

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 September 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor M Chambers
(in the Chair)

ALDERMEN: M Copeland
J Norris MBE
I Robinson MP MLA
J White

COUNCILLORS: Mrs A M Beattie
J Beattie
Ms J Bunting
D Drysdale
Mrs S Duncan
C Hall
M Henderson
Miss R Hughes MBE
M Long
T Jeffers
G Robinson
J Spratt
C Tosh
L Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Director of Administration & Community Services, Director of Finance, Director of Leisure, Director of Technical and Environmental Services, Planning Service Officer, Planning Officer, and Assistant Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Alderman Rice, Councillors Cochrane, Hanvey and McCoy

2007/496 : OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend David McIlveen, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

2007/497 : SYMPATHY

On behalf of Members and Staff, the Mayor passed on her sincere sympathy and prayers to Councillor Mrs McCoy on learning of her father-in-law's illness

Noted.

2007/498 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

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

- Special Council meeting held on 21 August 2007
- Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 6 September 2007
- Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 September 2007

(b) the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 August be accepted as a true record subject to the following amendments:

Page 9, Minute No 2007/430 1st Para – that the words “in support of the appeal” be removed and replaced with “to the Planning Appeals Commission in support of the Enforcement Notice”.

Page 9, Minute No 2007/432 - Replace 2nd Para as follows:

“Councillor Spratt concurred. Councillor Robinson advised that the developer had culverted the riverbank and Councillor Drysdale expressed concerns that this meant that the development encroached on neighbouring residents' private land. Councillor Spratt referred to a considerable drop from Gilnahirk Avenue to the site and was concerned about safety issues, including the possibility of a collapse during heavy rainfall. He enquired whether the Department had indicated that proper safety measures would be put in place at this steep drop after the development had been completed”

Page 9, Minute No 2007/432 – Replace the resolution to read as follows:

RESOLVED: that

- (a) the Council write to the Environmental Heritage Service to oppose the extinguishment of the right of way.
- (b) The Council write to the Planning Service to express concerns about safety implications in relation to the considerable drop from Gilnahirk Avenue to the site.
- (c) The council also write to the Planning Service to express concerns about the culverting of the river and possible encroachment by the developers onto neighbouring private land.

Page 9 & 10, Minute No 433 – Amend the resolution to read “that the Minutes of the Office Meetings held on 16 August 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record and be adopted.

Page 4, Minute 2007/416 – Amend to include as a first paragraph “Councillor Henderson declared an interest in this matter”

Page 2, Minute No 2007/413 – Amend to include the words “subsequently in September” after “telephone call and”

- (c) That the minutes of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 4 September 2007 be accepted as a true record subject to Minutes T&ES/2007/ 308, T&ES/2007/ 310, T&ES/2007/313 and T&ES/2007/321 being referred back to the Committee for further consideration.
- (d) The minutes of the Central Services Committee meeting of 10 September 2007 be accepted as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Page 7, Minute no CS/2007/188 – Amend the 2nd para to read as follows

“Members considered the format of the evening and Councilor Bunting suggested that, at the very least, Alderman Robinson should be invited to attend a formal meeting of the Council.”

and that the resolution be amended as follows:

“RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council agree to invite Peter Robinson MP MLA to a council meeting to recognise his service to the Borough
- (b) That the Chair and the Mayor meet with officers in order to progress arrangements.
- (e) That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Meeting of 13 September 2007 be amended as follows:

With regard to Councillor Long’s attendance at the meeting delete “from 7.05 pm” after his name.
- (f) That the minutes of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board meetings held on 18 May and 15 June 2007 be noted.

MATTERS ARISING

2007/499 : QUERIES TO OFFICERS (Minute No. 2007/413 refers)

In response to a query by Councillor Robinson, the Chief Executive clarified that Members should address queries to him or one of the Directors but that Members should not raise queries directly with other officers.

Noted.

2007/500 : SUSTRANS GREENWAY (Minute no 2007/486 refers)

Alderman White referred to a meeting to be arranged with representatives of Sustans and requested that the provision of dog bins and the problem caused by motor cyclists be raised.

Alderman Robinson welcomed the Sustrans Greenway facility and reported that it was being used widely by elderly people, families and people walking their dogs. She expressed concerns about motor cyclists and referred to a recent incident where a family pet had been seriously injured. She requested that the Council write to the Chief Constable asking that reports of anti-social behaviour in the Sustrans Greenway be taken seriously by the PSNI. She indicated that she had a number of motor bike registration numbers that she would be passing on to the police. She also referred to the need for additional litter bins.

RESOLVED: That the Council request Sustrans to provide dog and litter bins in the Greenway and that the Council also write to the Chief Constable asking that police take effective action to control anti-social behaviour in the Sustrans Greenway particularly with regard to the dangerous activities of motor cyclists.

2007/501 : REPRESENTATION ON SOUTH EASTERN GROUP BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE (Minute no T&ES/2007/295 refers)

RESOLVED: that Councillor Robinson be replaced on the South Eastern Group Building Control Committee by Councillor Lawrence Walker and that the UUP Party Whip be asked to confirm the second representative on the Group.

PLANNING

2007/502 : NOTES OF THE OFFICE MEETING HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/503 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2007 (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting held on 30 August 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 27 SEPTEMBER 2007 (copy previously circulated)

2007/504 : APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

The Planning Service Officer advised Members that the following planning applications had been withdrawn: Y/2007/0245/F and Y/2006/0639/O

Noted.

2007/505 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0366/F – 96 BEECHILL ROAD, BALLYLENAGHAN, BT8 7QN

The Planning Service Officer confirmed that planning permission had been granted for this development and this application was in relation to an amendment. Councillor Duncan stated that a new construction of a two storey garage was being erected on the site and queried whether this was included in either the original planning approval or the amended application.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Service be asked to check the terms of the planning approval and, in particular, to investigate whether permission had been given for the erection of a two storey garage on the site.

2007/506 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 14 AUGUST TO 17 SEPTEMBER 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Henderson brought Members' attention to application Y/2007/0471F taking place at 50 Hillsborough Road, Carryduff. It was noted however that it was not Council practice to discuss the weekly planning applications as these would be included in due course on the Planning Schedule.

Noted.

PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

2007/507 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE DATED 7 and 14 September 2007 RE: PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DRAFT PPS14 (copies previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/508 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM THE PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION RE: THE PLANNING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1991 – APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT NOTICE ISSUED ON 19 FEBRUARY 2007 TO MR J DAVIDSON (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/509 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE DATED 22 AUGUST 2007 RE: LAND OR PREMISES AT 115 GRANSHA

ROAD, DUNDONALD – ENFORCEMENT NOTICE EN/2006/0218 IN RELATION TO AN UNAUTHORISED MOBILE HOME (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2007/ 510 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM COMMUNITY TECHNICAL AID DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 2007 RE: PLANNING ADVICE LINE (copy tabled at meeting)

(Councillor Henderson declared an interest in this matter)

Members noted that the proposed planning advice line was to be made available to disadvantaged individuals who needed advice on planning issues. Councillor Bunting queried the eligibility criteria for accessing the advice line.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer write to Community Technical Aid seeking clarification as to eligibility for the advice line service.

2007/511 : PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF SIGNS

The Mayor referred to new developments within the Borough and queried whether developers were required to seek planning permission for advertising bill boards on sites. The Planning Service Officer advised that in some situations there may be limited provision to allow a developer to erect a sign on a temporary basis without planning permission but he stated that signs left in place over an extended period did require planning approval.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Service be asked to investigate the following:

- (a) Whether signs erected at the shopping centres in Carryduff had planning approval.
- (b) Whether enforcement action could be taken to control the continuing erection of signs at Old Mill
- (c) Whether planning approval had been given for the permanent erection of signs and a large banner at Primrose Hill advertising wedding cars at David Andrews Ltd

2007/512 : HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT GILNAHIRK ROAD

Councillor Drysdale enquired whether Enforcement Officers had visited this development to investigate the culverted river and the loss of the right of way. The Planning Service Officer confirmed that officers had been in touch with the developer and that the loss of the right of way would be dealt with under Access to the Countryside legislation. Councillor Spratt raised the health and safety issues in relation to the Gilnahirk Avenue end of the development where there was a steep 40 foot drop into the site. While this was currently

fenced off, he wished to know what safety measures would be put in place when the development had been completed. The Planning Service Officer advised that Health and Safety Executive officers had been out to the site and it was their responsibility to ensure that the development work was carried out safely.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Planning Service be asked to note the Council's concerns regarding safety and other issues in respect of the housing development at Gilnahirk Road as detailed above and to ensure that the developer adhere to the terms of the planning approval.
- (b) That the Planning Officer requests the Building Control Service to ensure that the development meets building control regulations.

ROADS

2007/513 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT'S ROAD USER SAFETY DIVISION RE: DIRECTIVE 2003/20/EC – USE OF SEAT BELTS AND CHILD RESTRAINTS BY CHILD PASSENGERS ON BUSES AND COACHES (copy previously circulated)

Members welcomed the directive that would ensure that children aged 3 or over would use seat belts while seated in a bus or coach. Alderman White raised the fact that on both school and public buses many children were standing in the aisles on the journey to school. Councillor Duncan stated that seat belts should be provided in all buses. Councillor Drysdale also referred to the practice of children leaving their bags in the aisle and creating a hazard for other bus users particularly the elderly.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council respond to the Department of Transport welcoming the Directive but suggesting that the issue of overcrowded buses where children have to stand in the aisles should also be addressed.
- (b) that the Council write to Translink also raising the issue of overcrowding on buses and the provision of seat belts on public transport.

HOUSING

2007/514 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING IN NORTHERN IRELAND RECEIVED ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2007 RE: RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS FOR A PROCUREMENT

**STRATEGY FOR THE SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
(copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/515 : RESPONSE DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM THE
MINISTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE COUNCIL'S
CORRESPONDENCE RE: THE SEMPLE REPORT INTO AFFORDABLE
HOUSING (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2007/516 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND
HOUSING EXECUTIVE DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 2007 RE: AREA
MANAGER (copy enclosed)**

Noted.

(The meeting adjourned at 8.20 pm for a fire drill and reconvened at 8.30 pm)

(Alderman I Robinson left at 8.30 pm)

NILGA UPDATE

**2007/517 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA DATED 10 AUGUST 2007
RE: EVALUATION OF NILGA'S EUROPEAN WORK (copy letter
previously circulated, copy report available at Members' request)**

Noted

FINANCE

2007/518 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

Capital Account (General)	£68,533.29
General Account (Salaries)	£472,205.09
General Account (Suppliers)	£1,113,561.58

LEGAL

2007/519 : MONEYREAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESOLVED: That the Council approve signing of the contract between
Castlereagh Borough Council and Higgins Construction in respect of
Moneyreagh Community Centre

MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2007/520 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR SEPTEMBER 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

VERBAL REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

2007/521 : FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ROBINSON CENTRE

The Director of Leisure reported that an insurance survey had identified general works that needed to be carried out at the Robinson Centre. She advised that at this stage the Council should consider the future of the Centre and whether long term plans would include refurbishment, replacement or redevelopment of the site. The Director sought Members' views on whether the Robinson Centre Working Group should be reconvened to take this issue forward.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Robinson Centre Working Group be reconvened to consider future plans for the Centre and that Party Whips be asked to appoint a representative of each party to the Working Group.
- (b) That the Leisure Services Committee be asked to draw up terms of reference for the Working Group.

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

2007/522 : ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

RESOLVED: That a request by the Acting Environmental Health Manager for financial support to complete an Advanced Diploma in Management Practice be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee for consideration

2007/523 : TENDERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VEHICLES AND MOBILE PLANT

RESOLVED: that tenders for supply and delivery of vehicles and mobile plant be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee for consideration and that the Committee be given executive powers to enable it to deal with this matter within the necessary time constraints.

GENERAL

2007/524 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 2007 RE: HANWOOD TRUST COMPANY LIMITED (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED: That Alderman Jim White be appointed to take the place of Peter Robinson MP MLA on the Board of Directors of Hanwood Trust Company Limited.

2007/525 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 2007 RE: ADVANCE NOTICE – BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2007(copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/526 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: DELIVERY OF NORTHERN IRELAND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (2007-2013) (NIRDP)

The Chief Executive advised that Councils were required to form clusters of three in order to put together a bid for funding under the NIRDP. He indicated that Ards Borough Council had already agreed to cluster with other Councils but that both North Down and Lisburn Councils would be available to cluster with Castlereagh.

Members expressed concerns that Councils were being required to form clusters before future Council boundaries had been decided under RPA. However, in view of the time constraints involved, they felt it important that the Council should not lose the opportunity to access funding for its rural areas.

RESOLVED: That the Council progress the formation of a cluster with North Down Borough Council and Lisburn City Council in order to put together a bid to access funding for rural areas.

2007/527: CORRESPONDENCE FROM DOWNPATRICK-LISTOWEL LINKAGE GROUP DATED 30 AUGUST 2007 RE: HANDLING CONFLICT AWARENESS SEMINARS (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/528 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 17 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: FUNDING FOR SPORT IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Minister of Culture, Arts & Leisure supporting Ballymena Borough Council in its opposition to reduction in funding to sport in Northern Ireland.

2007/529 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 2007 RE: CONSULTATION PAPER ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RESTRICTION OF THE USE OF CERTAIN HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (ROHS) REGULATIONS 2006 (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED: That this correspondence be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee for consideration.

2007/530: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BANFORD REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY (NI) DATED 16 AUGUST 2007 TOGETHER WITH REPORT ENTITLED "A COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK – AUGUST 2007 (copy letter previously circulated, report available at www.rmhdni.gov.uk)

Noted

2007/531 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RECEIVED ON 28 AUGUST 2007 RE: "HIDDEN CRIMES, SECRET PAIN" – RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION PAPER ON A PROPOSED REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/532 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED ON 24 AUGUST 2007 TOGETHER WITH REPORT ENTITLED "PARTNERS FOR CHANGE 2006-2008 (copy letter previously circulated, report available at Members' request)

Noted

2007/533 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 23 AUGUST 2007 FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSED PENALTY FARES (INCREASE) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Members noted the Department's proposal to increase penalty fares from £10 to £20 for people travelling on a bus or train without paying the proper fare. Members referred to incidents where elderly people who did not have their pass or children who did not have the fare had been put off buses by drivers even though there was an option available to issue them with a special ticket that could be paid later direct to Translink.

RESOLVED: that the Council write to Tranlink requesting that their drivers be instructed to show sensitivity when dealing with elderly people and children and that the Council felt that passengers without the correct fare or pass should be given the opportunity to pay later rather than being put off the bus.

2007/534 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CLARE TOURISM CONFERENCE DATED AUGUST 2007 RE: "TOURISM FOR CHANGING LIFESTYLES" (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/535 : DOCUMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ENTITLED "VITAL AND VIABLE – A GOOD PRACTICE

GUIDE FOR BREATING NEW LIFE INTO CITIES AND TOWNS” (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/536 : DOCUMENT ENTITLED SECTION 75 OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND ACT 1998 – MONITORING GUIDANCE FOR USE BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (copy available on request or may be downloaded from www.equalityni.org)

Noted

2007/537 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY RE: MODERNISATION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITIY SERVICES (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/538 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CONFEDERATION OF EUROPEAN COUNCILLORS RE: A ONE DAY SEMINAR ENTITLED “TACKLING POVERTY AND SOCIAL NEED IN IRELAND, NORTH AND SOUTH” TAKING PLACE IN KILLYHEVLIN HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN, ON 7 DECEMBER 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/539 : INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS RE: CONFERENCE ENTITLED “PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES – PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES” TAKING PLACE IN LYTHAM ST ANNES ON 5-7 OCTOBER 2007 (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/540 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM L’ESTRANGE & BRETT, SOLICITORS, RE: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENCE AUTHORISING THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR AT WINE INNS LIMITED, 123 GILNAHIRK ROAD, BELFAST(copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/541 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM mkb RUSSELL SOLICITORS RE: APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF A LICENCE AUTHORISING THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR FROM SCANDOWN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED FOR PREMISES AT KING’S ROAD SHOPPING CENTRE TO BEANCHOR PROPERTIES LLP (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/542 : INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EQIA) ON THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (RDP) 2007-2013 – INFORMATION SEMINARS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2007/543 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUTISM NI (PAPA) RE: WALK THE WALK” AND THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTISM ACT (copy previously circulated)

Noted

2007/545 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 2007 RE: RECONSTITUTION OF POLITICAL MEMBERS OF THE DPP (copy previously circulated)

The Chief Executive advised that the Northern Ireland Policing Board had indicated that the Council’s DPP did not currently meet the political condition within the precise definition of D’Hondt and asked for renominations of elected members.

RESOLVED: That the following Members be nominated to the DPP: DUP - Alderman White, Councillors Chambers, Jeffers, McCoy, Spratt and Walker; UUP – Councillors Hall and Henderson; ALL – Alderman Rice

ANNUAL REPORTS

2007/546 : FISHERIES CONSERVANCY BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005 (copy available at Members’ request)

Noted

2007/547 : NORTH-SOUTH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL – 2006 ANNUAL REPORT (copy available at Members’ request)

RESOLVED: that copy of the report be obtained for Councillor Bunting

2007/548 : PARADES COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006 (copy available at Member’ request or can be downloaded at www.paradescommission.org)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2007/549 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 2007 FROM BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: MORAVIAN HERITAGE NETWORK CONFERENCE

Noted

2007/550 : MEETING WITH PSNI AND DPP

Councillor Henderson reminded Members that at the last meeting of the Technical and Environmental Health Services Committee it had been recommended that the Council invite the DPP and officers of the PSNI to a special meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour in the Borough. Councillor Spratt expressed concerns that the Council would be asked to provide funding for initiatives that were the responsibility of the police. The Mayor indicated that she was proposing to arrange the special meeting in November 2007.

Noted.

2007/551 : COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Councillor Long advised that, under the Freedom of Information Act, he had requested and received details of allowances paid to Members during the last financial year in total terms. He advised that he was now requesting this information on an individual Councillor basis.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance supply the information as requested to Councillor Long in accordance with Council policy.

2007/552 : NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At the request of Councillor Bunting, it was

RESOLVED: That details regarding the NILGA Annual Conference be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee rather than the full Council so that arrangements for Members' attendance could be made in good time while hotel places were still available.

IN COMMITTEE

2007/553 : CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PLACES

Alderman White referred to the Council's policy of issuing a caution for a first offence and prosecuting for second or further offences. He stated that in a recent case someone who had been caught twice within a six week period was dealt with by way of a caution and was not prosecuted. Alderman White expressed concern that, while Members were urging PSNI to take action on this issue, the Council was not following its own policy for dealing with offenders.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED that officers report back to Council explaining why this case had not been dealt with in accordance with Council policy.

2007/554 : CAR PARKING PROVISION

In response to a query by Councillor Henderson re leasing of car parking spaces at LEDU, the Director of Administration and Community Services confirmed that car parking at the Council offices had been freed up for public parking and therefore a precedent had not been set.

Noted.

STAFF IN COMMITTEE

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE