

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 June 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor J White
(in the Chair)

ALDERMEN: J Beattie MBE
S Duncan
M Henderson MBE
G Rice MBE
G Robinson

COUNCILLORS: A Beattie
M Chambers
M Copeland MLA (from 9.10 p.m.)
D Drysdale
M Gregg (from 8.50 p.m.)
C Hall
B Hanvey
C Howard
T Jeffers
M Long
V McCoy
T Morrow
P J O'Reilly
T Sandford
J Spratt MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Director of Administration & Community Services, Director of Technical & Environmental Services, Director of Finance, Director of Leisure Services, Planning Officer, Planning Service Officer and Member Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillors Cochrane and Vitty. Apologies for late arrival were received on behalf of Councillors Copeland and Gregg

2011/321 : OPENING OF MEETING

Reverend Brown opened the meeting with a prayer.

Noted.

2011/322 : 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:

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Alderman Robinson and Councillors Drysdale, Jeffers and White in respect of the Hanwood Trust

Councillor Jeffers in respect of the application for Arts Funding from the East Belfast Jazz Club

Aldermen Beattie, Robinson and the Director of Finance in respect of the award of the lease for Lock Keeper's Inn

As Chair of the DRD Committee at NI Assembly, Councillor Spratt declared an interest in any issues relating to the Department for Regional Development

Noted.

2011/323 : SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to the suspension of the relevant Standing Order to enable Councillor Spratt to raise an issue not included on the Agenda.

2011/324 : RORY McILROY

Councillor Spratt outlined that he was pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate Rory McIlroy on winning the US Open. Whilst Rory has been a great ambassador for Northern Ireland, as a resident of the Borough, the Council was particularly proud of his achievements. He added that when people across the Province were celebrating Rory's great victory, it was devastating to see the rioting on the Lower Newtownards Road/Short Strand. Hopefully, the young people throughout the Province would be inspired by Rory's wise words over the last number of days.

He proposed that the Council send a letter of congratulations to Rory and offer to organise a small reception at Castlereagh Hills Golf Course to mark his success.

Councillor Long seconded the proposal and outlined that Rory had won the US Open with great style and he was a positive role model for the young people of Northern Ireland. He added that in addition to celebrating Rory's great victory, it was great to hear the announcement of further investment in Shorts but unfortunately this had been overshadowed by the recent violence.

Councillor Hanvey indicated that Rory's victory was a good news story for Northern Ireland and he was delighted to be associated with the sentiments

previously expressed. He suggested that, in addition to organising a reception the Council could consider offering him honorary membership or patron ship to Castlereagh Hills Golf Club.

Alderman Henderson outlined his support for the proposal and advised that the Board had already extended an invitation to Rory and invited him to become patron to the facility but understood that he already had an honorary membership with another club and did not believe that he could hold more than one honorary membership.

Councillor White indicated that he had arranged for a letter to be sent to Rory inviting him to the Mayor's Installation Dinner.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to Rory McIlroy offering to organise a small reception at Castlereagh Hills Golf Club to celebrate his recent success at the US Open.

2011/325 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:
 - (i) Page 21 – Minute No. 2011/317
after “9.22 p.m.” insert “and the Director of Finance left the meeting”

Page 8 – Minute No. 2011/278
include Alderman Duncan as rejoining the meeting at 8.20 p.m., together with Councillors Cochrane and Long

Bottom of Page 19 – Minute No. 2011/312
insert “Alderman Duncan left the meeting at 9.08 p.m.”
- (b) the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 May 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
- (c) Minutes of the Special Central Services Committee meeting held on 26 May 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendment:
 - (i) Page 2 – Minute No. CS/2011/49
Delete “Councillor Long proposed Alderman Duncan” and insert “Alderman Duncan proposed Councillor Long” and amend the resolution to read “Councillor Long be elected as Vice- Chairman of the Central Services Committee for the 2011/2012 year”

- (d) Minutes of the Special Technical Services Committee meeting held on 26 May 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendment:
- (i) Page 2 – Minute No. T&ES/2011/130
delete 2nd to the 7th paragraphs (inclusive) and insert
“Alderman Robinson proposed Councillors Beattie and Hanvey as substitute members, and this was seconded by Alderman Henderson”. Amend the resolution accordingly
- (e) Minutes of the Special Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 26 May 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
- (f) Minutes of the Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 26 May 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendment:
- (i) Page 2 – Minute No. F&GP/2011/62
after “Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal” insert the following:
- “He outlined that as the Estimates Working Group meetings tended to be convened during the day, work commitments made it difficult for him to attend. He asked if the Council would consider replacing him with his party colleague, Councillor Copeland.
- Alderman Robinson proposed that Councillor Copeland replace Alderman Henderson on the Estimates Working Group, and this was seconded by Councillor Jeffers”
- Amend the resolution accordingly
- (g) Minutes of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 7 June 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
- (h) Minutes of the Central Services Committee meeting held on 7 June 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:
- (i) Page 7 – Minute No. CS/2011/59 – beginning of last paragraph
Delete “Councillor Mrs McCoy” and insert “Councillor Drysdale”
- (ii) Page 8 – Minute No. CS/2011/60 – last bullet point in paragraph 2 : delete “Human Resources” and insert “Health & Safety Officer”
- Page 11 – Minute No. CS/2011/64 – 2nd paragraph
Delete “was too high” and insert “which should be rounded down”

Page 18 – Minute No. CS/2011/79 – last paragraph
Delete “Community Relations staff” and insert “Community Services staff”

- (i) Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 16 June 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- (j) Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16 June 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to an apology being recorded on behalf of Councillor Spratt
- (k) Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Central Services Committee meeting held on 21 June 2011 be deferred to later in the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

2011/326 : NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE : HOUSING SELECTION SCHEME PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION

Alderman Beattie advised that the deadline for the submission in respect of the above had been extended to 20 July 2011. He proposed that the matter be referred to the Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting being on 29 June, and that the Committee be granted executive powers to agree and submit the Council’s response.

Alderman Robinson seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to refer the Northern Ireland Housing Executive : Housing Selection Scheme Preliminary Consultation document to the Special Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting being held on 29 June 2011, and that the Committee be granted executive powers to agree and submit the Council’s response.

The Directors and Councillor McCoy left the meeting at 7.38 p.m.

Councillor Beattie took the Chair for the Planning section of the meeting.

PLANNING

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 23 JUNE 2011 (copy previously circulated)

2011/327 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2011/0109/F – 67 BALLYNAHINCH ROAD, CARRYDUFF : ERECTION OF GAMES ROOM EXTENSION TO REAR AND SIDE OF EXISTING GARAGE

Councillor Hanvey outlined that he had spoken with a resident in Musket Gardens whose property was adjacent to the above property. He advised that

the plans in respect of the above proposal did not show the extension at No.53 which would impact on the extension for a games room, in terms of overshadowing and encroachment.

The Planning Service Officer outlined that there was no requirement on the applicant to provide details of the adjoining property or the extension at No. 53. He advised that Permitted Development allowed for an extension half the size of the back garden. He advised that when the Case Officer had visited the site, the proposed extension was actually further away from No.53 than shown in the drawings.

Following further discussion, Councillor Hanvey indicated that if a deferral was not being granted, he asked the Planning Service Officer to write to him directly, outlining the reasons why the Department had approved this extension despite the issues he had raised. He added that he would pass the letter onto his constituent.

Councillor Chambers stated that she had previously expressed her concern that Permitted Development Rights took away the protection people previously had in terms of intrusion, particularly as it permitted an extension half the size of the back garden.

Alderman Beattie expressed the view that Elected Representatives would require training in the planning process in readiness for the transfer of the certain planning functions from Central to Local Government.

Councillor Beattie pointed out that the Streamlined Scheme was on the Agenda for consideration later in the meeting.

Noted.

COUNCIL DEFERRED ITEMS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION

2011/328 : PLANNING APPLICATIONS Y/2010/0323/F – 121 COMBER ROAD, DUNDONALD : PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR A NEW DAY NURSERY FACILITY FOR A MAXIMUM OF 50 CHILDREN, AND ASSOCIATED PARKING FOR STAFF AND VISITORS

Alderman Robinson outlined that the above application had been on the deferred list for a number of months and he asked for an update.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the architect had submitted an amended proposal earlier in the week.

Noted.

2011/329 : PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2007/0531/0 : 7 & 9 MILL ROAD, BALLYKNOCKAN, BALLYGOWAN – SITE FOR ONE AND A HALF STOREY DWELLING (REDUCED PROPOSAL – AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

Councillor Spratt expressed his disappointed that the Planning Service remained of the opinion to refuse this application but he understood that the applicant was going to appeal.

Noted.

2011/330 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 17 MAY 2011 TO 13 JUNE 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/331 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2011 (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting held on 26 May 2011 be approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

2011/332 : EMAIL FROM MCE PUBLIC RELATIONS LTD RE: PROPOSED SAINSBURY'S STORE WITH PETROL STATION ON THE OLD ROLLS ROYCE FACTORY SITE ON THE UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD (copy previously circulated)

Councillor White outlined that in an effort to speed up the planning process with regard to this application, he proposed to accept the invitation from Sainsbury's Development Team to make a presentation to Council.

Alderman Robinson seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to invite the Design Team to make a presentation on the plans for the proposed Sainsbury's store with petrol station on the Old Rolls Royce Factory site, Upper Newtownards Road.

2011/333 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: CONSULTATION ON 'BUILDING ON TRADITION A SUSTAINABLE DESIGN GUIDE FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND COUNTRYSIDE: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE TO PPS21' (copy previously circulated)

Alderman Robinson referred to a previous Council resolution requiring Officers' reports to include a clear recommendation, where a decision was required.

Councillor White outlined that he was horrified at some of the developments in the countryside. He added that, whilst he was not familiar with the Cork County Council Rural Design Guide referred to by the Planning Officer, he proposed that the Planning Officer submit a response in line with her report, and place an emphasis on the need for PPS21 to be rigorously enforced.

Councillor Beattie seconded the proposal.

Councillor McCoy returned to the meeting at 7.58 p.m.

Alderman Rice stated that, in light of the number of planning consultation documents coming to Council, she suggested re-establishing the Planning Sub Committee.

Councillor Spratt indicated that, whilst the current Committee structure was proving very successful, it required Members to read their agenda papers beforehand in order to put forward their comments at the meeting. He saw no benefit in reverting back to the old structure.

Councillor Long concurred with Councillor White's comments in terms of the impact of some developments on the countryside and he commented that he did not want to see a weakening of existing policy. He expressed the view that it would be difficult for Members to make a decision, particularly as the Planning Officer had stated there was a better example, namely, the Cork County Council Rural Design Guide.

Councillor Spratt outlined that Members had ample opportunity to raise any queries with the Planning Officer prior to the meeting.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the key document was PPS21 and the document being considered was not prescriptive and was merely a guide to inform an applicant prior to submitting an application.

Following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Planning Officer submit a response to the consultation document 'Building on Tradition A Sustainable Design Guide to Northern Ireland Countryside, in line with the content of her report and Members' comments.

2011/334 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 2 NATURAL HERITAGE (REVISED) (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer advised that since writing the report she had sought advice from the Royal Town Planning Initiative in respect of the above and had obtained additional information over and above what was contained within the consultation document. She expressed concern that a lot of the legislation that governed development within protected landscapes in Europe sat at odds with the content of the consultation document.

Alderman Robinson proposed that the Planning Officer respond outlining Members' concern in relation to conflicting policies.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Planning Officer submit a response to the Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 2 Natural Heritage, in line with the detail within her report.

2011/335 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: UPDATE ON THE SCHEME OF STREAMLINED CONSULTATION FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer referred to her report and asked Members to note that Castlereagh Borough Council was the only council in Northern Ireland to operate a reduced scheme. This had generated a number of problems for both the Department and for applicants, as the ePIC system had been set up to deal with applications in a particular way and could not be easily circumvented. She advised that the Castlereagh Development Management Team spent a considerable amount of time manually handling applications which would otherwise be automated.

She advised that during the two years that streamlining had been in operation in Castlereagh there had only been three requests for exclusion. She recommended that the Council agree to the introduction of the full Scheme of Streamline Consultation, subject to another review in six months time.

Councillor Long expressed his concern that a lot of people were not aware of an application until it came before Council.

The Planning Officer stated that an application would be removed from the Streamlined list if objections were received, a Member had expressed some concern or the Council asked for more time to consider the application.

Alderman Robinson proposed that the Council agree to the Officer's recommendation for the introduction of the full Scheme of Streamlined consultation, subject to a six month review.

Councillor Hanvey indicated that whilst he accepted that the aim of the scheme was to speed up the planning process, he had concerns that there was the potential for a contentious application to slip through unnoticed. He referred to the application he had raised earlier in the meeting for an extension for a games room and he understood that neighbour notification had not been carried out.

In response to a query from Councillor Chambers, the Planning Service Officer confirmed that when an application was being processed through the Streamlined Scheme, neighbour notification was carried out in the normal way.

Councillor Spratt stated that, apart from a verbal confirmation from the Planning Service Officer, the Planning Officer had confirmed in her report that neighbour notification was carried out. If a Member had evidence to the contrary he/she should raise it with the Department. He indicated that, given that there had only been three requests for exclusion within the past two years, he felt the Council should agree the Officer's recommendation and he seconded Alderman Robinson's proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Planning Officer write to the Department of the Environment advising that the Council had agreed to the introduction of the full Scheme of Streamlined Consultation, subject to a six month review.

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2011/336 : LACK OF DETAIL IN THE WEEKLY PLANNING LISTS

Alderman Robinson indicated that there was a severe lack of detail within the Weekly Planning Lists making it difficult for Members to make a decision or visit the site. He asked if the Planning Service Officer would pass these concerns onto the Planning Service.

The Planning Service Officer outlined since the introduction of the new computer system there had been a number of similar complaints. He suggested that the Council write to the Planning Service in this regard.

It was proposed by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Hanvey, and

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to Planning Service outlining Members' concerns at the lack of detail within the Weekly Planning Lists.

The Mayor returned to the Chair.

The Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, the Director of Leisure Services and the Director of Technical & Environmental Services returned to the meeting.

ROADS

2011/337 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROADS SERVICE RE: CONSULTATION ON THE RELAXATION OF URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS (copy previously circulated)

Councillor O'Reilly expressed the view that the Roads Service were taking a common sense approach with regard to the relaxation of urban clearway restrictions and he hoped that this would go ahead.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to the Roads Service welcoming the relaxation of urban clearway restrictions.

2011/338 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER ON CONSULTATION ON THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY 2011 (copy circulated at the meeting)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Regional Transportation Strategy Consultation document be referred to the Special Finance & General

Purposes Committee meeting being held on 29 June 2011. The Committee to be granted executive powers to agree and submit the response.

HOUSING

2011/339 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM NI HOUSING COUNCIL RE: NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL SUMMARY REPORT – FEBRUARY TO MAY 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/340 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRIC RE: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to BRIC accepting their offer to make a presentation to a future Council meeting on the Building Relationships in Communities Programme, at a date to be agreed with the Mayor.

FINANCE

2011/341 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the under noted payments:

General Accounts (Suppliers)	£741,681.97
General Accounts (Emergency Payments)	£ 94,089.29
Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries)	£843,932.73

LEGAL

2011/342 : LEASE BETWEEN DUNGOYNE BOWLING CLUB AND CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign and seal the lease between Dungoyne Bowling Club and Castlereagh Borough Council in respect of Dungoyne Community Centre, subject to receipt of legal documentation from the Council's solicitor.

2011/343 : MEMORANDUM OF SALE BETWEEN CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL AND OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign and seal the Memorandum of Sale between Castlereagh Borough Council and Our Lady & St Patrick's College in relation to lands at Tullycarnet, subject to receipt of legal documentation from the Council's solicitor.

**MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS
(copy previously circulated)**

2011/344 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR JUNE 2011

Noted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

**2011/345 : REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL &
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RE: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (copy previously circulated)**

It was noted that the above matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

Noted.

The Director of Administration & Community Services returned to the meeting.

**2011/346 : REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION &
COMMUNITY SERVICES RE: BONFIRE FUNDING (copy previously
circulated)**

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that the Council had recently approved funding of £8,898.98 to support family friendly festivals at 9 bonfire sites throughout the Borough, over the 11th/12th July period. A letter of offer had been issued to the Castlereagh Community Cultural Forum, the lead group and representative organisation for the sites.

She outlined that, at a recent meeting of the Bonfire Inter-Agency Working Group and the Castlereagh Community Cultural Forum, it had been agreed to ask the Council to consider an additional funding request to allow the inclusion of the Belvoir bonfire site. The funding request was in relation to catering costs in the sum of £500.

The Director of Administration & Community Services indicated that a quotation had been received in relation to the catering and the cost could be met out of the Good Relations Programme.

Councillor Long asked if the Belvoir group had been attending Inter-Agency meetings and had signed up to the bonfire guidelines.

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that the Belvoir group had been part of the original Inter-Agency Working Group and she confirmed that they had been attending meetings and had signed up to the bonfire guidelines.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to award the Castlereagh Community Cultural Forum £500 funding for catering costs for a festival being held on 11

July 2011 at the Belvoir bonfire site, with the cost being met out of the Good Relations Programme.

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION &
COMMUNITY SERVICES
(circulated at the meeting)**

2011/347 : GOOD RELATIONS FUNDING

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that the Good Relations Programme was 75% funded by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, with the Council receiving total funding of £8,000 for the 2011/2012 year. Seventeen applications had been received, totalling £16,170.00 and those that met the criteria had been assessed by a panel of Elected Members which had been appointed at the May Council meeting. The panel had scored the applications under two main categories, namely,

Contribution to the objectives of the scheme 65%
Groups ability to deliver/quality of application 35%

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that, due to the programme being oversubscribed, the assessment panel had recommended that the groups' scores be transferred into a % award of the total amount requested in the application. It was agreed that applications had to exceed a qualification score of 50% to be eligible for an award.

She referred to her report detailing 13 groups whose applications fell within the scoring threshold, 3 groups deemed ineligible for funding, and 1 that had not been scored as both the project and group were not based in the Borough. The assessment panel were recommending awards totalling £9,059 and Officers were seeking approval to request a budget re-profile of £1,059 from a volunteer recognition scheme to offset the overspend. She advised that the volunteer recognition scheme would no longer be taking place in this current financial year.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree

- (a) to award funding under the Good Relations Programme to those groups that met the required criteria, as outlined below:

Name of Group	Amount Awarded
Tuesday Break Club	£582
Newtownbreda Community Association	£720
Ballybeen Womens' Centre	£624
Carryduff GAA	£710
TAGIT	£620
Killynure Community Association	£560
Association of Belvoir Churches	£680

Bright Lights	£770
Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland	£590
29 th Belfast Scout Group	£920
37 th Belfast Scout Group	£920
Coronation Park	£653
Braniel Community Association	£710
TOTAL	£9,059

- (b) that Officers be granted approval to request a budget re-profile, under the Good Relations Programme from the OFMDFM to offset the £1,059 overspend

2011/348 : ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The Director of Administration & Community Services advised that a total of £2,400 funding was available through the Arts Programme for the 2011/2012 year. Applications that met the criteria had been assessed by the panel of Elected Members appointed at the May Council meeting. The applications had been scored under two main categories, namely:

Contribution to the objectives of the scheme	65%
Groups ability to deliver/quality of the application	35%

She referred to her report detailing 8 groups whose applications met the criteria and the panel were recommending awards totalling £1,580.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to award funding totalling £1,580 under the Arts Development Programme to those groups that met the required criteria, as outlined below:

Name of Group	Amount Awarded
Killynure Community Association	£200
Edgar Boyd Tenants Association	£180
East Belfast Jazz Club	£200
Tuesday Break	£200
Greenwood Players	£200
Dundonald Community Concert Band	£200
Carryduff Creative Writing Group	£200
Tullycarnet Yarnspinners	£200
TOTAL	£1,580

GENERAL

2011/349 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUTISM NI RE: AUTISM ACT (NI) 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/350 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUTISM NI RE: TERMINATION OF THE AUTISM NI ASD FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE CONTRACT BY WHSCT (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/351 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM SIPTU RE: PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL (copy previously circulated)

Following a query from Councillor Long, the Chief Executive outlined that, agreeing to this request would be setting a precedent, particularly as it came from a trade union not recognised by this Council.

Noted.

2011/352 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST RE: SOUTH EASTERN TRUST DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2011-15 (copy previously circulated)

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree to write to the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust accepting its invitation to present the Draft Corporate Plan 2011-2015 to a future meeting of Council, date to be agreed with the Mayor.

2011/353 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: REDEVELOPMENT OF BELVOIR PARK HOSPITAL SITE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/354 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM HSC PATIENT AND CLIENT COUNCIL RE: RURAL VOICES MATTER (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/355 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM CONSUMER FOCUS POST RE: PO LOCAL – FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POST OFFICE NETWORK IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/356 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON AIR QUALITY PLANS TO MEET EU LIMIT VALUES FOR NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO₂) IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/357 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS RE: CERTIFICATE FOR COUNCILLORS (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Jeffers advised that he would like the opportunity to obtain more information in relation to the above.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the correspondence from the National Association of Councillors be referred to the July Council meeting.

2011/358 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAND & PROPERTY SERVICES RE: DISPOSAL OF CLINIC & LIBRARY, 2 GILNAHIRK RISE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/359 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM TIDY NORTHERN IRELAND RE: BIG SPRING CLEAN (copy previously circulated)

Alderman Duncan asked the Director of Technical & Environmental Services to pass on thanks to the staff involved in the "Big Spring Clean".

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2011/360 : REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RE: TENDER FOR THE COLLECTION, KERBSIDE SORT AND RECYCLING OF MIXED DRY MULTI-MATERIALS (REF TOI/11) (copy circulated at the meeting)

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services reported that at the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 7 June 2011, approval had been granted to award the above contract to Bryson Recycling. He advised that the Council's Procurement Officer was currently sending out letters to the successful and unsuccessful bidders. To allow for the legal requirement of a ten day standstill period, it would be necessary to extend the current contract to 31 July 2011.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the current contract with Bryson Recycling to be extended for a further month, up until 31 July 2011.

2011/361 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY RE: APPOINTMENT OF 2 LOCAL

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that any Member wishing to submit an application for appointment to the Public Health Agency should contact the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety directly.

2011/362 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM VOLUNTEER NOW RE: LONDON 2012 GAMES MAKERS & CASTLEREAGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Noted.

2011/363 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2011 (deferred from earlier in the meeting)

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Minutes of the Special Central Services Committee meeting held on 21 June 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, subject to the following amendments:

- (i) insert Minute numbers
- (ii) Page 1 – record an apology on behalf of Aldermen Beattie, Henderson and Councillor Beattie
- (iii) Minute No. CS/2011/81

Page 2 - 1st paragraph : last sentence
delete “that proposals for Braniel would be coming to Council in September” and insert “that Braniel Community Association would be making a presentation to Council in September”

Page 2 – 3rd paragraph delete “The Mayor” and insert “Councillor McCoy”

Page 3 – 2nd paragraph – 1st sentence
after “current” insert “Council”

Page 3 – 2nd paragraph – 3rd sentence
delete “groups” and insert “projects”

Page 3 – 3rd paragraph – 1st sentence
delete “employ a Centre Manager” and ” insert “run the Centre”

Page 5 – 1st paragraph – 4th sentence
after “months” insert “by an outside body”

Page 6 - 3rd paragraph – 3rd sentence
delete the rest of the last sentence after “Manager” and insert
“advised that whilst there had been issues in the past the account was being kept up to date”

2011/364 : PLAY PARK AT CREGAGH

Councillor McCoy outlined that she had been advised of incidents of vandalism at the play park at Cregagh, particularly during the evenings. She asked if the Director of Technical & Environmental Services would arrange for Officers to carry out an inspection and also investigate if the level of lighting around the area could be improved.

Councillor Gregg arrived at the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that, due to incidents of vandalism, the Director of Technical & Environmental Services arrange for Officers to carry out an inspection of the play park at Cregagh and also investigate if the level of lighting around the area could be improved.

2011/365 : BONFIRE SITE AT CREGAGH

Councillor White advised that on leaving Greenway Women's Centre, he had noticed that the bonfire material at Cregagh was spread all over the open space.

Councillor Sandford stated that he had spoken with one of the bonfire organisers who had assured him that the site would tidied.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that Officers carry out an inspection of the bonfire site at Cregagh to ensure that the organisers had tidied the site.

2011/366 : 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BEING HELD AT THE CIVIC OFFICES ON SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2011

Alderman Henderson indicated that as the above event was happening on the same date as Armed Forces Day. To mark the occasion, he proposed that the Council flag be taken down and the Armed Forces flag be flown whilst the British Legion event was taking place.

Alderman Robinson seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED : That the Council grant approval for the Council flag to be taken down and replaced with the Armed Forces flag during the event to mark the 90th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion being held on 25 June 2011.

2011/367 : GREENWAY WOMEN'S GROUP

Councillor Sandford outlined that he had recently attended a meeting in Greenway Women's Centre and had been advised that one of the members of the Women's Group, Mrs May McQuillan, had been awarded the MBE.

Councillor White advised that he would be inviting Mrs McQuillan and other office bearers from Greenway Women's Group to the Mayor's Parlour for refreshments.

Alderman Robinson suggested that the Mayor also extend an invitation to the Councillors representing the Central Ward.

RESOLVED : That the Council agree that the Mayor arrange for the Councillors representing the Central District Electoral Area to be invited to the small reception being held in the Mayor's Parlour to honour Mrs McQuillan from Greenway Women's Group being awarded the MBE.

IN COMMITTEE

2011/368 : REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE RE: DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP (copy previously circulated)

The Chief Executive referred to his report outlining the relevant legislation pertaining to the DPP. He asked Members to note the following:

- The transitional period for DPP's was the time between the Local Government Elections and when the process for the appointment of independent members had been completed.
- During the transitional period, a DPP did not have to be of a particular size and the political parties did not have to reflect the balance of parties on the council.
- The legislation prevented the filling of a vacancy, should a political or independent member leave office, for whatever reason
- Political members of the Council who were re-elected could only be DPP members during the transitional period if they were already members of the DPP
- Political members appointed by councils for the new partnerships could not take office until the new partnerships had been established.

The Chief Executive outlined that following the Local Government Elections, there were three vacancies on Castlereagh DPP, and at the Council's Annual General Meeting, Members had unanimously agreed to fill these vacancies. The Council also agreed the following:

- (i) Write to the Minister of Justice asking for his intervention to support the Council's actions
- (ii) Write to other councils asking for their support on this matter
- (iii) Seek further legal advice from the Council's solicitors with regard to the issue of equality of treatment and the position taken by the NIPB

He outlined the details of the response from the Department of Justice (DoJ), and in summary, the letter stated that political members could not be replaced during the transitional period and change could only be achieved by amending the Police (NI) Act 2000. He added that both the legal opinion from the DoJ via the NIPB and the Council's solicitor concurred, in that, the Council could not appoint Councillors to fill vacancies on the DPP while it was in transition period.

The Chief Executive advised that he had received a letter from the NIPB earlier in the day advising that they would be writing again to Council in September seeking political member nominations. This would enable the Board to put in place arrangements for political members to participate in recruitment panels for independent members. It was the NIPB's intention for PCSP's to be fully operational by April 2012.

He outlined two options for moving forward in the meantime, as follows:

- (a) Develop pathfinder partnerships which would set up shadow PCSP's
- (b) Ask the Minister of Justice to initiate the recruitment of independent members which would trigger the reconstitution date and allow the Council to appoint new members, as per the D'Hondt formula

Councillor Spratt outlined that he was surprised to have just learned that the NIPB did not envisage the PCSP's to be operational until April 2012. He added that on the basis of the transitional period usually meaning a short period of time after Local Government Elections, this Council, at its Annual General Meeting had agreed to fill the vacant political member places on the DPP. He indicated that not only was the NIPB prepared to ignore the political process, the DoJ was adding to this by not laying out clearly from the outset what was meant by the transitional period.

He outlined that it was not clear at this stage whether the DoJ/NIPB would be providing 100% funding for the appointment of new independent members, but it was his understanding that previously the Council had to meet 25% of the cost of this process. He stated that he also understood that the new partnerships could have up to 24/25 members, but it was not clear how the membership was to be broken down, in terms of political, independent, statutory and voluntary representatives. He added that the absence of clarity on funding and size of the PSCP had implications for the Council's estimates.

Councillor Spratt stated that until the Council had received clarification on these issues, he proposed that no meetings of Castlereagh DPP be convened and that the Council agree not to support the formation of a Shadow Partnership.

Alderman Rice expressed her support for Councillor Spratt's comments and seconded the proposal.

Councillor Copeland arrived at the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Councillor Hanvey also outlined his support for the proposal, and following further discussion, it was

RESOLVED : That the Council agree not to establish a Shadow Partnership and that no Castlereagh District Policing Partnership meetings would be convened until clarification had been received from the Department of Justice/Northern Ireland Policing Board, in relation to the following:

- (i) financial provision being provided for the appointment of independent members process and whether the Council would be required to provide a percentage of the cost
- (ii) how many members would be represented on the Police Community Safety Partnerships
- (iii) make up of the new Partnerships, in terms of political, independent, statutory and voluntary members

Aldermen Beattie, Robinson and the Director of Finance left the meeting.

2011/369 : REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE RE: AWARD OF THE LEASE FOR THE LOCK KEEPER'S COTTAGE (copy previously circulated)

The Chief Executive outlined that following the presentation by Deloitte LLP at the May Council meeting, it had been agreed that a further report would be brought back to the Council once Officers had considered the content, and those named in it had an opportunity to respond. Deloitte had indicated that as all the responses had not yet been received they were not in a position to complete the final report. Members would be updated in this regard at the July Council meeting.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR