

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, 24th May 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J Spratt
(in the Chair)

ALDERMEN: M Copeland
J Norris MBE
Rt Hon P D Robinson MP MLA
Mrs I Robinson MP MLA (from 7.35 p.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs A M Beattie
J Beattie
Mrs M Chambers
Mrs J Cochrane
Mrs S Duncan
D Drysdale
C Hall
B Hanvey
M Henderson
Miss R Hughes MBE
T Jeffers
M Long
G Robinson
Miss V Stevenson
C Tosh
J White

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Acting Director of Leisure Services, Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Human Resources Manager, Planning Service Officer, Planning Officer and Assistant Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Alderman Mrs Rice MBE and Councillor Ms Bunting

2007/205 : OPENING OF MEETING

In the absence of Reverend Brown, Andrew Buster (Elder) opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

2007/206 : CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of his Council colleagues, Councillor Spratt congratulated Alderman Peter Robinson on his recent appointment to the Privy Council. He added that he was pleased to see this honour being bestowed on Alderman Peter Robinson in recognition of all his work.

Noted.

2007/207 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

(a) the Minutes of the following meetings be accepted as a true record:

- Central Services Committee meeting held on 18 April 2007 (with the exception of the following Minute Nos which had been approved at the Council meeting held on 26 April 2007)

CS/2007/95	CS/2007/106	CS/2007/113
CS/2007/98	CS/2007/108	CS/2007/115
CS/2007/103	CS/2007/109	CS/2007/116
CS/2007/104	CS/2007/111	CS/2007/117

- Central Services Committee meeting held on 14 May 2007
- Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 1 May 2007
- Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 3 May 2007
- Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9 May 2007

(b) the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 April 2007 be accepted as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

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Following a vote, Members agreed to amend the resolution to read:

“That the Council approves Planning Application Y/2006/0025/F, and an office meeting be convened in due course in order to clarify a number of site work issues with the Housing Association”.

Page 10 – Minute No. 2007/182 - 8th paragraph
delete “woman” and insert “man”

Page 5 – Minute No. 2007/167 – Resolution
Delete “and Councillor Cochrane”

Page 9 – Minute No. 2007/182
3rd paragraph to be amended as follows:
Delete “500” and insert “500,000”

(c) the Minutes of the following meetings be noted:

- Leisure Park Board meeting held on 29 March 2007
- Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board meeting held on 16 March 2007

MATTERS ARISING

2007/208 : REPAIR WORK REQUIRED AT THE CIVIC OFFICES (Minute Nos. CS/2007/103 and CS/2007/128 refers)

Councillor Chambers reported that at the April and May Committee meetings Members had discussed the above, in terms of repairs required to the roof, rear gate, etc. She added that, given that the building had only been handed over in 2002, Officers had been asked to investigate if there was a guarantee in place. She outlined that she could now report that no such guarantee was in place.

She stated that, given the costs involved, she wanted to highlight the matter, and she reminded Members that £10,000.00 had been brought forward from an underspend in the 2006/2007 financial year towards the costs involved.

Noted.

PRESENTATION

2007/209 : PRESENTATION BY THE ROADS SERVICE – EASTERN DIVISION RE: SPRING REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: QUESTIONS ASKED BY COUNCILLORS, FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF ROADS SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2006 (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Spratt welcomed to the meeting Mr Tom McCourt, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr John Kee, Section Engineer for Castlereaugh.

Alderman Mrs Robinson arrived at the meeting at this point at 7.35 p.m.

