

## **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 held on Thursday 26 August 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor V McCoy  
(in the Chair)

**ALDERMEN:** J Beattie  
M Henderson MBE  
J Norris MBE  
G Rice MBE  
J White

**COUNCILLORS:** AM Beattie  
J Bunting  
M Chambers  
J Cochrane (from 7.14 p.m.)  
M Copeland  
D Drysdale  
S Duncan  
C Hall  
B Hanvey  
R Hughes MBE  
T Jeffers (from 7.40 p.m.)  
M Long  
G Robinson  
S Skillen  
J Spratt (from 7.25 p.m.)  
C Tosh

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Chief Executive (Director of Finance),  
General Manager Leisure & Marketing,  
Operational Services Manager, Community  
Services Manager, Economic Development  
Manager, Capital Projects Manager, Building  
Control Manager, Planning Officer, Planning  
Service Officer and Members' Services Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received on behalf of  
Alderman Rice, Councillor Walker, Director of  
Administration & Community Services, Director  
of Technical & Environmental Services and the  
Director of Leisure Services

## **2010/519 : DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor McCoy invited Members and Officers to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest (including gifts and hospitality) they had in respect of items on the agenda.

The following declarations of interest were put forward:

### Hanwood Trust Board Members

Alderman Norris  
Alderman White  
Councillor Drysdale  
Councillor Robinson

### Northern Ireland Local Government Association

Alderman Beattie  
Alderman Henderson  
Councillor Chambers  
Councillor Cochrane declared an interest when she arrived at the meeting at 7.14 p.m.  
Councillor Spratt declared an interest when he arrived at the meeting at 7.25 p.m.

### Lagan Valley Regional Park

Councillor Beattie  
Councillor Duncan

### Recruitment of Chief Executive post

Director of Finance

### Reserve Forces and Cadets Association

Councillor Jeffers declared an interest in the above when he arrived at the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

Councillor McCoy reminded Members of the importance of reading their Council agenda prior to the meeting, to ensure all declarations of interest were recorded.

Noted.

## **2010/520 : SYMPATHY TO COUNCILLOR HUGHES**

On behalf of the Council, Councillor McCoy expressed her deepest sympathy to Councillor Hughes on the recent death of her brother. She

added that all Members' thoughts and prayers were with her at this sad time.

Noted.

### **2010/521 : OPENING OF MEETING**

Alderman J Norris MBE opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

### **2010/522 : MINUTES**

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 July 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

Minute No. 2010/450 – Page 5, penultimate paragraph  
Delete “Kingsbridge” and replace it with “Grahamsbridge”

Minute No. 2010/450 – Page 5, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph  
Delete “Millbrook” and replace it with “Willowbrook”

Page 1 – delete Councillors Cochrane, Copeland and Tosh from the list of apologies

Minute No. 2010/460 – Page 10 : Resolution (b) 5  
Delete “6 September 2010” and replace it with “week commencing 30 August 2010”

Minute No. 2010/467 – Page 12, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph  
Insert an additional sentence, as follows:  
“Alderman Henderson requested that Translink also be asked to consider a bus service between Carryduff and Dundonald Ice Bowl”.  
Amend the resolution accordingly

Minute No. 2010/508 – Page 23, paragraph 4  
Delete “currently in the family home”  
Resolution (b) – delete “items from George Best’s family home” and insert  
“George Best memorabilia”

Minute No. 2010/508 – Page 23, resolution (b)  
Delete “an exhibition of items from George Best’s family home” and replace it with “an exhibition of George Best memorabilia”

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **2010/523 : FILLING OF THE VACANCY OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Minute No. 2010/460 refers)**

Having previously declared an interest in the above, the Director of Finance left the meeting.

Councillor McCoy advised that she had been asked to seek clarification on the accuracy within the above Minute relating to the members on the shortlisting panel.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** : That the Council agree that consideration of the composition of the shortlisting panel be deferred to the Staff in Committee part of the meeting.

### **2010/524 : SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED** : That the Council agree to the suspension of the relevant Standing Order to enable Planning to be heard as the next item of business.

Councillor Cochrane arrived at 7.14 p.m.

## **PLANNING**

Councillor Mrs Beattie took the chair for this part of the meeting.

### **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (copy previously circulated)**

### **2010/525 : FORMAT OF THE PLANNING SCHEDULE**

The Planning Service Officer asked Members to note the different format of the schedule of applications, and apologised for the confusion this had caused. Members agreed to deal with the deferred applications first.

Noted.

## **DEFERRED APPLICATIONS**

**2010/526 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0432/F – 39 UPPER BRANIEL ROAD : ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING AND RETENTION OF EXISTING DWELLING AS FODDER STORE AND STABLES**

In response to a query from Councillor Hanvey, the Planning Service Officer advised that the opinion outlined within the schedule in respect of applications which had been deferred as a result of PPS 21, represented the Department's current position. He confirmed that the Planning Service remained of the view to refuse the above application.

Noted.

**2010/527 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0476/F – 50M SOUTH OF 23 LISLEEN ROAD, COMBER : ERECTION OF SHED CATERING FOR BREEDING STALLIONS AND THEIR FODDER, PLUS STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL HORSE CARRIAGES, HORSE BOXES AND EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT**

On behalf of Councillor Spratt, Councillor Robinson asked that the above application be deferred for an office meeting.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that given the new policy in terms of PPS 21, he was of the view that the Department would recognise that there was a basis for the deferral.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that Planning Application Y/2009/0476/F be deferred to enable an office meeting to be arranged in liaison with the Chairman and Councillor Spratt.

