

## **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 July 2010, at 7.05 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  
M Copeland  
D Drysdale  
S Duncan  
C Hall  
B Hanvey  
R Hughes MBE  
T Jeffers  
M Long  
G Robinson  
S Skillen  
J Spratt  
C Tosh  
L Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Chief Executive (Director of Administration & Community Services), Director of Technical & Environmental Services, General Manager Leisure & Marketing, Group Chief Environmental Health Officer, Community Services Manager, Economic Development Manager, Planning Officer, Planning Service Officer and Members' Services Officer

### **APOLOGIES:**

### **2010/447 : OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Reverend Thompson opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

### **2010/448 : MINUTES**

RESOLVED :

- (a) That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 June 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:
- Minute 2010/373 – delete ‘on the basis that he was a member of the dental profession’, insert ‘on the basis of some of the objections raised’
  - 8<sup>th</sup> para from top of page – delete ‘8.20’, insert ‘8.40’
  - Minute 2010/385 – 1<sup>st</sup> para and Resolution (a) – delete ‘at 615’, insert ‘at the side of 615’
- (b) That the Minutes of the meeting with Party Whips and Chairmen held on 6 July 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:
- Record an apology for Councillor Spratt and the Director of Leisure Services
- (c) That the following Minutes be noted:
- Golf Club Board meeting held on 21 May 2010
  - Leisure Park Board meeting held on 17 May 2010

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **2010/449 : TIMING OF MEETINGS (Minute PWCWG/2010/05 refers)**

The Acting Chief Executive reiterated the resolution of the above Minute that, should the first meeting end before the allocated one and a half hours had passed, the second meeting should commence straightaway. However, she drew to Members’ attention that there was a requirement under Standing Orders to include a specified time in an agenda.

Councillor Robinson felt that this issue needed to be resolved and he asked that consideration of amendment of the Standing Orders to include the new arrangements be deferred to the Central Services Committee.

Councillor Long commented that it would be more beneficial to commence meetings at specific times, particularly for those Members who were unable to attend both meetings and intended only to attend the second meeting.

Alderman Henderson stated that he had no objections to the meeting structure. However, due to work commitments he would be unable to attend meetings on Thursdays and would, therefore, have to put in a standing apology.

RESOLVED: That consideration of amendment of the Standing Orders with regard to the commencement time of the second Standing Committee meeting be deferred to the Central Services Committee.

## PRESENTATION

### **2010/450 : PRESENTATION FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE RE: CASTLEREAGH DISTRICT HOUSING PLAN & LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2010-2011 (copy previously circulated)**

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from NIHE to the meeting.

Mr McIntyre, Chief Executive, began the presentation by stating that, a year ago, funding had been affected by the recession and a fall in the sale of houses, which had resulted in NIHE not being able to honour all statutory commitments. However, during the year, additional funding had become available through house sales and from the Northern Ireland Assembly. New builds had increased and this was expected to continue, with priority given to housing for vulnerable people and those without a home of their own.

Councillor Bunting arrived at the meeting at 7.25 pm.

Mr Carland took Members through the District Housing Plan. He advised that the first corporate objective - housing conditions - had improved in Castlereagh and the number of sub-standard housing had been reduced. During the previous year, kitchen improvements and energy efficiency measures had been carried out, and Mr Carland provided the following detailed information relating to investment during the past year:

- £4.4 million spent on improving and maintaining NIHE homes in Castlereagh
- £2.5 million invested to assist vulnerable people through the Supporting People Programme, with 28 supported housing accommodation based schemes currently in Castlereagh
- More than £600,000 provided in grant aid to improve housing conditions in the private sector
- £440,000 invested to adapt 104 NIHE homes in Castlereagh
- 966 private-sector tenants provided with Housing Benefit assistance, an increase of more than 43% from March 2006
- Worked with 21 community groups throughout Castlereagh

Mr Carland went on to state that NIHE intended to spend £8 million in respect of the second corporate objective – promoting independent living – enabling the most vulnerable to live independently. In the past year, NIHE had spent £447,000 on adaptations according to individual needs. Also, homelessness in Castlereagh had increased from 267 in March 2009 to 368 in March 2010. Mr Carland commented that NIHE worked hard to provide support services for those faced with homelessness, including a review of

temporary accommodation, consideration of an expansion of floating support services etc.

The third corporate objective was fostering urban and rural regeneration. NIHE had continued to implement proposals set out in the Rural Homes and People Action Plan, for example in Ballybeen and Tullycarnet, with plans for the demolition of derelict flats and shops and work to remove murals etc, which was carried out on an ongoing basis.

The fourth corporate objective – promoting affordable housing – remained an issue, even with falling house prices and difficulties experienced in obtaining a mortgage. In the previous year, there had been a slight decrease in housing applications, although this year there had been an increase.

New homes were currently being built in Knockbracken Health Care Park and it was hoped that the Housing Association would allocate them in October or November 2010. Mr Carland also outlined details of NIHE's three-year social housing development programme and the Social Housing Needs prospectus.

The fifth corporate objective – building a stronger community – involved working closely with community groups. Mr Carland also stated that NIHE would continue to support community development. The Community Cohesion Strategy included the following:

- Flags, emblems and sectional symbols
- Shared Future housing schemes
- Interface areas
- Transitional areas
- Youth engagement
- Good relations activity
- Race relations

The sixth corporate objective – better public services – involved the provision of efficient service and Mr Carland confirmed that area customer services units were now fully operational.

Mr Carland then thanked Elected Members and Council staff for their continued co-operation.

Alderman Henderson thanked the NIHE Officers for their continued support. He went on to say that he welcomed the scheme in the Killynure Road and the Killynure Park bonfire site. In respect of keeping communities together, Alderman Henderson asked whether there were plans to offer housing to local residents and their families in order to keep people within their local area.

Mr McIntyre referred to the waiting list and scheme construction, but he stated that NIHE was not able to protect housing for local people due to equality regulations. However, historically 94% of houses were offered to people who came from that area.

Councillor Robinson congratulated Mr McIntyre on the award of his OBE. He also offered thanks to Mr Carland and his staff for their work with community groups that required support. He then went on to enquire whether NIHE was pressing the government for an increase new builds, particularly new builds erected by the NIHE. Housing stress had increased by 30%, and Councillor Robinson felt that demand in the Castlereagh area was not met. He asked whether the Council could do anything in support.

Mr McIntyre stated that the reason NIHE did not provide new builds themselves was because housing associations were able to obtain funding through private sources, whereas NIHE investment in stock was not well funded. The priority, therefore, would be to raise funding to invest in stock. Debates to this effect were currently underway.

Mr McIntyre agreed that demands for new builds in Castlereagh had risen. There had been planning and flooding issues in some areas, therefore it would be necessary to find available land and suitable schemes in these areas. Mr Carland added that NIHE had started to look at other options, for example advice in the private rental sector.

Councillor Long stated that residents had approached him regarding replacement of Economy 7 heating, which was ineffective and expensive. He asked whether the replacement of this type of heating could be accelerated, particularly for the elderly and disabled persons.

Mr McIntyre replied that during the past years, approximately 50,000 Economy 7 heating systems had been replaced, but the length of time it would take to complete the programme was dependent on the availability of funding.

Mr Carland referred to schemes at Woodstock and Willowbrook, where early initiatives to prevent flooding had been successful. He stated that many elderly persons lived in the multi-storey blocks and the renovation works could not have been carried on with residents in situ. However, NIHE tried to ease disruption as much as possible.

Councillor Long left the meeting at this point, 7.50 pm.

Alderman White enquired whether NIHE Officers had consulted with residents regarding the extinguishment of right of way in the Grahamsbridge Road area. He felt that the area was not well suited for the development of dwellings.

Mr Carland explained that consultations had taken place. There had been objections to the extinguishment of the right of way, which might cause issues for children who were being dropped off schoolbuses etc. NIHE was doing everything possible to ensure fairness. Design consultants and NIHE Special Needs Officers were involved in the design and specifications of the bungalow that was scheduled to be erected. Mr Carland added that, if the pathway had to be moved, it would cause disagreement in the area that needed to be addressed.

Councillor Long returned to the meeting at 7.54 pm.

Councillor Duncan commented that she had enjoyed the community event in March, which had been organised by the NIHE Community Cohesion Unit for residents in the Belvoir and Milltown estates. However, she had been disappointed that only a small number of residents had participated. When asked, they stated that many residents had not been aware of the event. Furthermore, Councillor Duncan asked how NIHE intended to address the number of homeless people in Castlereagh.

Mr Carland advised that the community event had been organised by the local community group. NIHE Officers had given presentations and made the role of the Community Cohesion Unit known to residents and provide assistance through the production of flyers etc.

In respect of homelessness, Mr Carland explained that, due to the current economic situation, NIHE was trying to maximise the number of available housing, including the provision of information regarding the private rental sector.

Councillor Hanvey left the meeting at this point, 8.03 pm.

Councillor Bunting expressed disappointment that Castlereagh had such a high number of dwellings with Economy 7 heating. She enquired how the Borough compared to other districts and how unpaid rent or rent arrears impacted the replacement scheme.

Councillor Spratt left the meeting at this point, 8.04 pm.

Mr McIntyre replied that rent arrears did not impact the Economy 7 replacement scheme. However, additional funding was required in order to carry out replacements in a shorter period of time. Furthermore, emphasis was now placed on renewable energy compared to previous years, when oil and gas heating had been promoted. Mr Carland added that Economy 7 heating existed predominantly in multi-storey flats, and engineering surveys had to be carried out due to the building structures.

The Chairman thanked the NIHE representatives for their presentation.

Councillors Hanvey and Spratt returned to the meeting at 8.12 pm.

At this point, the Acting Chief Executive, Directors and Officers, with the exception of the Planning Officer and the Members' Services Officer left the meeting.

## **PLANNING**

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

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

#### **2010/451 : NEW FORMAT OF SCHEDULE**

The Planning Service Officer outlined the new format of the Council Schedule, ie deferred items that had been brought back, Council Schedule and Council deferred items still under consideration.

Noted.

Councillors Drysdale and Walker left the meeting at this point, 8.14 pm.

#### **2010/452 : APPLICATION Y/2010/0185/O – LANDS ADJACENT TO 114 GRANSHA ROAD, DUNDONALD – SITE FOR ERECTION OF NO ONE DETACHED SINGLE-STOREY DWELLING AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS**

The Planning Service Officer advised that, as PPS21 had now been adopted, the above application would proceed to a final decision.

Noted.

#### **2010/453 : APPLICATION Y/2009/0381/F – 50 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, CARRYDUFF – ERECTION OF 58 DWELLING UNITS WITHIN TWO NO APARTMENT BLOCKS WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND LANDSCAPING (AMENDED PLANS)**

Councillor Hanvey requested a site visit to the above site in light of the number of objections. Aldermen Rice, Henderson and Beattie and Councillor Spratt seconded the proposal. Alderman Rice stated that she had received many questions from residents which she would pass on to the Planning Officer. Alderman Henderson felt that the proposed dwellings would be out of character in the area.

Councillor Hanvey further requested that information should be sought from statutory agencies, ie the Roads Service and NI Water. He stated that, in light of the fact that the area adjacent to the site was marshland, it was imperative to ensure that the infrastructure was adequate to support the proposed dwellings.

**RESOLVED:** That the Planning Officer write to the Divisional Planning Manager, seeking a deferral of Planning Application Y/2009/0381/F, for a site visit to be arranged in liaison with the Chairman.

Councillor Walker returned to the meeting at 8.21 pm.

**2010/454 : APPLICATION Y/2009/0034/F – MEALOUGH ROAD / SAINTFIELD ROAD JUNCTION, CARRYDUFF**

Alderman Henderson asked that the Planning Officer ensure that all issues in respect of the above application had been addressed by the Roads Service. Alderman Rice agreed, stating that the road along the proposed access point to the housing site was extremely dangerous.

The Planning Service Officer advised that he could provide Members with plans of the proposal for their perusal.

RESOLVED: That the Planning Officer ensure that all issues relating to Planning Application Y/2009/0034/F had been addressed by the Roads Service.

Councillors Hanvey and Robinson left the meeting at this point, 8.25 pm.

**2010/455 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 15-21 JUNE 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/456 : NOTES OF THE PLANNING OFFICE MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/457 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting held on 25 June 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of proceedings, subject to the following amendment:

- (a) Attendance – insert ‘Cllr T Jeffers’

**2010/458 : PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION, ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010 (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/459 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 8 JULY 2010, RE: PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN PLANNING SERVICE STAFFING LEVELS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

Alderman Henderson left the meeting at this point, 8.28 pm.

At this point, the Planning Officer and the Members' Services Officer left the meeting.

### **STAFF IN COMMITTEE**

The Acting Chief Executive, Directors, Officers and Members' Services Officer returned to the meeting at this point.

### **ROADS**

**2010/461 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 6 JULY 2010, RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTRUCTION AND USE REGULATIONS DEALING WITH TYRE NOISE (copy letter previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/462 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE, DATED 30 JUNE 2010, RE: THE LOWER BRANIEL ROAD, CASTLEREAGH (ABANDONMENT) ORDER 9NI) 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/463 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE, DATED 30 JUNE 2010, RE: GREENWAY SHOPS, CREGAGH ROAD, CASTLEREAGH – PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAY (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

Alderman Henderson returned to the meeting at 8.59 pm.

**2010/464 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE, DATED 6 JULY 2010, RE: PARKING SPACES AT QUEENSWAY SHOPS (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Hanvey advised that the Department of the Environment hoped to proceed with the park & ride scheme at Cairnshill. However, it was not

specified when the facility would be operational, therefore he asked that the Council contact the Department and obtain further information. Furthermore, he asked that Officers advise the Roads Service that any difficulties relating to parking outside of the Queensway shops were not caused by drivers parking their cars there and transferring to public transport, rather it was a lack of spaces for customers.

Councillor Henderson asked that the Council write to the Roads Service, requesting the erection of signs 'Parking for customers only'.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council write to the Department of the Environment to enquire when the proposed park and ride scheme at Cairnshill would be operational.
- (b) That the Council write to the Roads Service, requesting the erection of signs 'Parking for customers only' at the Queensway shops, Carryduff.

Councillors Hall and Jeffers returned to the meeting at 9.00 pm.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS - ROADS**

### **2010/465 : WEED SPRAYING**

Councillor Hanvey asked that Officers write to the Roads Service, enquiring whether they had responsibility to spray pavements etc to destroy weeds. Councillor Chambers responded that it was residents' responsibility to ensure that weeds on pavements were destroyed and hedges etc were maintained.

Alderman Rice commented that she had received many favourable comments from residents, congratulating Council staff on their efficiency in maintaining hedge clearing etc.

Noted.

### **2010/466 : PRESENTATION FROM THE ROADS SERVICE TO COUNCIL IN MAY 2010**

Councillor Skillen referred to the presentation by the Roads Service at the May Council meeting and asked that the Council write again to request their responses to questions raised during the presentation.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to the Roads Service, requesting their responses to questions raised during the Roads Service presentation at the May Council meeting.

## **ROADS – CONTINUED**

**2010/467 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DRIVER & VEHICLE AGENCY, DATED 8 JULY 2010, RE: (BUS OPERATOR) ROADS SERVICE LICENCES (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman White stated that he was unsure why Officers had written to the Driver & Vehicle Agency regarding a bus service from Bangor to Dundonald Ice Bowl. He requested that the Council write to Translink, asking whether such a service could be operated from Newtownards to Dundonald Ice Bowl.

Alderman Henderson suggested that the correspondence also include a request for a bus service between Carryduff and Dundonald Ice Bowl.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to Translink, asking whether a bus service from Newtownards to Dundonald Ice Bowl could be made available, and also a service between the Ice Bowl and Carryduff.

**2010/468 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNCILLOR MICHELLE McILVEEN MLA, DATED 8 JULY 2010, RE: ROAD SAFETY – BALLYGOWAN ROAD, CROSSNACREEVY (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That consideration of correspondence from Councillor Michelle McIlveen MLA in respect of signage in Crossnacreevy / Moneyreagh be referred to the Central Services Committee.

## HOUSING

**2010/469 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE, DATED 18 JUNE 2010, RE: EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ORDER NO 1 2010 – DUNDONALD, GRAHAMSBRIDGE ROAD (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/470 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE, DATED 28 JUNE 2010, RE: EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ORDER NO 2 2009 – TULLYCARNET, GRANTON HEIGHTS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

## FINANCE

**2010/471 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

General Account (Suppliers)	£565,598.94
General Account (Emergency Payments)	£116,612.59

Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries) £825,910.21

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

#### **2010/472 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR JULY 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

#### **REPORT FROM THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE (copy previously circulated)**

#### **2010/473 : LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT EVENT**

The Acting Chief Executive advised that this report had been superseded by a document received from NILGA, which had been tabled at the meeting. She asked Members to familiarise themselves with the proposals put forward to drive forward the Improvement, Collaboration and Efficiency agenda.

Noted.

#### **2010/474 : UTILISATION OF CHANGE MANAGER**

The Acting Chief Executive advised that the Minister for the Environment had acknowledged the achievements of the Change Managers. However, it was anticipated that funding for the post might expire in May 2011, with any further salary costs having to be found from identified efficiency savings. The Acting Chief Executive stated that Lisburn City Council had asked the Change Manager to prepare a report in respect of possible opportunities for efficiencies within that Council, utilising 50% of the Officer's time. She sought Members' views in respect of utilising the remaining 50% of his time within Castlereagh Borough Council. Furthermore, the Management Team had considered this matter and had put forward the suggestion to ask the Change Manager to update the Council's Corporate Plan, which had now expired.

Councillor Bunting commented that the Change Manager had been employed to aid the RPA process, which had now moved forward, ie the number of councils in the province would remain the same but there would still be collaboration and shared services. The Change Manager would be required to remain in post for this purpose and should be utilised to work on the collaboration and efficiency agenda.

Councillor Chambers was of the view that the existing Council Officers should be asked to identify any potential efficiency savings rather than utilising an additional salary cost.

Alderman White stated that the Change Manager had been employed on a two-year contract, with funding being available for this period. He felt that the Council would benefit from the utilisation of the Change Manager to identify efficiency savings, therefore he proposed to employ the Change Manager on a shared basis, ie 50% in Lisburn City Council and 50% in this Council. He added that the Officer should work three days per week in Castlereagh and two days in Lisburn and vice versa. Any efficiencies, once identified, should be reported to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Councillor Spratt concurred and urged that the Management Team should co-operate fully with the Change Manager in this respect and that reports should be tabled at regular intervals for monitoring purposes.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to employ the Change Manager on a shared basis – 50% in Lisburn City Council, 50% in Castlereagh Borough Council – to identify efficiency savings within the Council and report at regular intervals to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF  
ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES –  
HUMAN RESOURCES ISSUES  
(copy previously circulated)**

**2010/475 : VACANCY CONTROL**

The Director of Administration & Community Services tabled correspondence from the LGR Joint Forum, outlining details of the Addendum to Circular LGRJF/01 June 2010 in respect of the suspension of vacancy control in Local Government. She advised that the LGR Joint Forum, at its meeting on 23 June 2010, had agreed to suspend vacancy control with immediate effect. The Joint Forum would consider the re-introduction of vacancy control in a managed way once the timetable for the implementation of RPA in local government had been clarified.

Noted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS – HUMAN RESOURCES**

**2010/478 : HEALTH & SAFETY PROMOTION DAY**

The Director of Administration & Community Services sought approval for the Health & Safety Officer to begin making arrangements for the forthcoming Health Promotion Day at an estimated cost of £2,000, which had been provided for in the budget.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the Health & Safety Officer to make arrangements for the forthcoming Health Promotion Day, which would be open to staff and Elected Members.

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

**2010/479 : ROCK & POP SUMMER SCHOOL**

The Community Services Manager outlined details of the Rock & Pop Summer School, delivered by Castlereagh Arts. The Summer School was funded via the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and would be running from 19-30 July 2010. The total award from the CSP was £6,477.30, and this covered tuition, sound engineer, use of studio editing, mixing and mastering of tracks for CDs. Making Music workshops, running and administration costs.

The Arts Officer had been informed that there would be additional resource implications of £1,000, including:

- Additional editing required for the Beginners workshop, which had not been supplied in the previous year, and design and print of covers for CDs to be supplied in October
- PA and other equipment costs for the concert on 30 July 2010
- Food/refreshments supplied for the final concert

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for payment of the sum of £1,000 from the Arts budget towards the costs of the Rock & Pop Summer School to cover additional resource implications as outlined in the Community Services Manager's report.

**2010/480 : ERNEST ANDERSON and JOHN HEWITT SOCIETY BURSARIES**

The Community Services outlined details of a request for the sum of £800 from the Arts budget towards the Ernest Anderson and John Hewitt Society bursaries. The costs had already been included in the 2010-2011 Estimates.

The Community Services Manager advised that the Council, through Castlereagh Arts and in closer association with the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and other district councils, had allocated the Ernest Anderson Memorial Bursary to a local artist. The bursary was intended to provide residency for one recipient at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre of Annaghmakerrig in Co Monaghan.

The John Hewitt International Summer School was held in the Marketplace Theatre and Arts Centre in Armagh, which attracted approximately 400 people from Ireland, Great Britain, Europe and the United States. The Council had supported the John Hewitt International Summer School for the past six years.

The details of the bursaries were as follows:

- £500 - Cover for all board and lodging expenses for one artist at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre and a fortnight working at the Centre

- £300 – Cover for all board and lodging expenses at the John Hewitt International Summer School

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for payment of the sums of £500 and £300 from the Arts budget towards the Ernest Anderson Memorial Bursary and the John Hewitt International Summer School respectively, with provision having been made in the 2010-2011 Estimates.

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES  
(copy previously circulated)**

**2010/481 : TENDER EVALUATION REPORT**

The General Manager Leisure & Marketing outlined details of tenders received for the following:

- Replacement of existing swimming pool covers
- Replacement of existing pool water dosing systems – swimming pools / spa pools
- Replacement of existing saunas with one sauna and one steam room

The Tender Evaluation Team had evaluated the tenders received and the General Manager Leisure & Marketing now sought approval to award the following tenders:

- Replacement of existing swimming pool covers

Nichem Ltd

- Replacement of existing pool water dosing systems – swimming pools / spa pools

Oak CWE Ltd

- Replacement of existing saunas with one sauna and one steam room

The General Manager Leisure & Marketing advised that the Tender Evaluation Team had not been satisfied that the tenders received met the appropriate criteria and that they would be re-advertised at the end of July, with a view to submitting recommendations to the full August Council meeting.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That approval be granted for the following tenders:
  - Replacement of existing swimming pool covers  
Nichem Ltd

- Replacement of existing pool water dosing systems – swimming pools / spa pools  
Oak CWE Ltd
- (b) That approval be granted to re-advertise tenders for the replacement of existing saunas with one sauna and one steam room and that tenders received be submitted for consideration and approval at the August Council meeting.

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

**2010/484 : VEHICLE NUMBER 35 – ENGINE BREAKDOWN AND REPAIR**

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services sought retrospective approval for the repair of the engine of RCV Fleet Number 35, which had been brought into the garage late on 29 June 2010 down on power. The vehicle was three and a half years old, with approximately 50,000 miles on the speedometer. The repairs had been carried out by Dennisons, Volvo Agents, at a cost of approximately £9,535.60.

Furthermore, the Director of Technical & Environmental Services requested approval to write to the supplier/agent/Volvo, expressing disappointment with the life of the engine and concern about the longevity of the engine when used in the Council fleet and, therefore, asking them to bear the cost of the repairs.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That retrospective approval be granted for the repair of the engine of RCV Fleet Number 35, at a cost of approximately £9,535.60.
- (b) That approval be granted for Officers to write to the supplier/agent/Volvo, expressing disappointment with the life of the engine and concern about the longevity of the engine when used in the Council fleet and, therefore, asking them to bear the cost of the repairs.

**2010/485 : BUILDING / PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, DAYWORK TERM CONTRACTS**

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services outlined details of a report in respect of Building / Property Maintenance and Daywork Term contracts. He advised that the report had been approved by the Management Team and that a number of building services related labour suppliers had tendered and were recommended for approval.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the building services related labour suppliers as outlined in the Client Manager's report, as they were the most economically advantageous.

**GENERAL**

**2010/486 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, DATED 15 JUNE 2010, RE: FILLING VACANCIES IN A LOCAL ELECTION YEAR (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/487 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT, DATED 25 JUNE 2010, RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO DOG CONTROL LEGISLATION (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman White requested a copy of the Dogs (Amendment) Bill, which had been drafted based on the consultation proposals and stakeholders' responses.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the Dogs (Amendment) Bill be forwarded to Alderman White.

**2010/488 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 23 JUNE 2010, RE: CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE LANDFILL REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2003 (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That consideration of the Consultation Paper on the Draft Amendment to the Landfill Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

**2010/489 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY, RECEIVED ON 30 JUNE 2010, RE: TOURISM (AMENDMENT) BILL (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/490 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY, DATED JUNE 2010, RE: INQUIRY INTO RENEWABLE ENERGY BY THE COMMITTEE FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE & INVESTMENT (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/491 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY, DATED 2 JULY 2010, RE: CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT BILL (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/492 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL, DATED 23 JUNE 2010, Re: PROPOSED BIO-MASS FUELLED POWER PLANT (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/493 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM BMF BUSINESS SERVICES, DATED 30 JUNE 2010, 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTHERN IRELAND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/494 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, DATED 29 JUNE 2010, RE: WATER (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1999 (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That consideration of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 be deferred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee.

**2010/495 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CASTLEREAGH DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP, DATED 30 JUNE 2010, RE: NI WATER – SAFETY AT KNOCKBRACKEN RESERVOIR (copy previously circulated)**

Alderman Rice advised that she had written to the Health & Safety Executive regarding concerns that, should someone slip and fall into the reservoir, there would be no way out. The PSNI had agreed to investigate but Alderman Rice asked for the Council's support.

Alderman Henderson commented that the reservoir was no longer in use and was, therefore, surplus to requirements. He suggested that the Council should vest in the land in order to create a community park.

Councillor Spratt stated that a company had approached him in respect of the reservoir. He added that he had suggested to the Director of Leisure Services to meet with NI Water and the Economic Development Manager in order to consider the possibility of developing the area.

Alderman Beattie advised that development of the reservoir had previously been considered by the Council. However, NI Water, although they had expressed an interest, had stated that they would be required to give first refusal to statutory bodies.

RESOLVED: That the Council write to NI Water in respect of safety aspects relating to Knockbracken Reservoir.

**2010/496 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NI WATER, DATED 2 JULY 2010, RE: NORTHERN IRELAND WATER NON-DOMESTIC CUSTOMER CHARGES 2010-2011 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/497 : CORRESPONDENCED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 30 JUNE 2010, RE: QUAD BICYCLES (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/498 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DATED 8 JULY 2010, RE: SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/499 : REPORT FROM THE CHIEF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR RE: THE EXERCISE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS OF THEIR FUNCTIONS IN THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/500 : REQUEST FROM THE COMMISSIONING LEAD FOR THE BELFAST LOCAL COMMISSIONING GROUP RE: BRIEFING TO COUNCIL (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That, due to other commitments, Belfast Local Commissioning Group be invited to give a presentation to the Council at a date to be arranged in the future.

**2010/501 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS, NORTHERN IRELAND REGION, DATED 7 JULY 2010, RE: NAC AGM AND CONFERENCE, CLANDEBOYE LODGE HOTEL, 24 SEPTEMBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the Council's representatives to the NAC as well as Alderman Beattie and Councillor Drysdale to attend the NAC AGM and Conference at the Clandboye Lodge Hotel, Bangor, on 24 September 2010.

**2010/502 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WATER, DATED 6 JULY 2010, RE: WATER SUPPLY (WATER FITTINGS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2009 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/503 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DATED 6 JULY 2010, RE: COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE TRANSPORT BILL (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/504 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER, DATED JULY 2010, RE: ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE – ERADICATING CHILD POVERTY (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**(copy correspondence previously circulated)**

**2010/505 : NORTHERN IRELAND OMBUDSMAN – ANNUAL REPORT  
2009-2010**

Noted.

**2010/506 : TELECARE AND TELEHEALTH – DRIVERS OF CHANGE:  
ANNUAL REPORT AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Noted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2010/507 : LISNASHARRAGH HIGH SCHOOL**

Councillor McCoy advised that she had received an email from Lisnasharragh High School, asking for support for the forthcoming Lisnasharragh High School Fun Day. She added that she would provide financial support out of the Mayor's budget.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for financial support to be provided from the Mayor's budget for Lisnasharragh High School Fun Day.

**2010/508 : MUSICAL 'DANCING SHOES'**

Councillor Drysdale stated that the musical 'Dancing Shoes' was due to open in the Opera House on 31 July and he asked Members to consider purchasing tickets in support, given the Council's involvement with the Trust and organisation of the funeral. He also felt that the Council should consider hosting an exhibition of George Best memorabilia.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor purchase six tickets each at a cost of £50 per ticket and that Elected Members should contact the Mayor's secretary if they wished to attend.
- (b) That consideration of an exhibition of George Best memorabilia be deferred to the Central Services Committee.

Councillor Duncan left the meeting at this point, 9.37 pm.

**2010/509 : SUPPORT FOR PLANNING APPEAL**

Councillor Robinson asked that the Council approve the attendance of the Planning Officer, on behalf of the Council, at a planning appeals hearing in order to assist a resident in the Borough.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the attendance of the Planning Officer, on behalf of the Council, at a planning appeals hearing in order to assist a resident in the Borough.

**2010/510 : DEPLOYMENT OF RIR**

Alderman Henderson advised that the Royal Irish Regiment was being deployed and they had made a request to the Council to fly a flag in support of the regiment and to mark the occasion.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to fly a flag in support of the Royal Irish Regiment to mark their deployment.

**2001/511 : LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Alderman Henderson asked that the Council write a letter of support to the family of the policewoman who was injured during the recent riots in Ardoyne.

RESOLVED: That the Council write a letter of support, via the Chief Constable, to the family of the policewoman who was injured during the recent riots in Ardoyne.

**2001/512 : COFFEE MORNING FOR MAYOR'S CHARITY**

Councillor McCoy advised that a coffee morning had been arranged for Tuesday, 3 August 2010, in support of the Mayor's charity.

Noted.

**2001/513 : PORTACABINS IN KILLYNURE**

Alderman Henderson advised that residents in Killynure had asked whether the Council would provide portacabins to provide a venue for meetings.

RESOLVED: That consideration of the provision of portacabins for residents in Killynure be deferred to the Central Services Committee.

**IN COMMITTEE**

**2001/514 : LETTERS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS RE: BONFIRES**

The Acting Chief Executive outlined details of complaints received from residents in respect of bonfires, ie the dumping of materials, destruction of plants and antisocial behaviour. Furthermore, one resident had written that a van with the Queen's University logo had been used to deliver material for a bonfire in Cregagh Park.

Councillor Mrs Beattie advised that a meeting of the Inter-Agency Bonfire Working Group had taken place and residents had been invited and their questions answered. She stated that the PSNI had been advising residents that the Council had provided licences for bonfires, which was totally incorrect. She confirmed that the Council supported the festivities during the 'Twelfth' period but not bonfires. She further stated that Council staff had done everything possible to ensure safety at the bonfires and to prevent damage to property.

Councillor Long requested that Officers ascertain the cost of replacing any plants that had been destroyed on the Cregagh site.

Councillor McCoy congratulated staff and members of the Inter-Agency Bonfire Working Group on their excellent work.

Councillor Spratt raised concerns in respect of information that had been given to the PSNI, ie that the Council had provided licences for the erection of bonfires. He asked that the Council should write to the PSNI, advising them that this was not the case. He further suggested that the Council's DPP Manager should raise this matter at their next meeting.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council write to the PSNI and the DPP, outlining the complaints received from residents regarding vandalism and antisocial behaviour during bonfires and advising them that the Council did not provide licences for the erection of bonfires in the Borough.
- (b) That the Council write to residents, explaining the purpose of the Council's Bonfire Scheme.
- (c) That the matter of illegal dumping for bonfires be deferred to the relevant authority, subject to obtaining the complainants' approval.

**2001/515 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT, DATED 29 JUNE 2010, RE: PUBLICATION OF THE VEHICLE & OPERATOR SERVICES AGENCY (VOSA) AND DRIVER & VEHICLE AGENCY (DVA) – POWERS TO STOP COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FOR INSPECTION AT THE ROADSIDE - CONSULTATION**

Noted.

**2001/516 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAMPHILL COMMUNITIES TRUST (NI), DATED 15 JULY 2010, RE: GRANT FOR REACHING OUT PROJECT**

Noted.

**STAFF IN COMMITTEE**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.00 pm.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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MAYOR