

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 24 March 2011.

PRESENT: Councillor V McCoy
(in the Chair)

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

COUNCILLORS: A Beattie
J Bunting
M Chambers
J Cochrane
M Copeland
S Duncan
D Drysdale
C Hall
B Hanvey
T Jeffers
M Long
G Robinson
J Spratt
D Vitty

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 Assistant Members' Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Alderman White, Councillors Hughes & Skillen

2011/127 : WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed back to the Council meeting Alderman Norris who had been absent for some weeks due to illness.

Noted.

2011/128 : OPENING OF THE MEETING

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

Members observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Lance Corporal Stephen McKee who had been killed in Afghanistan and whose grandmother came from the Braniel area and for two Irish Guardsmen also recently killed in Afghanistan.

The Mayor advised that this would be her Chaplain's last meeting as he would be unable to attend the Annual General Meeting in May. Reverend Thompson thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to serve as her Chaplain during her period of office.

Noted.

2011/129 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Alderman Rice in respect of NIFRS
Councillor Chambers in respect of Moneyreagh village
Councillor Spratt in respect of membership of the OFMDFM Committee
Alderman Beattie & Councillor Beattie in respect of DARD

Noted.

2011/130 : MINUTES

RESOLVED : That

- (a) the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment:
 - Minute No 2011/123, Page 27, Para 10 replace "had not participated in the vote" with "had voted against the proposal"
- (b) the Minutes of the Technical & Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 1 March 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
- (c) the Minutes of the Central Services Committee meeting held on 1 March 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings
- (d) the Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 3 March 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings

(e) the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 March 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:

- Minute No F&GP/2011/45, Page 7, 7th Paragraph – replace “NILGA, NI Joint Committee and LGA” with “NILGA and NI Joint Council”
- Minute No F&GP/2011/45 Page 7, replace the resolution with the following

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council write to NILGA and NI Joint Council to highlight its concern about the methodology used in the Chief Local Government Auditor’s report to measure stress related absenteeism
- (b) that the Council approve the Stress Management Procedures with an appropriate amendment to Page 16 to differentiate between work related stress and personal stress.

(f) the Minutes of the Leisure Park Board meeting held on 17 January 2011 be noted.

(g) the Minutes of the Special Leisure Park Board meeting held on 16 February 2011 be noted.

(h) the Minutes of the Castlereagh Hills Golf Club Board meeting held on 21 January 2011 be noted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2011/131 : ROYAL SALUTE AT HILLSBOROUGH (Minute No 2011/60 refers)

Alderman Henderson advised that the Northern Ireland Office had offered the Council the opportunity to participate in the Royal Salute Ceremony at Hillsborough in early 2012. It was proposed by Alderman Henderson, seconded by Councillor Spratt and

RESOLVED: that the Council accept the invitation from the Northern Ireland Office to participate in the Royal Salute Ceremony in Hillsborough in early 2012.

2011/132 : ELECTRICITY CONTRACT (Minute No 2011/124 refers)

The Director of Finance advised that the electricity contract for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 had been awarded to Airtricity.

Noted.

PLANNING

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

Councillors Spratt & Vitty left the meeting at 7.30 pm

2011/133 : MINUTES OF THE PLANNING OFFICE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2011 (copy previously circulated)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting of 14 March 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings

2011/134 : NOTES OF PLANNING OFFICE MEETINGS HELD ON 21 MARCH 2011 (copy tabled at the meeting)

Noted.

2011/135 : MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2011 (copy tabled at the meeting)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Special Planning Committee meeting of 21 March 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS DATED 24 MARCH 2011 (copy previously circulated)

2011/136 : APPLICATION Y/2009/0215/F: PLAYGROUND WITH 2.4M HIGH GREEN FENCE AND GATES – OPPOSITE 108-122 (EVEN) CLONDUFF DRIVE, BELFAST, BT6 9NT

The Mayor welcomed the Planning Service's approval of this application and asked that officers ensure that the work commence as quickly as possible.

Noted.

Councillor Vitty returned to the meeting and Councillor McCoy left the meeting at 7.32 pm

2011/137 : Y/2010/0329/F: ERECTION OF ONE NUMBER TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLING – 21 GRAHAMSBRIDGE ROAD, DUNDONALD, BT16 2DB

In response to a query by Councillor Cochrane, the Planning Service Officer confirmed that a right of way on the site had been abandoned.

Councillor Spratt returned to the meeting at 7.33 pm

2011/138 : APPLICATION Y/2010/0453/F: TELECOMMUNICATION INSTALLATION COMPRISING OF 1 NO. 14.8 HIGH PHOSCO M3 STREET COLUMN WITH 3 NO. VODAFONE AND 3 NO. 02 ANTENNAS WITHIN A SHROUD, 1 NO HARRIER EQUIPMENT CABINET, 1 NO ALIFABS METER PILLAR AND DEVELOPMENT ANCILLARY THERETO – FOOTPATH OF MELFORT DRIVE APPROX 60M SOUTH WEST OF JUNCTION OF MELFORT DRIVE AND KINGS ROAD, BELFAST, BT5 7FD

Councillor Jeffers welcomed the Planning Service's decision to refuse this application. Councillor Duncan concurred with Councillor Jeffers' comments.

Noted.

2011/139 : Y/2010/0458/F: ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSE WITH PARKING (AMENDED PLAN) – 192 SAINTFIELD ROAD, BELFAST, BT8 6NN

Councillor Chambers advised that she had received quite a few representations about this application in relation to its location. She referred to the fact the Roads Service had previously been against the proposal and enquired why it had changed its opinion. She also asked if the views of the objectors to the proposal had been taken into account.

Councillor Duncan also asked if the letters of objection had been forwarded to Roads Service and whether Roads Service had considered them before reaching a decision. She enquired whether Roads Service had visited the site to witness the traffic congestion and were the planners confident that a risk assessment had been carried out.

Councillor Cochrane left the meeting at 7.35 pm. Councillor McCoy returned at 7.37 pm

The Planning Service Officer reported on the history of the application. He advised that a previous application had been refused and had been the subject of a planning appeal. The appeal had been dismissed and the reason for dismissal was the issue of cars entering and leaving the site. He advised that the resubmitted application dealt with this issue to the satisfaction of Roads Service. He confirmed that issues raised by the objectors had been discussed with Roads Service.

Councillors Hanvey and Spratt left the meeting at 7.39. Councillor Hanvey returned at 7.40 pm

Councillor Chambers requested a site meeting and enquired as to what factor had caused the change in Roads Service's opinion. The Planning Service Officer advised that a site visit would not lead to any change in opinion. He

stated that Roads Services had asked the applicant to demonstrate that two cars could enter and leave the site and that this had been demonstrated.

Alderman Rice supported Councillor Chamber's request for a site meeting and stated that she too considered that the proposed dwelling was located on a very dangerous corner.

Councillors Cochrane and Spratt returned to the meeting at 7.44 pm

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the Council's Planning Officer be asked to write to the Planning Service to request a site visit.

Aldermen Henderson and Rice and Councillors Drysdale, Hanvey and Spratt left the meeting at 7.45 pm

2011/140 : APPLICATION NO Y/2010/0500/F: ERECTION OF A REPLACEMENT TWO STOREY DWELLING WITH A TWO STOREY DETACHED GARAGE TO THE REAR. PROPOSAL IS A CHANGE OF HOUSE TYPE FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2009/0453/F – 64 GILNAHIRK PARK, BELFAST, BT5 7DY

Councillor Long expressed concern that this development was proceeding even though some aspects breached the terms of the planning approval. He referred in particular to a boundary wall built over the footpath and indicated that Roads Service was taking enforcement action in this regard. He hoped that the footpath would be reinstated and the wall put back to where it should be.

The Planning Service Officer advised that the design of the dwelling had been deemed to be acceptable. He was aware that works had been undertaken that were not included in the planning approval and that the Roads Service was addressing this matter.

Noted.

Aldermen Henderson and Rice and Councillors Hanvey and Spratt returned to the meeting at 7.46 pm

2011/141 : APPLICATION NO Y/2008/0240/F: RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A DETACHED RETIREMENT BUNGALOW – 38 GREENGRAVES ROAD, BALLYLIBREDAN, COMBER, BT16 1UZ

The Planning Service Officer advised that, following submission of additional supporting evidence, it had been decided to approve the application on condition that the current occupier continues to reside in the property.

Noted.

2011/142 : APPLICATION NO. Y/2009/0476/F: ERECTION OF SHED FOR STABLING OF BREEDING STALLIONS AND STORAGE OF FODDER (AMENDED PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION) – 50M SOUTH OF 23 LISLEEN ROAD, LISLEEN, COMBER, BT23 5QD

The Planning Service Officer advised that the application had been amended with the storage of carriages and horse boxes being removed from the site. He advised that the Minister considered that the application was for a significant enterprise. After considering the additional evidence, the Planning Service had decided to revise its opinion and to issue approval for the application.

Councillors Bunting and Spratt welcomed the change of opinion on the part of the Planning Service and stated that the application related to a substantial and important business for the local area.

Noted.

Councillor Bunting left the meeting at 7.50 pm

2011/143 : WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 8 FEBRUARY TO 14 MARCH 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/144 : ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANNING MEETINGS DURING APRIL AND MAY 2011

Councillor Spratt referred to arrangements already agreed by Council for dealing with matters arising during April and May. He advised that he had spoken to each of the party leaders and proposed that, in relation to planning, delegated authority be given to a working group comprising the Mayor, the Chair of Planning, the Chief Executive, the Planning Officer and one representative from each of the parties. He clarified that the group would consider non-contentious planning issues. Alderman Henderson seconded the proposal.

Councillors Bunting and Drysdale returned to the meeting at 7.51 pm

The following Members were nominated to represent their parties: Councillor Hall (UUP), Alderman Rice (All), Councillor Spratt (DUP) and Councillor Hanvey (SDLP)

RESOLVED:

- (a) that delegated authority be given to a working group on planning to consider non-contentious planning issues during April and May 2011

- (b) that the working group on planning comprise the Mayor, the Chair of Planning, Alderman Rice and Councillors Hall, Hanvey and Spratt, the Chief Executive and the Planning Officer.
- (c) that the first meeting of the interim planning working group take place on 21 April 2011 at 10.00 am

**2011/145 : VERBAL UPDATE BY THE PLANNING SERVICE OFFICER
RE: PLANNING APPLICATION FOR TESCO STORE IN CARRYDUFF
PROPOSAL**

The Planning Service Officer advised that the scheme was located on lands that had been zoned for housing by BMAP but it also included an area that had been designated as open space. He reported that there had been a number of objections to the proposal including one from consultants acting on behalf of Carryduff Shopping Centre, three from local people, one from consultants acting on behalf of a local group and one from the NI Retail Association and he advised on the nature of these objections. He stated that the Planning Service was considering a number of issues relating to the scheme and had not yet made a decision.

Councillors Chambers, Robinson & Vitty left at 7.55 pm

Alderman Henderson pointed out that an area of open space adjacent to this site belonged to the Council and was up for sale. He proposed that the Council write to the Planning Service supporting the application on the basis of the job creation opportunities it brought to the area.

Councillor Hanvey referred to a planning application being submitted by Carryduff Shopping Centre for development of apartments on the shopping centre site and stated that this would have a much more adverse affect on Carryduff whereas he considered that the Tesco scheme would bring benefits to the town. With regard to the issue of prematurity, he felt that the Planning Service should not delay issuing a decision pending the outcome of the public inquiry into BMAP.

Councillors Robinson & Vitty returned to the meeting at 7.57 pm

Councillor Spratt spoke in favour of the Tesco proposal on the basis of the potential for job creation. He also advised that the local churches would be able to use the Tesco car park on a Sunday morning.

Councillors Bunting and Duncan left the meeting at 7.58 pm. Councillors Chambers and Duncan returned to the meeting at 8.00 pm

Alderman Rice stated that, according to BMAP, the shopping centre was zoned for commercial use and could not be used for apartments. With regard to the Tesco scheme, she stated that she did have concerns about the traffic implications for the Saintfield Road. She stated that Carryduff required more retail and commercial development rather than apartment development.

RESOLVED: that the Council write to the Planning Service in support of the Tesco proposal in Carryduff.

Councillor Bunting returned to the meeting at 8.05 pm

2011/146 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION Y/2010/0081 FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND 80M SOUTH EAST OF THE JUNCTION OF COMBER ROAD AND MILLMOUNT ROAD, DUNDONALD (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer presented a detailed report on the planning application for industrial and commercial development on land 80m south east of the junction of Comber Road and Millmount Road, Dundonald. Councillor Long stated that the Council had previously considered this application and had felt it would be useful to discuss the issue with Sustrans. The Planning Officer indicated that she would liaise with Sustrans before submitting a response on behalf of the Council

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to submit a response to the consultation on Planning Application Y/2010/0081 based on the Planning Officer's report.

2011/147 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: CONSULTATION ON THE 10 YEAR REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer presented a detailed report on the 10 Year Review of the Regional Development Strategy. Alderman Rice stated that the strategy had been very long in the making and had had little impact.

Councillor Copeland arrived and Councillor McCoy left the meeting at 8.07 pm

Aldermen Henderson and Beattie both referred to a presentation by the Department on the strategy. In response to a query by Alderman Beattie, the Planning Officer confirmed that she was aware of the response by NILGA to the consultation and was in agreement with it. Alderman Henderson stated that one of the issues raised had been the need to integrate regional development strategy with transport strategy and this had not yet been done. Alderman Beattie stated that there were marked differences in views about regional development across Northern Ireland.

Councillor McCoy returned to the meeting at 8.10 pm

It was proposed by Councillor Spratt and seconded by Alderman Henderson that the Council submit a response to the consultation document based on the Planning Officer's report and emphasising to the need for an integrated transport strategy.

Councillor Chambers suggested that that regional development strategy was a wish list rather than a realistic assessment of what had been or could be achieved. Councillor Hanvey also expressed reservations about what had been achieved by the strategy. Alderman Rice referred to massive development that had taken place over the last 10 years but without the infrastructure needed to support it. She stated that the strategy was needed but it had to be implemented.

RESOLVED: that the Council submit a response to the consultation document based on the Planning Officer's report and emphasising the need for an integrated transport strategy.

2011/148 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 23 ENABLING DEVELOPMENT (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer presented a detailed report on the draft Planning Policy Statement 23 enabling development.

RESOLVED: that the Council submit a response to the consultation document based on the Planning Officer's report.

2011/149 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: DRAFT PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 24 ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS (copy previously circulated)

The Planning Officer presented a detailed report on draft Planning Policy Statement 24 Economic Considerations.

RESOLVED: that the Council submit a response to the consultation document based on the Planning Officer's report.

2011/150 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 1 MARCH 2011 FROM THE PLANNING SERVICE RE: HOMEBASE, UPPER GALWALLY, BELFAST – APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE 28 OF THE PLANNING (NI) ORDER 1991 TO VARY CONDITION 4 IN PLANNING APPROVAL Y/1986/0061 TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF CONVENIENCE GOODS IN AN EXISTING RETAIL UNIT (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – AMENDED TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT) (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

2011/151 : CHANGES TO PLANNING FEES AND PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR HOUSEHOLDERS

The Planning Officer reminded Members that changes to planning fees would come into effect on 11 April 2011 and changes to permitted development rights for householders would be implemented from 6 April 2011. She

highlighted that the Council would no longer be charged a concessionary fee for planning applications.

Noted.

2011/152 : SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was noted that a further report by the Planning Officer was included in the agenda under Item 11 Reports from Officers. It was suggested that this matter be considered earlier than scheduled to allow the Planning Officer to leave.

RESOLVED: that Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the Planning Officer's report on play audit at this stage of the meeting.

2011/153 : REPORT BY THE PLANNING OFFICER RE: PLAY AUDIT (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Spratt declared an interest in this matter on the basis that he was a Member of the NI Assembly's OFMDFM Committee

The Planning Officer presented a detailed report updating Members on the progress of the Play Audit project. Members were reminded that the Council had agreed to become involved in this project at its meeting in October 2010 and the aim of the project was to oversee the establishment of a play and leisure partnership and the completion of a Council-wide play and leisure audit.

The Planning Officer advised that the audit had commenced and covered the Council's play facilities within the Borough comparing this to where children were located. She advised that, in order to secure the funding that had been offered, it would be necessary to submit the report on the play audit to OFMDFM by 31 March 2011. She advised that a multi-agency group called C-PAL (Castlereagh Play and Leisure Partnership) had been established to take the project forward.

Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 8.20 pm

Councillor Spratt thanked the Planning Officer for her hard work and commitment in completing the Play Audit report. Councillor Hanvey supported Councillor Spratt's comments and suggested that developers should be included in the discussions about play facilities. He referred to previous developments in the Borough where concept plans had included community or leisure facilities that were never put in place. He suggested that, as part of the audit outcome, community gain should be included in all planning applications for housing developments.

The Planning Officer advised that the Planning Service Officer had agreed to participate in C-PAL and the issue raised by Councillor Hanvey was being considered.

In response to a query by Councillor Chambers regarding the statistical information in the report, the Planning Officer advised that every house in the Borough where a child lived was mapped in relation to its proximity to play facilities. Councillor Chambers referred to proposals for playgrounds where, although residents wanted the play facility, agreement could not be reached regarding its location as no one wanted it beside them.

Councillor Copeland returned at 8.25 pm

Aldermen Henderson and Rice spoke in support of Councillor Hanvey's comments on the concept plans. Alderman Rice suggested that, unless it was a legal requirement, developers would not provide community facilities.

Councillor Hanvey left the meeting at 8.30 pm

RESOLVED: that the Council agree that the Planning Officer's report be submitted to OFMDFM.

2011/154 : NI RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Alderman Rice declared an interest in this issue on the basis that she was a member of Lagan Rural Partnership

Councillor Spratt referred to the fact that Moneyreagh was the only area in the Borough that met DARD's criteria for village status. He stated that this provided the Council with an opportunity to access funding and he indicated that the local community would be very keen for the play facility in the village to be relocated to beside the new community centre. He stated that the current playground was a focus for anti-social behaviour. He advised that the plan for the village had to be submitted by 1 April 2011.

Councillor Vitty left the meeting and Councillor Hanvey returned to the meeting at 8.35 pm

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

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council authorise the Planning Officer and Economic Development Manager to progress the application for funding from NI Rural Development Programme in respect of Moneyreagh and that officers bring back a full report to Council in due course.
- (b) that the Planning Officer be asked to obtain a valuation for the existing playground in Moneyreagh.

2011/155 : THANKS TO OFFICERS

The Chair commented on the quality of the reports presented to Council by the Planning Officer and thanked her for her hard work. She also thanked the Planning Service Officer for his support for Council.

Noted.

2011/156 : HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN KILLYNURE

Alderman Henderson stated that residents in Killynure were concerned about a proposed housing development and had asked Oaklee Housing Association or NIHE to come out and clarify the position. He asked the Council's support in requesting a public meeting on the matter. Alderman Beattie and Councillor Spratt both concurred with Alderman Henderson's comments.

The Chief Executive advised that the Council had corresponded with Oaklee Housing Association and NIHE on this matter and responses had now been received. He undertook to circulate these for Members' information.

RESOLVED: that the Council support the request for a public meeting in Killynure regarding a proposed housing development.

Alderman Rice and Councillors Beattie and Chambers left the meeting at 8.50 pm

The Mayor returned to the Chair.

ROADS

2011/157 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 9 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM ROADS SERVICE RE: ROADS SERVICE REPORTS TO COUNCIL 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Members considered correspondence from the Roads Service regarding the usual practice of presenting two reports to Council each year, one in late Spring and one in Autumn. The Roads Service asked the Council to consider having only the Autumn presentation this year in view of the forthcoming elections and other considerations.

Alderman Henderson made the point that there were still outstanding questions from a previous presentation to which the Roads Service had not responded.

It was proposed by Councillor Vitty, seconded by Councillor Jeffers and

RESOLVED: that the Council advise Roads Service that it wished to maintain the usual practice of having two presentations to Council in late Spring and in Autumn.

2011/158 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 1 MARCH 2011 FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: LISBURN/CASTLEREAGH SECTION OFFICE (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/159 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 23 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: 4 ENLER PARK WEST, DUNDONALD – PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAY (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Drysdale welcomed the proposal by Roads Service to provide disabled parking spaces in Dundonald

Noted.

2011/160 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 23 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE ROADS SERVICE RE: 143 KINROSS AVENUE, DUNDONALD – PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAY (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

Alderman Rice and Councillors Beattie and Chambers returned to the meeting at 8.55 pm

EDUCATION

2011/161 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 9 MARCH 2011 FROM DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: LACK OF REPRESENTATION – SOUTH EASTERN EDUCATION & LIBRARY BOARD (copy previously circulated)

The Chief Executive advised that the Council was being asked to nominate two members to a group being set up to discuss future representation on the PMB and to join with the other four Councils in obtaining legal advice regarding the non-allocation of elected representatives to SEELB/PMB.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to appoint two representatives to the SEELB/PMB group at the Annual General Meeting in May and to defer consideration of the matter of obtaining legal advice to the Council meeting in May.

FINANCE

2011/162 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED : That the Council approve the under noted payments:

General Accounts (Suppliers)	£546.925.08
General Accounts (Emergency Payments)	£ 75,312.49

Subsidiary Account (Wages & Salaries) £847,184.08

NOTICE OF MOTION

2011/163 : NOTICE OF MOTION

It was proposed by Councillor Cochrane and seconded by Councillor Long that

“this Council resolves that its Management Team will no longer include any elected members”

Councillor Cochrane expressed her opposition to the fact that a representative of one political party sat on the Council’s Management Team and stated that in every other Council in Northern Ireland there was no political representation on the Management Team. She said that the Council employed staff with the necessary skills and expertise to take management decisions and officers should be free to participate in meetings of the Management Team without being subject to political influence. She also stated that, when considering sensitive issues, the Management Team received input from only one political party and she felt that this was unfair to staff and unfair to ratepayers.

Councillor Long stated that he had served on the Council for 10 years and had only learned that one party was represented on the Management Team in the last few weeks. He stated that the original decision to appoint an elected representative onto the Management Team had been taken in 1997 and, to the best of his knowledge, since then this role had not been raised at the Council’s Annual General Meeting which decided representation on committees and groups. He also advised that minutes of the Management Team meetings were not made available to other Councillors.

Councillor Long stated that the Council Member appointed to the Management Team in 1997 had left the Council and there did not appear to be a Council minute appointing some one else into that position or informing Council of a change in representation. He stated that this could not be considered best practice and that it should be possible to find a fairer and more inclusive way to operate. He indicated that he wished for a recorded vote to be taken on the motion.

Councillor Copeland left at 9.00 pm

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Spratt.

“This Council resolves that its Management Team will continue to provide leadership and direction to the Council; recognises that the existing arrangements have contributed to making Castlereagh “the Premier Borough”; welcomes the structure that brings policy makers and decision takers together with expert managers and administrators to benefit the community we all serve; accepts that these arrangements do not prevent the non-elected

Members of the Management Team meeting separately when appropriate; notes that the system of bringing elected leaders together at Management level with departmental officials is now being advocated and undertaken in the UK as best practice; believes, particularly in the context of a Council that has a single party majority, that it makes common sense for the agenda to be driven by those who are elected by the ratepayers to represent their interests; repudiates the dim-witted thinking of the Alliance Party who contend that Castlereagh should automatically apply the same processes and practices followed by every other Council in Northern Ireland and asserts that it is because Castlereagh has consistently refused to follow the crowd that the Borough has the lowest Rates, the best facilities, unsurpassed services and is recognised to be the brand leader in local government”

Councillor Spratt stated that the Alliance Party had been debating this matter in the media for several days and he felt that the purpose of the motion was political point scoring. He referred to the short period that he had sat on the Management Team and stated that everything discussed was open and transparent. He said that the Management Team did not discuss personal HR issues but were concerned with general management matters. He stated that it was reasonable for a member of the largest party on the Council to be represented on the Management Team.

Councillor Hanvey spoke in support of the original proposal. He stated that the decision in 1997 to appoint a representative to the Management Team was a measure taken at a particular period and that the issue of this representation should have come back for consideration at Council AGMs. He emphasised the importance of the Council demonstrating openness and transparency.

Councillor Robinson raised a point of order and stated that comments should relate to the amendment rather than the original motion.

Councillor Vitty stated that the motion was a political gimmick and felt that in the forthcoming election the party proposing the motion would not receive a mandate to run the Council. He said that political representation on a Management Team was established practice in the UK. He referred to his party's excellent record as the largest party on Council. He stated that, when he had first joined the Council, it had been one of the highest in the rate tables and it was now the lowest and had a reputation for excellence. He referred to the attendance record of some Members of the Alliance Party.

Councillor Copeland returned to the meeting at 9.15 pm

Councillor Bunting expressed surprise that people had sat on the Council for more than one term and had not understood the roles and responsibilities of officers and elected Members. She stated that the Council decided on the strategy and was the decision making body while the Management Team was concerned with implementation of strategy and decisions. She stated that the fact that other Councils in Northern Ireland operated differently from Castlereagh did not mean that they were better run. She said she saw no

evidence of a lack of openness or transparency. She stated that Members of her party were not afforded any privileges that should not be afforded to the largest party on the Council.

Councillor Bunting stated that NILGA and SOLACE were currently discussing whether there should be Elected Members on SOLACE. She said that officers were present at all meetings of the Council and she could not see why Elected Members should not be present at a meeting of the Management Team. She felt that this practice helped to combat the existence of a “them and us” culture.

Alderman Norris left the meeting at 9.30 pm

Councillor Drysdale took issue with some of the exchanges that had occurred across the Council and, in particular, with comments made by Councillor Long. He paid tribute to the Mayor’s management of the meeting.

Alderman Henderson stated that he had first heard about the issue being discussed from a report in The Irish News. He stated that representatives from the Alliance Party and SDLP had agreed to the original decision to appoint a representative on the Management Team. He also stated that Castlereagh did not follow other Councils but led the way.

Councillor Chambers referred to the period when she had deputised on the Management Team for the appointed representative. She refuted the suggestion that the Council was not open and transparent. She suggested that Alliance Party Members were not team players. She stated that she had first joined the Council in 1985 when the UUP had been the majority party and she stated that the Council had been much less effective then.

Councillor Hanvey left at 9.45 pm.

Councillor Robinson referred to the Council’s decision to restructure Standing Committees so that membership was not dependent on party numbers and he stated that the attendance record by Alliance party members was very poor. He stated that the Alliance party would have one think that it was wrong to strive for improvements and that Castlereagh was leading the way and setting the standards. He stated that the issue raised was nothing to do with transparency but an attempt to introduce conflict and confrontation. He stated that under DUP Castlereagh was the Council with the lowest rate in Northern Ireland and should be proud of its record.

Councillor Hanvey returned to the meeting and Alderman Henderson left the meeting at 9.50 pm

Councillor Robinson stated that he wished to put on record his appreciation of members of the Management Team and considered that it had been a privilege to work with them.

In speaking to the amendment, Councillor Cochrane stated that, in making her points, she had not made a personal attack on any one in particular. With regard to her attendance at meetings, she stated that she had attended the same number of Council meetings as Councillor Robinson. She stated that the attendance register only related to meetings of Council and Committees and did not include other internal and external groups.

Alderman Henderson returned to the meeting at 9.53 pm

The amendment was then put to the meeting.

13 members voted in favour of the amendment as follows: Aldermen J Beattie and Henderson, Councillors Beattie, Bunting, Chambers, Copeland, Drysdale, Hall, Jeffers, McCoy, Robinson, Spratt and Vitty.

5 Members voted against the amendment as follows: Alderman Rice and Councillors Cochrane, Duncan, Hanvey and Long.

The amendment was declared carried and was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion. 13 Members voted in favour of the motion and 5 Members voted against. It was therefore

RESOLVED: "That this Council resolves that its Management Team will continue to provide leadership and direction to the Council; recognises that the existing arrangements have contributed to making Castlereagh "the Premier Borough"; welcomes the structure that brings policy makers and decision takers together with expert managers and administrators to benefit the community we all serve; accepts that these arrangements do not prevent the non-elected Members of the Management Team meeting separately when appropriate; notes that the system of bringing elected leaders together at Management level with departmental officials is now being advocated and undertaken in the UK as best practice; believes, particularly in the context of a Council that has a single party majority, that it makes common sense for the agenda to be driven by those who are elected by the ratepayers to represent their interests; repudiates the dim-witted thinking of the Alliance Party who contend that Castlereagh should automatically apply the same processes and practices followed by every other Council in Northern Ireland and asserts that it is because Castlereagh has consistently refused to follow the crowd that the Borough has the lowest Rates, the best facilities, unsurpassed services and is recognised to be the brand leader in local government"

Councillor Vitty left the meeting at 10.05 pm

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

2011/164 : MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR'S BUSINESS FOR MARCH 2011

Noted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

2011/165 : EVENT REQUEST – LOCK KEEPER’S COTTAGE AND VISITORS’ CENTRE

It was reported that Arthritis Care NI had requested permission to use the grounds of the Lock Keeper’s Cottage and Visitors’ Centre as a finishing point for its sponsored walk on Saturday 14 May 2011 from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm. It was anticipated that there would be 50 participants and the charity’s staff and stewards would manage and co-ordinate the event.

Members were advised that Lagan Valley Regional Park and the Lock Keeper’s Inn had been consulted and had no conflicting events on that date. Arthritis Care had provided a risk assessment and relevant insurance certificates and a similar request had been approved by Council last year.

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to allow the use of the grounds of the Lock Keeper’s Cottage and Visitors’ Centre as a finishing point for Arthritis Care’s sponsored walk on 14 May 2011.

2011/166 : LETTING OF UNIT 1, BALLYORAN CENTRE

Members were advised that Units 1, 7 and 8 at the Ballyoran Centre were currently vacant and a number of people, who had previously expressed an interest in the units, had been contacted with a view to identifying a suitable tenant.

It was reported that only one expression of interest had been returned by the closing date of 14 March 2011 and this was from someone wishing to occupy the unit for car body repair. As neighbouring businesses included a welder and a car mechanic, this use was considered acceptable.

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to let Unit 1 of the Ballyoran Centre for car body repair subject to the tenant meeting the Council’s requirements regarding character references, insurance certificates, proof of address, etc.

2011/167 : DRAFT ACTION PLAN FOR MONEYREAGH

The Council considered a report by the Economic Development Manager updating Members on the development of a draft action plan for Moneyreagh. It was noted that this matter had already been discussed at Minute No 2011/154.

Noted.

Councillor Vitty returned at 10.07 pm

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION &

COMMUNITY SERVICES (copy previously circulated)

2011/168 : ARTS – FIRST FRIDAY PERFORMANCE APRIL & MAY

Members were advised that, as part of the Council's Arts Strategy, the Council delivered a 'Cultural Connections' arts programme that promoted opportunities for residents and visitors to access community arts activities and events. Part of this programme included 'First Friday' events and the Arts Officer sought the Council's approval to include two additional First Friday events in the February to May schedule, as follows:

- 1 April 2011 – A revival of 'old time' blues by Mary Ryan, Mark Brainier and Simon Templeton
- 5 May 2011 – Northern Irish singer/songwriter Chris Keys

Members were advised of the costs for both events which would not exceed £1,000. It was noted that these costs had been included in the 2011/2012 estimates and were not an additional cost to Council.

Alderman Henderson advised that he had received very favourable feedback regarding the arts events in the Borough and wished to pay tribute to the work of the officers involved.

RESOLVED: that the Council approve costs of £1,000 from the arts budget towards the 'First Friday' performances for April & May 2011.

2011/169 : ERNEST ANDERSON & JOHN HEWITT SOCIETY BURSARIES

Members were provided with background information regarding the Ernest Anderson & John Hewitt Society bursaries which were both open to artists born and/or living in the Borough who could show significant achievement in their chosen field. It was proposed that the bursaries would be delivered as in previous years with both being publicly advertised inviting applications from across the Borough.

Members were advised of the costs involved. The Ernest Anderson bursary would provide a sum of £500 to cover all board and lodging expenses for the successful applicant at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre. The John Hewitt bursary would provide a sum of £300 to cover the successful applicant's board and lodging expenses at the John Hewitt summer school. Members were asked to note that these costs had been included in the 2011/12 estimates and were not an additional cost to Council.

RESOLVED: that the Council approve expenditure of £800 as detailed above from the arts budget towards the Ernest Anderson and John Hewitt Society bursaries.

2011/170 : REQUEST FROM BALLYBEEN WOMEN'S CENTRE

Members were advised that a request had been received from Ballybeen Women's Centre who wished to host an 'arts and craft' exhibition involving a range of countries at the Civic Centre.

It was reported that Ballybeen Women's Centre was involved in a 2 year Grundtvig learning partnership called 'Dance of the Creative Hands' that involved a number of countries including Turkey, Greece, Austria and Northern Ireland. The partnership gave participants the opportunity to travel to other countries to learn their traditional arts and crafts and each country took it in turn to host delegates and provide an opportunity to showcase the range of work produced.

Members were advised that Ballybeen Women's Centre would be hosting a visit from participating countries in May and wished to hold the showcase exhibition in the Council offices on 24 May 2011. It was reported that all artists were happy to sign disclaimers to absolve the Council of liability for damage or theft of artworks. The only costs involved for the Council would be for catering and this should not exceed £400 and could be met from within the arts budget for 2011/2012 at no additional cost to Council

RESOLVED: that the Council approve expenditure of £500 in respect of catering and refreshment for the Ballybeen Women's Centre arts and craft event on 24 May 2011 and also approve the use of the Council's function suite for that event.

2011/171 : ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND

Members were advised that, as agreed by Council in February, the Council's Royal Wedding Celebration Fund had opened for applications on 24 February and closed on 18 March 2011. Members considered a supplementary report by the Director of Administration & Community Services (tabled at the meeting) which provided details of the assessment process and a synopsis of each application received together with the Assessment Panel's recommendations.

Members were advised that 27 applications had been received and only one application had not met the Council's criteria as it was outside the specified date range. Members noted that the total budget allocation for the scheme had been £15,000 and funding requested amounted to £12,833.83. The Assessment Panel therefore recommended supporting all groups eligible for the scheme on the basis of their funding request, as follows:

CENTRAL CASTLEREAGH

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS		
Name of Group	Total Amount Requested	Assessment Panel Recommendations
Downshire Womens Group	£1,000	Approved
Clonduff Womens' Group	£950	Approved
Clonduff Community Association	£986	Approved
Cregagh Community Association	£1,000	Approved

Sunshine & Smiles	£345	Approved
Braniel Community Association	£1,000	Approved

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND PARTY PACK REQUESTS		
Area of benefit	Total expected beneficiaries	Assessment Panel Recommendations
Downshire Park North	100	Approved
Burntollet Way, Cregagh	40	Approved

EAST CASTLEREAGH

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS		
Name of Group	Total Amount Requested	Assessment Panel Recommendations
TAGIT	£999.33	Approved
Christ Church Youth Council	£850.00	Approved

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND PARTY PACK REQUESTS		
Area of benefit	Total expected beneficiaries	Assessment Panel Recommendations
Grahamsbridge Manor Sheltered Housing	40-50	Approved
Tullycarnet Primary School	-	Not Recommended
Kirn Park, Tullycarnet	40	Approved
Leven Place, Tullycarnet	30-40	Approved
Kingraig Avenue, Tullycarnet	20-30	Approved
Kinross Avenue, Tullycarnet	40	Approved
Lothian Avenue, Tullycarnet	30-40	Approved
Dalry Park, Tullycarnet	35-45	Approved
Vionville Rise, Tullycarnet	60-70	Approved

SOUTH CASTLEREAGH

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS		
Name of Group	Total Amount Requested	Assessment Panel Recommendations
Killynure Community Association	£1,000	Approved
Edgar Boyd Court Tenants Assoc.	£600	Approved
Carryduff Retirement Group	£670	Approved

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND PARTY PACK REQUESTS		
Area of benefit	Total expected beneficiaries	Assessment Panel Recommendations
Cul de Sac of Alveston Park, Carryduff	50-80	Approved
Carryduff Presbyterian Hall, Carryduff	40-50	Approved
Edgar Boyd Court, Killynure	30-35	Approved

WEST CASTLEREAGH

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS		
Name of Group	Total Amount Requested	Assessment Panel Recommendations
Belvoir & Milltown Action Group	£933.50	Approved

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION FUND PARTY PACK REQUESTS		
Area of benefit	Total expected beneficiaries	Assessment Panel Recommendations
Castlerobin Road, Belvoir	30-40	Approved

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to adopt the Assessment Panel's recommendations and support all eligible groups that had applied for funding from the Council's Royal Wedding Celebration Fund at a total cost of £12,833.83 plus the costs associated with the provision of the party packs.

2011/172 : BALLYORAN 3G PITCH

Members were advised that, as previously agreed by Council, a tender process had been carried out for the installation of a 3G pitch at land to the rear of Ballyoran Community Centre to include the drilling of the existing bitmac surface, formation of 60mm FIFA 1 grade 3G pitch and lines for soccer. It was reported that, in line with the Council's procurement policy, tenders had been advertised in the Belfast Telegraph on 17 December 2010 and on the Council's website. 22 sets of tender documents had been issued and 5 tenders had been submitted by the closing date of 25 January 2011.

It was reported that all tenders had been checked and all were arithmetically correct but that 3 tenders had been excluded for exceeding the maximum threshold stated in the tender document and a further 1 tender had been excluded for failing to include the 3 year maintenance programme in the tender price.

Members were advised that the tender evaluation panel comprised the Procurement Officer and the Capital Projects Officer and all tenders had been scored against the following criteria: cost 75%; service delivery 15%; programme 10%. It was reported that a sum equal to the recommended tender cost had been set against this project in the 2011/12 financial year. The contract period was 6 weeks with work programmed to commence in April 2011 with completion in June 2011.

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to accept the tender submitted by Crawford Contracts Group Ltd, Woodside Industrial Estate, Woodside Road, Ballymena, BT42 4QJ for the installation of a 3G pitch at Ballyoran Community Centre.

2011/173 : PEACE III PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Vitty stated that he had recently been appointed as one of the Council's representatives on the Peace III Partnership and was concerned

about the inability of the group to deliver outcomes for the Borough. He asked if officers could investigate the level of input by the Council to the partnership in terms of staff time and other costs. He also sought clarification as to whether any groups within the Borough had been successful in obtaining Peace III funding.

The Director of Administration & Community Services indicated that she would bring a report back to Council with the statistical information requested.

Other Members indicated they shared Councillor Vitty's concerns. Councillor Spratt stated that the issue had been raised in the Assembly. Alderman Beattie and Councillors Duncan, Hanvey and Jeffers all expressed concern about the workings of the Peace III Partnership.

RESOLVED: that officers be asked to bring back a detailed report on the cost to Council of its involvement in the Peace III partnership and including clarification as to whether any funding had been obtained by groups within the Borough.

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES (copy previously circulated)

2011/174 : CLUBMARK ACCREDITATION SCHEME

The Director of Leisure Services reported on the Clubmark Accreditation programme, designed by Sport NI to support junior sports clubs and reward those who met a defined quality standard. She advised that the scheme focused on three key areas: effective management; quality coaching and competition; and safety in sport and safeguarding.

The Director reported on discussions with Sport NI regarding the costs and implications for the Council in participating in the scheme. She advised that there were two options for delivery, either as a sole Council or within a cluster with Lisburn City Council. The Director advised that it was not possible at this stage to evaluate the full needs of facilitating the programme. She indicated that a pilot scheme with clubs already affiliated with CSDA would allow officers to assess the operational implications of the programme and to continue to gather relevant information from Sport NI.

RESOLVED: that the Council approve a pilot Clubmark Accreditation scheme to be run in conjunction with CSDA for 2 local clubs before taking a decision on long term proposals.

2011/175 : ROBINSON CENTRE – PROPOSALS FOR THE ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY ON 29 APRIL 2011.

The Director of Leisure Services reported that the Robinson Centre would be open on 29 April 2011 and she suggested that, as part of the Royal Wedding celebrations and in order to encourage use of the facility, free swimming should be offered to children under 16 throughout the day. She advised that,

as normal, children under 8 would have to be accompanied by a fee paying adult.

RESOLVED: that the Council approve free swimming at the Robinson Centre for children under 16 on Friday 29 April 2011.

2011/176 : MARCH TENDER CONCLUSIONS

Members were reminded that the Council had agreed to grant executive powers to the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee (Minute No 2011/117) refers) to approve tenders relating to Lough Moss replacement boilers, Lough Moss reception and Robinson Centre replacement pool filters with retrospective approval being sought at the Council meeting in March.

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to accept a supplementary report from the Director of Leisure regarding approval of tenders.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES (tabled at the meeting)

2011/177 : ROBINSON CENTRE POOL FILTERS

It was reported that the six pool filters at the Robinson Centre now required a major refurbishment requiring them to be stripped down, refurbished and resealed at a rate of two filters in each of the following financial years. The Director of Leisure Services reported that it was essential that this work be carried out by competent contractors and that material and equipment used was compatible with the current filters.

She advised that 4 tenders had been received by the closing date and had been assessed by a panel consisting of the Acting Technical Manager and the Procurement Officer. She reported that one tender had been eliminated for failing to provide enough pre-qualifying information as required. A pre-scoring matrix of 70% cost, 15% quality of equipment and 15% methodology and process had been agreed by the Leisure Services Committee. Further clarification had been requested from one of the tenders as the written submission had not specifically stated compliance with the Council's specification and this confirmation had been subsequently received.

Details of the scoring for each of the tenders was provided and it was

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to award the tender to CTS to refurbish the pool filters at the Robinson Centre with two filters being refurbished in the financial year 2010/11 and two further filters in 2011/12.

2011/178 : LOUGH MOSS – RECEPTION

The Director of Leisure Services advised that the final phase in the refurbishment of the Lough Moss reception including a new reception desk and associated works had been tendered with a closing date of 14 March

2011. She advised that no tender had been received by that date that came within or close to the budget allocated. All the companies who had requested tender packs had been advised that no award was to be made and they were invited to resubmit another quotation by 21 March 2011.

The Director advised that two tenders had been received by the deadline. The panel consisted of the General Manager Leisure and Marketing and the Relief Capital Project officer and a pre-scoring matrix of 70% cost, 15% works proposal and 15% programme had been agreed by the Leisure Services Committee.

RESOLVED: that, on the basis of the scoring matrix, Noel Savage Construction be awarded the tender to provide a new reception desk and associated works at Lough Moss.

2011/179 : LOUGH MOSS REPLACEMENT BOILERS

The Director of Leisure Services reported that a tender for the installation of suitable replacement natural gas fired boilers for Lough Moss had been advertised with a closing date of 21 March 2011. The tender would include all electrical and plumbing works and the installation of suitable permanent secure means of maintenance access for work in the high level boiler room.

Members were advised that the tender process had resulted in 4 tenders being received by the deadline. The panel had consisted of the General Manager Leisure and Marketing and the Relief Capital Projects Officer. A pre-scoring matrix of 75% costs and 25% quality had been agreed by the Leisure Services Committee.

RESOLVED: that, on the basis of the scoring matrix, Tipping Mechanical be awarded the tender to design the installation of suitable replacement natural gas fired boilers including all electrical and plumbing works and the installation of suitable permanent secure means of maintenance access for work in the high level boiler room at Lough Moss.

GENERAL

2011/180 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 3 MARCH 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & PERSONNEL RE: CLOSURE OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY & LOW CARBON HOMES SCHEMES AND TRANSFER OF SAVINGS INTO THE GREEN NEW DEAL (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/181 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 4 MARCH 2011 FROM NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE RE: STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE DRAFT EQUALITY SCHEME AND ACTION PLAN (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/182 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 7 MARCH 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE & INVESTMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON A DRAFT TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACTIONS PLAN FOR NORTHERN IRELAND 2011-2015 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/183 : EMAIL DATED 21 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM BT RE: MAJOR BROADBAND INVESTMENT BY BT TO BOOST ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/184 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 18 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE & INVESTMENT RE: TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND BROADBAND IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/185 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 21 FEBRUARY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE: TAXI OPERATOR LICENSING SUPPLEMENTARY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR NEW FEE STRUCTURE AND FEE LEVEL (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/186 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND RE: CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT: PROPOSALS FOR THE CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND USE OF TRANSPORTABLE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/187 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 23 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF REVISED COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOVINE TB AND BRUCELLOSIS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/188 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 3 MARCH 2011 FROM THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND RE: 6TH REVIEW

OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES (copy letter previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/189 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY RE: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK – LIVING WITH LONG TERM CONDITIONS (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/190 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 28 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR MODERNISING HM COASTGUARD (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/191 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 8 MARCH 2011 FROM TIDY NORTHERN IRELAND RE: LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ISSUES (copies previously circulated)

RESOLVED : that the Council agree to refer this correspondence to the Technical & Environmental Services Committee for consideration.

2011/192 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 7 MARCH 2011 FROM THE SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST RE: ULSTER HOSPITAL PROVISION OF CAR PARKING (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Hanvey stated that the charges imposed at the hospital car park would not deter people parking their cars outside the grounds near McDonalds. Councillor Spratt stated that parked cars causing an obstruction in the village was a matter for the PSNI and that the car parking charges at the hospital were to deter people from using the car park as a park and ride facility.

Alderman Henderson referred to the fact that it had been planned for a representative of the Trust to attend Council to advise on further development. He suggested that, as funding for the next stage of the hospital development had now been released, an invitation could be extended to the Trust to attend Council to advise on development and other relevant issues. Councillor Drysdale supported this suggestion.

The Chief Executive advised that a meeting would be taking place in the next week between the Council, the Trust, Roads Service and PSNI to discuss the East Link issue. He advised that the Chief Executive of the Ulster Hospital had suggested that he would be available to attend a Council meeting after the election.

RESOLVED: that the Chief Executive of the Ulster Hospital be invited to attend a Council meeting after the forthcoming elections to discuss development at the Ulster Hospital.

2011/193 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 3 MARCH 2011 FROM NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES UK & IRELAND SECRETARIAT RE: NFLA ALL-IRELAND FORUM SPRING SEMINAR – KEY NUCLEAR POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING IRELAND IN 2011 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/194 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 24 FEBRUARY 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RE: FUTURE REGULATION OF GAMBLING IN NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Councillor Spratt stated that it was important that the Council respond to the consultation in order to ensure that there was no increase in opportunities to gamble particularly at weekends and on Sunday.

RESOLVED: that the Council respond to this consultation exercise expressing its opposition to any measures that might increase opportunities to gamble particularly at weekends and on Sunday.

2011/195 : EMAIL DATED 9 MARCH 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY RE: CONSULTATION ON THE NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR ALCOHOL & DRUGS PHASE 2 (2011-2016) copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/196 : EMAIL DATED 10 MARCH 2011 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT RE: DARD AUDIT OF INEQUALITIES AND ACTION PLAN – CONSULTATION (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/197 : MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 201 TO FEBRUARY 2011 (copy tabled at the meeting)

Noted.

2011/198 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 4 MARCH 2011 FROM THE METRIC MARTYR DEFENCE FUND RE: CLARIFICATION OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/199 : COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE & INVESTMENT RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON TO BOARD OF INVEST NORTHERN IRELAND (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

2011/200 : CORRESPONDENCE DATED 9 MARCH 2011 FROM CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL RE: FORMAL CONSULTATION ON DRAFT EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR ARMED FORCES DAY (copy previously circulated)

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

RESOLVED: that the Council respond to Craigavon Borough Council supporting its proposal to fly the flag for Armed Forces Day.

ANNUAL REPORTS

2011/201 : CORRESPONDENCE FROM OFMDFM RE: ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC BODIES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS – 2009/10 (copy previously circulated)

Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2011/202 : ULSTER IN BLOOM AWARDS

Councillor Bunting referred to the fact that the Council had won a Best in Group award in the Ulster in Bloom Awards and congratulated the officers in the Technical & Environmental Services Department for this success. Other Members including the Mayor, Alderman Henderson and Alderman Rice supported Councillor Bunting's comments. Alderman Henderson suggested that the Council should advertise the award on its website and in the local press.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Council pass on its thanks and congratulations to staff in the Technical & Environmental Services Department for their success in winning a Best in Group award in the Ulster in Bloom Awards
- (b) that the Council advertise its success in achieving a Best in Group award on its website and in local community press.

Alderman Rice left the meeting at 10.35 pm

2011/203 : NEW RESIDENTS' GROUP IN MONEYREAGH

Councillor Spratt advised that a new residents' group had been set up in Moneyreagh. He referred to planting at Crossnacreevy and he asked if the Council's Technical & Environmental Services staff could be asked to provide similar planting at Moneyreagh by way of encouragement to local residents.

Councillor Robinson also requested that the Council's officers meet with the group to discuss some of the issues in the local area.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that Technical & Environmental Services officers be asked to investigate provision of planting at Moneyreagh
- (b) that officers be asked to meet with the new residents' group being set up in Moneyreagh to discuss some of the issues in the local area.

2011/204 : MINUTES OF THE AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 15 MARCH 2011 (copy tabled at the meeting)

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Audit Sub-Committee meeting held on 15 March 2011 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendments:

- Minute No ASC/2011/04 – replace “Noted” with: “RESOLVED: that the Council write to the Northern Ireland Audit Office to confirm that the Council had whistle blowing procedures in place
- Minute No ASC/2011/10 – replace “Noted” with “RESOLVED: that the Management Team consider the current role of the former Internal Auditor with a view to him resuming his duties in relation to Castlereagh Hills Golf Club
- ASC/2011/11 – In 5th line and in resolution, replace “approval” with “consideration”
- ASC/2011/12 – in resolution replace “approval” with “consideration”
- ASC/2011/13 – Replace “Noted” with “RESOLVED: that a report on corporate risk registers be brought to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee”

IN COMMITTEE

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

2011/205 : LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE BILL (copy previously circulated)

The Director of Finance referred to correspondence from the Department of the Environment advising that the new Local Government Finance Bill would not now come into operation until 1 April 2012 rather than the previously scheduled date of 1 April 2011. The Director reported on the implications for Council of this delay and indicated that he intended to bring a report on the matter to the first meeting of the Post Estimates Working Group.

Noted.

REPORT BY THE CLIENT SERVICES MANAGER

2011/206 : RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT – MINIMUM GUARANTEED TONNAGES

Members were reminded of previous meetings and discussions on the Residual Waste Treatment Project including a seminar that had been held in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, on 25 February 2011.

It was reported that the Technical & Environmental Services Committee at its meeting on 1 March 2011 had considered a report detailing Key Terms relating to the resolution of arc21 constituent councils regarding development of the next Supplemental Agreement and had recommended adoption of the Key Terms.

It was reported that Minimum Guaranteed Tonnages (MGT) had not been included in the Key Terms as these would be specific to each individual Council and would be included as an annex to be presented for Council approval following completion of arc21's waste flow modelling exercise in conjunction with Council officers. Finalised forecasted residual municipal waste quantities and MGTs were now detailed for Council's approval.

RESOLVED: that the Council approve the forecasted residual municipal waste arisings and MGTs as detailed in the officer's report.

2011/207 : CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PLAY PARK AT CLONDUFF DRIVE, CLONDUFF

Members were reminded that the Council had agreed to develop a new play park at Clonduff Drive. It was reported that planning permission was now imminent as a recommendation for approval (Y/2009/0215/F) was included in the Planning Schedule presented to Council earlier in the meeting.

Members were advised that experience had shown that community involvement in the development of proposals for such schemes contributed to their subsequent success and permission was therefore sought to engage with the local community for the development of proposals for Clonduff playground.

It was suggested that the fixed price tender be assessed on the following criteria to be published in the tender document:

	Weight %
Layout	20
Aesthetics	20
Range of play equipment	15
Quality of equipment	15
No of children catered for	10
Social interaction	10
Sustainability	5
Ease of maintenance	5

RESOLVED:

- (a) that officers be authorised to engage with Clonduff Community Association to develop proposals for the playground
- (b) that the use of the scoring matrix as detailed above be approved.

Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 10.40 pm

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

2011/208 : DRAFT LANDFILL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Director of Technical & Environmental Services had previously circulated for Members' information copy of the minute from the T&ES Committee meeting in March where this matter had been considered together with copy correspondence from the Minister of the Environment dated 9 March and copy of a submission made to the Assembly's Environment Committee on 10 March 2011.

He advised that a further meeting had taken place on 16 March 2011 by representatives of three of the five Councils concerned with the agreement. Subsequent to that meeting a copy of the finalised landfill framework agreement and covering letter to accompany it had been circulated for Members' information.

RESOLVED: that the landfill framework agreement be approved and that authority be given to the Chief Executive and Mayor to sign the covering letter on behalf of the Council

IN COMMITTEE – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2011/209 : FAREWELL TRIBUTES

Councillor Bunting indicated that she would not be standing for the new Council and expressed her thanks to officers and staff for all the help and support given to her over the years. She also expressed good wishes to the Council Members.

Councillor Long stated that he was disappointed that Councillor Bunting would not be running again for Council and stated that she had served the Council very well over the years and particularly during her term as Mayor. He wished her well in the future.

Councillor Spratt wished to place on record the hard work and input that Councillor Bunting had contributed to both the party group and to the Council. He expressed disappointment that she was not standing again. He also paid tribute to Alderman Norris who was also retiring from Council. He stated that over many years Alderman Norris had made a substantial contribution to the Council.

Councillor Spratt stated that Councillor Hughes had been a great friend to everyone in the Council and would be greatly missed when she stood down. He wished to place on record his party's best wishes to her on her retirement from Council.

Alderman Henderson stated that it had been a pleasure working with Alderman Norris and Councillors Bunting and Hughes. He referred in particular to Alderman Norris' representation on the National Association of Councillors and expressed regret that, due to his recent illness, he had been unable to take up the role of Chair of that Association. Alderman Henderson proposed that the Council present a plaque to each of the departing Members inscribed with the dates of their Council service.

Councillor Duncan paid tribute to Alderman Norris, Councillor Bunting and Councillor Hughes. Councillor Drysdale and the Mayor also concurred with the sentiments expressed.

Noted

STAFF IN COMMITTEE

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.10 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MAYOR