors, parents in the area etc had been in favour of Knockbreda Primary School attaining controlled integrated status, therefore he was dismayed about the decision taken by the Department of Education to decline this proposal.

However, Councillor Bunting felt that state schools offered integrated education, and the reason why most pupils at state schools were protestant reflected the desire for catholics to have their own catholic maintained schools.

Councillor White and Councillor Spratt agreed with Councillor Bunting that the establishment of more integrated schools created problems for state schools and was responsible for their closure.

Noted.

## FINANCE

### **2007/41 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED: That the Council approves the undernoted payments:-

Capital Account (General)	:	£ 60,535.06
General Account (Salaries)	:	£422,353.69
General Account (Suppliers)	:	£586,278.73

## GENERAL

**2007/42 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DATED 16 JANUARY 2007, RE: CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (REFORM) (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2006** (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

**2007/43 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DATED 17 JANUARY 2007, RE: DRAFT SMOKE-FREE (EXEMPTIONS, VEHICLES, PENALTIES AND DISCOUNTED AMOUNTS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2007** (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

**2007/44 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM APSE RE: FREE APSE SEMINAR, ENTITLED 'THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICES OF THE REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – BASED ON EXAMPLES FROM THE SCOTTISH EXPERIENCE'** (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED:- That Members should notify Members' Services if they wish to take part in the free APSE seminar, entitled 'The Practical Implications for Services of the Review of Public Administration – Based on Examples from the Scottish Experience'.

**2007/45 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM HELP THE AGED RE: IMPACT REPORT 2006 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/46 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NIAER, DATED 22 DECEMBER 2006, RE: NIAER'S DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2007-08 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/47 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH, DATED 19 DECEMBER 2006, RE: PROMOTING THE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM OR A LEARNING DISABILITY (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/48 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE WILLIAM KEOWN TRUST, DATED 18 DECEMBER 2006, RE: NOVEMBER 2006 EDITION OF THE TRUST'S NEWSLETTER (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/49 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ISLAND OF IRELAND PARTNERSHIP, RECEIVED ON 15 JANUARY 2007, RE: ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADES IN MESSINES, IEPER AND THE SOMME (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/50 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, DATED 4 JANUARY 2007, RE: APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFFS 2007 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/51 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DATED 18 DECEMBER 2006, RE: CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That the Council join Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council in condemning the Royal Mail's decision to exclude any reference to the nativity from the six Christmas stamps.

**2007/52 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL, DATED 11 JANUARY 2007, RE: STEPHEN NOLAN SHOW (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/53 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DATED 15 JANUARY 2007, RE: CONSULTATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL STATUTORY SAFEGUARDING BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

### **ANNUAL REPORTS/STRATEGIES**

**2007/54 : NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2005-2006**

Noted.

**2007/55 : CHINESE WELFARE ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006, SPECIAL 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

Noted.

**2007/56 : NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR ENERGY REGULATION, ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006**

Noted.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2007/57 : THE MS SOCIETY'S 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BALL, AUCTION & GALA EVENING, SATURDAY, 21 APRIL 2007, AT THE FIVE-STAR CULLODEN HOTEL, CULTRA**

RESOLVED: That Members' Services contact Members to ascertain interest and, depending on uptake, proceed to book one or two tables at the MS Society's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ball.

**2007/58 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 22 JANUARY 2007, RE: TRANSFER OF**

**PUBLIC-SECTOR LAND – DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CAPPAGH GARDENS, CREGAGH ESTATE, CASTLEREAGH, FROM CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH TO NIHE**

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the sale of land at Cappagh Gardens, Cregagh Estate, Castlereagh to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the sum of £400.000, as determined by the District Valuer.

**2007/59 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS, RECEIVED ON 24 JANUARY 2007, RE: ONE-DAY SEMINAR IN THE PARK INN HOTEL, DUNDALK, ON FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2007, ENTITLED ‘THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN BUILDING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION’**

Noted.

**2007/60 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DATED 16 JANUARY 2007, RE: RAPID TRANSIT IN BELFAST**

Noted.

**2007/61 : CLOSURE OF LISNASHARRAGH HIGH SCHOOL**

Councillor Long proposed that the Council write to the Minister of Education to express disappointment and concern at the closure of Lisnasharragh High School.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Minister of Education to express disappointment and concern and the closure of Lisnasharragh High School.

As there was no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.50 p.m.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**MAYOR**