

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, 28 October 2010, at 7.00 p.m.

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

ALDERMEN: J Beattie
J Norris MBE
G Rice MBE (until 10.16 p.m.)
J White

COUNCILLORS: AM Beattie
J Bunting
J Cochrane (from 7.42 p.m. until 8.50 p.m.)
M Copeland (until 10.45 p.m.)
D Drysdale (Deputy Mayor)
S Duncan
C Hall
B Hanvey (until 10.40 p.m.)
R Hughes MBE
T Jeffers
M Long
G Robinson
S Skillen

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive (Director of Leisure Services, Director of Finance, Director of Administration & Community Services, Environmental Health Manager, Planning Officer, Planning Service Officer and Members' Services Officer)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received on behalf of Alderman Henderson, Councillors Chambers, Tosh, Walker and Spratt

2010/708 : OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Paul Thompson, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

2010/709 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests (including gifts and hospitality) they should have in respect of items on the agenda. Declarations of interest were put forward, as follows:

Alderman Rice and Councillor Long in respect of the Local Commissioning Group

Alderman Norris, Councillors Duncan, Hall, Hanvey, Jeffers, Skillen in respect of Peace III

Alderman Beattie and Councillor Robinson in respect of Arc21

Noted.

2010/710 : CONDOLENCES TO COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS

The Mayor advised that she had forwarded a letter of sympathy, on behalf of the Council, to Councillor Chambers on the recent death of her brother.

Noted.

2010/711 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

- (a) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 September 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

Bottom page 10, after Minute No. 2010/632 insert the following
"Councillor Bunting left the meeting at 8.40 p.m."
and insert at the bottom of Page 11
"Councillor Bunting rejoined the meeting"

Page 14 – Minute No. 2010/642
Insert the following at the end of the first sentence
"and left the meeting at 9.09 p.m."

- (b) Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 13 October 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendment:

Insert the following in the list of those present
"Councillor Long (from 6.10 p.m.)"
Insert his arrival in the relevant section of the Minute

- (c) Minutes of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 5 October 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

Page 20 – Minute No. T&ESC/2010/388 : 6th paragraph
Delete “list of action points for capital projects” and insert
“list of capital projects across all Council departments, together with the costs”
Insert a resolution (b), in line with the above

Page 25 – Minute No. T&ESC/2010/396 insert the following resolutions:

- (a) that the responsibility for budgets and management of Dungoyne Community Centre transfer from Central Services to Technical Services
 - (b) that the Community Services Manager support the Dungoyne Bowlers with funding applications in relation to building improvements and extension.
 - (c) that officers from both Technical Services and Community Services liaise with the Dungoyne Bowlers in relation to the development of a proposed technical specification for the building improvement/extension.
 - (d) that officers from Technical Services enter into a short term interim licence/long term leasing agreement for a Voluntary Management agreement with Dungoyne Bowlers through Administration & Community Services and the Council’s legal advisors.
- (d) Minutes of the Central Services Committee meeting held on 5 October 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

Page 14 – Minute No. CS/2010/254
Delete the wording in resolution (b) and replace it with
“approval be granted for Castlereagh Borough Council to engage the three Peace III project posts”

- (e) Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7 October 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, with the exception of Minute No. LS/2010/103 which was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.
- (f) Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 October 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendment:

Page 14 – Minute No. F&GP/2010/244 : 7th paragraph
after “and” insert “also”

- (g) Minutes of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board meeting held on 18 June 2010 were noted.
- (h) Minutes of the Leisure Park Board meeting held on 21 June 2010 were noted.

MATTERS ARISING

2010/712 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD (SEELB) RE: DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL 218 – PROVISION OF NURSERY UNIT AT DUNDONALD PRIMARY SCHOOL (Minute No. 2010/646 refers)

Councillor Robinson referred to the resolution in respect of the above Minute, and he sought clarification as to whether the correspondence had been forwarded to the SEELB on behalf of the full Council.

The Acting Chief Executive confirmed that this was the case and that she would arrange for Councillor Robinson to receive a copy of the correspondence.

Councillor Skillen referred to resolution (b) and she asked that Members' Services draw up a letter for each Member to sign, prior to being forwarded to the Board.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that

- (a) the Acting Chief Executive provide Councillor Robinson with a copy of the letter which had been forwarded to the SEELB supporting the provision of a nursery unit at Dundonald Primary School
- (b) Members' Services draw up a letter for the Members representing Castlereagh East supporting the provision of a nursery unit at Dundonald Primary School. Each Member to sign the letter, prior to being forwarded to the SEELB

2010/713 : SALE OF GEORGE BEST MEMORABILIA (Minute No. CS/2010/245 refers)

Councillor Robinson sought an update in relation to the above.

At the request of the Director of Administration & Community Services, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that consideration of the sale of George Best Memorabilia be referred to "In Committee"

2010/714 : PEACE III – PARTNER DIRECT DELIVER (Minute No. CS/2010/254 refers)

In response to a query from Councillor Long, the Director of Administration & Community Services advised that originally it had been agreed that Castlereagh Borough Council would appoint two Peace III Project posts, with Lisburn City Council appointing the other post. She outlined that due to the difference in both councils' salary scales, it was felt that Castlereagh Borough Council should appoint all three posts.

Noted.

PRESENTATION

2010/715 : PRESENTATION BY IAIN DEBOYS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DR GEORGE O'NEILL, CHAIRMAN RE: THE WORK OF THE LOCAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (LCG)

The Mayor welcomed Mr Deboys and Dr O'Neill to the meeting.

Dr O'Neill advised Members that there were five LCGs, covering the Belfast and Castlereagh areas, with membership comprising:

- 4 GPs
- 4 Councillors
- 2 Voluntary and Community Workers
- 1 Pharmacist
- 1 Dentist
- 2 Social Workers
- 3 Clinical staff from the Public Health Agency

He added that the LCGs had been fully operational since 1 December 2009 and key priorities for 2010/2011 were:

- engagement with the population and their representatives and developing partnerships with a wide range of agencies
- redesigning pathways by which patients access care, placing more emphasis on supporting people to live at home
- forming Primary Care Partnerships (PCPs) of service providers in local areas to develop services close to home and support self-care and recovery

Councillor Cochrane arrived at 7.42 p.m.

Members asked questions in respect of the following

- (i) make up of the LCGs
- (ii) social responsibility, in terms of smoking and alcohol and drugs misuse
- (iii) social isolation, particularly amongst the elderly

- (iv) pressures placed on GPs in completing social benefit forms
- (v) mental health
- (vi) ongoing repeat prescriptions – potential conflict with other medications
- (vii) transfer of treatment of minor ailments from pharmacists to GPs
- (viii) patients' ability to access medical records and contact their GP on line which would be particularly beneficial to those living in isolation

Dr O'Neill advised that, as time progressed, it was hoped that there would be increased representation on LCGs from the voluntary & community sector and from charitable organisations. With regard to an individual's social responsibility in terms of smoking and alcohol related illnesses, Dr O'Neill stated that, whilst there was a responsibility on individuals themselves for the choices they make, he was of the view that the best approach for LCGs was to develop educational awareness programmes throughout the community.

Councillor Long left the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

Dr O'Neill advised that the LCG was leading the city-wide Healthy Ageing Partnership, working with Age NI, Engage with Age and others, focusing particularly on social isolation and ensuring that older people had access to as wide a range of social activities and support services as possible. He said it would be essential to work with both Councils on this so that GPs were aware of the range of support available in order that older people and their carers could be directed to these services.

He indicated that there was a general lack of understanding amongst GPs in relation to filling in social security forms, particularly in respect of DLA, which could jeopardise doctor/patient relationship. He added that some GPs were working with patients' carers who were able to provide advice to ensure that people received the benefit that they were due.

Councillors Hanvey and Jeffers left the meeting

With regard to mental health, Dr O'Neill outlined that Northern Ireland had a higher than UK average rate of people presenting with mental health symptoms and this could be linked to a number of factors including legacy of conflict, unemployment and high levels of deprivation. He added that the economic consequences of mental health problems were considerable, costing more than other major health services. He indicated that the LCGs' approach to mental health services would be a community based approach, linking to primary care. He stated that LCGs would address preventative work by adopting a cross agency/departmental collaborative approach. He advised that a stepped care model for the individual in this regard could involve commissioning of the relevant support required before engagement with a health professional. He added that an important part of this approach would be health professionals/GPs being informed of the community support available.

Dr O'Neill outlined that one area of great concern was patients on long-term repeat prescriptions. He added that the LCG hoped to establish Primary Care

GP Nursing Staff to deal with medicine management. He added that there were a lot of young people graduating from pharmacy schools who would be more than qualified to assist in this respect. He outlined that it only needed a mechanism put in place to get the right people working together to look after patients and improve outcomes.

Dr O'Neill advised that removing the ability of the community pharmacist to treat minor ailments was due to a budget overspend.

Councillor McCoy outlined that the budget overspend had arisen due to the introduction of free prescriptions for everyone. She added that whilst she appreciated that there were those who needed to receive prescriptions free of charge, as a pharmacist, she was aware that most people were quite happy to pay the reduced charge. She added that this issue needed to be revisited by the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Councillor Long rejoined the meeting and Councillor Bunting left the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

With regard to accessibility to medical records and the GP on line, Dr O'Neill was of the view that, given the level of computer illiteracy in some parts of the Province, those who could benefit most, i.e. isolated elderly, would not have the ability to avail of this facility.

The Mayor thanked Dr O'Neill and Mr Deboys for attending the meeting.

Councillor Bunting rejoined the meeting at 8.12 p.m.

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

PLANNING

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 28 OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)

2010/716 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0135/0 – LANDS AT EASTBANK SAINTFIELD ROAD, CARRYDUFF : SITE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AMENDED ACCESS POSITION

The Planning Service Officer advised that the above application had been withdrawn by the Planning Department.

Noted.

2010/717 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0375/F – LANDS TO THE SOUTH OF 35 MANN'S ROAD AND WEST OF 34 MANN'S ROAD (AMENDED LOCATION ADDRESS)

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

Noted.

LATE APPLICATION

2010/718 : PLANNING APPLICATION FOR ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT, CARROWREAGH ROAD

The Planning Service Officer apologised for the very short notice given to Members to consider this application. He advised that the application was subject to DARD funding and a decision was required by 22 November 2010 which was before the date of the next Council meeting.

Councillor Beattie outlined that she had contacted DARD and had been advised that it was not possible to extend the deadline.

Alderman Beattie expressed the view that the Planning Service should be prioritising planning applications that were subject to funding.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that the Planning Service did make every effort to prioritise such applications.

Councillor McCoy returned to the meeting at 8.21 p.m.

Councillor Robinson indicated that whilst he fully appreciated the urgency in dealing with this application, it would have been helpful if the Council had had sight of all the relevant information in order to make an informed decision.

In response to a query from Councillor Long, the Planning Service Officer advised that the planning application had been submitted in May 2010. Councillor Long stated that he could see no reason why the application could have tabled sooner.

Councillor Hanvey asked the Planning Service Officer to relay back to the relevant section the concerns expressed at the lateness of the application. He added that whilst he had sympathy with the applicant, Elected Representatives had to make decisions in the best interest of the ratepayers and there were certain aspects of the application that he would like clarified.

Alderman White indicated that this particular site bordered onto Castlereagh Enterprise Park, and as Chairman of the Board, he was not aware of any consultation having been carried out. He added that he was quite surprised that he had not learned about a project of this magnitude prior to this evening. He added that despite this, he would reluctantly propose that the Council accept the late application.

Councillor Hanvey stated that, as planning permission was not required until 22 November, he suggested that a Special Planning Committee meeting be convened.

Councillor Long agreed with Councillor Hanvey.

Councillor Robinson indicated that a proposal had been made which he was happy to second.

Councillor Beattie asked if Members wished to vote on the proposal.

Councillor Long outlined that he would be happy to support the proposal, subject to a proviso that the Council write to the Planning Service expressing concern at the lateness of this application and pointing out that it had a responsibility to put in place measures to avoid a similar situation in the future.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to the Planning Service expressing its concern at the very short notice given for Members to consider the application for the development of an Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Carrowreagh Road, and to point out that the Planning Service had a responsibility to put in place measures to avoid a similar situation in the future.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2010/719 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2006/0510/F – QUARRY CORNER AT CORNER OF UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD AND OLD MILL HEIGHTS, DUNDONALD : DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CAR SHOWROOM AND ERECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 178 UNITS, WITH ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AND BASEMENT CAR PARKING (AMENDED DRAWINGS – EXTERNAL JUNCTION DESIGN)

Councillor Jeffers outlined that, given the 43 objections, he proposed that an office meeting be convened in respect of the above application. Alderman White seconded the proposal.

Councillor Cochrane advised that a number of constituents had expressed concern in relation to the increased volume of traffic and the impact this would have on the general road network.

Alderman White expressed the view that the site did not appear large enough to develop such a significant number of units.

In response to a query from Councillor Drysdale, the Planning Service Officer confirmed that planning permission had previously been granted at this particular site for 110 units. He advised that the current application was for 178 units, but it incorporated underground parking facilities.

Councillor Copeland asked if the Planning Service had received written confirmation that the developer had consulted with Northern Ireland Water, prior to submitting the application.

The Planning Service Officer indicated that normal practice was for NI Water to include reference in its report to the outcome of the inquiry in respect of the previous application. He added that these were matters that the developer

had to resolve through the relevant regulatory bodies and were therefore outside the planning process.

Councillor Bunting outlined that in light of previous inquiries, the increased number of units, implications on Dundonald Village infrastructure, she was of the view that the Planning Service should agree to an office meeting.

The Planning Service Officer stated that on the basis that there were a number of issues which the Council wished to consider further, he was content for an office meeting to be convened.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that consideration of Planning Application Y/2006/0510/F be deferred to enable an office meeting to be convened in liaison with the Chairman and Councillor Jeffers.

2010/720 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0084/F – 12 BALLYBEEN ROAD, COMBER, MONEYREAGH : NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL UNITS

On behalf of Councillor Spratt, Councillor Robinson asked for an office meeting to be convened in respect of the above application. He advised that the applicant was currently putting together the relevant information requested by the Planning Department.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the Planning Service would therefore agree to defer the application for two weeks. If the information was not forthcoming during that period, the Planning Service would proceed to determine the application.

RESOLVED : That the Planning Service agree to defer consideration of Planning Application Y/2007/0084/F for two weeks to enable the applicant to submit further information. If the information was not forthcoming during that period, the Planning Service would proceed to determine the application.

2010/721 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2008/0556/F – 23, 23A, 25, 27 LOUGH MOSS PARK AND 8 QUEENSIDE, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF 10 TOWNHOUSES AND 2 SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING HOUSES) (AMENDED AND REDUCED PROPOSAL)

Councillor Hanvey congratulated the Planning Service for refusing the above application.

Noted.

2010/722 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0420/F – LANDS DIRECTLY OPPOSITE AND WEST OF 32 & 34 BALLYMACONAGHY ROAD : ERECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 48 DETACHED AND SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRIBUTOR ROAD TO LAUREL GROVE MANOR

FOR ACCESS PURPOSES, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS (AMENDED HOUSETYPES)

Alderman Rice indicated that as Laural Grove Manor was a cul de sac, it had always been very safe, in terms of the low volume of traffic. She asked if the Roads Service had given an assurance that the new access would not compromise children's safety.

Councillor Cochrane left the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the Planning Service had delayed making a determination in order for proper assessments to be carried out.

Councillor Hanvey expressed his concern that the proposed new access and the provision of an additional road could result in creating a rat run into Primrose Hill.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the scheme incorporated traffic measures which would make movement from one part of the development to another much easier. He added that the design of the development was compliant with legislation and he asked if Members wished to see the drawings.

Alderman Rice stated that she would inspect the relevant documentation after the meeting.

Noted.

2010/723 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0331/RM – LANDS TO THE NORTH EAST OF MILLREAGH, CARROWREAGH ROAD AND WEST OF 235 BELFAST ROAD, UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, DUNDONALD : CONSTRUCTION OF 66 DWELLINGS COMPRISING OF A MIX OF 3 TOWNHOUSES, 22 SENI-DETACHED, 34 DETACHED (ALL TWO STOREY) AND 7 SPLIT LEVEL DETACHED WITH ASSOCIATED ROADS, GARAGES, PARKING AND LANDSCAPING. ACCESS FROM CARROWREAGH ROAD (AMENDED LAYOUT)

Councillor McCoy left the meeting at 8.57 p.m.

In response to a query from Councillor Long, the Planning Service Officer explained that as the application had progressed, changes were made to the lay-out, and on this basis, the Planning Service was content to approve the application.

Councillor Long expressed his concern in relation to the impact this development would have on traffic volume in the area.

Noted.

2010/724 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0014/0 – NEWTOWNBREDA PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL ROAD, NEWTOWNBREDA : SITE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING A MIXTURE OF DETACHED AND SEMI DETACHED DWELLING (AMENDED PLANS)

Councillor Hall indicated that, in light of the number of objections, he proposed that a site visit be arranged.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the scheme had been considerably modified and two of the objectors were now satisfied with the development. He added that the Planning Service was content with these modifications and was therefore not in a position to agree to a site visit.

Noted.

2010/725 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0020/0 – LAND BETWEEN 58 AND 62 UPPER MEALOUGH ROAD : SITE FOR ERECTION OF 2 DWELLINGS

Councillor Hanvey indicated that he believed that the Planning Service had taken a very narrow interpretation of PPS 21 CTY 2a, and he sought a deferral.

Councillor Duncan left the meeting at 9.03 p.m., and Councillor McCoy rejoined the meeting.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that the application had been fully considered by the Planning Service and he could therefore not agree to a deferral.

Councillor Hanvey expressed his disappointment that the Planning Service was not prepared to discuss this application further.

Councillor McCoy rejoined the meeting at 9.04 p.m.

The Planning Service Officer pointed out that there was an opportunity to discuss the application through the Planning Appeals process.

Noted.

2010/726 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0143/F – ADJACENT TO 33 CLONTONACALLY ROAD, CARRYDUFF : ALTERATION AND PART DEMOLITION OF EXISTING WORKSHOP AND STORE TO FORM HABITABLE ACCOMMODATION

Councillor Robinson asked for an office meeting to be convened in relation to the above application.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that this application had been fully considered and he was reluctant to agree to a deferral.

Alderman Rice expressed her support for a deferral.

The Planning Service Officer indicated that the application had come before the Department in March of this year and it had been posted on the website in advance of the Council meeting. He expressed the view that there had been sufficient time for representation to be made.

Councillor Robinson asked the Planning Officer to write to the new Planning Service Officer requesting an office meeting.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the Planning Service was proposing to determine this application.

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer write to the new Planning Service Officer requesting an office meeting in relation to Planning Application Y/2010/143/F, to be arranged in liaison with the Chairman and Councillor Robinson.

2010/727 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/168/0 – LISNASHARRAGH HIGH SCHOOL, STIRLING AVENUE : RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS (AMENDED PLANS)

Councillor Copeland outlined that he would like his concern placed on record that he believed that what was being proposed in this application was not what would end up being developed on the site.

The Planning Service Officer suggested that Members may wish to take this matter up directly with the SEELB, but that the Planning Service had to determine the application as it currently stood.

Councillor Bunting left the meeting at 9.09 p.m.

Alderman White stated that whilst he shared Councillor Copeland's concern, he did not want the school to be vandalised if left vacant too long, causing a nuisance to those living in neighbouring properties. He added that it was important, however, for the Planning Service to understand the need to retain the green space.

Councillor Long supported Alderman White's comments.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the drawings indicated a lay out which has been amended following objections received. He added that the development comprised a series of semi and detached units, with part of the development set back from Stirling Avenue, leaving an area of open space.

Councillor Bunting rejoined the meeting at 9.13 p.m.

Noted.

2010/728 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0354/F – FOOTPATH AT OLD DUNDONG ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 75M WEST OF ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN KINGS ROAD AND OLD DUNDONALD ROAD : TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION CONSISTING OF REPLACING APPROVED BUT NOT YET BUILT 1 12M MK3 STREETWORKS POLE WITH 1 14.8 MK3 STREETWORKS POLE WITH 3 VODAFONE ANTENNAS AND 3 02 ANTENNAS WITHIN SHROUD AND REPLACING APPROVED BUT NOY YET BUILD 1 3107 EQUIPMENT CABINET WITH 2 SPITFIRE CABINETS AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO

Councillor Skillen expressed her concern that the Planning Service was proposing to agree to the erection of telecommunication masts in such a densely populated area.

Councillor Robinson outlined that the Council had previously agreed not to support applications for the erection of new telecommunication masts within the Borough. He added that the Council had taken this stance to encourage the sharing of existing masts. He indicated that he shared Councillor Skillen's concerns, particularly as the health and safety implications had still not been clarified.

The Planning Service Officer advised that planning permission had already been granted at this site and the proposal was not to erect an additional mast, but to erect a taller mast. He added that due to the pressure put on providers to share masts, a significant number of applications were coming forward to extend the height of existing masts.

Councillor Skillen referred to the planning schedule which included a similar proposal and sought clarification as to why the Planning Service was refusing this application.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the proposal Councillor Skillen was referring to had been deemed visually intrusive.

Noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS DEFERRED

2010/729 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0150/F – 642 SAINTFIELD ROAD, CARRYDUFF : RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 22 APARTMENTS IN ONE BLOCK WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND LANDSCAPING (AMENDED SCHEME)

Councillor Hanvey expressed his disappointment that the Planning Service continued to grant approval for further developments along the Saintfield Road.

Alderman Rice noted that balconies had been incorporated into the design of the apartments, resulting in the surrounding properties being overlooked.

Councillor Long left the meeting at 9.22 p.m.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the balconies were very small with no scope for people to sit out on them.

Noted.

Councillor Long rejoined the meeting at 9.23 p.m.

**2010/730 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0381/F – 50
HILLSBOROUGH ROAD, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF 58 DWELLING
UNITS WITH 2 APARTMENT BLOCKS WITH ASSOCIATED CAR
PARKING AND LANDSCAPING (AMENDED PLANS)**

Alderman Rice outlined that despite the fact that local residents had asked Elected Members to meet with NI Water, and the Planning Service had not responded to questions in relation to planning policies, it concerned her that the Department continued to approve the above application. She asked for the application to be deferred to enable these issues to be resolved.

Councillor Long returned to the meeting at 9.24 p.m. Councillor Copeland left the meeting.

Councillor Beattie agreed that the application should be deferred to provide the Council with the opportunity to meet with the Water Service.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that the application had been considered fully, including Water Service provision, and the Planning Service was content to approve the application at this stage.

In response to a query from Alderman Beattie in respect of the questions asked at the site visit, the Planning Service Officer stated that in terms of the relationship between the position of the site and street frontage, the Planning Service was confident that this scheme would have no impact on the surrounding area, and therefore remained of the view to approve the application.

Alderman Rice outlined that a number of questions had been put to the Planning Service, in terms of density, significant number of similar developments being approved in the area, infrastructure, increased traffic volume, etc.

Councillor Hanvey stated that the Elected Representatives were entitled to a response to questions put to the Planning Service on behalf of residents. Given the lack of a response, it was therefore unreasonable for the Planning Service not to grant a deferral.

Councillor Copeland rejoined the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Alderman Rice stated that she was very disappointed in the stance taken by the Planning Service.

Noted.

2010/731 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0476/F – 50M SOUTH OF 23 LISLEEN ROAD, LISLEEN, COMBER : ERECTION OF SHED FOR STABLING OF BREEDING STALLIONS AND STORAGE OF FODDER (AMENDED PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION)

Councillor Bunting indicated that it was her understanding that the applicant had an existing site at School Road, but in line with Vet Guidelines, the stallions had to be kept separately from the brood mares. She indicated that the shed proposed by the applicant would be surrounded by planting and it would be located within the hollow of the field. She added that it would therefore be fully integrated within the landscape.

She outlined that there were three other commercial enterprises in close proximity, i.e. two catteries and a builder's yard. She added that she could not comprehend why an enterprise more akin to a rural setting such as horse breeding was being refused.

The Planning Service Officer advised that he was willing to defer making a decision for one week to enable the applicant to discuss the proposal further, and after this period, the Planning Service would proceed to determine.

Councillor Bunting stated that whilst she was disappointed with the stance taken by the Planning Service, she was pleased to hear that the Planning Service Officer was prepared to discuss the proposal with the applicant.

RESOLVED : That the Planning Service defer making a decision in relation to Planning Application Y/2009/0476/F for one week to enable the applicant to discuss the proposal further.

2010/732 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0480/F – APPROXIMATELY 200M SOUTH WEST OF 15 BALLYKEEL ROAD SOUTH, CARRYDUFF : RETENTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING WITH PROPOSED EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS INCLUDING ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE WORKS

Alderman Rice requested an office meeting and advised that the applicant had made a number of amendments and had been willing to lower the roof of the barn. If the Planning Service continued to refuse this application, the gentleman would lose his DARD licence and subsequently his farm. She added that again the Planning Service was refusing an application, based on its interpretation of planning policies.

The Planning Service Officer stated that the Department remained of the view to refuse the application.

Alderman Rice outlined that there must be some way the Planning Service could assist the applicant, given that his farm was in jeopardy.

Following further discussion, the Planning Service Officer stated that he would discuss the matter with Alderman Rice after the meeting.

Noted.

Alderman Rice left the meeting at 9.47 p.m.

2010/733 : APPEALS DECISIONS NOTIFIED

Alderman White sought clarification as to why the above applications within the schedule related to Belfast and not Castlereagh.

The Planning Service Officer apologised and advised that this had been a computer error.

Councillor Beattie indicated that the Planning Service Officer would provide Members with the correct list after the meeting.

Noted.

2010/734 : NOTES OF THE PLANNING OFFICE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/735 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED : That the Minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting held on 4 October 2010 be accepted as true and accurate record of the proceedings.

2010/736 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 14 SEPTEMBER 2010 TO 18 OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/737 : REPORT FROM THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: LAND & PROPERTY SERVICES' CHARGES (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer reported that Land and Property Services (LPS) charges were based on a time charge plus any miscellaneous expenses incurred. She referred to her report outlining in detail the current situation, in terms of charges, invoices, timescale in responding to requests for valuations, etc.

She asked Members to consider the following recommendations:

- The council requests a full breakdown of the invoices received from LPS.
- The council ascertains what exactly LPS charges for.
- In the future where necessary the Council uses alternative, competitive valuation companies.

Alderman White proposed that the Council agrees the above recommendation, and that the Officer writes to LPS expressing the Council's concerns in the strongest terms.

Councillor Copeland seconded the proposal.

The Planning Officer outlined that LPS was moving towards a full time recovery position and had advised that currently they did not charge for phone calls but will be in the future.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agrees to

- (a) write to Land & Property Services expressing concerns at the lack of detail in their invoices and to request a full breakdown of all invoices received, and to ascertain exactly what it charges for
- (b) investigate the possibility of the Council engaging private valuation companies

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2010/738 : RETIREMENT OF JOHN McCALLUM. PLANNING SERVICE OFFICER

Mrs Joan Bryson, Principal Planning Officer advised that despite cutbacks within the Planning Service, it had been agreed to appoint a full-time Planning Officer service Castlereagh. She added that unfortunately the Officer was not able to attend this evening's Council meeting.

Alderman Rice rejoined the meeting at 9.55 p.m.

The Mayor stated that she had great pleasure, on behalf of the Council, to present John with a small token of appreciation for his assistance over the past ten years. She added that she wished him well in his retirement.

The Planning Service Officer advised that he had enjoyed working with all the Councillors and also with Catharine McWhirter the Council's Planning Officer, whom he felt was a great asset to the Council.

Noted.

The Mayor resumed the Chair

ROADS

2010/739 : RESPONSE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, FOLLOWING THE LAST PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Robinson proposed that the Council accept the Roads Service invitation for Members to submit written questions prior to the presentation. He asked Officers to arrange for Members to be provided with a copy of the report at least two weeks prior to the relevant Council meeting.

Councillor Copeland seconded the proposal.

The Acting Chief Executive asked Members to note that the next presentation by the Roads Service would be at the November Council meeting.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write advising the Roads Service that Members would submit written questions in respect of the bi-annual reports, and that the reports should be made available at least two weeks prior to the relevant Council meeting.

2010/740 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: A55 KNOCK ROAD WIDENING SCHEME – PUBLIC INQUIRY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/741 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: A55 KNOCK ROAD WIDENING SCHEME – ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT, DIRECTION ORDER AND VESTING ORDER PUBLIC INQUIRIES (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/742 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE SEEKING COUNCIL'S VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A DESIGNATED DISABLED PARKING BAY AT 13 WOODVIEW PLACE, BRANIEL (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to the Roads Service expressing its support for the introduction of a designated disabled parking bay at 13 Woodview Place, Braniel.

2010/743 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: REORGANISATION OF ROADS SERVICE SECTION OFFICERS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/744 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: PUBLIC INQUIRY ON THE PROPOSED ROADS SCHEME ON THE A55 AT KNOCK ROAD BEING HELD IN THE PARK AVENUE HOTEL ON 8 NOVEMBER 2010 (circulated at the meeting)

Noted.

EDUCATION

2010/745 : RESPONSES IN RELATION TO THE LACK OF REPRESENTATION ON THE SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER, NAOMI LONG MP, NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL AND THE RT HON JEFFREY DONALDSON MP MLA (copies previously circulated)

Noted.

FINANCE

2010/746 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the under noted payments:

General Account (Suppliers)	£804,248.53
General Account (Emergency Payments)	£ 75,667.39
Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries)	£913,622.98

LEGAL

2010/747 : REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES RE: PEACE III JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE – DELEGATED AUTHORITY (copy previously circulated)

The Director of Administration & Community Services outlined that a Committee had been established to oversee the operation of the Peace III Measure 1.1 Programme. To this end, Lisburn City Council had resolved the following:

“Subject to advice from the Council’s legal advisers, and pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972, approval be given to sign a Statutory Joint Agreement between Lisburn City and Castlereagh Borough Council providing delegated authority to the Statutory Joint Committee in respect of the Implementation of Measure 1.1 of the Peace III Programme ‘Building Positive Relations at the Local Level’. Implementation to be in line with the Action Plan in this regard agreed between the two Councils.

In addition it was further agreed that the Statutory Joint Committee be given delegated authority on behalf of Lisburn City Council to progress the submission on behalf of both Councils of the Action Plan for the two Council areas relating to the second phase of the above Peace Programme Measure.”

The Director of Administration & Community Services sought Members' approval for Castlereagh Borough Council to put in place a similar arrangement.

It was proposed Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Beattie, and

RESOLVED : That the Council agree the following:

- (a) to sign a Statutory Joint Agreement between Lisburn City and Castlereagh Borough Councils, providing delegated authority to the Statutory Joint Committee in respect of the implementation of Measure 1.1 of the Peace III Programme "Building Positive Relations at the Local Level"
- (b) implementation of the above to be in line with the Action Plan agreed between the two Councils
- (c) the Statutory Joint Committee be given delegated authority on behalf of Castlereagh Borough Council to progress the submission on behalf of both Councils of the Action Plan for the two Council areas relating to the second phase of the Peace Programme Measure

MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2010/748 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously enclosed)

The Mayor advised that two engagements had been omitted from the list. She added that she would liaise with the Members' Services Officer after the meeting in order for these to be included.

Noted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

2010/749 : REPORT FROM THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER RE: COMMUNITY BENEFIT CLAUSES - REFERRED TO COUNCIL BY THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)

Alderman White outlined that he had studied the content of the above report carefully, and it was his view that it would not be appropriate to include community benefit clauses in all Council contracts, but could possibly be considered on a contract by contract basis.

Councillor Bunting outlined that whilst she understood that there may be advantages, in terms of major capital builds, it concerned her that a significant number of businesses would be precluded from undertaking contracts featuring community benefit clauses. She added that this would not only have implications for companies within the Borough but across the whole of

Northern Ireland. She expressed the view that she could therefore not support a change in the legislation.

In response to a query from Councillor Long, the Procurement Officer indicated that he was not aware if the Council had ever used these clauses in its contracts.

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that a number of years back, the Economic Development Sub-Committee had considered including Community Benefit clauses in some of its contracts. She indicated that at that time concern had been expressed in relation to Section 75, in terms of Equality Legislation, and it had been decided not to support the inclusion of Community Benefit Clauses.

Councillor Bunting proposed that the Acting Chief Executive write to NILGA and the Department of the Environment outlining the reasons why the Council was not supportive of the inclusion of Community Benefit Clauses.

Councillor Long seconded the proposal.

Councillor Bunting further proposed that in advance of writing to NILGA, Officers check the content of the Council's previous response to the Finance Bill consultation, and ascertain if it included the issue of Community Benefit Clauses. This would be necessary so as to ensure that any previous comments relayed on the part of the Council were not contradicting current discussions or suggested proposals on the matter.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that

- (a) Officers check the Council's response to the Finance Bill consultation to ascertain if it included the issue of Community Benefit Clauses
- (b) depending on the above, the Acting Chief Executive write to NILGA and the Department of the Environment outlining the Council's reasons for not supporting the inclusion of Community Benefit Clauses in contracts

Alderman Rice left the meeting at 10.16 p.m.

2010/750 : DRAFT RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER RE: COHESION, SHARING AND INTEGRATION (copy previously circulated – referred to Council by the Central Services Committee at its meeting held on 5 October 2010 – Minute No. CS/2010/241 refers)

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that a consultation evening had been held on 14 October 2010 to enable Elected Representatives to put forward their views on the above, prior to a corporate

response being submitted. She added that political parties or individual Members may wish to submit their own response.

She sought approval for the Mayor to sign the response, on behalf of the Council.

Following a proposal from Alderman White, which was seconded by Councillor Hall, it was

RESOLVED : That, approval be granted for the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the Council, the response to the Programme for Cohesions, Sharing and Integration, and that this be forwarded to the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

2010/751 : REPORT BY THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE RE: LAND & PROPERTY SERVICES LICENCE AGREEMENT WITH CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE USE OF GEOHUB ONLINE GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SERVICE (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That approval be granted for the signing of the licence agreement between Land & Property Services and Castlereagh Borough Council for the use of GEO hub online geographical information service, as part of the Council's emergency planning arrangements.

GENERAL

2010/752 : RESPONSE FROM TRANSLINK RE: PROVISION OF BUS SERVICE, NEWTOWNARDS – DUNDONALD INTERNATIONAL ICE BOWL – NEWTOWNARDS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/753 : RESPONSE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WATER RE: BUILDING OVER OR NEAR PUBLIC SEWERS (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Skillen expressed her disappointment at the above response. She asked that the Council forward a similar letter to the Department for Regional Department that had been sent to NI Water.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree

- (a) write to the Department for Regional Development requesting that it abolish the application and inspections fees in respect of works solely for the use of a disabled person, where the work has to be carried out over the top, or within 3 metres of a public sewer.

- (b) write to NI Water expressing disappointment at its response to the Council's letter in relation to the above

2010/754 : RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: CAIRNSHILL PARK AND RIDE SITE (copy previously circulated)

Alderman White outlined that, apart from locating the park and ride scheme in the wrong location, Translink had taken a ridiculous amount of time to put in place a bus service.

Noted.

2010/755 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM EDWIN POOTS MLA, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, RE: SUSPENSION OF THE FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S 11 VOLUNTARY TRANSITION COMMITTEES (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/756 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER RE: PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE LEGISLATION TO REFORM THE OFFICE OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND OMBUDSMAN (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the matter be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee along with a copy of the full consultation document, and if necessary, a full report be prepared in order to meet the submission deadline of 17 December 2010.

2010/757 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM SUSTRANS RE: COMBER GREENWAY AND DUNDONALD ICE BOWL (copy previously circulated)

It was proposed by Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Beattie, and

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to refer the correspondence from Sustrans in relation to Comber Greenway and Dundonald Ice Bowl to the next Leisure Park Board meeting for consideration.

2010/758 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM JONES & COMPANY SOLICITORS RE: APPLICATION FOR OCCASIONAL LICENCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/759 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM S G MURPHY & CO SOLICITORS RE: TRANSFER OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/760 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS RE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE BEING HELD ON FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2010 IN QUEENS HOTEL, LEEDS (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Jeffers asked his party colleagues represented on the NAC to note that the date of the NAC conference clashed with the DUP conference.

Councillor Bunting outlined that at the Finance & General Purposes Committee held in October 2010, it had been agreed to write to NAC seeking its support in dealing with an employment related matter. She added that as yet, no response had been received. She stated that Members had also asked Officers to obtain the direct and indirect costs in respect of the Council's membership of the NAC.

The Acting Chief Executive reported that she had spoken with Alderman Ronnie Ferguson, Secretary of the NI Region who had advised her that he would undertake to raise this matter with the NAC at a national level. She added that she hoped to be able to report back on this matter at the next Council meeting. She added that she did not have the detail in relation to costs, but would arrange for this information to be tabled at the next Council meeting.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that

- (a) the Acting Chief Executive report back in relation to the Council's request for legal support from the NAC
- (b) the Director of Finance report back on the costs involved in the Council's membership of the NAC

2010/761 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR A NEW SKIN CANCER PREVENTION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/762 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE'S OFFICE RE: PRIORITY LIST OF AREAS FOR SENTENCING GUIDELINES (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the correspondence from the Lord Chief Justice's Office in relation to priority list of areas for sentencing guidelines be referred to the Finance & General Purpose Committee and the Castlereagh District Policing Partnership.

2010/763 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAMPHILL COMMUNITIES TRUST (NI) RE: REACHING OUT PROJECT (copy previously circulated)

Alderman White asked that the copy of the promotional DVD as referred to in the correspondence be located.

Noted.

2010/764 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: CONSULTATION ON THE NAMING OF RAYMOND MCCREESH PARK, NEWRY (copy letter previously circulated)

Councillor Bunting expressed her abhorrence that to propose naming a public park after a terrorist was totally unacceptable, and in essence by proposing such a name, Newry & Mourne District Council was eulogising terrorist activity.

Councillor Hanvey stated that to suggest a name that was synonymous with terrorism was totally unacceptable as a park or open space was intended to be neutral and welcoming to all sections of the community

Councillor Copeland indicated that he was sure that this proposal would offend any Newry & Mourne ratepayers whose relatives had been murdered by terrorists.

Councillor Beattie expressed the view that the correspondence should be ignored and merely noted.

Councillor Bunting outlined that whilst she understood that point of view, Newry & Mourne had asked for an opinion on this proposal, and she was of the view that the Council had a responsibility to stand up for the ratepayers of Newry & Mourne District Council. She asked for the response to be drawn up and tabled at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, with the Committee being granted executive powers to approve the correspondence.

RESOLVED (unanimously) That the Council agree that the Acting Chief Executive prepare a draft response to Newry & Mourne's proposal to name a park after Raymond McCreesh. The response to be tabled at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, with the Committee being granted executive powers to approve the content.

Councillor Hanvey left the meeting at 10.40 p.m.

2010/765 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND LAW COMMISSION RE: BAIL IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS CONSULTATION PAPER (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/766 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE EQUALITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND RE: EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISABILITY DUTIES : REVIEW REPORT (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/767 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE RE: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN FOR 2011-2014 (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 10.45 p.m.

2010/768 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM SHEAN DICKSON MERRICK, SOLICITORS RE: APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A LICENCE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

ANNUAL REPORTS

2010/769 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS' SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE RE: ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010 (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2010/770 : PARADES COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

Noted.

2010/771 : NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL FIRST INDEPENDENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 AUGUST 2010

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2010/772 : ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE – ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2010

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Director of Finance be assigned the responsibilities of the Acting Chief Executive during November 2010.

2010/773 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY RE: JUSTICE (NI) BILL (copy circulated at the meeting)

Noted.

2010/774 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY RE: ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS BILL (circulated at the meeting)

Noted.

2010/775 : ARC 21 – SINGLE ELECTICITY MARKET CONSULTATION

Alderman Beattie stated that a consultation paper in respect of the above had been considered at a recent Arc 21 Joint Committee meeting, and he sought clarification as to whether the document had been considered by Council.

The Environmental Health Manager advised that the Client Manager had confirmed with him that this document had not yet come before the Council. He added that the deadline for submissions had been extended to 12 November 2010 and the Client Manager had asked if the Council would grant approval for him to table a supplementary report on the matter at the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting, and that the Committee be granted executive powers to deal with this issue.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council grants permission for the Client Manager to table a supplementary report at the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee in respect of the consultation on the Single Electricity Market, and that the Committee be granted executive powers to deal with this issue.

2010/776 : UNINSURED, UNLICENSED QUAD BICYCLE DRIVERS ON PUBLIC ROADS

Councillor Skillen outlined that the above matter had been considered at Council some months back and she asked to be provided with a copy of the letter that had been forward to the Minister for Policing & Justice in this respect, together with the response.

RESOLVED : That Council Skillen be provided with a copy of the letter which had previously been forwarded by the Council to the Minister for Policing & Justice in relation to uninsured, unlicensed quad bicycle drivers on public roads and a copy of the response.

2010/777 : BILLY NEILL SOCCER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Councillor Drysdale reported that he had noticed individuals driving off-road scramblers around the above facility, whilst cross country running was taking place. He added that apart from the health and safety issues, the noise of the bikes was impacting on the centre's business.

Alderman White outlined that the poor state of the corridor floor outside the changing facilities had been brought to his attention by a referee.

Councillor Drysdale advised that both these issues would be raised at the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting.

Noted.

2010/778 : PARKING PROBLEMS AT EAST LINK ROAD

Alderman White outlined that he was aware that the Council had previously asked the Road Service to put double yellow lines along the East Link Road, He proposed that the Council write to the PSNI seeking support in this respect.

Councillor Robinson suggested that the matter could also be raised again with the Roads Service when they attend the Council meeting in November 2010.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to the PSNI seeking support for the Council's request to the Roads Service to have double yellow lines along the East Link Road.

IN COMMITTEE

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS (copies previously circulated)

2010/779 : REPORT FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS OFFICER RE: GAS DETECTION SYSTEM – PROPOSED SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF GAS DETECTION SYSTEM AT LOUGH MOSS CENTRE, DUNDONALD INTERNATIONAL ICE BOWL, ROBINSON CENTRE AND BELVOIR ACTIVITY CENTRE (copy previously circulated)

Alderman White asked how much had been set aside in this year's estimates, and whether there was sufficient remaining to cover the cost of the works at the above centres.

The Acting Chief Executive advised that a total of just over £17,000 had been set aside within this year's capital budget. She added that the requirement to install detectors at these centres had been highlighted by the Council's insurance company, and that the work therefore was essential work.

Aldermen White asked for confirmation on the specific provision made within this financial year.

Councillor Robinson referred to the recent tragic deaths of two young people as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning and asked if the new gas detection system was designed to determine the presence of carbon monoxide. He further enquired as to the situation across all of the council facilities and also the responsibility for enforcement.

The Acting Chief Executive advised that enforcement within Council facilities was the responsibility of the Health & Safety Executive Northern Ireland. She advised that in respect of the specific queries on the ability of the proposed gas detection systems to detect carbon monoxide, she would research. If she found that the proposed systems were not designed for carbon monoxide detection then she would obtain a cost to expand detection to include them.

Councillor Robinson further asked that a report be brought to T&ES on the overall situation across all of the council facilities for carbon monoxide detection.

The Acting Chief Executive outlined that if it was found that additional detector systems had to be purchased, a further tender process may have to be carried out. However until she researched this matter it would not be possible to determine this.

Councillor McCoy proposed that when the answer to the expansion of the gas detection to include carbon monoxide detection could be given, that this and the cost be tabled at the next meeting of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree

- (a) to accept the tender from Moyola Building Services for the supply and installation of gas detection system at Lough Moss Centre, Dundonald International Ice Bowl, Robinson Centre and Belvoir Activity Centre
- (b) that in the event that Moyola Building Services withdraws, the tender submitted by Maurice Stevenson NI Ltd be accepted
- (c) The Environmental Health Manager to prepare a report in relation to the following to be tabled at the next Technical & Environmental Services Committee
 - a. the amount set aside in this year's capital budget for the required works within Leisure;
 - b. whether carbon monoxide detectors were part of the proposed gas detection system for installation in the Leisure Services facilities
 - c. if not, indicate the cost of the purchase and installation of carbon monoxide detectors in the Ice Bowl, Lough Moss, Belvoir

- and Robinson Centres, which will be progressed by the relevant leisure officers;
- d. the status of all council facilities in terms of the ability to detect carbon monoxide and also the current maintenance arrangements.

2010/780 : TENDER EVALUATION REPORT RE: INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES (copy previously circulated)

The Director of Finance referred to his report and sought approval to award the contract to Tribal.

In response to a query from Councillor Robinson, the Director of Finance undertook to investigate the matter.

Following a query from Alderman White, the Director of Finance explained that the Council's Internal Auditor's hours would be reduced to three days per week, and the savings in salary would finance the contract for internal audit services.

Alderman White proposed that the Council accept the Officer's recommendation, and this was seconded by Councillor Hall.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to award the contract for internal audit services to Tribal, as this company represented best value for money and demonstrated the necessary competence.

2010/781 : EMERGENCY PLANNING CONFERENCE 2010 BEING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 AND WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2010 AT THE MANOR HOUSE HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN (copy previously circulated)

The Director of Finance advised that the Council had previously granted approval for him to attend the above conference. He added that due to staff shortages and the fact that he was the Acting Chief Executive during November, he asked if one of the other Directors could attend in his place.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that one of the other Directors replace the Director of Finance on the Emergency Planning Conference, being held on 9 and 10 November 2010 at the Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen.

2010/782 : SALE OF BEST MEMORABILIA (CS/2010/245 refers)

The Director of Administration & Community Services updated Members on the discussion that the Administration Manager had had with Dr George Best's executors in relation to the Council's request for the return of the Freedom of the Borough award so that it could be included in the Council's display of memorabilia.

Councillor Robinson queried why this matter was being considered “In Committee” and indicated that he was considering making a statement to the press. The Director asked Councillor Robinson to contact the Administration Manager to clarify the matter prior to issuing a press statement.

Noted.

2010/783 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2010 (circulated at the meeting)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 21 October 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the deletion of “The amount would depend on population size, etc.” in page 5, paragraph 3.

2010/784 : MINUTES OF THE LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2010 (circulated at the meeting)

The Acting Chief Executive asked Members to note the staffing issues highlighted in Point 4 of the above Minutes, in terms of the Change Manager and the Committee Clerk. She added that these matters would be considered at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.15 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR