

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 22 April 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Councillor M Copeland
(in the Chair)
- ALDERMEN:** M Henderson (until 7.35 p.m.)
J Norris MBE
Mrs G Rice MBE
- COUNCILLORS:** J Beattie
Ms J Bunting (from 7.15 p.m.)
Mrs M Chambers
Mrs S Duncan
C Hall
Miss R Hughes MBE
T Jeffers
M Long
Mrs V McCoy
G Robinson
J Spratt MLA
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Chief Executive (Director of Finance),
Director of Technical & Environmental Services,
Director of Administration & Community Services,
Director of Leisure Services, Economic
Development Manager, Planning Officer, Planning
Service Officer and Assistant Members' Services
Officer
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received on behalf of Alderman
White, Councillors Mrs Beattie, Cochrane,
Drysdale, Hanvey, Tosh and Walker

2010/179 : RECENT DEATH OF CHARLIE CHARLTON, CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICER

Councillor Copeland asked those present to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Charlie Charlton.

Councillor Spratt stated that, Charlie had died as a serving Officer of the Council, and he proposed that the Council plant a tree with a plaque in the Memorial Garden at the side of the Civic Centre in memory of Charlie.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal, on behalf of his Party colleagues.

Alderman Rice and Councillor Hughes stood on behalf of their Party colleagues to express their full support for the proposal.

RESOLVED (unanimously) That the Council agrees to plant a tree and plaque in the Memorial Garden at the Civic Centre in memory of Charlie Charlton.

2010/180 : OPENING OF THE MEETING

Reverend Paul Linkens opened the meeting with a prayer. He advised that Councillor Walker had asked for his appreciation to be passed on to Members and staff for all their thoughts and prayers.

Noted.

Councillor Bunting arrived at 7.15 p.m.

2010/181 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

- (a) The following Minutes be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings:
- Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 1 April 2010
 - Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 13 April 2010
 - Transition Committee meeting held on 20 April 2010
- (b) The following Minutes be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:
- (i) Council meeting held on 25 March 2010
Page 15 Minute No. 2010/174
Resolution (a) - delete "rejected" and replace with "referred back to the Committee"
Resolution (b) – delete "the rejection" and insert "referring the Minutes back"
- (ii) Central Services Committee meeting held on 12 April 2010
Page 8 Minute No. CS/2010/96
Insert additional sentence at the end of the penultimate paragraph, as follows:
"He expressed the view that the Councillors should merely monitor the appeals process and that Officers should undertake the scoring process".

Page 15 Minute No. CS/2010/105
Delete the first sentence in fourth paragraph
commence second sentence with "Councillor Long"

- (iii) Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on
Minute No. F&GP/2010/90
Page 2 second paragraph
Delete "had been intended" and insert "it was intended"

(c) The Minutes of the following meetings were noted:

- (i) Leisure Park Board meeting held on 15 February 2010
- (ii) Golf Club Board meeting held on 18 December 2009
- (iii) Golf Club Board meeting held on 15 January 2010

MATTERS ARISING

2010/182 : PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTANCY (Minute No. 2010/147 refers)

The Acting Chief Executive reported that a Special Council meeting would be convened on Thursday 13 May 2010 at 7.00 p.m. to hear the presentation.

The following Members asked for their apologies to be recorded for the meeting:

Alderman M Henderson
Councillor R Hughes
Councillor G Robinson

Noted.

2010/183 : PROPOSAL FOR PARK PLAYGROUND AND LEISURE FACILITY AT FORSTER GREEN SITE (Minute No. T&ESC/2010/178 refers)

Councillor Robinson expressed the view that Officers should meet with representatives from Health Estates to raise with them the issues discussed at the April Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting. He reported that he had received a letter from Beechgrove/Glencregagh Residents' Group, and he felt that two of the residents should be invited to attend that meeting.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Officers meet with representatives from Health Estates and that two members of the Beechgrove/Glencregagh Residents' Group be invited to attend.

2010/184 : VOLUNTARY REGIONAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE (Item 2 of the Minutes of the Transition Committee meeting held on 20 April 2010 refers)

Councillor Bunting explained that the reason for five NILGA representatives sitting on the Voluntary Regional Transition Committee was to ensure they were kept up to date on policy proposals and gain an insight into policy implementation. She added that the political representation on the Committee would ensure that Members were kept up to date by their designated Party representative on the Party line taken.

