

## **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 23 September 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

**COUNCILLORS:** AM Beattie  
J Bunting  
M Chambers  
J Cochrane  
M Copeland  
S Duncan  
D Drysdale  
C Hall  
B Hanvey  
R Hughes MBE  
T Jeffers  
M Long  
G Robinson  
S Skillen  
J Spratt  
C Tosh

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

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received on behalf of Alderman Henderson MBE and Councillor Walker

### **2010/621 : OPENING OF THE MEETING**

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

Noted.

### **2010/622 : MINUTES**

RESOLVED : That

- (a) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 August 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:
- Minute No 2010/521: P3, replace “Reverend Paul Linkens” with “Alderman J Norris MBE”
  - Minute No 2010/542: P12 after 1<sup>st</sup> Para add “Councillor Spratt returned to the meeting”
  - Minute No 2010/542: P12 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Para change “onto the Comber Road” to “onto the East Link Road”.
  - Minute No 2010/544: P12 after “Noted” add “Councillor Bunting returned to the meeting”

Councillor Spratt left the meeting at 7.10 pm

- (b) That the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 16 September 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:
- Page 1 - The inclusion of Councillor Chambers in the list of apologies
  - Minute No 2010/617: Page 2, 6<sup>th</sup> Para, after “Ms Clelland advised that buildings” insert “over 1,000 sq m” and after “energy certificate” insert “known as a Display Energy Certificate”.
- (c) That the Minutes of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 7 September 2010 meeting be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings:
- (d) That the Minutes of the Central Services Committee meeting of 7 September 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment:
- Minute CS/2010/192, Page 7 that the resolution be changed as follows:

RESOLVED: that the M&E Engineer be asked to

- (a) check the costs involved in repairs to the lift and, if these are considered reasonable, then proceed with the repairs
- (b) investigate the source of the smell in the lift and report back to Committee in this regard.

Councillor Spratt returned to the meeting at 7.14 pm

- (e) That minutes of the Leisure Services Committee of 9 September 2010 be deferred and considered “In Committee”:
- (f) that the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9 September 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:
- Page 1 that Councillor Drysdale be included in the list of apologies
  - Minute No F&GP/2010/190: Page 1, that after “Councillor Robinson” insert “on the basis that they were Members of the Hanwood Trust Board (Minute No F&GP/2010/205 refers)”

Councillors AM Beattie and Skillen left the meeting at 7.25 pm and returned at 7.26 pm

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

#### **2010/623 : DISCUSSIONS IN COMMITTEE (Minute No T&ESC/2010/295 refers)**

Councillor Jeffers stated that, despite the fact that discussions at the Technical & Environmental Services Committee had been held in committee, an article had appeared in a local magazine that quoted in detail from the officer’s report presented to the meeting. The Mayor reminded Members of their responsibility to observe Council procedures and, in particular, not to place in the public domain any item discussed in committee until after the minutes had been ratified and adopted.

Noted.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **2010/624 : PRESENTATION BY LIBRARIES NI**

The Mayor welcomed Ms Irene Knox, Chief Executive, Ms Adrienne Adair, Business Manager & Dr David Elliott, Chairperson to the meeting.

Ms Knox thanked the Council for the invitation to come along to the meeting. She reported that Belvoir, Braniel and Gilnahirk Libraries had closed at the end of June and that Tullycarnet Library remained open but that this was subject to review. She advised that the opening hours of Tullycarnet would be reviewed and that targets would be set to increase usage. She stated that LibrariesNI had agreed to explore the potential for partnership working with other stake holders with a view to increasing community involvement.

With regard to Belvoir, Braniel and Gilnahirk, Ms Knox stated that mobile library provision had been made available to ensure that people still had access to the library service. She also advised that special provision had been made for a number of homes where there were vulnerable people who could not access other libraries.

Ms Knox reported that, with regard to opening hours at Tullycarnet, a consultation exercise had been carried out in August 2010 to consider revised opening hours as well as activities and events that people would like to see being held in the library. She stated that the library would be open on a Thursday evening and Saturday morning as well as at other busy periods. In order to increase library usage, a programme of events leading up to Christmas had been put in place. The programme included workshops on using the online library catalogue; workshops on using the internet to explore family history; free online access; sessions to introduce senior citizens to ICT; sessions in creative writing; craft workshops; and a visit by an author.

She advised that a working group was being set up to investigate how to increase usage and this group would include representatives of other stakeholders. She invited the Council to nominate a representative to the working group. She also stated that the level of vandalism at the library was a matter of concern and would be one of the issues addressed by the working group.

The Mayor then opened the meeting to Members' questions.

Councillor Spratt thanked the Chief Executive of LibrariesNI for her presentation. He referred to the closure of libraries and stated that LibrariesNI had not listened or taken account of the views of Council in that regard. The LibrariesNI Chairperson, Dr Elliott, stated that no one joined the library service to close libraries and it had been a difficult decision for the Board. He stated that LibrariesNI wished to focus now on Tullycarnet library, which had been designated for closure but had been kept open, with a view to improving community involvement and increasing usage.

Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 7.35 pm

Councillor Long stated that, during the consultation held prior to the closure of libraries, LibrariesNI had stated that no decisions had been taken. He stated that it was disappointing that no further consultation had been held regarding the proposals to close libraries. He stated that a major resource had been lost in Belvoir, Braniel and Gilnahirk and local people were still contacting Council Members to protest about the closures. Councillor Long stated that many people were not aware of the mobile library provision and he queried how this had been promoted.

Councillor Robinson returned to the meeting at 7.37 pm

Councillor Long stated that it would be useful for LibrariesNI to look at shared facilities and felt that the Council could be involved in that. He enquired whether there was any indication that libraries were being used by people who did not own computers or who could not study in their own homes. He referred to government cuts in services and enquired whether, given that there had already been cuts in the library service in Castlereaugh, there would be any further cuts in future years. He also enquired whether LibrariesNI had had any discussions with Translink to improve the poor transport links within the Borough that would hinder people from accessing

libraries. He felt that it was a retrograde step to reduce hours in Tullycarnet Library and considered that reduced hours would lead to a further decrease in usage.

Councillor AM Beattie left the meeting at 7.40 pm

Dr Elliott stated that decisions to close libraries had not been made in advance of the consultation process and that this process had been extended to facilitate responses. He stated that he hoped that reduced hours in Tullycarnet would not lead to further reduction in usage and confirmed that LibrariesNI would be working hard in an effort to increase usage.

With regard to promotion of the mobile library services in Belvoir, Braniel and Gilnahirk, Ms Adair reported that this had included leaflets handed out to library customers before the libraries had closed; information displayed in local shops and community facilities; notices in local papers; and notices also in other nearby libraries. She also stated that the mobile libraries were parked at the same locations as the closed libraries. She indicated that PR activities would be kept under review. With regard to Tullycarnet, she stated that the Board had considered this service in depth. She indicated that one of its concerns was that vandalism had affected library usage.

With regard to use of computers in libraries, Ms Knox stated that the library service did not record the socio-economic background of people using its computers but she would be aware that many did not have access to computers at home. She said that free access to computers had become more important in a time of economic recession when people were using them to seek employment. She reported that LibrariesNI provided 1 to 1 support sessions for people who were not familiar with the internet. She also stated that the computers from libraries that had been closed had been distributed around other libraries.

Councillor Bunting left the meeting at 7.45 pm

With regard to further budget cuts, Ms Knox confirmed that the Department had indicated that there would be a 17% reduction in the budget over a four year period and this amounted to approximately £12.5m. She stated that this would be on top of the previous reduction in the budget in 2009/10. She advised that the cumulative reduction in the budget over a six year period was 23%, which represented a sum of approximately £20m, and the scale of this reduction was bound to have an impact on library services.

Councillor Long enquired whether libraries in Belfast would now be better protected than other areas of Northern Ireland on the basis that they had already had their share of the cuts. Ms Knox responded that the closures affecting Belfast had been phase 1 of the review of library provision and phase 2 had now started and this covered the rest of Northern Ireland. With regard to further budget reductions she advised that the figure presently available were indicative and, until firm figures were available, it was not possible to predict where and how services would be affected.

Councillor Bunting returned to the meeting at 7.48 pm

With regard to bus routes, Ms Knox confirmed that she had discussed this issue with Translink but that they did not consider that additional bus routes within the Borough would be viable.

Alderman White and Councillor Hanvey left the meeting at 7.49 pm

Councillor Duncan stated that, within 2 weeks of the mobile service commencing in Belvoir, it had been cut by 1 hour. She stated that she had been asked if volunteers could be trained with a view to opening a community library in Braniel Community Centre where children and their parents could access books, including audio books, and where children and young people could come to study and do homework.

Councillor Duncan referred to proposals to extend and refurbish Newtownbreda library and doubted whether these plans would go ahead in view of the possibility of further budget reductions. She enquired whether LibrariesNI had considered using volunteers for service provision in the same way as CAB. She expressed concern about a planned review of the mobile library service. Finally, Councillor Duncan referred to LibrariesNI's corporate plan that stated that its overall vision was to have libraries at the heart of the community and she felt that this was not possible if closure of libraries continued.

Alderman White returned to the meeting and Councillor Cochrane arrived at 7.55 pm

Ms Adair stated that the hours for mobile library service were 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and she would check to see if there had been any reduction in these hours in Belvoir. Ms Knox confirmed that proposals to develop Newtownbreda had been included in LibrariesNI's three year plan. She stated that there were already Friends of Libraries groups in Northern Ireland and LibrariesNI would be exploring the possibilities of working with these groups to improve services. She stated that a review of mobile library provision would be taking place in Phase 3 of the current strategic review. She referred to the service's corporate plan and stated that no one wanted to have to close libraries but that the level of savings required of LibrariesNI meant that they had to look at viable libraries and levels of usage.

Councillor Hall referred to the closure of the library in Belvoir and stated that people were still raising this as a matter of concern. He asked LibrariesNI to consider reviewing this decision even at this late stage.

Councillor Skillen also expressed disappointment at the closure of libraries in the Borough. With regard to the programme of events at Tullycarnet library, she enquired how this had been advertised and indicated that she could provide LibrariesNI with contact details for local groups.

Councillor Beattie returned to the meeting at 8.00 pm

Ms Knox thanked Councillor Skillen for the useful contacts. Ms Adair stated that Tullycarnet had previously been a very busy library but that usage had dropped substantially in recent years. She advised that a marketing plan was being put together and would include a mailshot to all houses as well as advertisements in local papers. Dr Elliott advised that one of the reasons why the Board had kept Tullycarnet open was the commitment on the part of the Board's Executive Officers to engage with the community to increase user numbers.

Councillors AM Beattie, Skillen and Spratt left the meeting at 8.01 pm

Councillor Copeland enquired whether the savings required by LibrariesNI were inclusive or exclusive of monies obtained from the disposal of properties. He also indicated that he was not aware of any cuts made during times of difficulty being reversed when the economy improved again.

Alderman White emphasised the need to promote Tullycarnet library services particularly in the Gilnahirk area and further along the Old Dundonald Road towards the Comber Road and he made the point that a lot of people were not aware that the library existed. He also stated that people needed to be made aware of how they could engage with the working group to express their views

Councillors AM Beattie and Skillen returned to the meeting and Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 8.05 pm

Ms Knox asked that Members liaise with Ms Adair after the meeting to discuss involvement with the working group. Ms Adair stated that another idea had been to form a local area group or a consumer focus group in order to ensure that services provided were ones that people wanted.

Councillor Spratt returned to the meeting at 8.06 pm

In this connection Councillors Jeffers and Robinson referred to the Tullycarnet Neighbourhood Partnership. Councillor Robinson stated that the Group had invited a representative from the Library Service to join with it but that invitation had not been taken up. Ms Knox indicated that she had not been aware of the invitation but that the service would be keen to work with the group to improve services at Tullycarnet. Councillor Robinson made the point that Tullycarnet had been designated an area of social and economic deprivation and stated that the library service was an extremely valuable resource for the area.

Councillor Drysdale referred to comments about vandalism at or around the library. He stated that there was a broad mix of people in Tullycarnet who used the library and the estate was one of the best kept estates in the Greater Belfast area and, over the years of the troubles, there had been very little unrest or disturbances in the estate.

The Mayor then thanked the representatives of LibrariesNI for their attendance and they then left the meeting.

Councillor Hanvey returned to the meeting at 8.11 pm. Councillor Drysdale left the meeting at 8.12 pm

**2010/625 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 13 AUGUST 2010 FROM UNISON RE: LOVE YOUR LIBRARIES – THE PEOPLE’S INQUIRY INTO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES – A REPORT FOR UNISON (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**PLANNING**

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

**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

**2010/626 : PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN**

The Planning Service Officer advised that Planning Application Y/2008/0461/F had been withdrawn from the schedule. He also advised that Planning Application Y/2010/0258/F had been included in the schedule in error and was being withdrawn at this stage as a matter of procedure. He apologise for this error.

Noted.

Councillor Drysdale returned to the meeting at 8.16 pm

**2010/627 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – PLANNING**

Councillor Bunting declared an interest in Planning Application Y/2010/0159/F on the basis that she was related to the applicant.

Noted.

**2010/628 : APPLICATION NO Y/2008/0461F: 31-33 NEWTOWNBREDA ROAD, BELFAST, BT8 6BQ – RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 8 NO ‘ECO’ APARTMENTS AND 1 NO ‘ECO’ TOWNHOUSE (TO INCLUDE DEMOLITION OF NUMBERS 31-33 NEWTOWNBREDA ROAD 7 STORAGE SHEDS) (AMENDED PLANS)**

Councillor Duncan expressed disappointment at the Planning Service’s approval of this application and stated that it was further destruction of the character of Newtownbreda village. Councillor Spratt stated that he had contacted the Minister who, although he could not comment on an individual application, had indicated that he would come and have a walk around the village to view developments within it.

Councillor Chambers referred to a previous campaign to have Newtownbreda village categorised as an area of special character. She stated that there had been an assurance that there would be no further

developments in the village similar to those that had already impacted upon the character of the village. She asked that the Council do everything possible to object to this approval being granted and to take advice with regard to the Department having overturned its guarantee that this type of development would not be allowed to happen.

Councillor Hall made the point that the buildings being demolished were the original cottages in the village. He stated that all the residents in Newtownbreda were opposed to the development. Alderman Rice suggested that the application be referred by the Council to the Management Board. Alderman Beattie recalled that the Council had received a letter of assurance that this type of development would not happen and suggested that this letter be found and copied to the Management Board.

Councillor Copeland returned to the meeting at 8.25 pm

The Planning Service Officer stated that the views and concerns expressed by those objecting to the application had been taken into account but that the application had to be dealt with in terms of the planning context.

Councillor Hanvey stated that the Planning Service was making decisions on an application by application basis and was not taking a holistic approach. He stated that in Dundonald village there had been a systematic removal of old buildings of character and their replacement with apartment blocks. He referred to other forthcoming applications affecting Newtownbreda and asked the Planning Service to take into consideration their impact on the character of the village. He feared a domino effect in that, if this application went ahead, other similar ones would follow.

After discussion it was proposed by Alderman Rice, seconded by Councillor Spratt and unanimously

RESOLVED:

- (a) that this application be referred by the Council to the Management Board
- (b) that the Council write to the Department asking that it take action to stop the continuing destruction of the character of Newtownbreda village
- (c) that the letter previously sent to the Council giving an assurance about the retention of the character of the village be located and copied to the Department and to the Planning Service

Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 8.30 pm

**2010/629 : APPLICATION NO. Y/2009/0285/F: 15-19 BALLYGOWAN ROAD, CARNAMUCK, BELFAST – PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF NUMBERS 17 & 19 BALLYGOWAN ROAD AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 31 NO. 3 PERSON 2 BEDROOM ‘ECO’**

**APARTMENTS (RETAINING NUMBER 15) (AMENDED PLAN, AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP)**

Councillor McCoy expressed disappointment that the Planning Service had not changed its opinion on this application despite the issues raised at the site meeting. Councillor Long concurred with Councillor McCoy and stated that it was a very badly designed development.

Noted.

**2010/630 : APPLICATION Y/2009/0398/O: ADJACENT TO 33 CLONTONACALLY ROAD, CARRYDUFF, CO DOWN – SITE FOR ERECTION OF SINGLE DWELLING WITH NEW ACCESS TO INCLUDE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING WORKSHOP AND STORE UNDER CTY3 PPS21 (REDUNDANT BUILDING)**

Alderman Rice requested a deferral of this application to enable the applicant to furnish additional information. The Planning Service Officer stated that he could not agree to a deferral as planners had already considered additional correspondence from the applicant and he did not feel that there was a case to be made for the proposal.

Noted.

Councillor Copeland returned to the meeting at 8.35 pm.

**2010/631 : APPLICATION NO Y/2009/0399/O: 21 CLONTONACALLY ROAD, CARRYDUFF, CO. DOWN – ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING**

Alderman Rice requested a deferral of this application to allow the applicant to furnish additional information. The Planning Service Officer advised that he could not agree to a deferral as the planners were satisfied that the decision to refuse was appropriate.

Noted.

**2010/632 : APPLICATION NO Y/2009/0196F: 29-81 CHURCH ROAD, CASTLEREAGH, BELFAST, BT8 7AN – ERECTION OF 19 NO. APARTMENTS IN 2 NO. BLOCKS CONTAINING 8 UNITS WITH PARKING BELOW (DEMOLITION OF 2 NO. DETACHED DWELLINGS) (AMENDED P1 FORM AND LANDSCAPE DRAWING)**

Councillor AM Beattie requested a deferral of this application to allow an office meeting to be held. Councillor Hall supported this requested. The Planning Service Officer agreed that there were issues that could be clarified at an office meeting.

RESOLVED: that an office meeting be arranged to consider this application.

Councillor Bunting left the meeting at 8.40 pm

**2010/633 : APPLICATION NO. Y/2010/0177/F: 71a MONLOUGH ROAD, MONEYREAGH, CO DOWN, BT23 5BZ – CHANGE OF USE FROM VERNACULAR BUILDING TO DWELLING UNDER PPS21 POLICY CTY4**

Alderman Rice requested a deferral of this application. She stated that the neighbour objecting to the proposal lived 16 metres away and the building was a very well kept cottage. Councillor Spratt indicated that he would oppose any request for a deferral and requested a vote on the matter. The Planning Service Officer advised that all representations regarding the application had been fully considered and he was not willing to allow a deferral.

Councillor Long expressed disappointment that a Member's request for deferral had been turned down and suggested that a site visit would provide the opportunity to clarify all the issues.

It was proposed by Councillor Spratt and seconded by Alderman Beattie that the Council agree with the planners' decision regarding this application.

Councillor Hanvey asked that his concerns about the Planning Service Officer's refusal of a Member's legitimate request for a deferral be recorded.

The proposal was then put to the meeting and 13 Members voted in favour and 6 against.

Alderman Beattie made the point that there had quite often been division within the Council regarding requests for site visits and, even when the Council was in agreement about a request, this was on occasions turned down by the Planning Service

RESOLVED: that the Council agree with the planning decision relating to application no. Y/2010/0177/F

Alderman White and Councillor Skillen left the meeting at 8.52 pm

**2010/634 : APPLICATION NO 7/2010/0273/F: 19 CARNAMENA AVENUE, CASTLEREAGH, BELFAST, BT6 6PJ – ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS. PROPOSAL ALSO INCLUDES A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION PLUS ALTERATIONS (AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUS PLANNING PROPOSAL APPROVED UNDER Y/2010/0049/F)**

The Planning Service Officer advised that planners had taken into account a late objection to this application when coming to their decision. Councillor Long considered the Planning Service had moved too quickly in approving this application and had not allowed enough latitude for objections to be made.

Noted.

Councillor Bunting returned to the meeting.

Alderman Rice left the meeting at 8.53 pm

**2010/635 : APPLICATION NO 7/2010/0322/F: FOOTPATH APPROXIMATELY 55M EAST OF JUNCTION OF UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD AND BURTON AVENUE, DUNDONALD, BT16 1RN – TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING OF REPLACING APPROVED BUT NOT YET BUILT 14.3M HIGH MK2 STREETWORKS POLE WITH 1 NO. 14.9M HIGH MK3 STREETWORKS POLE WITH 3 NO. VODAFONE AND 3 NO. 02 ANTENNAS WITHIN SHROUD AND REPLACING APPROVED BUT NOT YET BUILT 1 NO. 3107 EQUIPMENT CABINET WITH 1 NO. VULCAN EQUIPMENT CABINET AND ALIFABS METER CABINET AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO**

In response to a query by Councillor Jeffers, the Planning Service Officer advised that an existing approval for telecommunications equipment was being amended so that it could be used by two of the providers rather than just one.

Noted.

Councillors Drysdale and McCoy left the meeting at 8.55 pm

**2010/636 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2010 (copy tabled at the meeting)**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting of 22 September 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings

**2010/ NOTES OF AN OFFICE MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2010 (copy tabled at the meeting)**

Noted.

**2010/637 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 31 AUGUST 2010 TO 13 SEPTEMBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/638 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: THE PLANNING (FEES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) (S.R.2010 NO.297) (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

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

**2010/639 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 20 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM AMEY PLC RE: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT – CRAIGANTLET CROSSROADS, CO. DOWN**

The Planning Officer reported that correspondence had been received from Amey plc who, on behalf of Roads Service, were carrying out an initial Environmental Scoping Assessment in respect of a proposal to replace the Hollywood Road/Dunlady road crossroads with a roundabout as well as providing a roundabout at the junction of Ballymascaw Road and Whinney Hill Road.

RESOLVED: that, if Members had any comments or views on this proposal, they should forward these to the Planning Officer to enable her to make a response on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Long left the meeting and Alderman White and Councillor McCoy returned to the meeting at 8.56 pm

**2010/640 : EMAIL DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: WATER (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1999 – NEW APPLICATION**

The Planning Officer reported that an email had been received from the Department of the Environment advising that it had received an application from Northern Ireland Water to review the existing consent for Newtownbreda Waste Water Treatment Works. The Department had included a copy of the application and related plan and had invited the Council to submit written comments with 28 days.

Councillor Hanvey enquired whether a response had been received to the Council's request by Members in Castlereagh South for a meeting with NI Water. The Planning Officer reported that NI Water had agreed to come to that meeting but that she was still awaiting a response from the Rivers Agency.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that, if Members had any comments or views regarding the application for review of the existing consent for Newtownbreda Waste Water Treatment Works, they should forward these to the Planning Officer to enable her to respond on behalf of the Council.
- (b) that the Council ask NI Water and the Rivers Agency to attend a special meeting as soon as possible to discuss matters of concern.

Councillor Skillen returned to the meeting at 9.00 pm and Councillors Drysdale and Long returned at 9.03 pm

**2010/641 : RETIREMENT OF PLANNING SERVICE OFFICER**

The Chair advised Members that the next Council meeting would be the last one attended by the Planning Service Officer.

It was proposed by Councillor Spratt and seconded by Councillor Drysdale that, to mark his retirement, the Council should present the Planning Service

officer with a plaque and the Mayor should be asked to consider presenting an appropriate gift.

Councillor Hanvey suggested that, in view of the officer's many years of service to the Council, Members might consider organising a collection.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council present the Planning Service Officer with a plaque at the next Council meeting
- (b) that the Mayor be asked to consider an appropriate gift for presentation to the Planning Service Officer
- (c) that Party Whips organise a collection amongst Members

The Mayor then resumed the Chair

## ROADS

**2010/642 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 27 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: A55 KNOCK ROAD, BELFAST WIDENING SCHEME – ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT, DIRECTION ORDER AND VESTING ORDER PUBLIC INQUIRIES (copy previously circulated)**

(Councillor Long declared an interest in this item and left the room at 9.09 pm)

Noted.

Alderman Norris and Councillors Beattie and Jeffers left the meeting at 9.10 pm

**2010/643 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 1 JULY 2010 FROM ROADS SERVICE RE: QUEENSWAY, CARRYDUFF (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/644 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 24 AUGUST 2010 FROM NILGA RE: SALTING AND GRITTING OF FOOTWAYS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/645 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 15 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: PARK & RIDE FACILITY AT CAIRNSHILL (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

## EDUCATION

**2010/646 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD RE: DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL 218 – DUNDONALD PRIMARY SCHOOL (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Robinson suggested that the Council write to the Board to express its support for the proposal to provide a nursery unit at Dundonald Primary School.

Councillor McCoy referred to the proposal to decrease provision at Braniel Primary School from 78 places to 52 full time places and asked that the Council write to the Board seeking clarification on the make-up of the 78 places.

Councillor Skillen suggested that each Member representing Castlereagh East should write to the Board welcoming the proposal for a nursery unit at Dundonald Primary School. She suggested that it would be helpful for officers to prepare a draft letter for Members to send.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Council write to the South Eastern Education & Library Board expressing its support for the proposal to provide a nursery unit at Dundonald Primary School
- (b) that each Member from Castlereagh East send a letter supporting the nursery unit proposal to the Board, with a draft letter to be used by Members being prepared by officers.
- (c) that the Council write separately to the South Eastern Education & Library Board seeking clarification as to the make-up of the 78 places at Braniel Primary School that it was proposing to reduce to 52 full time places.

Councillor Jeffers returned to the meeting at 9.12 pm. Alderman Norris, Councillors Beattie and Long returned to the meeting at 9.14 pm approximately.

Councillors Duncan and Hanvey left the meeting at 9.15 pm

## HOUSING

**2010/647 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 20 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE RE: BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC AND MIGRANT WORKER MAPPING UPDATE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/648 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM CLANMIL HOUSING ASSOCIATION RE: CLANMIL HOUSING ASSOCIATION COMMUNIQUE NEWSLETTER (copy previously circulated).**

Alderman White objected to the fact that this correspondence had been circulated twice to Members. The Acting Chief Executive explained that part of the correspondence has been omitted when first copied and so it had been recopied.

Noted.

**FINANCE**

**2010/649 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the undernoted payments:

General Account (Suppliers)	£954,823.85
General Account (Emergency Payments)	£13,689.51
Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries)	£836,058.57

**2010/650 : LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION COSTS – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (copy previously circulated)**

The Director of Finance advised that details of the by-election costs were now being presented for Members' information. Councillor Spratt stated that this money could have been better spent on facilities within the Council area and he referred to comments made by Councillor Tosh in the press regarding the costs of a by-election. Councillor Tosh responded that he had not been the Member who had requested the by-election.

Alderman Rice and Councillor Duncan returned to the meeting at 9.20 pm

In response to a query by Alderman Beattie regarding the amount specified for venue, the Director of Finance explained that this was the cost of hiring the Ice Bowl for 2 days.

Following further discussion on this matter the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.25 pm

The meeting was reconvened at 9.35 pm. Alderman Rice and Councillors Copeland and Tosh left the meeting at 9.35 pm

**MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

**2010/651 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**GENERAL**

**2010/652 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 3 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/653 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & PERSONNEL RE: CARBON MONOXIDE MONITORS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/654 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 3 AUGUST 2010 FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WATER RE: SAFETY AT KNOCKBRACKEN RESERVOIR (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/655 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED AUGUST 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY RE: THE FORMER BELVOIR CLINIC BUILDING (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Duncan recognised that funding would probably be an issue but enquired whether the Council could investigate using the former Belvoir Clinic building as a community centre and a venue for the youth club. Alderman Beattie stated that costs would have to be checked out as well as identifying potential user groups. Councillor Robinson stated that, while he did not oppose the proposal, he felt that it would be a waste of officers' time investigating the proposal if there were not going to be funds available to proceed with it.

Councillor Hughes spoke in support of the proposal for a community facility. Alderman White stated that there did not seem to be any indication from Belvoir Community Association that they would wish to have a community facility at the site. Councillor Chambers warned against raising expectations in the community if the Council was not in a financial position to proceed with any development.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the possibility of using the former Belvoir Clinic building as a community facility be referred to the Council's Community Services Department for further investigation.

**2010/656 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 8 JULY 2010 (RECEIVED ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2010) FROM FARRANS RE: WATER MAIN LAYING AND REFURBISHMENT (copy previously circulated)**

The Mayor referred to the inclusion of Ladas Drive in the list of streets and asked that more specific information be obtained as to the areas affected by the works.

RESOLVED: that the Council seek more specific information from Farrans regarding the areas in the Borough that would be affected by water main laying and refurbishment.

**2010/657 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 31 AUGUST 2010 FROM LARNE BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: PURCHASE AND ERECTION OF FLAGS, BUNTING AND EMBLEMS (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: that this correspondence be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting for consideration.

**2010/658 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 9 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM PSNI RE: FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE 'C' DISTRICT ESTATE (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Spratt welcomed the decentralisation of CID and its amalgamation with local Neighbourhood Policing Teams. He expressed concern about the move of the District Command and Business Services to Bangor and the consolidation of Occurrence Case Management Teams between Bangor and Newtownards to be based in Newtownards. He felt that Castlereagh was being left out of the picture in terms of response policing. He referred to a recent night-time incident at the Golf Club and the fact that the police did not attend until the next day. He suggested that the matters of concern be referred to the DPP.

Councillor Copeland returned to the meeting at 9.55 pm

Councillor Spratt referred to the closure of Carryduff station and stated that he was not aware of any consultation having taken place before the closure.

Councillor Bunting advised that the Policing Board had sought the views of the DPP regarding these issues. The DPP had expressed concern about how the closure of the station was going to affect policing in the Borough and had asked that other options be considered before the station was closed. She suggested that, if the Council was responding to the PSNI correspondence, it should take into account comments already made by the DPP.

RESOLVED: that the Council respond to PSNI regarding the matters detailed above and taking into account comments already made by the DPP.

**2010/659 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: CLOSED LANDFILL SITES (copy previously circulated)**

The Client Services Manager advised that this matter would be coming before the Technical & Environmental Services Committee for consideration.

Noted.

**2010/660 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BUS AND COACH CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS AND IN RELATION TO VEHICLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS AND SPEED LIMITERS ON NI PRISON SERVICE VEHICLES (copy previously circulated)**

Councillor Bunting enquired whether there would be issues about installing speed limiters on NI Prison Service vehicles on the basis that security incidents could occur requiring the driver of a prison services vehicle to increase its speed.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Bunting be forwarded copy of the consultation documents so that she could investigate the issue of speed limiters on NI Prison Service vehicles.

**2010/661 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSAL FOR THE COLERAINE (TRANSFER OF HARBOUR UNDERTAKING) ORDER (NI) – A CONSULTATION PAPER (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/662 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RE: MAPPING VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/663 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 5 JULY 2010 FROM BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: PRESBYTERIAN MUTUAL SOCIETY (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/664 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 26 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER RE: PRESBYTERIAN MUTUAL SOCIETY (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/665 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 24 AUGUST 2010 FROM NILGA RE: COMMUNITY BENEFIT CLAUSES IN COUNCIL CONTRACTS (copy previously circulated)**

The Acting Chief Executive reported that NILGA would be meeting within the next week to consider this issue and NILGA had suggested that the Council should postpone any decision on the matter until after that meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Council postpone consideration of the issue of community benefit clauses in Council contracts until after a forthcoming meeting of NILGA.

**2010/666 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 17 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM NILGA RE: MAXIMISING THE IMPACT OF EU FUNDS – ENERGISING GROWTH CONFERENCE IN HILTON HOTEL, TEMPLEPATRICK, ON 27 OCTOBER 2010 (copy previously circulated)**

After discussion, it was

RESOLVED: that the General Manager Leisure & Marketing, the Economic Development Manager, Alderman J Beattie (Chair of F&GP Committee) and Councillor T Jeffers (Chair of the Peace III) be appointed to attend the above conference.

**2010/667 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 26 AUGUST 2010 FROM CONSUMER FOCUS POST RE: FIRST CLASS MAIL – NEXT WORKING DAY SERVICE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/668 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 31 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY RE: WINTER FUEL PAYMENT, NORTHERN IRELAND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/669 : CORRESPONDENCED DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE SOMME ASSOCIATION RE: 2011 SOMME PIGLRIMAGE FOR THE 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (copy previously circulated)**

Noted

**2010/670 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 13 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE SOMME ASSOCIATION RE: PEACE III EVENTS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/671 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 21 JUNE 2010 FROM LISBURN CITY COUNCIL RE: VOLUNTARY TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING JULY & AUGUST (copy tabled at the meeting)**

Noted.

**2010/672 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: CONSULTATION ON SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION THERAPY ACTION PLAN 2010-2012 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/673 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE AGENCY RE: NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/674 : CORRESPONDENCE 27 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON THE EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE MANURE EFFICIENCY AND TECHNOLOGY SCHEME (METS) TRANCHE 2 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/675 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 23 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING RE: CONSULTATION ON SUCCESS THROUGH STEM (copy previously circulated)**

**2010/676 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED AUGUST 2010 FROM NO NEED FOR NUCLEAR RE: NO NEED FOR NUCLEAR – HOUSE OF COMMONS EARLY DAY MOTION NO. 557 (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/677 : LEAFLET FROM GREYSTONES TOWN COUNCIL RE: 2010 AUTUMN SEMINAR 'LOCAL DEMOCRACY IN CHANGING TIMES' (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/678 : EMAIL DATED 31 AUGUST 2010 FROM THE MARINE TEAM, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A NEW MARINE LICENSING SYSTEM (copy previously circulated)**

**2010/679 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 30 APRIL 2010 FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WATER RE: NORTHERN IRELAND WATER IN-HOUSE MAGAZINE ENTITLED 'WATERLINE' (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/680 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM NORTHERN IRELAND STATISTICS & RESEARCH AGENCY RE: 2011 CENSUS RECRUITMENT (copy previously circulated)**

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to allow the display of promotional material relating to the recruitment of people to assist with the 2011 Census in its offices.

**2010/681 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2010 RE: NO PRICE INCREASE FOR PHOENIX SUPPLY CUSTOMERS (copy previously circulated)**

Noted.

**2010/682 : MINUTES OF LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 9 SEPTEMBER 2010 (deferred from earlier in the meeting)**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting of 9 September 2010 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:

- Page 1 – Inclusion of councillor Drysdale in the list of apologies
- Minute No LS/2010/92, Page 8, to be referred back to the Committee with a view to abandoning the current tender process on the basis of quality and expertise and undertaking further negotiations

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**2010/683 : FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN CLOSED LANDFILL SITES IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Client Services Manager reported that a Framework Agreement was being drawn up between the Department of the Environment and five Councils including Castlereagh in relation to 5 named landfill sites that had been formally closed between 2001 and 2004. He asked for the Council's agreement that this be referred to the Council's Technical & Environmental Services Committee

RESOLVED: that the Framework Agreement relating to landfill sites closed between 2001 and 2004 be referred to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee and that delegated authority be given to the Committee to deal with this matter.

**2010/684 : BALLYBEEN ACTIVITY CENTRE**

The Director of Administration & Community Services reported that, although it had initially been thought that the Council could join in the Housing Executive's tender for demolition of properties at Ballybeen, she had now been advised that this was not possible because the terms of the tender had been agreed before the inclusion of Ballybeen Activity Centre.

The Director advised that the Council did have the option to negotiate directly with the contractor with a view to achieving the same rates as the Housing Executive. She advised that this would mean that the Council would have to draw up its own specification and would have to project manage the work and this would have an impact on staff resources.

In response to a query by Councillor Chambers regarding possible delay to the demolition of the Centre, the Director advised that the application to demolish had been submitted and officers had met with the contractor on site to assess what was required. She advised that, even if the Council had been able to join in with the Housing Executive's tender, demolition of the Centre would have occurred fairly late in the schedule.

Alderman White confirmed that demolition of other buildings in the area would take some months and stated that it was worth the Council taking the necessary time at this stage to negotiate reasonable terms with the contractor.

In response to a query by Councillor Spratt regarding the need for a fence around the site, the Director reported that she had been advised by the Planning Officer that might be required for planning purposes. Councillor Robinson stated that the Council would have to fence off the site from a public liability point of view.

It was proposed by Alderman White, seconded by Councillor Spratt and

**RESOLVED:** that the Council give executive powers to the Central Services Committee to negotiate terms with the Housing Executive's contractor in order to progress without further delay the demolition works at Ballybeen Activity Centre.

### **2010/685 : SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN CONSULTATION EVENT**

Members' attention was drawn to NILGA/OFMDFM event taking place on 28 September 2010 entitled 'Sustainable Development Implementation Plan Consultation Event'. It was noted that this was open to all Members and anyone wishing to attend was asked to notify Member Services.

Noted.

### **2010/686 : LAND & PROPERTY SERVICES**

Alderman White stated that, at the last meeting of the Leisure Park Board, it had emerged that the Council was being charged by Land & Property Services for telephone calls to the service. He suggested that the Council should write to the LPS Chief Executive to protest about this practice and should request a detailed account of any charges imposed on it by Land & Property Services in order to ensure that these were justified.

Councillor Copeland referred to other charges imposed by LPS and stated that the charges were £170 per hour for a District Valuer and £70 per hour for a student/trainee. He advised that the Service differentiated between exchequer and non-exchequer clients with Government departments not being charged. He was concerned that those who did pay these charges were covering the costs of those that did not pay. He indicated that he had written to LPS seeking clarification on this matter and would copy the response to Members on receipt.

The Director of Leisure Services advised that she had raised the issue of charges for telephone calls with the Planning Officer who had indicated that she would investigate and report back to Council. She advised that the Council had received an invoice from LPS but that this had not been settled pending clarification from LPS.

RESOLVED: that the Planning Officer investigate LPS charging practices and report back to Council.

### **IN COMMITTEE**

#### **2010/687 : FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2009/2010 AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2009/2010**

The Director of Finance reported that it had been his intention to present a report to Council regarding the Financial Statements 2009/2010 and Annual Governance Statement 2009/2010 but that this had not been finalised in time. He asked that, in order to meet the deadline for submission of these reports, the Council grant executive powers to the Finance & General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: that the Council grant executive powers to the Finance & General Purposes Committee to approve the Financial Statements for 2009/2010 and the Annual Governance Statement 2009/2010

### **STAFF IN COMMITTEE**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.30 pm

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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