

## **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, 26 June 2008, at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs A M Beattie  
(in the Chair)

**ALDERMEN:** M Copeland (from 10.10 pm)  
J Norris MBE  
Mrs G Rice MBE (until 10.15 pm)  
Mrs I Robinson MP MLA  
J White

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J Beattie  
Ms J Bunting (until 10.15 pm)  
Mrs M Chambers  
D Drysdale  
Mrs S Duncan (until 10.45 pm)  
C Hall  
B Hanvey  
M Henderson (until 10.15 pm)  
Miss R Hughes MBE (until 9.35 pm)  
T Jeffers  
M Long  
Mrs V McCoy (until 10.15 pm)  
G Robinson (until 10.20 pm)  
J Spratt MLA  
C Tosh  
L Walker

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

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs Cochrane

### **2008/293: OPENING OF MEETING**

Alderman Norris opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

### **2008/294 : MINUTES**

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Minutes of the following meetings be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings:
- (i) Special Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 18 June 2008
  - (ii) Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11 June 2008
  - (iii) Central Services Committee meeting held on 9 June 2008
  - (iv) Robinson Centre Working Group meeting held on 29 May 2008
  - (v) Annual General Meeting held on 19 June 2008
  - (vi) Special Central Services Committee meeting held on 19 June 2008
  - (vii) Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19 June 2008
  - (viii) Special Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 19 June 2008
  - (ix) Special Planning Committee meeting held on 19 June 2008
  - (x) Special Leisure Park Board Committee meeting held on 19 June 2008
  - (xi) Special Golf Club Board meeting held on 19 June 2008
- (b) the Minutes of the following meetings be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:
- (i) Council meeting held on 22 May 2008  
  
2008/291, para after resolution – delete ‘Councillor Spratt’, insert ‘It was’  
  
2008/259 – delete ‘then running’, insert ‘they were running’
  - (ii) Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 3 June 2008  
  
Record an apology for Councillor Mrs Chambers

- (iii) Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 5 June 2008  
LS/2008/113 – delete ‘and Billy Neill Leisure Centres’, insert ‘Leisure Centre’
- (iv) Special Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 19 June 2008  
LS/2008/117, resolution (b) – delete ‘1000,000’, insert ‘90,000’
- (c) The Minutes of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board meeting held on 18 April 2008 were noted
- (d) The Minutes of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board meeting held on 16 May 2008 were noted
- (e) The Minutes of the Leisure Park Board meeting held on 31 March 2008 were noted
- (f) The Minutes of the special Leisure Park Board meeting held on 16 April 2008 were noted
- (g) The Minutes of the Leisure Park Board meeting held on 21 April 2008 were noted
- (h) The Minutes of the special Leisure Park Board meeting held on 30 April 2008 were noted
- (i) The Minutes of the Leisure Park Board meeting held on 19 May 2008 were noted

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **2008/295: APOLOGY (Minute 2008/291 refers)**

Councillor Long stated that he had sought clarification from the Chief Executive as well as legal advice, and he had been advised that he would be permitted to speak at meetings.

Noted.

### **2008/296: Killynure Crescent**

Councillor Henderson advised that there were still three atolls in Killynure Crescent, and he asked that the Council write to the Roads Service again.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council write to the Roads Service in respect of three atolls that still remained in Killynure Crescent.

**2008/297: STREET NAMING (Minute T&ESC/2008/236 refers)**

RESOLVED: That Minute T&ESC/2008/236 be referred back to Committee for further discussion.

**2008/298: DAMAGE TO TREES (Minute T&ESC/2008/248 refers)**

Councillor Robinson asked that, where any of the Council land at BNSCOE is to be affected by others (Sustrans and/or contractors), a photographic record of the situation before works commence should be kept to avoid subsequent dispute/disagreement following the works.

RESOLVED: That, where any of the Council land at BNSCOE is to be affected by others (Sustrans and/or contractors), a photographic record be kept of the situation before works commence.

**2008/299: LEISURE CENTRES (Minute LS/2008/113 refers)**

RESOLVED: That Minute LS/2008/113 be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee for further consideration.

**2008/300: LOUGH MOSS**

Councillor Henderson advised that damage was being caused by people consuming alcohol in the Lough Moss vicinity and he asked that officers check whether this occurred on the Council's property.

RESOLVED: That officers check the area around Lough Moss Centre to ascertain whether alcohol consumption was taking place on Council property, which resulted also in damage to the area.

**2008/301: COMMUNITY FESTIVAL FUNDING**

Councillor Chambers referred to the special Central Services Committee meeting, which had been held just prior to the Council meeting, and reported that a resolution had been passed at that meeting, approving the release of Community Festival Funding to the following groups:

- Gems £3,000
- Braniel Church £1,000
- Trim the Velvet £1,900
- Longstone Community Association £1,200
- Lagan Valley Cultural Society £1,700
- Tullycarnet Community Flute Band £3,000

RESOLVED: That the following groups be awarded Community Festival Funding: Gems £3,000; Braniel Church £1,000; Trim the Velvet £1,900; Longstone Community Association £1,200; Lagan Valley Cultural Society £1,700; Tullycarnet Community Flute Band £3,000.

**2008/302: CAB FUNDING**

Councillor Chambers advised that, at the special Central Services Committee meeting prior to the Council meeting, the Central Services Committee had agreed to approve an additional £7,000 to the Citizens' Advice Bureau, bringing the total Council contribution for 2008-2009 to £35,500 in order to draw down additional VCU funding and she sought the Council's approval.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for payment of an additional £7,000 to the Citizens' Advice Bureau for 2008-2009.

**2008/303: MONEYREAGH COMMUNITY FACILITY**

RESOLVED: That consideration of the Moneyreagh Community Facility be deferred to take place 'In Committee'.

**PRESENTATION**

**2008/304: PRESENTATION BY THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE RE: CASTLEREAGH DISTRICT HOUSING PLAN AND LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY (copy previously circulated)**

Members welcomed representatives from NIHE to the meeting. Mr Graham, the Area Manager, then outlined the details of the Castlereagh District Housing Plan & Local Housing Strategy 2008-2009.

Mr Graham stated that housing demand was on the increase, and whereas relets had been the main source of supply in the past, now it was new builds. Houses that were unfit for habitation had decreased and now stood at 3.4%. Whereas in the past, the NIHE had relied on income from house and land sales, this had decreased due to falling house prices.

Mr Graham advised that the NIHE was committed to improving housing conditions in Northern Ireland, and he pointed out several schemes that had been completed recently. He went on to inform Members of improvement schemes recently started as well as proposed schemes for 2008-2009.

As well as carrying out improvement schemes, the NIHE also provided grants for the private sector, a total of £789,000 during the last year and a further 5% approved.

Due to a decrease in housing availability, the waiting list had increased, and Mr Graham noted that one reason for this was the lack of affordability for first-time buyers. However, private developers were now approaching the NIHE, although in some cases there were issues in respect of the type of property and the standard.

Lastly, Mr Graham advised that, through the NIHE Modernising Services Programme, many services had been centralised, but local offices would remain open for services such as homelessness etc.

Mr Graham thanked the Council for the support given, and he looked forward to working with the Council in the future.

Following the presentation, Members asked questions on the following topics:

- Hardship caused to residents, especially the elderly, by centralisation of services
- Shared accommodation
- Improvement projects
- Renewable energy
- Sale of houses and buy-back scheme
- Provision of new accommodation in areas where a need has been identified

Following the questions, Members thanked the representatives from the NIHE for attending the meeting.

## **PLANNING**

### **2008/305: MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2008 (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the special Planning Committee meeting held on 13 June 2008 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

### **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 26 JUNE 2008 (copy previously circulated)**

#### **2008/306: APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN**

The Planning Service Officer advised that Planning Applications Y/2008/0163/F and Y/2008/0202/F had been withdrawn by the applicants.

Noted.

#### **2008/307: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0082/F – 45 BRED A PARK, BRED A, BT8 6JR – ERECTION OF TWO-STO REY EXTENSION TO REAR OF DWELLING WITH BATHROOM AND DINING EXTENSION TO SIDE**

Councillor Duncan asked whether a letter she had received from a neighbour, asking for refusal of the application, had been forwarded to the Planning Service. Councillor Spratt replied that this had been done.

Noted.

**2008/308: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0105/F – 14 RODDENS CRESCENT, CARNAMUCK, BT5 7JJ – ERECTION OF A TWO-STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO DWELLING, INCORPORATING CARPORT/GARAGE, BEDROOM AND EN SUITE**

Following a proposal from Councillor McCoy, which was seconded by Councillor Long, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2008/0105 be deferred for one month to enable a site visit to be held at a date and time to be agreed with the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

**2008/309: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0114/F – 61 COMBER ROAD, CHURCH QUARTER, DUNDONALD, BT16 2AE – INTERNAL ALTERATIONS FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL UNIT TO A CATERING PIZZA PARLOUR TAKE-AWAY**

Alderman Robinson referred to a previous agreement with the Planning Service regarding the Comber Road area, whereby premises that had no previous history of catering could not be converted as a catering establishment, and she asked whether this ruling could be reintroduced.

Councillor Jeffers agreed and asked for deferral of the application until the matter had been investigated.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2008/0114/F be deferred to enable an office meeting to take place.

**2008/310: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0125/A – CAIRNSHILL METHODIST CHURCH HALL, SAINTFIELD ROAD, CASTLEREAGH – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SIGN BOARD**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That consideration of Planning Application Y/2008/0125/A be deferred to enable an office meeting to take place.

**2008/311: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0144/F – 133 COMBER ROAD, BALLYBEEN, DUNDONALD, BT16 2BT – RETENTION OF DORMER TO EXISTING ROOF AT FIRST-FLOOR OFFICE AND STAFF AREA AT LIMETREE RESIDENTIAL HOME**

Alderman Robinson asked that an office meeting be arranged, but the Planning Service Officer replied that this application had been passed on for enforcement.

Noted.

**2008/312: WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 6 MAY 2008 TO 9 JUNE 2008 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/313: CORRESPONDENCE FROM RESIDENTS, DATED 10 JUNE 2008, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0191/O – 19 CAIRNSHILL AVENUE, BALLYLENAGHAN UPPER (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/314: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, DATED 16 JUNE 2008, RE: CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENTS REGULATIONS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/315: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR M STRONGE, DATED 12 MARCH 2008, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0105/F – 14 RODDENS GARDENS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/316: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR M STRONGE, DATED 9 JUNE 2008, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0105/F – 14 RODDENS GARDENS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/317: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE, RECEIVED 9 JUNE 2008, RE: MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER ROLLS ROYCE SITE ON LANDS AT UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, DUNDONALD (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman Robinson stated that she had written to the Minister in respect of the above application, as there had been assurances that this land would be reserved for industrial use only. She added that she had also received letters from former TKECC employees in this respect.

Noted.

#### **ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS**

**2008/318: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR WILLIAM POAG, DATED 19 JUNE 2008, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0191/O (copy tabled at the meeting)**

Noted.

**2008/319: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MISS ANN RYAN, DATED 20 JUNE 2008, RE: PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0082/F (copy tabled at the meeting)**

Noted.

## **ROADS**

**2008/320: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE, DATED 30 MARY 2008, RE: BEECHILL ROAD AND NEWTOWNBREDA ROAD, CASTLEREAGH – TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

## **FINANCE**

**2008/321: ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

Capital Account (General)	£83,205.42
General Account (Salaries)	£506,968.25
General Account (Suppliers)	£1,244,374.64

## **MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

**2008/322: MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR JUNE 2008 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

**REPORT FROM THE GOOD RELATIONS OFFICER  
(presented by the Director of Administration & Community Services)  
(copy previously circulated)**

**2008/323: YOUTH CROSS-COMMUNITY PROJECT (Minutes No CS/2008/197 refers)**

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that this project had been discussed at the Central Services meeting in June when Members had requested further information on the project to be brought to the Council meeting. She outlined details of the funding request for a cross-community project, involving young people from Belvoir, Milltown and Newtownbreda

Youth Club and 20 young people from Killyleagh, Crossgar and Downpatrick. The project will run from September 2008 to March 2009.

The group will design a wooden cross to include photographic and historical images from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The finished cross will be transported to Lithuania and placed on the Hill of Crosses, a memorial site covered in crosses to portray hope for peace.

The funding applied for refers to the work taking place in Castlereagh and will be covered by the Good Relations budget, and the Youth Worker in Belvoir has confirmed that there would be no duplication of funding. The breakdown of the cost is as follows:

• Breakdown – meetings	£75.00
• 1 day photography	£175.00
• 2 days transferring photos	£350.00
• 2 days hire of Seacourt and technician	£400.00
• Copper, photoec, acetate, oak wood	£583.77
• Visit to Seacourt and technician fees	£125.00
• Transport – Call-a-Coach	£320.00
• Total	£2,088.77

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for funding of £2,088.77 for a cross-community project examining the two main cultures in Northern Ireland and develop relations between the two religions, with the cost being covered from the Cultural Activities budget, as the project meets the Good Relations criteria.

**2008/324: FENCING FOR NEWTOWNBRED A BONFIRE (Minute No CS/2008/199 refers)**

The Director of Administration & Community Services sought approval for the sum of £1,200 to purchase fencing for the Newtownbreda bonfire area, which was sited on Council land. The fencing would be stored in Carryduff Household Recycling Centre after the bonfire, to be used in future years. The cost for the fencing was covered in the Hard Issues budget in the Good Relations programme. The Director explained that the aim was not to encourage bonfire building but rather to maintain tidy sites and work with the community at locations where there had been problems in the past.

Alderman White suggested that other agencies should consider fencing around bonfire sites built on their land.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for the expenditure of £1,200 for fencing round the Newtownbreda bonfire area from the Hard Issues budget in the Good Relations programme.

**2008/325: REVISED PEACE III ACTION PLAN (copy tabled at the meeting)**

The Director of Administration & Community Services pointed out changes in the Peace III Action Plan for which she sought the Council's approval.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for the revised Peace III Action Plan as tabled.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
(copy previously circulated)**

**2008/326: LOCKKEEPER'S COTTAGE & VISITORS' CENTRE –  
COLLECTING & ACCESSIONING POLICY**

The Director of Finance sought approval for a Collecting & Accessioning policy in respect of the Lockkeeper's Cottage and Visitors' Centre as outlined in his report.

During the ensuing discussion, Alderman White proposed to approve the policy. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Drysdale, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for a Collecting & Accessioning policy in respect of the Lockkeeper's Cottage and Visitors' Centre as outlined in his report.

**2008/327: HANWOOD PROJECT – PHASES I, II AND III**

The Director of Finance advised that the Department for Social Development and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive had requested charges on the property to protect their respective investments, resulting in four charges on the Business Units and requiring further changes to the Phase II lease.

The Director of Finance then referred to Phase I of the Hanwood project. A Service Level Agreement had now been agreed with the Hanwood Trust to have occupancy of the building for a 10-year period, for which the Director of Finance sought approval.

The Director of Finance also sought approval for the signing of the Phase III lease in respect of the synthetic pitch, changing facilities and gymnasium.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council grant approval for additional charges to the Hanwood project Phase II lease

- (b) That the Council grant approval for the Service Level Agreement between the Council and Hanwood Trust, granting occupancy of the building to the Hanwood Trust for a 10-year period
- (c) That the Council grant approval for the signing of the Hanwood project Phase III lease in respect of the synthetic pitch, changing facilities and gymnasium.

**2008/328: WIND TURBINE AT LOUGH MOSS (Minute LS/2008/115 refers)**

The General Manager of Leisure & Marketing advised that, unless an order was placed for the turbine by 7 July 2008, the Dutch supplier could not guarantee delivery in time to comply with the DF&P grant deadline. Furthermore, planning permission had still not been granted for a 40m mast, therefore the General Manager sought approval to proceed with the 30m mast in order to be eligible for grant funding. He also explained the options regarding the location of the mast and advised that, given the likelihood that a 30m mast was now going to be erected, he wished to clarify the technical experts' advice regarding the preferred location.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for the installation of a 30m mast and wind turbine at Lough Moss Centre on the most appropriate location, as advised by the technical experts.

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

**2008/329: STREET NAMING AT 83 GILNAHIRK ROAD, GILNAHIRK**

Following legal advice, the Director of Technical & Environmental Services sought approval for the street name 'Mill Gate' to be allocated to 10 No properties under construction at 83 Gilnahirk Road.

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for the street name 'Mill Gate' to be allocated to 10 No properties under construction at 83 Gilnahirk Road, Gilnahirk.

**2008/330: PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACT (NI) 1929 – RENEWAL OF A PETROLEUM LICENCE**

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for renewal of a licence to store petroleum at Brackenvale Filling Station, 520 Saintfield Road, Belfast, BT8 8EU.

**2008/331: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – GRANT OF A LICENCE**

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for an entertainment licence for premises at Gransha Presbyterian Church Hall, Gransha Road, Comber.

**2008/332: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 – ARTICLE 3 – LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL OF A LICENCE**

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for renewal of an entertainment licence for premises at Cairnshill Methodist Church Hall, Saintfield Road, Belfast.

**2008/333: CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR IN DESIGNATED PLACES – ADULTS FOR PROPOSED LEGAL ACTION**

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services advised that witness statements had been received from the PSNI, whereby adult males had been observed drinking in designated areas in the Borough, contrary to the Council's bye-laws, and he sought approval to instigate legal proceedings.

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval to instigate legal proceedings against two adult males who had been observed drinking in designated areas in the Borough of Castlereagh, contrary to the Council's bye-laws.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
(tabled at the meeting)**

**2008/334: PURCHASE OF BROWN WHEELED BINS**

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services presented a report from the Client Manager relating to the above matter and sought retrospective approval for the purchase of 520 brown bins from Sturdy Products for delivery in 4-6 weeks' time.

RESOLVED: That the Council grant approval for the purchase of 520 brown wheeled bins from Sturdy Products.

**GENERAL**

**2008/335: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS & PRIVILEGES, NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY, DATED 13 MAY 2008, RE: REVIEW OF THE ASSEMBLY'S CODE OF CONDUCT TOGETHER WITH THE RULES TO THE GUIDE RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF MEMBERS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/336: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE & INVESTMENT, DATED 19 MAY 2008, RE: REFORM OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND RENEWABLES OBLIGATION PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/337: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 23 MAY 2008, RE: PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF LEAD SHOT OVER WETLANDS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/338: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 23 MAY 2008, RE: CONSULTATION ON LEARNING TO DRIVE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/339: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, DATED 22 MAY 2008, RE: CHANGES TO RDC BOARD (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/340: CORRESPONDENCE FROM POSTWATCH NORTHERN IRELAND, DATED 21 MAY 2008, RE: POST OFFICE CLOSURE PROGRAMME – NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman White asked that the Council write to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive in respect of Tullycarnet Post Office, as the premises required some necessary work to be carried out.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to Northern Ireland Housing Executive in support of necessary work being carried out to Tullycarnet Post Office.

**2008/341: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE POST OFFICE, DATED 2 JUNE 2008, RE: AREA PLAN DECISION BOOKLET FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated, booklet available at Members' request)**

Noted.

**2008/342: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE POST OFFICE, DATED 9 JUNE 2008, RE: AREA PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY DECISION BOOKLET NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated, supplementary booklet available at Members' request)**

Noted.

**2008/343: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & PERSONNEL, RECEIVED ON 22 MAY 2008, RE: REVIEW OF DOMESTIC RATING – RATING OF EMPTY HOMES (copy previously circulated, consultation paper and initial Integrated Impact Assessment available on [222.ratingreviewni.gov.uk](http://222.ratingreviewni.gov.uk))**

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council write in support of the Review of Domestic Rating – Rating of Empty Homes.

**2008/444: CORRESPONDENCE FROM LISBURN CITY COUNCIL, DATED 28 MAY 2008, RE: TACKLING SUICIDE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/445: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER & DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER, DATED 29 MAY 2008, RE: REVIEW OF THE CIVIC FORUM (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Spratt declared an interest as a member of the Committee of the Office of the First Minister & Deputy First Minister.

Alderman White felt that there was no purpose to retain the Civic Forum, as it had not been in operation since 2002, and he proposed to write to the Office of the First Minister & Deputy First Minister, asking for a review in two years' time.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor J Beattie and Councillor Chambers, and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Office of the First Minister & Deputy First Minister, asking for a review of the Civic Forum in two years' time.

**2008/446: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND COURT SERVICE, DATED 29 MAY 2008, RE: WIDENING THE JURY POOL: CONSULTATION (copy previously circulated, consultation document available on [www.courtsni.gov.uk](http://www.courtsni.gov.uk))**

Noted.

**2008/447: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT & LEARNING, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS POLICY & LEGISLATION BRANCH, DATED 2 JUNE 2008, RE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE LEGISLATION GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES/BUSINESSES (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/448: CORRESPONDENCE FROM CREGAGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, DATED 26 MAY 2008, RE: CLOSURE OF CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (copy previously circulated)**

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that she had received a telephone call from the Citizens' Advice Bureau, stating that there was no threat of closure. The Bureau intended to move their headquarters to premises at Forster Green Health Centre, but outreach services would still be available. The Director added that funding for outreach services had been secured for a further year.

Following some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Citizens' Advice Bureau, asking for clarification of the services that would be available.

**2008/449: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY, DATED 12 JUNE 2008, RE: ALLOCATING RESOURCES TO HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMISSIONERS: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE WEIGHTED CAPITATION FORMULA – A FIFTH REPORT FROM THE CAPITATION FORMULA REVIEW GROUP: CONSULTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM (copy previously circulated, consultation documents available at Members' request)**

Noted.

**2008/450: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY, DATED 12 JUNE 2008, RE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF TOBACCO CONTROL (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/451: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY, DATED 4 JUNE 2008, RE: THE NORTHERN IRELAND SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY 'PROTECT LIFE – A SHARED VISION' (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2008/452: CORRESPONDENCE FROM BMF CONFERENCES, RE: 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTHERN IRELAND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE 2008 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **2008/453: COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE – PUBLICATION OF THE COMMITTEE’S 2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT (report available at Members’ request)**

Noted.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **2008/454: CONSIDERATION OF THE SCHEDULING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING JULY AND AUGUST 2008**

RESOLVED: That no Committee meetings will take place during July and August 2008.

### **2008/455: RESPONSE FROM THE WATER SERVICE**

Councillor Hanvey enquired whether a reply had been received from the Water Service relating to Members’ queries. The Chief Executive replied that, to date, no response had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Water Service on a monthly basis requesting a response to queries raised by Members.

### **2008/456: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN OCCASIONAL LICENCE**

An application had been received from the Pride of Lagan Valley Flute Band Social Club for an occasional licence at Belvoir Activity Centre on Saturday, 12 July 2008, from 7.00 pm to 1.30 am the following morning.

The Director of Administration & Community Services said it was a Leisure Services building but she understood that past problems had been resolved.

RESOLVED: That the Council approve of the grant of an occasional licence to the Pride of Lagan Valley Flute Band Social Club at Belvoir Activity Centre on Saturday, 12 July 2008, from 7.00 pm to 1.30 am the following morning, subject to assurances that all conditions of the licence would be met.

### **2008/457: BRYSON HOUSE – CHANGE OF COLLECTION TIME**

Councillor Chambers advised that Bryson House had changed the time of collection from lunchtime to early in the morning. However, as residents had been unaware of this change, kerbie boxes had not been left out. Councillor Chambers asked the Director of Technical & Environmental Services to write to Bryson House, asking them to notify residents of any changes in collection time.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Technical & Environmental Services write to Bryson House, asking them to notify residents of changes in collection time.

## **IN COMMITTEE**

### **2008/458: MONEYREAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillor Chambers raised concerns regarding the completion date of Moneyreagh Community Centre and, in particular, the laying of the communal flooring. The developer had not given a definite completion date. Furthermore, the flooring would take some time to dry. However, as the summer scheme was due to begin in late July, this would not leave any time for staff to prepare the building. Councillor Chambers suggested that the developer should be asked to meet any financial losses incurred due to the delay in completion of the contract.

Members felt that a contingency plan should also be put in place in respect of the summer scheme, for example, in church halls or portakabins.

RESOLVED: That the Director of Administration & Community Services write a formal letter to the developer of Moneyreagh Community Centre in the strongest of terms, stating that the Council was considering the invocation of penalty clauses in the contract should there be a delay in the completion of Moneyreagh Community Centre.

### **2008/459: BIN COLLECTION DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING 14 JULY 2008**

The Chief Executive informed Members that there was a possibility of strike action on 16 and 17 July, and combined with the holiday weekend, he asked Members to consider alternative collection times, i.e. Sunday, 13 July.

The issue of Sunday collections was discussed, with several Members expressing concern and querying as to why a collection could not be carried out on the bank holiday Monday (14 July).

Councillor Spratt stated that Officers were in the process of preparing contingency plans, and he felt that they should be allowed flexibility.

Councillor Chambers asked to be recorded as opposing bin collection on a Sunday.

Following some further discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That Officers investigate and determine the best alternative dates for bin collection during the week beginning 14 July 2008 and that collection on the Sunday be avoided if possible.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.10 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**