Noted.

Councillor Mrs McCoy took the Chair for the Planning part of the meeting.

PLANNING

**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 22 APRIL 2010
(copy previously circulated)**

2010/185 : PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

The Planning Service Officer advised that Planning Applications Y/2009/0285/F and Y/2009/0477/F had been withdrawn from the schedule.

Noted.

**2010/186 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0461/F – 31-33
NEWTOWNBRED A ROAD, BELFAST : RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF
8 ‘ECO’ APARTMENTS AND 1 ‘ECO’ TOWNHOUSE (TO INCLUDE
DEMOLITION OF NOS. 31-33 NEWTOWNBRED A ROAD & SOTATGE
SHEDS) (AMENDED PLANS)**

Councillor J Beattie stated that, given that the development would be out of character with the surrounding area and the number of objections, he proposed that a site visit be organised.

Councillor Spratt seconded the proposal.

The Planning Service Officer suggested writing to the Divisional Planning Manager seeking a site visit.

Councillor Chambers indicated that whilst she was pleased to note that this was an “eco” friendly development, she agreed that it would be out of character with the area.

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer write to the Divisional Planning Manager, seeking a deferral of Planning Application Y/2008/0461/F for a site meeting to be arranged in liaison with the Chair and Councillor J Beattie.

2010/187 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0405/F – 40 CHURCH ROAD, BELFAST : REPLACEMENT DWELLING (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING) WITH GARDEN AND ASSOCIATED SITEWORKS (AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SCHEME)

Councillor Duncan asked for consideration of the above application to be deferred until all relevant matters had been assessed.

The Planning Service Manager advised that over a significant period of time the Planning Service had given full consideration to a whole range of matters, including those raised by objectors. He added that he would therefore find it difficult to justify deferring the application.

Noted.

2010/188 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0052/F – UNIT 4, 33 COMBER ROAD, DUNDONALD : CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICES TO PIZZE BAKERY AND CARRYOUT SERVICE

Alderman Henderson declared an interest in the above application.

Noted.

2010/189 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 16 MARCH 2010 TO 12 APRIL 2010 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/190 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NI WATER PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0245 – EXTENSION TO EXISTING TREATMENT PROCESS AND IMPROVE SLUDGE HANDLING CAPABILITIES WITHIN THE EXISTING SITE BOUNDARY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE FINAL EFFLUENT AND CATER FOR INCREASED GROWTH IN THE CATCHMENT AT NEWTOWNBRED A WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS, GALWALLY ROAD, BELFAST (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/191 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: AGENTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON PLANNING SCHEDULES (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer writes to NILGA outlining the Council's support for including agents' telephone numbers in the planning schedule.

Alderman Henderson left the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

Councillor Copeland took the Chair.

ROADS

2010/192 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: DIVISIONAL ROAD MANAGER'S RETIREMENT – EASTERN DIVISION (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Robinson proposed that the Council write to Mr McCourt thanking him for all the advice and assistance he had provided Members with during his time with the Roads Service, and wishing him well in his retirement.

Councillor Bunting seconded the proposal.

Alderman Rice, Alderman Henderson and Councillor Hughes stood in support of the proposal.

Councillor Copeland advised that Mr. Kevin Monaghan, Deputy Divisional Manager had also recently retired and he asked for a similar letter to be forwarded to him.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to Mr Tom McCourt, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr Kevin Monaghan, Deputy Divisional Manager wishing them well in their retirement.

2010/193 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROADS SERVICE RE: COMPENSATION FOR BUSINESSES SUFFERING TRADING LOSSES DUE TO ROAD WORKS (copy previously circulated)

Councillor J Beattie outlined that the above correspondence did not address the Council's query as to what the Roads Service could do to help businesses that were adversely affected by road works.

Councillor Spratt indicated that, given the current economic downturn, he was of the view that the Roads Service could make some effort to facilitate businesses that suffered trading losses as a result of road works, such as temporary access. He proposed that the Council writes to the Roads Service enquiring if it could put in place temporary access for businesses affected in this way.

Councillor J Beattie seconded the proposal.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council writes to the Roads Service enquiring if temporary access arrangements could be put in place to facilitate businesses whose trade was adversely affected by road works.

HOUSING

**2010/194 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CLANMIL HOUSING RE:
CLANMIL'S HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S COMMUNIQUE NEWSLETTER
(copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

Alderman Rice declared an interest in the above item.

**2010/195 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND
HOUSING COUNCIL RE: WHY THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BUILD
TO LIFETIME HOMES STANDARDS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

FINANCE

2010/196: ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the under noted payments:

General Account (Emergency Payments)	£ 55,115.96
Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries)	£ 840,552.82

LEGAL

**2010/197 : SIGNING OF THE LEASE AT EASTPOINT ENTERTAINMENT
VILLAGE AT DUNDONALD INTERNATIONAL ICE BOWL IN RESPECT OF
ROOSTERS (NI) LTD**

RESOLVED : That the Council grants approval to sign the lease at Eastpoint Entertainment Village at Dundonald International Ice Bowl in respect of Rooster (NI) Ltd.

**2010/198 : SIGNING OF THE LEASE AT EASTPOINT ENTERTAINMENT
VILLAGE AT DUNDONALD INTERNATIONAL ICE BOWL IN RESPECT OF
JLK LEISURE LTD**

RESOLVED : That the Council grants approval to sign the lease at Eastpoint Entertainment Village at Dundonald International Ice Bowl in respect of JLK Leisure Ltd.

**2010/199 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM MURLANDS SOLICITORS RE:
SIGNING OF THE LEASE IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING
SPACES AT DRUMKEEN RETAIL PARK (circulated at the meeting)**

The Director of Administration & Community Services outlined that the above lease related to additional car parking spaces for Council staff, which had already been provisionally approved by the Central Services Committee.

RESOLVED : That the Council grants approval to sign the lease in respect of additional car parking spaces at Drumkeen Retail Park.

MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2010/200 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR APRIL 2010 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

GENERAL

2010/201 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE REQUESTING SUITABLE SITES WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE STATIONS (copy Previously circulated)

The Director of Administration & Community Services outlined that to date no suitable sites had been identified.

In response to a query from Councillor Spratt, the Director of Administration & Community Services advised that she did not have the detail with her in respect of the size of land required by the Ambulance Service.

Councillor Spratt proposed that the Ambulance Service be contacted to ascertain what size of land it required and for Officers to identify potential suitable sites.

Councillor Robinson suggested that the Director of Administration & Community Services liaise with Officers within the Technical & Environmental Services Department in this regard.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that

- (a) the Director of Administration & Community Services ascertain the size of land required by the Ambulance Service and liaise with Officers within the Technical & Environmental Services Department in order to identify potential suitable sites
- (b) the above information be reported to the next meeting of the Central Services Committee

2010/202 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM BRITISH RED CROSS RE: FIRE AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/203 : EMAIL FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND LAW COMMISSION RE: NILC CONSULTATION PAPER VULNERABLE WITNESSES IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS (copy email previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/204 : CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: TRANSPOSITION OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2008/110/EC ("THE REVISED ROADS SAFETY DIRECTIVE") AND DIRECTIVE 2009/149/EC ("THE COMMON SAFETY INDICATOR (CSI) DIRECTIVE") IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That Members be provided with a copy of the consultation document from the Department for Regional Development in respect of the Transposition of Council Directive 2008/110/EC.

2010/205 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: APPOINTMENT OF 2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS TO THE PATIENT AND CLIENT COUNCIL (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/206 : COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS COUNCIL RE: 17TH REPORT LAUNCHED (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/207 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: NILGA CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/208 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: RE-ORGANISATION OF COUNCIL'S SPECIAL EU PROGRAMME BODY (SEUPB) PEACE III CLUSTERS (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the correspondence from NILGA in respect of re-organisation of Council's Special EU Programme Body be forwarded to the Peace III Partnership.

2010/209 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: ANNUAL PLAN, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to accept NILGA's invitation to make a presentation to Members at a future Council meeting.

2010/210 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIRECTORATE RE: TIGHTENING THE LAW ON SEX OFFENDERS – CONSULTATION (copy letter enclosed)

Noted.

2010/211 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: COUNCIL CLUSTER BOUNDARIES (copy previously circulated))

Councillor Bunting stated that on reading the above response, it would appear that the emphasis was being placed on the council cluster boundaries when the emphasis should have been the uncertainty in respect of the assets within the boundaries.

She suggested that Officers discontinue writing to the Department until the Minister had made an announcement in relation to RPA.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that no further letters would be forwarded to the Department in relation to boundaries/assets until the Minister had made an announcement in relation to RPA.

2010/212 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR RE: NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/213 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NI ASSEMBLY RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DISQUALIFICATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL (copy letter previously circulated)

Councillor Bunting highlighted the importance of the Council responding to the consultation document.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to refer the correspondence from the NI Assembly in respect of Local Government (Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, with a recommendation

for a response to be submitted.

2010/214 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM FORBAIRT FEIRSTE RE: ANNUAL GAELTACHT QUARTER CONFERENCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/215 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: THE OLIVE OIL (MARKETING STANDARDS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010 (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/216 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SOMME ASSOCIATION RE: FUTURE EVENTS (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Duncan referred to the event entitled "Secret Listeners of Gilnahirk" being organised by the Somme Association on 10 June 2010.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Officers ascertain the name of the gentleman who had recently written a book on Gilnahirk to make him aware of the talk on the Secret Listeners of Gilnahirk being organised by the Somme Association on 10 June 2010.

2010/217 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ALDERMAN BRIAN WILSON MLA RE: GREEN PARTY'S PROPOSAL TO BAN THE HUNTING OF WILD MAMMALS WITH HOUNDS IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copies previously circulated)

Councillor Long proposed that the Council write supporting the above, and this was seconded by Alderman Rice.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously) That the Council agrees to write to Alderman Brian Wilson MLA supporting the Green Party's proposal to ban the hunting of wild mammals with hounds in Northern Ireland.

2010/218 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY RE: LIVING MATTERS : DYING MATTERS – A PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/219 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: AUTISM BILL (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/220 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA RE: MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING OF ENGAGEMENT WITH NILGA (COPY ENCLOSED)

Noted.

2010/221 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM LARNE BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: DISPLAY OF FLAGS AND EMBLEMS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/222 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NILGA ENCLOSING LETTER FROM LARNE BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: FLAGS, BUNTING AND EMBLEMS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/223 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE RE: CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSULTATION PROCESS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/224 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROYAL MAIL RE: BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION 2010 AND BEYOND (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/225 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE POLICING POLICY & STRATEGY DIVISION RE: POLICE (NI) ACT 2000 (RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ORDER 2010 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/226 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES RE: NJC CIRCULAR 1/10 DETAILING CAR ALLOWANCES FROM 2010/2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/227 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES (TSE) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010 (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/228 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE CONTINUING NEED FOR A CONTROLLED ACTIVITY CATEGORY IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VETTING AND BARRING SCHEME (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2010/229 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE RIVERS AGENCY RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BELFAST STRATEGIC FORUM (copy circulated at the meeting)

Councillor Spratt outlined that, given the flooding problems within the Borough, he felt that an appropriate Council Officer should be represented on the Forum. He outlined that if Elected Representatives could also participate, he proposed that Councillor Robinson be appointed as the Council's representative.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that an Officer participate in the Belfast Strategic Forum, and if Elected Representatives can also participate in the Forum, Councillor Robinson be appointed as the Council's representative

2010/230 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING RE: CONFERENCE OF THE ISLES 2010 (copy circulated at the meeting)

Noted.

2010/231 : INVITATION FROM THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT TO A THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ON 9 MAY 2010 (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED : That any Member wishing to attend the Ulster Defence Regiment's Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service on 9 May 2010 should contact the Members' Services Section.

2010/232 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DERRY/LONDONDERRY CITY COUNCIL RE: DERRY/LONDONDERRY'S 2013 CITY OF CULTURE BID (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Long proposed that the Council writes in support of Derry/Londonderry City Council's 2013 City of Culture bid.

Councillor Spratt seconded the proposal.

Councillor Duncan pointed out that Derry/Londonderry City Council was also seeking to create cultural links with other councils.

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Council agrees to support Derry/Londonderry City Council's 2013 City of Culture bid
- (b) the correspondence from Derry/Londonderry City Council be forwarded to the Council's Arts Officer, in terms of their request to create cultural links with other councils

2010/233 : FLAG FLYING IN THE CENTRE OF CARRYDUFF

Alderman Rice referred to the dilapidated flag being flown in the middle of Carryduff.

Councillor J Beattie outlined that as in previous years, the flag would probably be replaced coming up to the 12 July celebrations.

Noted.

2010/234 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE RE: EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ORDER NO.1 2007 DUNDONALD, VIONVILLE WAY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/235 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CONSUMER FOCUS POST RE: ROUNDTABLE MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL SERVICE – 25 MAY 2010 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

IN COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

(copy previously circulated)

2010/236 : AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS IN RESPECT OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND QUORUMS AT MEETINGS

The Director of Administration & Community Services outlined that the above matters had been discussed at the February Central Services Committee meeting and subsequently ratified at the February Council meeting. She advised that in order for these amendments to be incorporated within the Council's Standing Orders, it would be necessary to stand these matters down for a period of one month before bringing forward to Council for approval, in the form of a Notice of Motion.

She advised that an additional Standing Order would be incorporated under the heading "Declarations of Interest" and she referred Members to her report detailing the procedure for a Member/Officer declaring an interest at a meeting.

The Director of Administration & Community Services referred to the amendment relating to quorums at meetings, and asked Members to note that in the case of a sub committee/working group, the quorum would be reduced from four to three. She advised that when any meeting was declared inquorate, the minute taker should leave the meeting and take no further record of discussions.

She reported that the procedure for recording Elected Members in and out of Council/Committee meetings had been referred back to the April Central Services Committee meeting. She outlined that it had been agreed that when a Member wished to leave or enter a Committee/Council meeting, it would be his/her responsibility to notify the Committee Clerk in attendance. She added that this procedure would be trialled for a period before seeking approval to amend this particular Standing Order.

Councillor Spratt expressed the view that it should not be necessary for Members to make it known when they leave a meeting, as it was his view that between the Committee Clerk and the five Officers who attend the meeting, it would not be difficult to record Members leaving and returning to a meeting.

Councillor Bunting outlined that whilst it was recognised that it may be difficult to record movement in and out during Council meetings, it should not be a problem at Committee meetings.

The Director of Administration & Community Services indicated that as previously mentioned, this procedure was being trialled and at this stage she was seeking approval to put a proposal for amendments to be made in the Standing Orders in relation to and declarations of interest and quorums only.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : The Council agrees that a proposal be put as a Notice of Motion to the May Council meeting in relation to amendments to Standing Orders in

respect of quorums at Sub Committee/Working Group meetings, and declarations of interests.

**2010/237 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION
MANAGER RE: REQUEST FROM THE STROKE ASSOCIATION
NORTHERN IRELAND FOR REGISTRATION AS A SOCIETY FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A PUBLIC LOTTERY (circulated at the
meeting)**

RESOLVED : That the Council grants approval for the Stroke Association Northern Ireland to register as a society for the purpose of conducting a public lottery, subject to no objections being raised by the PSNI.

**2010/238 : INVESTIGATIONS INTO AWARDING OF THE LEASE FOR THE
LOCK KEEPER'S INN**

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported that she had been advised that the PSNI had completed its investigation. She recommended that as soon as the Council had received written confirmation in this respect that the Council's independent external investigation recommences.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council be recommended to agree that when written confirmation had been received from the PSNI that its investigation into the awarding of the lease for the Lock Keeper's Inn had been completed, Officers be authorised to arrange for the Council's external investigation to recommence.

**2010/239 : MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTER-AGENCY BONFIRE WORKING
GROUP**

The Acting Chief Executive advised that, at the last Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting, Councillor Drysdale had requested clarification as to the membership of the above Working Group, as follows:

Councillor Mrs A Beattie
Councillor M Copeland
Councillor R Hughes
Councillor B Hanvey
Councillor M Long
Councillor L Walker
Councillor C Tosh

Councillor Hughes indicated that she would like to be replaced on the above group as she found it difficult attending the meetings.

Councillor Robinson proposed that Councillor Jeffers replace Councillor Hughes, and this was seconded by Councillor Chambers.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Councillor Jeffers replace Councillor Hughes on the Inter-Agency Bonfire Working Group.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR