

CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee Meeting, held, in committee, in the Committee Room, Civic & Administrative Offices, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB on Tuesday 1st May 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman J Norris MBE
(in the chair)

ALDERMAN: Mrs G Rice MBE

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Beattie
J Beattie
Mrs M Chambers
Mrs S Duncan
C Hall
T Jeffers
J Spratt

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Hanvey, Henderson

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Building Control Manager, Acting Environmental Health Manager, Acting Operational Services Manager (Parks), Acting Operational Services Manager (Cleansing) Assistant Members' Services Officer, and Councillor G Robinson

T&ESC/2007/181 : OPERATIONAL SERVICE UNIT

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services Manager welcomed to the meeting the Acting Operational Services Manager (Parks) and the Acting Operational Services Manager (Cleansing), and advised that due to the vacant Operational Services Manager post, the two Officers would be presenting the report. He further explained that they would be carrying out the duties of the Operational Services Manager, in an "Acting Up" capacity until the post was filled.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/182 : REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

The Chairman advised that Councillor Robinson was in attendance at this evening's meeting to discuss the issue of pitch No.5 at the Billy Neill Centre. He added that he was therefore allowing the report prepared by the Operational Services Manager to be brought forward on the Agenda.

Noted.

**REPORT PREPARED BY THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

**T&ESC/2007/183 : UPDATE ON SHARING OF PITCH 5 AT THE BILLY NEILL
SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

The Parks Manager provided an update of the circumstances surrounding the above issue. He reported that he understood that a member of Donard FC had approached Dundonald FC, with a view to both teams sharing the pitch in the 2007/2008 season. He added that it appeared that such an agreement had been reached verbally, but this had not been reported back to Dundonald FC team members.

He added that, as a result, a meeting had been convened in the Billy Neill Centre on 19th April 2007 involving himself, representatives of Dundonald and Donard FC's, Alderman Norris and Councillor Robinson. He reported that at the beginning of the meeting, Dundonald had been adamant that they would not be agreeable to sharing the pitch. He added that following further discussion, however, the teams had reached a verbal agreement to share the pitch in the 2007/2008 season. He further advised that the Amateur Football League needed confirmation in writing to this effect from both teams by 19th May 2007.

The Business Support Manager outlined that the Amateur League had indicated that they would attempt to accommodate both teams using the same pitch, in terms of match fixtures. He reported that information obtained from the pitch bookings system indicated that historically Dundonald FC did not have exclusive use of pitch 5, and the current booking policy did not give any team exclusive use of a pitch.

Councillor Robinson outlined that both of these football clubs played in the 1st Division of the Amateur League, and pitch 5 at the Billy Centre was the only Council-owned pitch in the Borough that met the League's requirements for that level of football. He further explained that Dundonald Football Club's second team used the pitch during the first team's away matches.

He stated that he understood that Donard Football Club had indicated that they would be willing to use the pitch at Cregagh, if the necessary work could be carried out to meet the League's requirements.

The Client Manager explained that the Cregagh pitch was on land owned by the NIHE, and the terms of the lease stipulated that the ground should be used as a public open space, and the pitch could therefore not be booked out on a formal basis.

Officers then addressed a number of queries in relation to the Council's criteria for the hire of the football pitches.

Councillor Chambers expressed concern as to whether the criteria was being properly applied, and if priority was given to teams where the majority of the players resided in the Borough.

Following a detailed discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree

- (a) that the Acting Operational Services Manager (Parks) liaise with Dundonald and Donard Football Clubs to ascertain whether or not the teams had reached an agreement to share pitch No.5 at the Billy Neill Centre of Excellence during the 2007/2008 season
- (b) that a copy of the Council's current criteria for the allocation of football pitches, together with Dundonald and Donard Football Clubs' completed membership numbers and addresses be tabled at the next Committee meeting

T&ESC/2007/184 : UPDATE ON PATHWAY BETWEEN GILNAHIRK ROAD AND GILNAHIRK AVENUE

The Acting Operational Services Manager (Parks) reported that on Tuesday 24th April 2007 signs had been erected stating that, under the Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) 1983, the pathway between Gilnahirk Road and Gilnahirk Avenue would be temporarily closed for a period of three months. He advised Members that the entire site had now been secured.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/185 : INVITATION TO BOARD OF LAGAN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK LIMITED

The Acting Operational Services Manager (Parks) reported that correspondence had been received from the Environment & Heritage Service inviting Castlereagh Borough Council to nominate two Elected Members to serve on the Board as Directors in the new company.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that the invitation to nominate two Elected Members to serve as Directors on the Board of Lagan Valley Regional Park Limited be referred to the Council's AGM.

**REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2007/186 : SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

The Building Control Manager detailed the schedule of applications approved by the Building Control Service for the period 1st March to 31st March 2007.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/187 : REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND SOLICITORS' ENQUIRIES

The Building Control Manager outlined the details in respect of the above.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/188 : INCREASE IN FEES RECEIVED DURING 2006/2007

The Building Control Manager reported that during the 2006/2007 financial year there had been a considerable increase in the fees received for both plan assessments and inspections, as compared with the budget figures. He added that the figures below reflected the additional workload undertaken by the Building

Control Service Unit during the past year, which included domestic and non-domestic plan assessments, and the inspection of domestic and non-domestic buildings.

Total Plan Fees Received	£219,445.00 (Budget Fig. £155,000.00)
Total Inspections Fees Received	<u>£190,890.00</u> (Budget Fig. <u>£143,000.00</u>)
Total Fees Received	<u>£410,335.00</u> (Budget Fig. <u>£298,000.00</u>)

Councillor J Beattie commended Officers for their hard work over the past year.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised Members that it was important to note that the income could fluctuate year from year, but that 2006/2007 had been a particularly busy year, generating additional fee income above that initially anticipated.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/189 : THE LITTER (NI) ORDER 1994 – AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS

The Building Control Manager reported that under the above legislation formal action could be taken for contraventions, including dog fouling and general littering. He added that he was seeking permission for five Officers within the Building Control Unit to be authorised to detect contraventions, in accordance with the legislation.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised Members that as the Officers were mobile throughout the Borough, they would be in a position to witness contraventions and report them to the Enforcement Section within Environmental Health.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that, in accordance with the Litter (NI) Order 1994, the following Officers be authorised to detect contraventions and report them to the Enforcement Section within Environmental Health:

Gordon Bratten	Building Control Manager
Damien McMurray	Senior Building Control Officer
Andrew Newett	Building Control Officer
Claire Brown	Building Control Officer
Gareth Anderson	Building Control Officer

T&ESC/2007/190 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GROUP CHIEF BUILDING CONTROL, SOUTH EASTERN GROUP BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Building Control Manager referred Members to the above correspondence from the Group Chief Building Control Officer, congratulating staff within the Building Control Unit on their performance and commitment in producing the turnaround times indicated in the 2005/2006 Performance Indicators.

Members asked for their congratulations to be passed onto the relevant staff.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/191 : STAFF ISSUES

The Building Control Manager advised Members that selection interviews for the vacant Building Control Officer's post had been held on the 27th March 2007, but it was anticipated that this vacancy would not now be filled until early June 2007.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/192 : STREET NAMING AT 183 SAINTFIELD ROAD, NEWTOWNBREDA

The Building Control Manager reported that Ravara Properties Limited had proposed the street name of 'Ardeven Heights' for 5 dwellings, on a site at 183 Saintfield Road, Newtownbreda.

He outlined that as this request met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy, in that, the word 'Ardeven' derived from the Irish word of 'Ard Aoibhin' meaning Beautiful Height, and the name was in keeping with the topography of the area.

Councillor Chambers sought clarification as to what connection the name of 'Ardeven' had to do with that particular part of Newtownbreda.

Councillor J Beattie outlined that as this was such a small development consisting of only 5 dwellings, he queried why it needed a specific name which could cause postage delivery difficulties.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that, as the Committee did not feel it was appropriate to allocate the name 'Ardeven Heights' to the 5 dwellings located at 183 Saintfield Road, Newtownbreda, that the Building Control Officer ask the developer to consider a more appropriate name, in keeping with that particular area.

T&ESC/2007/193 : STREET NAMING AT KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK/MILL ROAD, NEWTOWNBRED A.

The Building Control Manager reported that a request had been received from Habinteg Housing Association (Ulster) Ltd for the street name of 'Millburn Court' for 12 bungalows, 8 apartments and 1 communal facility, on a site at Knockbracken Health Care Park/Mill Road, Newtownbreda.

He advised that the request met with the requirements of the Council's Street Naming Policy, in that, the word 'Mill' was in use in the area and the word 'Burn' came from the 'Burn River which flowed near the site.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the street name of 'Millburn Court' to be adopted for 12 bungalows, 8 apartments and 1 community facility on a site at Knockbracken Health Care Park/Mill Road, Newtownbreda.

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

**T&ESC/2007/194 : STATUTORY NOTICES – PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND)
ACTS 1878 TO 1907**

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined details of Statutory Notices that had been served regarding the abatement of public health nuisances/conditions prejudicial to health.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/195 : PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined that whilst all efforts were taken to assess risk prior to going out to a location, Officers within the Environmental Health Enforcement section were regularly placed in situations that could suddenly become confrontational. He advised Members that other agencies involved in similar situations had determined the need for specific clothing to ensure the safety of Officers.

He outlined that given the Council's duty of care for its staff, he was seeking Members' approval for the purchase of protective vests for the two Enforcement Officers. He added that each vest cost £300.00, and as no provision had been

made in the 2007/2008 estimates for this equipment, it may result in an overspend in the relevant cost code.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to approve the purchase of protective vests for the two Enforcement Officers at a total cost of £600.00, with the costs being met out of the relevant budget within the 2007/2008 financial year.

T&ESC/2007/196 : SMOKE-FREE (NI) ORDER 2006

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised Members that the above regulations came into force on Monday 30th April 2007. He reported that Officers had carried out advisory visits to large employers, restaurants, pubs, hotels etc to ensure businesses were aware of the regulations. He added that advisory leaflets and information had been distributed to all premises in the Borough.

He further advised Members that the Health Promotion Agency had issued guidance packs and signs to all businesses, with additional copies available from the Council. He added that planned enforcement visits had been scheduled for the first week in May to ensure compliance and provide assistance to businesses.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/197 : LITTER (NI) ORDER 1994

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined that last month he had received approval for Officers to be authorised to take enforcement action where contraventions to the above legislation had been detected. He added that proactive initiatives were also taking place through the Waste Management Section of Client Services who had provided educational programmes to local Primary and Secondary schools.

He added that these educational programmes also provided the opportunity for the Council to inform the community of the likely penalties, and this may prevent the need for additional street cleansing resources having to be deployed in certain areas.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/198 : CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2005 TO FEBRUARY 2007

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined the detail in respect of the above.

Alderman Rice expressed her concern that despite previously raising concerns with the PSNI in relation to the growing number of incidences of young people consuming alcohol in designated areas within Carryduff, there had still not been

any prosecutions. She added that it was her intention to raise this matter again with the District Commander at a public meeting of the DPP.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/199 : RENEWAL OF AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR VIDEO PREMISES AT TEC ARCADE, 24 BALLYMACONAGHY ROAD, BELFAST.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised Members that the renewal of the above application had been made under Article 108(1)(ca) of the legislation, and the appropriate fee had been paid to seek renewal of the permit for the use of £25.00 maximum all cash prizes. He reported that the area of the premises containing the £25.00 gaming machines was restricted to persons aged 18 years or above and the maximum number of gaming machines on the premises would be restricted to 10.

He outlined that Officers were currently consulting with the PSNI, and subject to no adverse comments, he recommended that Members approve the renewal of the amusement permit for the abovementioned premises.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of the amusement permit for premises at 24 Ballymaconaghy Road, Belfast, subject to no adverse comments from the PSNI,

T&ESC/2007/200 : THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 - ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL OF A LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager provided the detail of two applications for the renewal of an Entertainments Licence.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the renewal of two Entertainments Licences, as outlined in the report from the Acting Environmental Health Manager.

T&ESC/2007/201 : PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929

The Acting Environmental Health Manager provided Members with the detail of an application to grant a licence to store petroleum at a service station within the Borough.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree to grant a licence to store petroleum at service station within the Borough, as outlined in the report from the Acting Environmental Health Manager.

T&ESC/2007/202 : STREET TRADING ACT (NI) 2001 – RENEWAL OF STREET

TRADING LICENCE

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined the detail of an application for the renewal of a Stationery Trader's Licence.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to approve the renewal of a Street Trading Licence for premises in Moneyreagh.

T&ESC/2007/203 : THE DOGS (NI) ORDER 1983 – DOGS STRAYING

The Acting Environmental Health Manager advised that the under-mentioned person permitted her dog to stray in contravention of the above legislation. He added that a fixed penalty notice had been issued, but was subsequently returned unpaid by the Clerk of Petty Sessions Office.

- Fixed Penalty Notice No. 1198 – lady from the Carryduff area.

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree, under the relevant legislation, legal proceedings be instigated against the aforementioned person.

T&ESC/2007/204 : THE DANGEROUS DOGS (NI) ORDER 1991 – PIT BULL AMNESTY

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined that Members may recall that the Council had operated a month long co-ordinated Pit-bull Amnesty during the month of March, and as a result, 10 dogs had been surrendered to the Council for humane destruction and approximately 40 dogs had been surrendered to other Councils during the period.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/205 : THE DANGEROUS DOGS (NI) ORDER 1991 - KENNELING OF DANGEROUS DOGS

The Acting Environmental Health Manager outlined that, as Members may be aware, Council was currently taking action against two individuals for being in possession of a prescribed dangerous dog. He advised that these dogs were being held in secure kennelling until such time as the cases were heard and the resident magistrate had made a decision.

He outlined that although provision had been made in the budget for kennelling costs, the longer it took for the cases to be heard could result in a greater financial burden than that originally budgeted for.

Noted.

ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

T&ESC/2007/206 : THE HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK (NI) ORDER 1978 – INSTIGATION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Acting Environmental Health Manager reminded Members that in April 2006, the Committee had resolved to instigate legal proceedings in respect of premises located within the Borough for a breach under Articles 35 & 36 of the above legislation.

He reported that the case had been heard in February 2007, but the magistrate had not deemed the company to be in breach of the legislation, and the Council's barrister had advised that the Council should not appeal this decision. He outlined that the Council had to meet all the associated costs, which included the Council's legal costs, and the costs of the expert witness for the defence in a total sum of £13,000.00. He advised Members that the court had restricted the defendant's legal costs to £130.00 as the premises concerned was a large multi-national company and the burden of large legal costs should not fall on the Council.

The Acting Environmental Health Manager stated that Officers would not have recommended that legal proceedings be instigated, if they had not believed that the company concerned was in breach of the legislation, and that this course of action was in the public interest. He added that Environmental Health Officers had been disappointed with the magistrate's decision.

Following a detailed discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that

- (a) the Acting Environmental Health Manager be authorised to arrange for the legal fees to be paid which was currently indicated as approximately £13,000.00 (pending final confirmation) in respect of legal proceedings instigated in relation to the Health & Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978
- (b) liaise with his counterparts in other Councils to ensure a consistent approach to enforcement of multi-national premises

**REPORT FROM THE CLIENT MANAGER
(copy previously circulated)**

T&ESC/2007/207 : TONNAGES DEPOSITED AT LANDFILL

The Client Manager reported that during the month of March, approximately 1856.64 tonnes of waste had been deposited at landfill, compared with 1786.90 tonnes deposited during the same period last year.

He outlined that this increase was disappointing and underlined the need to address participation and capture rates. He advised Members that the tonnages for April were not ready for the May meeting of the Committee, but that these would be tabled at the first opportunity.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/208 : PROPOSED HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE IN DUNDONALD

The Client Manager reported that as previously instructed, he had arranged for questionnaires to be distributed to households in respect of the proposal to locate a household recycling centre in Dundonald. He advised that as the return date for the questionnaires was Friday 11th May 2007, he would report back to the June Committee meeting on the findings.

Alderman Rice advised that a number of residents had approached her to pass on their appreciation to Council staff for the instigation and operation of the system for the collection of medical wastes. She asked for their thanks be passed on to the Client Manager and his staff.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/209 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNCILLOR T JEFFERS, CHAIRMAN OF DUNDONALD VILLAGE REGENERATION GROUP

Councillor Jeffers declared an interest and left the meeting.

The Client Manager referred Members to the above correspondence, and advised that Councillor Jeffers was requesting permission for the use Moat Park to hold the Annual Motte Festival on Saturday 8th September 2007. He added that Councillor Jeffers had also expressed his thanks to the Council for its co-operation in the past.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to grant approval for the use of Moat Park by Dundonald Regeneration Group to hold its Annual Motte Festival on Saturday 8th September 2007, under the terms and conditions previously agreed.

T&ESC/2007/210 : STAFF RESOURCES

The Client Manager advised Members that prior to the Agenda being distributed, it had been verbally brought to his attention that Arena Network was losing some of its funding. He added that he was now in a position to provide further information on the implications of this, and he circulated a report for Members' consideration.

He outlined that as Members may be aware, funding for the Arena Network Regional Executive was provided within the Castlereagh estimates to cover the costs of two posts within the Waste Section of Client Services (one of the posts was to cover the post of Waste & Recycling Officer as the permanent postholder was on one year's leave of absence). He added that the loss of this funding would result in these posts being terminated, with effect from 31st May 2007. He outlined that it had been drawn to the attention of Arena Network that Castlereagh Borough Council could provide funding for these posts, but they advised that all their staff must be treated equally and all posts would therefore be terminated.

He advised Members that the Waste Section within Client Services normally had a complement of 4 staff, which he detailed for Members' information. He explained

that the loss of the funding would result in the staff complement being reduced by 2 from the beginning of June to 6th August 2007, and from 6th August onwards the staff complement would be reduced by one.

The Client Manager outlined in detail the need for the Council to meet the strict targets imposed by Central Government for the diversion of waste from landfill, and the significant fines imposed should the Council fail to achieve these targets. He detailed for Members the duties of the current postholder, which included educational programmes involving local schools, youth and community groups and other organisations. He stated that failure to fill this post would result in the Council finding it difficult to fulfil its statutory duties, achieving its diversion targets, and the likelihood of even greater waste disposal costs.

He expressed the view that the following course of action was appropriate to enable the Council to fulfil its responsibilities:

- Approach Employment Agencies to see if the vacancy (s) can be filled in the short term
- Advertise for the post previously filled by the Arena Network Regional Development Executive but for this post holder to be a direct employee of the Council. The cost for employing this person directly by the Council would be less than that paid to Arena and would therefore produce a modest saving.

The Client Manager recommended that the duties previously carried out by the Arena Network Regional Development Executive for the past 7 years be transferred to a new post, i.e. "Recycling Officer" within the Client Services Section. He further recommended that the job description be drawn up and sent for evaluation, and advertised as soon as possible.

Alderman Rice asked to be recorded as being totally in favour of the Officer's recommendation.

Councillor Chambers expressed the view that the Council needed to draw up a policy in respect of the loss of posts funded by outside bodies.

A detailed discussion ensued, with a number of Members present querying the duties of the current Arena Network post, and the need to ensure value for money for ratepayers.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that

- (a) the Client Manager liaise with Officers within the Human Resources Section, in order for an evaluation to be carried out of the current Arena Network post and for a job description to be drawn up for consideration at a future Committee meeting
- (b) in the meantime, approval be granted for the vacancy to be filled in the short term, via an Employment Agency.

T&ESC/2007/211 : CARRYDUFF COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO LOUGH MOSS CENTRE

The Client Manager referred Members to a progress report prepared by the Capital Projects Officer in respect of the construction of the above playground. He advised that completion was due in early May, and as previously approved, the first or induction week would be reserved for local schools, toddler groups, etc. He added that it was being recommended that an official grand opening be held in June, before the school holidays, to allow for a good attendance by local children. He outlined that suggested dates for the opening would include Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd June after 3.00 p.m., or Saturday 23rd June at 10.00 a.m. He stated that the official opening would also recognise the financial contribution by the Big Lottery.

He advised Members that, whilst it was anticipated that the playground would be opened and closed by the Lough Moss Centre staff, the day to day responsibility would remain with Technical and Environmental Services. He added that it was therefore being recommended that staff from the Lough Moss Leisure Centre and the Cregagh Youth & Community Centre (in anticipation of the completion of Cregagh Community Playground), and other relevant staff within the Technical & Environmental Services staff attend a RoSPA training course on playground inspections. He outlined that the cost of this course would be covered within the Technical and Environmental Services' budgets.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree

- (a) the Official Opening of the Carryduff Community Playground be held on Thursday 21st June 2007 at 3.00 p.m.
- (b) that relevant staff within the Lough Moss Centre, Cregagh Youth & Community Centre, Technical & Environmental Services Department attend the RoSPA training course on playground inspections, with the costs being met out of Technical & Environmental Services' budgets.

T&ESC/2007/212 : CREGAGH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND AND CULTURAL AREA – ADJACENT TO CREGAGH YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Client Manager referred Members to a progress report prepared by the Capital Projects Officer in respect of the construction of the Cregagh Community Playground. The Client Manager advised that the contractor had commenced work on 16th April 2007, with completion of the playground anticipated to be late June.

He referred to the cultural area, comprising a raised grassed earth area (approximately 10x10 metres square, 1 metre high) with sloping sides). He advised that the area could also be used as a stage or performance area.

The Client Manager reported that the Council's Course Manager/Sportsturf, who had responsibility for the maintenance of this area, together with the Chair of Cregagh Community Forum, had been consulted with regard to the position and construction of the cultural area. He then circulated a drawing indicating the Forum's two preferred sites, and asked Members how they wished to proceed in this respect.

He added that the Community Forum had asked the Committee to give consideration to the date of the official opening coinciding with Cregagh Festival in August.

Members were of the view that as both locations were suitable, that the choice should be left with the members of the Cregagh Community Forum.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that

- (a) the Client Manager liaise with the members of Cregagh Community Forum as to the location of the cultural area at Cregagh Playground, and report back to the next Committee meeting
- (b) the official opening of Cregagh Playground be organised to coincide with the Cregagh Festival in August

ANY OTHER CLIENT SERVICES' MATTERS

T&ESC/2007/213 : COUNCIL GARAGE AT PRINCE REGENT ROAD

The Client Manager advised that due to staff shortages at the above location, a contingency plan had to be put in place, in that, a member of staff who had been on sick leave had returned to work sooner than anticipated, and another member of staff who had left the Council's employment had agreed to return to work on a part-time basis.

He further advised that Belfast City Council had offered to assist the Council with vehicle repairs. He added that he had contacted Lisburn City Council, but they had been unable to offer any assistance in this respect.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that Officers be authorised to approach Belfast City Council to assist with vehicle repairs, as and when required. The Client Manager to monitor the situation, and report back in due course.

T&ESC/2007/214 : HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION SERVICE

Councillor Jeffers outlined that the refuse collection vehicle which services Dunlady Manor was experiencing difficulty emptying some bins due to parked cars on the road. He asked if leaflets could be distributed asking if they could ensure that the road was not obstructed on the day of service.

Councillor Spratt outlined that he was aware of some residents who had taken exception to this leaflet, and he asked if he could be provided with a copy.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services stated that although most residents co-operated, he was aware that there were some residents who felt aggrieved at receiving the leaflet. He added that the point of this exercise was to inform those residents who persistently refused to keep the road at the front of their house clear, thereby causing an obstruction on refuse collection day.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That Officers

- (a) arrange, if necessary, to distribute leaflets to the residents of Dunlady Manor asking that if they had a vehicle parked on the road that it did not cause an obstruction on their nominated refuse collection day.
- (b) arrange for a copy of the above leaflet to be forwarded to Councillor Spratt.

T&ESC/2007/215 : COUNCIL'S CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST

Following a query from Councillor Hall, it was

RESOLVED : That a copy of the Council's Capital Project list be forwarded to Councillor Hall.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (copy previously circulated)

T&ESC/2007/216 : REPORTS AVAILABLE

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that the following reports were available for Members' information:

- Lantra. The sector skills Council for the environment and land based sector. Promotional Brochure.
- Absenteeism in Northern Ireland Councils 2005-06. N.I. Audit office. March 2007.
- Water Demand Management Bulletin. Issue B2. April 2007. Environment Agency.
- Phoenix Community News. Spring 2007

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/217 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE SERVICE RE: LANDFILL RESTORATION AND NILAS REGULATIONS.

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services asked Members to note that the Environment & Heritage Service (EHS), were now requiring that any green waste which had been composted and used in the restoration of a landfill site must have written authorisation from EHS. He advised that the implications of the absence of appropriate authorisation was detailed in the above correspondence, and any compost used in landfill restoration would not be considered diverted from landfill, thereby increasing the likelihood of failure to meet the NILAS targets.

He reported that there may be financial implications for Councils as they were subjected to these requirements arising from qualitative analysis for the compost, the risk assessment of its use in landfill restoration, and the potential for greater tonnages of compost having to be considered as unsuitable for landfill restoration

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/218 : MINUTES OF THE ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE OF 29 MARCH 2007

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services attached a copy of the above Minutes to his report, and he outlined some of the business addressed, as follows:

- Organics Legal Challenge
- Contracts Update
- Hire of Vehicles & Plant – Tender Report.
- DOE –Comprehensive Spending Review 2008/2011 Data.
- Scheme of Delegation & Financial Regulations.
- WEEE
- Hazardous Waste Forum – 2007 Implementation Plan.
- Consultation – The Waste Management Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007
- Compositional Analysis of Household Waste Collected at the Kerb side.
- Provision of Professional PR Services to support the implementation of a Waste Management Communication Plan.
- EfW Capacity Building Visit.

He drew Members' attention to the need to peruse the contents of the Minutes, and acquaint themselves with the waste management issues under consideration.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/219 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE OF 5TH APRIL 2007

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services attached to his report a copy of the above Minutes. He advised that the special meeting had been convened to

consider the Organics Legal Challenge. He added that Members' attention was drawn to the need to peruse the content of the Minutes.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/220 : ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE. MEMBERS' BULLETIN FOR MEETING OF 29th APRIL 2007

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services attached to his report a copy of the above which provided Members with advance notice of the business which would be conducted.

Noted.

T&ESC/2007/221 : MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2007

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the Waste Management Working Group meeting held on 17th April 2007 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of

_____ 2007 with the exception of

Minute Nos: _____

MAYOR