**2010/528 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0240/F – 38 GREENGRAVES ROAD, COMBER : RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A DETACHED RETIREMENT BUNGALOW**

The Planning Service Officer informed Members that the above application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Noted.

**2010/529 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0075 – 180M SOUTH EAST OF 31 MONEYREAGH ROAD, MONEYREAGH FOR A SITE FOR A FARM DWELLING**

Following a request from Alderman Beattie for a site visit, it was

RESOLVED : That the Planning Service Officer writes to the Divisional Planning Manager seeking a deferral of Planning Application Y/2010/0075 to enable a site visit to be organised in liaison with the Chairman and Alderman Beattie.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

#### **2010/530 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0115/O – REAR OF KINGSWAY AVENUE, BELFAST : SITE FOR DWELLING**

Alderman White indicated that he understood from the architect that revised plans had been submitted and a deferral had been requested.

The Planning Service Officer confirmed that this was correct and that the Department had considered the new proposal. He added that he would be reluctant to agree to a deferral.

Noted.

#### **2010/531 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0235/F – 16-20 BALLYNAHINCH ROAD, CARRYDUFF : CHANGE OF USE FROM OFF-LICENCE TO AN OFF-SALES AS PART OF EXISTING PUBLIC HOUSE**

The Planning Service Officer advised that a letter of objection had recently been received but that it did not change the opinion to approve the application.

Noted.

Councillor Spratt arrived at 7.25 p.m.

#### **2010/532 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2010 (circulated at the meeting)**

Councillor Long indicated that he had requested that his and Alderman Rice's objections be recorded in respect of Minute Nos PC/2010/10 and PC/2010/11, but that his objections had not been recorded.

Councillor Spratt outlined that despite the fact that Alderman Rice had not attended the site visit or the office meeting, Members had agreed that her objections could be noted.

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting held on 5 August 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

Page 1 – Minute No. PC/2010/10 : 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph after the word “that” insert “his and”

Page 2 – Minute No. PC/2010/11 : 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph after the word “that” insert “his and”

**2010/533 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE 2010 RE: PUBLICATION OF PPS 21 AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DRAFT BELFAST METROPOLITAN AREA PLAN 2015 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/534 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION RE: ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED ERECTION OF DORMER/ROOF EXTENSION (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Long asked if it would be in order for the Council’s Planning Officer to assist the applicant in his appeal.

Alderman White outlined that, given that the next item on the agenda related to a similar type application, that the Planning Officer assist both applicants.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Planning Officer offer assistance to the applicant in respect of his appeal against enforcement notice relating to alleged unauthorised erection of dormer/roof extension.

**2010/535 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION RE: ALLEGED ERECTION OF DORMER/ROOF EXTENSION (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Planning Officer offer assistance to the applicant in respect of his appeal against enforcement notice relating to alleged unauthorised erection of dormer/roof extension.

**2010/536 : ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZEN SOLUTIONS (ePIC)**

The Planning Officer reported that the Planning Service’s new computer system was up and running. She explained that planning applications would be forwarded to relevant Council Officers electronically which

would have cost implications, in terms of Officers' time and possibly computer software.

She understood that a Special Council meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 21 October 2010 and she asked if Members' wished for her to include on the agenda a briefing session on the new Planning Service computer system.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that a briefing session on the Planning Service's new computer system (Epic) be included on the agenda for the Special Council meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 21 October 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

**2010/537 : EMAIL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT 2010 RE: REVIEW PLANNING POLICY FOR FLOOD RISK (copy previously circulated)**

The Planning Officer asked if Members wished to convene a Special Planning Committee meeting to consider the above document.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees that the Planning Officer obtains the views from the Party Whips in order to submit a response to consider the Planning Policy Statement 15 – Planning and Flood Risk

**2010/538 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: ADDENDUM TO PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 7 : SAFEGUARDING THE CHARACTER OF ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL AREAS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS**

**2010/539 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 3 AUGUST TO 16 AUGUST 2010 (circulated at the meeting)**

Councillor Long indicated that there were a significant number of applications for the erection of telecommunication masts within the weekly lists. He asked if the Planning Service could do more to encourage sharing of existing masts.

The Planning Service Officer advised that these particular applications related to the sharing of existing masts.

Noted.

**2010/540 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM MONO CONSULTANTS RE: ERECTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS MASTS**

Alderman White referred to letters which Members had received regarding notification of the erection of two telecommunication masts, one at Craigleith Drive/Drumadoon Drive and the other at Melfort Drive/King's Road. He added that these masts would be very dominant in such densely populated areas. He added that a response had to be submitted within 14 days and he proposed that the Council writes to Mono Consultants expressing the Council's concern and requesting a site plan to determine the exact location of each of the masts.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer write to Mono Consultants expressing the Council's concern in respect of the erection of telecommunication masts within two densely populated areas, as outlined above, and requesting a site plan of each location.

Councillor Jeffers arrived at 7.40 p.m.

**2010/541 : PRESENTATION BY MRS NORA WINDER, ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Councillor McCoy welcomed the following NILGA representatives to the meeting - Mrs Nora Winder, Acting Chief Executive, Ms Tara Cunningham, Director of Communications & Engagement and Mr Peter Weir, Office Bearer to the meeting.

Mr Weir apologised for the non-attendance of the NILGA President, Mr John Mathews. He added that he would like to pass on his appreciation to Castlereagh Councillors for their proactive contribution to NILGA, particularly Alderman Beattie, Chair of the Planning Group and Councillor Bunting, representative of the Strategic Leadership Board and Chairman of the PDPA.

Mrs Winder took Members through the presentation, in terms of the following:

NILGA'S Objectives  
Strategic Objectives  
Local Government Reform Update

## Priorities for 2010/2011

Councillor McCoy referred to the correspondence from NILGA and from Solace in relation to the Improvement, Collaboration and Efficiency (ICE) Programme. She expressed the view that this would be a good opportunity for Members to raise any queries in this regard.

Alderman Henderson referred to the Review of Public Administration, and given the potential reduction in councils, he sought clarification in respect of NILGA's future. He further enquired if the relationship between NILGA and NAC could be improved.

Mr Weir responded that whatever new structures were put in place, Local Government would still need a strong voice when lobbying Central Government. He added that NILGA had a reasonable relationship with the NAC, and indeed, during the RPA process the NAC had been fully supportive of the NAC during the negotiations in respect of councillors' severance payments.

Councillor Bunting congratulated NILGA for the excellent job they did, particularly given the small number of staff it was able to employ as compared with the Department of the Environment.

Mrs Winder advised that in the 2009/2010 year, NILGA decided to waive the annual subscription increase, resulting in a projected deficit of £40,000, but that the annual increase had to be re-introduced in the 2010/2011 year, with a projected deficit of £24,000. She advised that through not filling vacant posts, savings had been achieved in the first quarter and a report in this respect would be tabled at the Annual General Meeting. She further advised that quarterly budget reports would be tabled at Executive Committee meetings.

Councillor Bunting referred to the 3 governance options for the ICE programme, and whilst option 1 was really not up for consideration, she could see the pros and cons in options 2 and 3. She expressed the view that whatever option the Council chose, it was important that a review mechanism be put in place.

Mrs Winder indicated that at this stage NILGA was merely looking at the development of business plans and to ascertain if councils wished to buy into them. She envisaged that consideration of a review mechanism would be discussed at some stage in the future.

Councillor Spratt apologised for arriving late at the meeting, and as Chair of the NIJC, which was a Party appointment and not a Council appointment, he would like to congratulate NILGA for the important role

it played. He added that he would also like to pay tribute to John Adams for the way he had negotiated with the trade unions during the National Pay Awards. He indicated that councils had benefited from John Adams' expertise, in terms of Human Resource issues. He added that John had provided advice free of charge which had saved councils a significant amount in legal fees.

He asked for the Council's appreciation to be passed onto John and the rest of the staff at NILGA.

Councillor Chambers outlined that she would be content to support Option 2, with a review mechanism built in, as suggested by Councillor Bunting. She added that collaboration at a sub-regional level would enable councils with a common interest to get together to determine ways of achieving efficiencies and better service provision. She also congratulated NILGA staff for all the hard work they carried out on behalf of all 26 councils.

Mrs Winder stated that she would pass all Members' appreciation onto her staff.

Following further discussion, Councillor McCoy thanked the NILGA representatives for attending the meeting.

Noted.

Councillors Bunting and Spratt left the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

## **ROADS**

### **2010/542 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: PARK DRIVE, DUNDONALD – WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RE: REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING, PARK DRIVE AND CUMBERLAND DRIVE, DUNDONALD (copies previously circulated)**

Alderman White stated that Members had raised with the Roads Service on a number of occasions the parking difficulties at Park Drive and Cumberland Drive due to people parking and travelling into the city centre by bus. He added that the Council had previously also raised the problem of people parking along the East Link Road and walking to the hospital. He added that it was not only frustrating for Members but also the residents in these areas that the Roads Service was still not coming up with solutions.

Alderman Henderson outlined that when he had raised similar parking problems in Carryduff, the Roads Service had suggested putting in double yellow lines. Again this was not a solution as it would only exacerbate the parking problem for residents.

Councillor Spratt returned to the meeting.

Alderman White further advised of the difficulties large lorries were having turning off the Newtownards Road onto the East Link Road due to parked vehicles.

Councillor Spratt urged caution and outlined the pros and cons of parking schemes and outlined that consultation was key. He explained that a number of schemes were being considered in South Belfast, but following consultation, these had been rejected by the local people.

Noted.

**2010/543 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE 2010  
RE: GLENSHARRAGH PARK, CASTLEREAGH (ABANDONMENT)  
ORDER (NI) (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/544 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE:  
DEPUTY DIVISIONAL ROADS MANAGER, EASTERN DIVISION  
(copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

Councillor Bunting returned to the meeting.

**2010/545 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE:  
QUEENSWAY, CARRYDUFF (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman Henderson stated that when the Council had previously requested a sign to be erected at Queensway shops the response from the Roads Service had been that this would not be necessary as the Park and Ride facility would alleviate the parking problem. He explained that the difficulties were not arising as a result of people parking and travelling into the city centre by bus but was due to people parking whilst they were visiting other businesses in the locality. He added that unfortunately until a sign was erected restricting parking to customers only, the problem at Queensway shops would be ongoing.

Noted.

**2010/546 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: QUESTIONS ASKED BY COUNCILLORS FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF ROADS SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman Henderson referred to the delay in providing a bus service at the Cairnshill Park & Ride facility and the fact that a project which cost £8 million of public money was currently being used as a skate park.

Councillor Hanvey proposed that Council writes to the Roads Service expressing its disappointment at the continued delay.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal, subject to an amendment that the Council writes to the Minister expressing the Council's concern at the short sightedness of the Roads Service in locating the park and ride facility at this particular part of Carryduff, despite the fact that the Council had pointed out that this was not the best location.

Councillor Long outlined that, whilst he fully recognised the importance of traffic calming measures, the point he had been making in his query to the Roads Service was the significant number of road humps along the Lower Braniel Road. He added that unfortunately his query had therefore not been properly addressed.

Councillor Spratt outlined that two of the queries he had raised in relation to drainage problems along the Moneyreagh Road and potential hazards of grass growing up through the paving slabs around senior citizens dwellings had also not been adequately addressed.

Councillor Chambers proposed that the Council writes to the Minister in relation to the Cairnshill Park & Ride Scheme, and writes to the Roads Service expressing Members' concern that its Officers were not giving due consideration to Members' queries.

She suggested that in an effort to ensure that issues raised by Members during future Roads Service presentations were properly addressed, a detailed Minute should be taken.

Following further discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** : That the Council agree to

- (a) write to the Minister for Regional Development expressing concern at the delay in providing a bus service at the Cairnshill Park & Ride facility and the fact that a facility which cost £8 million of public money was being used as a skate park. The correspondence should also express

the Council's concern at the short-sightedness of the Roads Service for locating the Park and Ride facility at Cairnshill, given that the Councillors for the area had pointed out that this was not the best location for the facility.

- (b) write to the Roads Service expressing the Council's concern that due consideration was not being given to queries raised by Members

### **2010/547 : SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to the suspension of the relevant Standing Order to enable the emails from Solace and NILGA in relation to the Improvement Collaboration and Efficiency Programme to be considered as the next item of business.

### **2010/548 : EMAIL FROM SOLACE RE: A GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATION AND EFFICIENCY (ICE) PROGRAMME AND EMAIL FROM NILGA SEEKING A RESPONSE ON THE ICE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (copies previously circulated)**

Councillor Bunting outlined that she agreed totally with the Minister that local government should take the lead in progressing the Improvement, Collaboration and Efficiency (ICE) agenda.

She referred to the three options, as follows:

- (i) do nothing – no formal structures in place with all governance progressed through existing statutory structures ie. 26 councils
- (ii) inclusive regional option – development of structures with representation across 26 councils
- (iii) implementation of transition structures – retain the 11 Transition Committees and Transition Management Teams and implement a Regional Transition Committee and Regional Transition Management Team

Councillor Bunting expressed the view that option 1 was really not up for consideration but she recognised the pros and cons of options 2 and 3. She indicated that option 2 allowed representation across all 26 councils and a degree of accountability that option 3 would not offer as well as affording opportunities for collaboration at sub-regional level. She stated that participation and accountability were key to the whole process.

She outlined that option 2 could be adapted no matter how many councils there were in the future and enabled greater flexibility as it did not inhibit partnering outside of existing clusters. She proposed that the Council support option 2, together with the 8 operational principles. She added that the Council should however ask for a review mechanism to be put in place.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

Councillor Chambers suggested that Councillor Bunting be given an opportunity to read the response before it was submitted.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree

- (a) to submit a response to the Northern Ireland Local Government Association in respect of the Improvement, Collaboration and Efficiency Programme consultation document, outlining the Council's support for Option 2 at a sub regional level, together with the 8 operational principles, subject to a review mechanism being put in place
- (b) that Councillor Bunting be given an opportunity to read the response prior to it being submitted

## EDUCATION

**2010/549 : RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
RE: COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN  
EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/550 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
RE: LACK OF REPRESENTATION ON EDUCATION & LIBRARY  
BOARDS (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Spratt outlined that almost two years ago he had attended a meeting with Minister and other representatives from various political parties. He added that the Minister had indicated that the SEELB would be up and running again but that this had failed to happen, and she has since failed to properly address any questions put to her in this regard. He proposed that the Council writes to the Office of the First Minister & Deputy First Minister in relation to the lack of representation on the SEELB. Furthermore, a letter be forwarded to Members of Parliament

seeking their support in this matter, with copies being forwarded to the Minister, Permanent Secretary and Chair of the Assembly Committee

Members also requested that a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to Ards, Down, North Down and Lisburn Councils.

Councillor Bunting expressed the view that it should be pointed out that the lack of democratic representation on the SEELB could raise equality issues.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to

- (a) write to the Office of the First Minister & Deputy First Minister expressing the Council concern at the lack of representation on the SEELB, and highlighting the potential equality issues
- (b) write to Members of Parliament seeking support for the above, with copies being forwarded to the Minister, Permanent Secretary and the Chair of the Assembly Committee
- (c) forward copies of the above correspondence to Ards, Down, North Down and Lisburn Councils

**2010/551 : EMAIL FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER & DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER RE: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARDS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

## FINANCE

**2010/552 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

General Account (Suppliers)	£1,073,856.31
General Account (Emergency Payments)	£ 815,885.24
Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries)	£ 920,887.19

## LEGAL

**2010/553 : NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE TO CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL – DEED OF VARIATION OF COVENANTS – CREGAGH YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It was proposed by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Henderson to agree to grant approval to sign the Deed

of Variation of Covenants between the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Castlereagh Borough Council in respect of Cregagh Youth & Community Centre.

Councillor Long asked if he could see a copy of the documentation in order to clarify what it related to.

The Acting Chief Executive responded that he could not supply Councillor Long with the document this evening, but would arrange to provide him with a copy the following day.

Councillor Long stated that he was reluctant to approve the proposal due to the lack of clarity.

The Mayor, Councillor McCoy stood on a point of order, and reiterated that the Acting Chief Executive would provide the information the following day. She then asked Councillor Long to sit down, however, Councillor Long remained standing.

Councillor Spratt then stood on a point of order, and stated that as Councillor Long was questioning the authority of the Mayor, he proposed that Councillor Long no longer be heard, and that the meeting be adjourned.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chambers.

At this point, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.00 p.m. and reconvened at 9.20 p.m.

Following a proposal from Councillor Spratt which was seconded by Councillor Copeland, it was

**RESOLVED :** That the Council

- (a) agree to execute the Deed of Variation of Covenants between the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Castlereagh Borough Council in relation to the Cregagh Youth & Community Centre
- (b) agree to move onto the next item of business

**MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR AUGUST 2010  
(copy enclosed)**

**2010/554 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR AUGUST  
2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

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

#### **2010/555 : CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE LANDFILL REGULATIONS (NI) 2003**

Alderman White proposed that the Council accepts the Client Manager's recommendation, and this was seconded by Councillor Drysdale.

RESOLVED : That the Council grant executive powers to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee to respond to the consultation paper on the Draft Amendment to the Landfill Regulations (NI) 2003.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER (copy previously circulated)**

#### **2010/556 : CULTURAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAMME**

Councillor Spratt proposed that the Council accept the Community Services Manager's recommendation, and this was seconded by Alderman Henderson.

RESOLVED : That the Council approves the September to December Cultural Connections Programme with the associated costs of £13,570.00 being met out of the 2010/2011 Arts Budget.

### **REPORT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER (copy previously circulated)**

#### **2010/557 : HANWOOD PHASE IV PETROL FILLING STATION LAND LEASE**

The Economic Development Manager advised that it had been confirmed by the Department of the Environment that Ministerial approval for the revised planning application was not required.

Noted.

#### **2010/558 : ATLANTA GEORGIA, TRADE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LISBURN CITY COUNCIL**

The Economic Development Manager asked if Members were aware of any constituent business that would benefit from the above programme to contact him.

Noted.

**2010/559 : LANDSCAPE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS BEING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Noted.

**GENERAL**

**2010/560 : RESPONSE FROM THE POLICE SERVICE NORTHERN IRELAND RE: INJURED POLICE OFFICER – ARDOYNE INTERFACE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/561 : RESPONSE FROM TRANSLINK RE: PROVISION OF BUS SERVICE, NEWTOWNARDS – DUNDONALD INTERNATIONAL ICE BOWL – NEWTOWNARDS (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman Henderson stated that the Council had previously agreed to request Translink to also provide a service between Carryduff and the Ice Bowl.

Alderman White proposed that the Council writes to Translink welcoming the trial service between Bangor and the Ice Bowl and hoping that it would look favourably at providing a similar service in Newtownards and Carryduff.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to write to Translink welcoming the trial bus service between Bangor and the Ice Bowl and hoping that it would look favourably at providing a similar service in Newtownards and Carryduff.

**2010/562 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF BUS OPERATOR LICENSING IN NORTHERN IRELAND – EXTENSION TO CLOSING DATE**

Noted.

**2010/563 : RESPONSE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WATER RE: SAFETY AT KNOCKBRACKEN RESERVOIR (copy previously circulated)**

Following a request from Councillor Hanvey, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the correspondence from Northern Ireland Water in relation to Safety at Knockbracken Reservoir be referred to the next District Policing Partnership meeting.

**2010/564 : NI WATER – BUILDING WORKS OVER OR NEAR A SEWER CONSENT**

Councillor Skillen reported that the Building Regulations and Planning applications were no longer exempt from application and inspection fees, where the proposed work was over the top, or within 3 metres of a public sewer. She added that the charge for this work was £712.04 and NI Water no longer had a mechanism in place to exempt fees for applications for disabled adaptations, and had no immediate plans to review this policy.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to NI Water requesting that it abolish the application and inspections fees in respect of works solely for the use of a disabled person, where the work as to be carried out over the top, or within 3 metres of a public sewer.

**2010/565 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: CARBON MONOXIDE MONITORS (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman White proposed that the Council write to the Department requesting that a requirement be included in the Building Regulations that carbon monoxide monitors must be fitted in respect of all gas appliances.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to the Department of Finance & Personnel asking for a requirement to be included in the Building Regulations that carbon monoxide monitors must be fitted when all gas appliances were being installed.

**2010/566 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PSNI RE: EMERGENCY PLANNING CONFERENCE 2010 BEING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 AND WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2010 AT THE MANOR HOUSE HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN (copy previously circulated)**

Following a proposal by Councillor Spratt, which was seconded by Alderman Henderson, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the Director of Finance to attend the Emergency Planning Conference being held in Enniskillen on 9 and 10 November 2010.

**2010/567 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAND & PROPERTY SERVICES RE: CHARGES AND TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR LPS VALUATION SERVICES (copy previously circulated)**

At the request of Councillor Copeland, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the correspondence from Land & Property Services in relation to charges and terms of engagement for LPS Valuations Services be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**2010/568 : CORRESPONDENCE TO ALDERMAN HENDERSON FROM THE OWNER OF EIGHT SOUTH BAR & BISTRO RE: CARRYDUFF RIVER (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman Henderson outlined that the correspondence from the owner of the above business related to an overwhelming smell coming from the Carryduff River, and in particular, an un-piped section that ran parallel to his business premises. Alderman Henderson advised that rats had also been seen in the area and the Council's Environmental Health Officers had contacted the Rivers Agency who had advised that the waterway in question did not come under their control. He added that he could not comprehend this response when the river had been included in the Carryduff Plan as a designated waterway.

Councillor Spratt outlined that given the number of complaints that had been received, his office had written to the Chief Executive of the Rivers Agency requesting that a joint meeting be convened involving those Councillors and Environmental Health Officers who had been dealing with this matter, together with representatives from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

He advised that he would keep the Council updated on progress.

Noted.

**2010/569 : RENEWAL OF VENUE LICENCE TO CONDUCT CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONIES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATIONS AT THE RAMADA HOTEL, TO INCLUDE THE SPICE CLUB ON THE FIRST FLOOR**

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the renewal of venue licence to conduct civil marriage ceremonies and civil partnership registrations at the Ramada Hotel, to include the Spice Club.

**2010/570 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM O'HARE SOLICITORS RE: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF THREE BOOKMAKING OFFICE LICENCES (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the renewal of bookmaking office licences, as outlined in the above correspondence.

**2010/571 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM EDWARD F MCALLISTER, SOLICITOR RE: APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF BOOKMAKING OFFICES LICENCES (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the renewal of book making office licences, as outlined in the above correspondence.

**2010/572 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM TIDY NORTHERN IRELAND RE: ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN PROPOSAL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCILS (copy previously circulated)**

The Acting Chief Executive advised that the Council would need to consider the financial implications in respect of the above. He noted that the deadline for submissions was 31 August 2010, but he would request an extension.

Alderman White proposed that the correspondence be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee, and this was seconded by Alderman Henderson.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the correspondence from Tidy Northern Ireland in relation Anti-Litter Campaign for Northern Ireland be referred to the Technical & Environmental Health Committee. The Acting Chief Executive to contact Tidy Northern Ireland seeking an extension to the deadline for submissions.

**2010/573 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CLARE TOURIST COUNCIL RE: "ACHIEVING WORLD CLASS TOURISM" CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN CO. CLARE ON 25 – 27 NOVEMBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/574 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS RE: INVITATION TO EPB BRIEFINGS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/575 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS ASSOCIATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND INVITING THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE, COUNCILLOR T JEFFERS, TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DINNER IN HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE ON 1 OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Following a proposal by Alderman Henderson, which was seconded by Councillor Copeland, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to meet the costs involved in Councillor Jeffers and guest's attendance at the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Northern Ireland's Annual Gala Dinner being held in Hillsborough Castle on 1 October 2010.

**2010/576 : RIVER'S AGENCY BUSINESS PLAN 2010 – 2011**

Noted.

**2010/577 : ARC21 CORPORATE PLAN 2009-2012 AND ASSOCIATED BUSINESS OBJECTIVES FOR 2010/1011**

Noted.

**2010/578 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING RE: AMENDMENT TO THE CONDUCT OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES AND EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES REGULATIONS (NI) 2005 – A PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2009 (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/579 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR**

**EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING RE: REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE BLACKLISTING OF TRADE UNIONISTS – A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (copy letter previously circulated)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that if there were implications in respect of the Regulations to Prohibit the Blacklisting of Trade Unionists consultation document, that Officers report back to the September Council meeting.

**2010/580 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PRISON REVIEW TEAM RE: CALL FOR EVIDENCE – PRISONS REVIEW PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT AT HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE OF 5 FEBRUARY 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/581 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR THE BUILDING REGULATIONS (NI) 2011 : PHASE ONE (copy letter previously circulated)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the correspondence from the Department of Finance and Personnel re: consultation on proposals for the Building Regulation (NI) 2011 : Phase One be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

**2010/582 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSAL FOR A CITY OF DERRY AIRPORT (CONTROL OVER LAND) ORDER (NI) – A CONSULTATION PAPER (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/583 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSAL FOR A BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CONTROL OVER LAND) ORDER (NI) – A CONSULTATION PAPER (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/584 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: EQUALITY**

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON PROPOSALS FOR A NEW MENTAL CAPACITY (HEALTH, WELFARE AND FINANCE (BILL) (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/585 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MARINE POLICY TEAM, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT 2010 RE: CONSULTATION ON THE UK MARINE POLICY STATEMENT (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/586 : EMAIL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE & INVESTMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GUARANTEES OF ORIGIN (COPY EMAIL PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)**

Noted.

**2010/587 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE BILL – IMPLICATIONS FOR INCORPORATED WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEES AND REQUIRED AMENDMENT OF BODY CORPORATE LEGISLATION (copy previously circulated)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the correspondence from the Department of the Environment in respect of the Local Government Finance Bill – Implications for Incorporated Waste Management Joint Committees and Required Amendment of Body Corporate Legislation be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services and the Finance & General Purposes Committees.

**2010/588 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PROVISION OF SERVICES) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010 (S.R. 2010 NO. 152) (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/589 : EMAIL FROM OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER RE: EXTENSION OF MUSEUMS POLICY CONSULTATION DEADLINE (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/590 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RE: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON PROPOSALS FOR A JUSTICE BILL (NORTHERN IRELAND) (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/591 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAND & PROPERTY SERVICES RE: CREATION OF A LIST OF D1S (SUPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL FORM) TO BE ACCESSIBLE ON THE LPS WEB SITE (copy letter previously circulated))**

Noted.

### **ANNUAL REPORTS**

**2010/592 : PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2009 (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2010/593 : EMAIL FROM THE ROADS SERVICE – EASTERN DIVISION RE: REQUEST TO LOCATE DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE A55 KNOCK ROAD WIDENING SCHEME WITHIN THE CIVIC OFFICES (circulated at the meeting)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval to the Roads Service, Eastern Division to display documentation within the Civic Offices in relation to documentation on the A55 Knock Road Widening Scheme.

**2010/594 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DRIVER & VEHICLE AGENCY RE: APPLICATION FOR A NEW STAGE CARRIAGE SERVICE FROM DIAMOND LEISURE TRANSPORT LTD (copy circulated at the meeting)**

Noted.

**2010/595 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM JONES & COMPANY SOLICITORS RE: APPLICATION FOR OCCASIONAL LICENCE – ROSETTA BAR (copy circulated at the meeting)**

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the application for an occasional licence for the Rosetta Bar.

**2010/596 : ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN TULLYCARNET AND BALLYBEEN**

Councillor Skillen proposed that an urgent meeting be arranged with the PSNI in respect of the above, and that Councillors representing Castlereagh East be invited to attend.

Alderman White seconded the proposal.

Alderman Henderson suggested that Councillor Skillen also raise the matter at the next District Policing Partnership meeting.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write seeking a meeting with the PSNI to discuss anti social behaviour in the Tullycarnet and Ballybeen areas. Councillors representing Castlereagh East to be advised of the date and time.

**2010/597 : MODEL AEROPLANE CLUB**

Alderman White outlined that the above club had requested use of facilities within the Billy Neill Centre. He added that the club had a formal constitution and met the relevant insurance requirements, but to date Officers had not responded to the club.

The Acting Chief Executive advised that he would investigate the matter.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Acting Chief Executive to arrange for Officers within the Technical & Environmental Services Department to contact the Model Aeroplane Club in respect of its request to use the Billy Neill Centre.

**2010/598 : MINUTE CONTENT**

Councillor Spratt referred to Officers' reports which sometimes contained sensitive and personal details in respect of enforcement issues, etc. He added that, whilst the Council was in favour of openness and transparency, he urged caution that such detail should not appear within the Minutes, and subsequently on the website.

He indicated that Officers needed to use their discretion in this respect.

Noted.

**2010/599 : FORMER BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE**

Councillor Spratt referred to remarks made by a candidate who had stood in the last Local Government election in Castlereagh East when she had praised seven members of staff who had been sacked for under-paying benefits to people belonging to ethnic minorities.

He indicated that there was no place in society for such racist comments, particularly given the number of people from different ethnic backgrounds who worked and resided in the Borough. He added that he and his Party colleagues totally deplored these comments and were extremely delighted that this candidate had not been elected. He proposed that the Council issue a statement condemning these appalling racist comments.

Councillor Skillen stated that she and her Party colleagues who represent Castlereagh East totally supported Councillor Spratt's comments.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

Councillor Long stated that the Alliance Party fully supported the sentiments expressed. He added that it was important for people to be aware of the work the Council was doing to eradicate racism within the Borough, in terms of the Good Relations programme.

Councillor Hanvey also agreed with previous comments and outlined that he and his Party colleague were in favour of the Council issuing a statement.

Councillor Tosh outlined that he agreed that the Council should totally disassociate itself from this individual's bigatory, and he wholeheartedly supported the proposal.

Councillor Spratt asked that the Acting Chief Executive arrange for a press statement to be issued, in liaison with the Council's Press Office.

**RESOLVED** (unanimously) That the Council agree to issue a press statement totally condemning the comments made by a former Castlereagh East By-Election candidate who had voiced her support for seven men who had been sacked by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs for racial discrimination.

**2010/600 : EASTERN GROUP ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Alderman Henderson advised that he could not attend the next meeting of the above Committee and asked if Officers would advise Alderman Rice, the Council's substitute member.

RESOLVED : That Members' Services contact Alderman Rice to ascertain if she could attend the Eastern Group Environmental Health Committee being held on 22 September 2010, in the absence of Alderman Henderson.

**2010/601 : COUNCIL'S WEBSITE**

Councillor Drysdale noted that there was no mention on the website of the various historical events which the Council had organised, such as Freedom of the Borough for George Best, B Specials, Prison Service, etc. He added that he had asked an Officer within the Council's PR Section to arrange for this matter to be raised at the relevant Committee.

Noted.

**2010/602 : EVENT BEING HELD IN THE CITY HALL TO MARK THE ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT'S FORTHCOMING TOUR OF AFGHANISTAN**

Alderman Henderson proposed that the Council book a table for ten people at the above event, at a cost of £600.00.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to book a table at an event being held in the City Hall to mark the Royal Irish Regiment's forthcoming tour of Afghanistan, at a cost of £600.00.

**2010/603 : MEETING WITH DUNGOYNE BOWLING CLUB**

Councillor Long sought an update in respect of the above.

The Community Services Manager advised that Officers had met with the Chairmen of the Technical & Environmental Services and the Central Services Committees. He added that a meeting would be convened with Dungoyne Bowling Club in September, and he would update Members at the October Central Services Committee meeting.

Noted.

**2010/604 : MALONE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Councillor McCoy advised that Malone Rugby Football Club had applied for funding towards the purchase of a new pitch, and had asked if she would provide them with a letter of support, on behalf of the Council.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That, on behalf of the Council, the Mayor forward a letter of support to Malone Rugby Club in respect of their funding application for a new pitch.

**2010/605 : CAR BOOT SALE ON SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT THE CIVIC OFFICES IN SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR'S CHARITY, NEO NATAL UNIT AT THE ULSTER HOSPITAL**

Alderman Henderson reminded Members of the above event and hoped that Councillors and Staff would support the Mayor in her fundraising efforts.

Noted.

**2010/606 : PRESENTATION BY BELFAST CITY COUNCIL'S BUILDING CONTROL SURVEYOR RE: ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES**

The Acting Chief Executive advised Members that it had been agreed at the June Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting that the above presentation would be heard at the September Committee meeting. He referred to the subsequent Council decision that, when necessary, a Special Council meeting would be convened to hear Committee presentations.

He sought permission for a Special Council meeting to be convened on Thursday 16 September 2010 at 7.00 p.m. to hear the presentation and also to sign off a number of Council policies.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that a Special Council meeting be convened on Thursday 16 September 2010 at 7.00 p.m. to consider the issue of Energy Performance Certificates, and approval for a number of Council policies.

**IN COMMITTEE**

**REPORT FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICER  
(copy previously circulated)**

**2010/607 : TENDER REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION, RE-SURFACING OF EXISTING PATHS, PARKING  
BAYS & RENEWAL OF SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE RUNS  
WITHIN TULLYCARNET PARK**

The Capital Projects Officer asked Members to note the content of his report, together with his recommendation that the Council accept the tender from FP McCann Ltd.

Following a detailed discussion, it was proposed by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Henderson, and

RESOLVED : That the Council agree

- (a) to accept the tender from FP McCann Ltd for road construction, re-surfacing of existing paths, parking bays and renewal of surface water drainage runs within Tullycarnet Park
- (b) all tender assessment criteria be tabled at the relevant Committee, prior to the tenders being advertised

**REPORT PREPARED BY VARIOUS OFFICERS TOGETHER  
WITH EMAIL FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AUDITOR  
(copies previously circulated)**

**2010/608 : DRAFT TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERNAL  
AUDIT SERVICES**

Alderman White proposed that the Council approve the content of the tender, subject to the comments within the email from the Deputy Chief Local Government Auditor being incorporated into the document.

Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree the content of the tender for the Provision of Internal Audit Services, subject to the comments from the Deputy Chief Local Government Auditor being incorporated.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER AND THE  
PLANNING OFFICER**

**(copy previously circulated)**

**2010/609 : OPTIONS APPRAISAL FOR BALLYBEEN ACTIVITY CENTRE**

Councillor Chambers outlined that the Council had given the Housing Executive first refusal in relation to the sale of this site, as it was an integral part of the Ballybeen Square area.

She added that she understood that the Housing Executive was carrying out demolition work in the area, and given health & safety issues and general annoyance being caused to residents, she suggested that Officers ascertain if the Housing Executive would be willing to include Ballybeen Activity Centre in their demolition works.

The Planning Officer advised that she would need to check if there were any asbestos issues.

Councillor Skillen expressed the view that, given that some young children tended to congregate at derelict buildings and the potential for someone to get injured, she felt that there was no option other than to demolish the centre.

She asked Officers if they could arrange to have broken glass, etc cleared in and around the Ballybeen Square area, prior to the pre-school term commencing.

In response to a query from Alderman White, the Planning Officer advised that if the Council agreed to the demolition of the centre, she would obtain an up to date valuation of the site. She added that, if the Housing Executive was willing to demolish the centre, the costs could be deducted from the sale value.

Councillor Drysdale outlined his support for the centre being demolished as it was attracting vandals, and if the Housing Executive did not agree to demolish the centre, the Council should proceed to carry out this work as quickly as possible. He advised that he had emailed Officers to ascertain the costs to date in relation to the following:

- securing Ballybeen Activity Centre
- disconnection of services
- securing the centre again, following two break-ins
- any other associated works

The Community Services Manager advised that he would arrange for Officers to provide Councillor Drysdale with the above information.

Councillor Drysdale indicated that lessons learned should be borne in mind by the Council during discussions on Dungoyne Community Centre.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree the following:

- (a) that Ballybeen Activity Centre be demolished
- (b) that following investigation in relation to asbestos issues, the Planning Officer ascertain if the Housing Executive would include Ballybeen Activity Centre in its demolition programme for the Ballybeen Square area
- (c) the Planning Officer obtain an up to date valuation of the Ballybeen Activity Centre site
- (d) if agreeable to demolishing the centre, the site be offered to the Housing Executive at the current value, less the demolition costs

### **2010/610 : ASSESSING TENDERS**

Alderman White referred back to the item considered earlier in the meeting relating to the provision of audit services which had been assessed using the following criteria:

cost	50%
quality of service delivery	50%

He expressed his concern that a lot of weight had been placed on quality of service, but that this would not be known until the work had actually commenced.

Following a detailed discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Bunting, seconded by Councillor Chambers, and

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the criteria to be used in the assessment of tenders for the provision of audit services should be as follows:

- (i) quality of service delivery proposal 30%
- (ii) cost 70%

### **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES**

**(copy previously circulated)**

**2010/611 : OFMDFM – PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO ASSIST THE REALISATION OF THE EXECUTIVE'S PLAY AND LEISURE POLICY STATEMENT**

The General Manager advised Members that Playboard had asked if the Council would consider hearing a presentation on the above, with a view to supporting the implementation plan.

Members were advised that there was already a Special Council meeting scheduled in September.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to hear a presentation by Playboard on Partnership Working to Assist the Realisation of the Executive's Play and Leisure Policy Statement at a Special Council meeting to be convened in October.

**2010/612 : TENDER EVALUATION REPORT – DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT & RE-CONFIGURED HOOK-UP POINTS AT DUNDONALD CARAVAN PARK**

The General Manager advised that two companies had been asked to submit pre-qualification information and an indicative price. He outlined that one of the companies had failed to submit the requested information and negotiations were not taken any further with this particular company. He recommended that the contract be awarded to Lakeland Electrical Services, as it complied with all requirements specified.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to accept the tender from Lakeland Electrical Services for the design and installation of replacement and re-configured hook-up points at Dundonald Caravan Park, subject to formal completion of contract documents.

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

**2010/613 : ILLEGAL WORKS**

Following a proposal by Alderman White, which was seconded by Alderman Beattie, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval to instigate the necessary legal action in relation to illegal work being carried out at a property within the Borough, as outlined in the Building Control Manager's report.

All Officers, with the exception of the Acting Chief Executive left the meeting.

### **STAFF IN COMMITTEE**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 23:15 p.m.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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MAYOR