Mr McCourt highlighted a number of key aspects of the report, and addressed a number of queries, as follows:

- further request for pedestrian crossing outside Moneyreagh Primary School, particularly in light of increased traffic due to the provision of the new community facility
- further request to have the bus stop on Church Road, Carryduff repositioned, or alternatively relocate the markings on the road
- request for a review of the sequencing of lights on Saintfield Road (turning right onto Knockbreda Road)
- further request for traffic lights at Primrose Hill
- concern expressed that it had taken 6 months for the Roads Service to respond to Members' queries, following the last presentation
- query re progression of the EWay Scheme
- problems in Dundonald caused by drivers parking their cars and using public transport to travel into the city centre
- request for traffic calming measures at the new Tesco Store roundabout in Newtownbreda towards Milltown Road
- request for a traffic impact assessment to be carried out at Grahamsbridge Road

- concern expressed in relation to driver going through red and amber lights along the Saintfield Road
- request for a sign to be erected advising drivers coming up to roundabout at Bells Bridge, Cregagh that there was now a new traffic layout
- request for the removal of bags of stones from Bells Bridge roundabout
- further request for stop sign to be erected at the junction of Gilnahirk Drive and Gilnahirk Park
- following resurfacing work along the carriageway, request for work to be carried out on kerbside and pavement at Leven Drive, Dundonald
- still no progress in relation to work required on kerbside at Claggan Park
- recent developments had created a problem with potholes at the following locations - Gransha Road at Gransha Mews, Old Dundonald Road at Quarry Lane and East Link Road at Leathem Road
- request for a traffic survey at Robbs Road in an around the Asda Store, with a view to providing a pedestrian crossing
- traffic hazard due to the number of cars parking outside Knockbreda High School

Prior to leaving the meeting, the Roads Service representatives advised Members that they would respond in writing to any queries they had not been able to address at the meeting.

Councillor Spratt thanked Mr McCourt and Mr Kee for attending.

Noted.

At this point, Councillor Cochrane took the Chair.

PLANNING

2007/210 : NOTES OF THE OFFICE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/211 : PRESENTATION BY MR ALAN GEORGE RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0470/F – 38, 40, 42, 44 AND 46 OLD DUNDONALD ROAD : DEMOLITION OF EXISTING HOUSES AND ERECTION OF GATE LODGE (2 APARTMENTS) 12 TOWNHOUSES AND 10 APARTMENTS

Mr George advised Members that he was in attendance to represent some of the objectors to the above development. He added that the main concern was that this was a 3 storey apartment block which would not be in keeping with the area, and was contrary to PPS7, in that, it would impinge on people's rights and ability to have a decent family life. He outlined that although he realised the need for housing, he could not understand why a more acceptable proposal could not have been put forward.

He referred to a previous application which had been submitted in January 2006 which the Planning Service had withdrawn, and that the developer had been advised that the application would not be approved until certain amendments were

made. He added that one of the difficulties the Planning Service had with the proposal was the location of the windows which would have resulted in a

detrimental impact on the privacy of existing residents. He added that in October 2006 further plans had been submitted which involved an additional storey and full sized windows. He queried why the Planning Service had determined an approval for an application which would have a greater detrimental impact on neighbouring residents than a previous application which had been refused.

He concluded by stating that he hoped a compromise could be reached, rather than having to take legal action.

Alderman Mrs Robinson proposed that consideration of the application be deferred to enable an office meeting to be convened to enable the developer and residents to see if conditions could be agreed, in terms of the window location, overlooking, etc., in order to reach a compromise.

Councillor Henderson seconded the proposal.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0470/F be deferred to enable an office meeting to be convened in liaison with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Alderman Mrs Robinson.

**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 24 MAY 2007
(copy previously circulated)**

2007/212 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2005/0076/F – 309 GILNAHIRK ROAD, BALLYHANWOOD : CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICE TO 10 APARTMENTS INCLUDING PART DEMOLITION AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS

Following a proposal by Councillor Robinson, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that consideration of Planning Application Y/2005/0076/F be deferred to enable a site visit or an office meeting to be convened in liaison with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor Robinson.

2007/213 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0339/RM – 18 OLD DUNDONALD ROAD, BALLYBEEN : DEMOLITION OF 18 OLD DUNDONALD ROAD AND PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 6 SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS, 5 TOWNHOUSES, 13 APARTMENTS AND 6 GARAGES

Councillor White outlined that although he was aware that this was a Reserved Matter, he had concerns in relation to the traffic implications. He proposed that since it had been almost a year since the application had first been considered, that an office meeting be convened.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that consideration of Planning Application Y/2006/0339/RM be deferred to enable an office meeting to be convened in liaison with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor White.

2007/214 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0420/F – BLENHEIM PARK & QUEENSFORT COURT, WEST OF SAINTFIELD ROAD & SOUGHT OF MEALOUGH ROAD, CARRYDUFF

Councillor Hanvey sought clarification as to what measures had been implemented to deal with the traffic impact and access arrangements which had resulted in the Planning Service now deciding that the condition previously placed was no longer applicable.

The Planning Service Officer clarified that the application before Members was an amendment in respect of Condition 18 relating to off-site improvement works, and the burden placed on the applicant referred to junction improvement work.

He advised that the applicant had to carry out a modeling exercise to demonstrate the burden that the additional traffic would place on this junction, incorporating proposals to address that, i.e. right hand turning lanes on Saintfield Road Carriageway, which had been subject to discussions with the Roads Service and the consultant acting for the developer.

Alderman Peter Robinson stated this was an application that had already gone through the planning process, and amendments had been made to the satisfaction of the Roads Service and the Planning Service. He asked the Planning Service Officer to clarify that the conditions which had applied to the previously approved application still applied to the application which had been amended.

The Planning Service Officer confirmed that this was the case.

Councillor Duncan stated that Alderman Rice had asked that her concerns be conveyed in relation to the number of public inquiries decisions, being disregarded by the DRD. She referred to this particular application and advised that Alderman Rice had asked that the Planning Service ensure that the works required to be carried out under Condition 18 be implemented, and that her objection to this application be recorded.

Noted.

2007/215 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0167/F – 64 GREENWOOD HILL, BALLYDOLLAGHAN, BELFAST : ERECTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO THE SIDE OF THE DWELLING

The Planning Service Officer advised that a further two objections had been received in respect of the above application.

Noted.

2007/216 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0184/F – 40 CHURCH ROAD, BRED A : REPLACEMENT DWELLING (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING) WITH GARDEN AND ASSOCIATION WORKS

Councillor Duncan expressed her displeasure that the Planning Service was allowing this historic house to be demolished.

Noted.

2007/217 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0025/F – 29 GLENVIEW PARK, CARNAMUCK, BELFAST – PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF APARTMENTS FOR THE ELDERLY (30 NO X 3 PERSON / 2 BEDROOM)

Alderman Peter Robinson proposed that the above application be approved, and in due course an office meeting be convened to discuss site works with the Housing Association.

Councillor Long sought clarification as to why there was such a rush to approve this application when the office meeting had not yet taken place. He added that an office meeting had originally been convened on 23rd May and he had been happy to attend on that date. He outlined that he understood that the delay in convening the meeting was due to the fact that the Councillor who had seconded the proposal would not be available until July. He then referred to the February Council meeting, where it had been resolved that a site visit be arranged in relation to a site at Montgomery Road. He added that the site visit was due to be held on 25th May 2007, and he queried that if it was a time constraint issue, why was it acceptable for this site visit not to be held sooner.

He outlined that although he fully supported the concept of increased social housing, he did not support inappropriate social housing.

Councillor Long continued by stating that this particular application had been with the Planning Service for the past 15 months, and he doubted that a couple of weeks would make any difference. He asked that it be recorded that he saw no reason why the application should be approved before the office meeting had taken place.

Alderman Peter Robinson outlined it was a shame that the Alliance Party wanted to hold up the provision of social housing in an area of great need, and was using delaying tactics to hinder the Planning Service in progressing the application.

Councillor Long stated that he had not asked for the application to be delayed, as he had been happy to attend an earlier office meeting. He added that he was absolutely in favour of social housing, but not in favour of inappropriate social housing.

Councillor Cochrane expressed the view that it was a Member of the DUP who had delayed the office meeting.

Councillor White stated that one of the greatest difficulties facing Housing Associations was acquiring land, and he hoped that this development was not delayed any longer. He added that he therefore seconded the proposal to approve the application, and that an office meeting be convened in due course to clear up any site work issues with the Housing Association.

Councillor Spratt stated that it was hypocritical for the Alliance Members in the Assembly to call for additional social housing, but a member of the Party within Castlereagh Borough Council was attempting to delay consideration of such a planning application. He added that Councillor Long was not only delaying the

application but was attempting to put the blame on a Councillor who was not in attendance to defend herself. He added that Councillor Bunting had only left the country today and he could not see how she could be blamed for delaying the matter.

RESOLVED : That the Council approves Planning Application Y/2006/0025/F, and that an office meeting be convened in due course in order to clarify a number of site work issues with the Housing Association.

2007/218 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 17 APRIL TO 14 MAY 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/219 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR GARY WOODS, SOLICITOR RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0420/F – BLENHEIM PARK & QUEENSFORT COURT, WEST OF SAINTFIELD ROAD AND SOUTH OF MEALOUGH ROAD – AMENDMENT OF CONDITION 18 FROM PLANNING APPROVAL Y/1999/0288 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/220 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION RE: CEF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PLANNING SYSTEM (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2007/221 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM FRED FRASER OF FRASER HOUSES (NI) LTD DATED 24TH MAY 2007 RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0420/F AND IN RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM MR G WOODS (copy circulated at the meeting)

Noted.

2007/222 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL – SITE FOR A DWELLING TO THE REAR OF 19 BRED A PARK (ALONG BRED A AVENUE)

Councillor Chambers referred to the content of the above letter, and expressed her concern that it appeared that the Board was of the view that as the application related to a single dwelling and was not categorised as a major development, that it was neither appropriate nor necessary to carry out a re-assessment of the proposal. She expressed the view that each application should be determined on its merit and planning policy should apply equally whether the application related to one dwelling or 150 dwellings.

Following a proposal by Councillor Chambers, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to the Minister in respect of the site for a dwelling to the rear of 19 Breda Park, expressing concern that due consideration did not appear to have been given to this application by the Board on the basis that it was not a significant development (also enclose a copy of the correspondence from the Planning Service)

2007/223 : DERELICT BUILDINGS

Councillor White expressed his concern in respect of the number of houses bought for development and left derelict, particularly along the Grahamsbridge Road, Dundonald. He added that residents had been complaining about these properties lying empty for a considerable length of time and being used by teenagers to congregate, causing a disturbance in the area. He added that he had referred the matter to the Acting Environmental Health Manager and he asked if there was anything the Planning Service could do to force developers to demolish or properly secure the property.

The Planning Service Officer stated that there was no facility under the Planning Order to require developers to secure or demolish these properties, and he was of the view the best way forward was through the Council's Environmental Health Section.

Councillor Drysdale concurred with Councillor White's comments and referred to the length of time it took for Enler House to be demolished.

The Planning Officer stated that she had previously liaised with Environmental Health Officers with regard to this issue, and she understood that it was a policing matter. She added that she would, however, raise the matter with the Council's Building Control Manager, and report back.

Councillor Chambers referred to a fire at premises which had occurred a number of years back which then lay derelict for a significant length of time, and for health & safety reasons the Council had placed an Order under the Ruins & Dilapidated Buildings Regulations on the owner to properly secure the property. She added that unfortunately failure by the owner to secure the property, resulted in the Council bearing the cost of this work. She added that it was her view, however, that the onus was on the Planning Department to ensure land was developed quickly.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Planning Officer ascertain if the Council had any power under its Building Control Regulations to force developers to demolish or properly secure derelict properties.

2007/224 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: MANAGEMENT BOARD REFERRAL FORSTER GREEN

The Planning Officer advised that she had received the above correspondence advising Council that if Members wished to make comment, they should do so within three weeks.

Noted.

Councillor Spratt took the chair.

ROADS

2007/225 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: NEWTON HEIGHTS (FOOTPATH) (ABANDONMENT) ORDER (NI) 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

EDUCATION

2007/226 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD RE: DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL 199 – MILLENNIUM INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL (copy enclosed)

Noted.

NILGA UPDATE

2007/227 : UPDATE BY COUNCILLOR J BEATTIE

Councillor J Beattie advised that he had arranged for NILGA to provide Members with a monthly update. He added that if any Councillor had an issue they wished to be raised to pass the information on to him.

Noted.

MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2007/228 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR MAY 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

FINANCE

2007/229 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

Capital Account (General)	£ 77,704.17
General Account (Salaries)	£443,017.00
General Account (Suppliers)	£833,046.19

GENERAL

2007/230 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE POST OFFICE RE: THE FUTURE POST OFFICE NETWORK (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/231 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD RE: NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST AWARDS BEING HELD ON THURSDAY 31 MAY 2007 AT THE RAMADA HOTEL, SHAW'S BRIDGE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/232 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM TUGHANS SOLICITORS RE: APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/233 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM MKB RUSSELLS, SOLICITORS RE: TRANSFER OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/234 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM MCKINTY AND WRIGHT, SOLICITORS RE: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL GRANT OF OFF SALES LICENCE (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/235 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS RE: SEMINAR - "TACKLING POVERTY AND SOCIAL NEED IN IRELAND, NORTH AND SOUTH" BEING HELD IN THE KILLYHEVLIN HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN ON FRIDAY 29TH JUNE 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/236 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM BMF BUSINESS SERVICES RE: "DELIVERING ON THE REFORM AGENDA" SEMINAR BEING HELD IN THE STORMONT HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/237 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND – PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF 94TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007 BEING HELD ON 13 TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/238 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ST. FINNIAN'S PARISH CHURCH SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL IN DECEMBER 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the correspondence from St Finnian's Parish Church seeking support for a Thanksgiving Festival be referred to the Mayor's Office and the Golf Club Board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2007/239 : MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Councillor Henderson congratulated Alderman Peter Robinson, Alderman Mrs Robinson and Councillor Spratt for their success in the recent Assembly Elections.

He added that he would also like to take this opportunity to thank Members for all their messages of condolences following the death of Arenee's mother.

Noted.

2007/240 : CIVIC BUILDING REPAIRS

Councillor White referred to the discussion earlier in the meeting relating to the above, and outlined that it concerned him greatly that given that the building had been handed over only five years previously, that such significant defects were being identified. He proposed that Officers liaise with the architect and the Council's legal advisors, in terms of a latent defects claim.

The Chief Executive explained that after the building had been completed, an amount of money had been held back and a snagging contract drawn up covering a two year period. He added that this contract ended in 2002 and the Council would have needed to obtain insurance at that stage.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council authorises Officers to liaise with the architect involved in the building of the new Civic Offices and with the Council's legal advisors in respect of a latent defects claim.

2007/241 : HM PRISON YOC HYDEBANK WOOD

Councillor Duncan advised that she had received an invitation from the Governor of the above facility to visit the female wing. She added that the invitation had been extended to all Councillors and any Members wishing to attend should contact her.

Noted.

2007/242 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RE: SEMINAR "EUROPEAN GROUPING OF TERRITORIAL CO-OPERATION" BEING HELD ON FRIDAY 15TH JUNE 2007 IN THE EUROPA HOTEL

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That any Member wishing to attend the NILGA Seminar in the Europa Hotel on 15th June 2007 should contact Members' Services staff.

2007/243 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM SUSTAINABLE NORTHERN IRELAND RE: WORKSHOP BEING HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2007 IN THE LOUGH NEAGH DISCOVERY CENTRE

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That any Member wishing to attend the Sustainable Northern Ireland Workshop being held on 12th June 2007 in the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre should contact Members' Services staff.

2007/244 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ULSTER SCOTS AGENCY RE: NEW CROSS BORDER AWARENESS PROJECT BEING HELD IN ARMAGH ON 6TH JUNE AND IN LONDONDERRY ON 7TH JUNE 2007

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That any Member wishing to attend the New Cross Border Awareness Project being organised by the Ulster Scots Agency should contact Members' Services staff.

2007/245 : STREAMVALE FARM – ICE CREAM SHOP/PLANT

It was proposed by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Drysdale, and

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to grant full approval for a dairy products establishment at Streamvale Farmhouse Ice-Cream, 38 Ballyhanwood Road.

IN COMMITTEE

2007/246 : REPORT FROM THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: DISPOSAL OF LAND AT THE FORMER SCOUT FIELD IN CARRYDUFF (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer provided Members with an update in respect of the above, and recommended that the site of the former Scout field in Carryduff be placed on the open market, via public auction.

Following a query from Alderman Peter Robinson, the Chief Executive confirmed that there was an appropriate site owned by the Council situated close to the existing pitch which would be suitable to construct a junior sized football pitch, with adequate access arrangements.

Alderman Peter Robinson proposed that a planning application be submitted immediately for the new football pitch, and that an amount from the proceeds of the sale of the former Scout field site be ring-fenced for the construction of the

alternative pitch in due course. He added that the current pitch should remain operational until the new pitch has been constructed.

Councillor Henderson seconded the proposal.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that

- (a) the Planning Officer submit a planning application for the construction of a junior-sized grass football pitch at a site located close to the former Scout field in Carryduff
- (b) Officers be authorised to place the site of the former Scout field at Carryduff on the open market via public auction, with a suitable amount from the proceeds being ring-fenced for the provision of a new pitch
- (c) the pitch currently located at the former Scout field to remain operational until the alternative pitch has been constructed

2007/247 : REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RE: APPOINTMENT OF IT CONSULTANTS (circulated at the meeting)

The Director of Finance reported that at the last Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, authorisation had been granted for the Senior Management Team to consider each of the tender submissions and to appoint the most suitable consultancy firm(s), at the earliest opportunity.

He advised that at the Management Team meeting held on 16th May 2007, the tender submissions had been considered and it was agreed that Helm Consultants be appointed to carry out both the IT Review at a cost of £5,900.00 and the IT Function Review at a cost of £21,100.00. He referred to his report outlining the detail of the tenders submitted for Members' information.

Noted.

2007/248 : CHARITY RUN IN LISBURN ON BEHALF OF MARIE CURIE

Councillor Spratt reminded Members that the Deputy Mayor was taking part in a 10 Kilometer Charity Run in Lisburn on 20th June 2007, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. He passed on his appreciation to the Deputy Mayor for participating in the event, and asked Members to support him in his efforts.

Noted.

2007/249 : HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE IN DUNDONALD

Following a query from Councillor Drysdale in respect of the above, the Director of Technical & Environmental Services confirmed that the Client Manager was now liaising with the Planning Officer, and a report would be tabled at the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting.

Noted.

2007/250 : HANWOOD TRUST

Alderman Peter Robinson outlined that he would like to take this opportunity to convey his appreciation to the Economic Development Manager, Mrs Clare Jamison for the enormous amount of work and effort she had put into the Hanwood Project, particularly in dealing with the very complex issue of funding. He added that the various outside agencies and businesses were very impressed with the work of the Economic Development Manager.

Noted.

2007/251 : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Spratt reminded Members that the Annual General meeting would be held on the afternoon of Thursday 14th June 2007.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE