

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022, RECONVENED ON  
TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022**

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE  
ON TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022 AT 7.00PM,  
RECONVENED ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022 AT 7PM.**

**In the Chair** : The Mayor, Councillor Wallace (C)

**Present** : Alderman Boyle (R), Baird (C), Duddy (C), Fielding (C), Hillis (C), Knight-McQuillan (C), McKeown (C), McLean (C), S McKillop (C)

Councillors Anderson (C), Bateson (R), Beattie (R), Callaghan (C), Callan (R), Chivers (R), Dallat O'Driscoll (R), Holmes (C), Hunter (R), McCandless (C), McAuley (C), McCaw (R), McGurk (R), MA McKillop (R), McMullan (R), McQuillan (C), P McShane (C), Mulholland (C), Nicholl (R), Peacock (R), Quigley (C), Schenning (R), Scott (C), Watton (C), Wilson (C)

**Officers Present** : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)  
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager (R)  
K Mailey, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development (R)  
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (R)  
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)

A McAuley, PR Manager (R)  
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)  
J Winfield, ICT Manager (C)

Press (3 No.) (R)  
Public (2 No.) (C) and (1 No.) (R)

**Key –** C = Attended in the Chamber  
R = Attended Remotely

The Chief Executive undertook a roll call.

The Mayor opened the meeting and extended a welcome to members of the press and public in attendance and provided guidance in relation to Council's Remote Meetings Protocol and audio recordings.

The Mayor put it to the Council that a request had been received from a Media Organisation to record proceedings, that a similar request had been received at the last Council Meeting and had been approved.

**RESOLVED** – That Council accede to the request from Media Organisations to record proceedings.

## 1. APOLOGIES

An apology was recorded for Councillors C McShane and McCorkell.

## 2. CONDOLENCES AND TRIBUTES ON THE PASSING OF ALDERMAN JOHN FINLAY

The Mayor addressed Council:

*Sadly this is the first meeting since my friend and colleague Alderman Finlay passed away yesterday morning. There is not a lot more I can say about Alderman Finlay than has been said in the last 24 hours. We all know John was a Christian. He had a strong Christian faith which carried him through the illness he has had. John was in absolutely no doubt about where he was going. He often said he was not a good example of a Christian but he was glad that Christ died on the cross to take away his all his sin. No doubt by now John has met his Saviour and has received his well done.*

*He was a great family man and my thoughts are with Linda, Naomi and Rebekah. We cannot even imagine what they are going through. John was only 62 years of age, still a young man. They had many plans for years to come, only 3 weeks ago speaking of wishing to have a weekend away to Newcastle. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with the family at this time.*

*John was a very faithful man. He was faithful to all the different things he was involved in including his Party, church and loyal orders. He was very faithful in protecting the unborn child. John did not worry about what other people thought of his opinions and he stood over them.*

*Lastly he was a friend and was a good friend to me. John could have rung you several times during the day and at night. Many times over Johns illness you could have got a call at 11 or 12 or a beep on the many WhatsApp groups we were both in. I have many fantastic memories of John and I am sure we will be talking about John for many years to come, especially all those who knew him best, Facebook refers to the 'Finlayisms'. There is a few members of our Party who I will allow to speak in the first instance and afterwards those who wish to join in a tribute may do so.*

Councillor McAuley addressed Council:

*Thanks Mayor, where do you start to talk about John Finlay? Despite knowing that this day was inevitable like many others I am heartbroken. John was dedicated to the loyal orders in Dunloy, the DUP and his Christian faith. He had a passion and determination to put the people of Ballymoney first. John was a one off in every sense of the word and one of a kind with a particular way of doing things - from how he answered the phone to how he quickly ended the calls promptly once he had finished what he wanted to say. He rang and messaged at all times of the day and at night and expected an instant reply. John liked nothing more than a leaflet drop as long as his face and telephone number was on it. If he had ordered too many leaflets you knew you would get*

*a phone call to go back to use up the leaflets with some homes getting another one. He was dedicated to constituents and the constituency work; he lived and breathed his political Party and the Council and we will never have another public representative like him. In his own words after receiving his sad news he said that if he was cut in two he would bleed DUP and even when he disagreed with the party he gave it his full support.*

*On a personal note I have known John for twenty years and over past four years I really got to know him when working with Mervyn Storey and Ian Paisley. There was not a day we were not in contact discussing and debating issues including many heated exchanges day and night. He often gave off but friendship never wavered. Since yesterday morning I have literally spent hours with the family and telling stories and thankfully we can laugh as it maybe makes it a bit easier. His family and I spoke of his dedication to the Planning Committee and site meetings and to seeing to issues around streetlighting, grass cutting and potholes, commenting that these often took precedence to family matters, such was his dedication to the Chamber and the people. Life will never be the same again as we say good bye to a fellow councillor, I say goodbye to a work colleague and close friend.*

*My loss is nothing compared that of his wife Linda, his daughters Naomi and Rebekah and his extended family. John my friend as I sit beside this empty seat as reality sets in I can safely say on behalf of the Party group that John Finlay will never be forgotten and missed more than any of us ever imagined.*

**\* Alderman Knight-McQuillan joined the meeting at 7.10 pm**

Alderman McLean addressed Council:

*Probably one of the reasons I am sitting in this chair is because of John Finlay. Some eleven years ago I was approached by Mervyn Storey and John Finlay about becoming a Councillor. John told me you may have a meeting or two a month, he would have led you up the garden path in that respect. It has been my honour to serve with him. At Elections John paced up and down the floor even though the rest of us felt sure he would secure his seat he wondered if that would be the case. After the recent assembly elections when John and I travelled together we spoke amongst other things of his illness, how the Party was going and the way forward. He also spoke of his disappointment when Mervyn Storey failed to get elected and felt sure that God would have purpose in that situation.*

*John loved to get out and preach the gospel at orange services, gospel missions, and whilst talking to constituents. When constituent issues arose John often had them sorted before they reached the Councillor representing the area and it was no time to a photo appeared on Facebook of John sharing the outcome. He loved getting out and about and meeting people and helping where he could especially Housing benefit applications.*

*His love for his wife and his girls was clear to see. A few weeks ago we had a BBQ for him, he was in good form and was talking about things he could do in*

*the future. The one thing which kept him going was making the 12<sup>th</sup> July in Bushmills. He bought a scooter and made it on the day. Coming up to next year's Council election it will not be the same without John being there. I would like to pass on my condolences in a public forum to his wife and the girls. Tomorrow will be a tough day for them but I am sure they would value the support of any members who can come along.*

\* **Councillor Quigley joined the meeting at 7.15 pm**

Councillor McQuillan addressed Council:

*I have been close friends with John since 1988 regardless of whether or not I was in the DUP and hold him in high regard. He was proud to represent Ballymoney on Ballymoney Borough Council and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. He was especially proud of his family and you were not long in his company to he started to speak about his wife and daughters. His wife Linda provided him with great support and was always by his side. It is down to us to support the family in the next weeks.*

*There will never be another John Finlay, he had that many characters and there are many more stories to tell. I would publicly like to extend my condolences to Linda, Naomi and Rebekah and hope God is with them over the next few weeks.*

Alderman S McKillop addressed Council:

*John's contribution to his beloved Party, Council and his constituents was immense. I feel extremely saddened that he is gone from our lives. A void has been left that will be hard to fill. They say time is a healer and I know John would want us to get on with the job in hand, which I will do, but it will be hard to do so without him. John devoted his life to caring for and strengthening his community. He worked tirelessly for the people. This is his legacy and I feel it important that the good work that he did is acknowledged in this chamber tonight. It has to be said that John was an extremely humorous person. He certainly made my job less taxing. Anyone that can bring a smile to my face, even laughter during the Planning Committee is in my mind not only gifted but possesses very unique characteristics, that was John Finlay. I will sorely miss his banter and humour.*

*My final thoughts and prayers are with members, colleagues, John's friends, his extended family, his caring and devoted wife Linda, and 'his girls' Rebecca and Naomi, who were always at the forefront of his mind. May God Bless and comfort them in the difficult days and times ahead. Thank you, Mayor, for allowing me to speak.'*

Alderman Fielding addressed Council:

*Thanks to Mr Mayor for the tribute and the video tribute. I have known John for up to 20 years. Nobody was in any doubt about what John stood for. His*

*Christian faith guided his beliefs. A long standing member of the Party John was dedicated to servicing his constituents. Committed and stalwart has been used to describe his commitment to the DUP. You always knew that John would be at any event the Party held. Over and above his own election He gave 100% to every election the Party contested and he took an interest not only in North Antrim but across NI. I worked in a constituency office in the neighbouring constituency but John would often ring during elections to find out how the canvas was progressing and what response was like around the doors. When I stood in a by- election in 2006 John offered and helped to give leaflets for me outside the polling station in Portrush. In Council John was diligent at attending meetings and I would draw particular attention to the Planning Committee which he was on since the commencement of this Council and attended the last Committee meeting in June . It was evident that he enjoyed this Committee and gave significant contribution to the debates and got on well with Councillors across the Chamber.*

*John will be missed most by those closest to him, his wife Linda and daughters Naomi and Rebekah and they can be assured of our thoughts and prayers, and to the people of Ballymoney and wider North Antrim community. Thanks for letting me speak.*

Councillor MA McKillop addressed Council:

*On behalf of the SDLP I extend my deepest condolences to the family, his wife Linda and daughters Naomi and Rebekah. John was an extremely dedicated Councillor and a man of great faith. I will never forget the kindness shown by him to me when we both had the privilege of jointly representing Council at Somme. I was delighted that we were both able to bring a motion to Council regarding the protection of the unborn. John will be sadly missed.'*

Councillor Peacock addressed Council:

*It is with deep genuine sadness and regret that we learned of the passing of John Finlay a fellow DEA Councillor of mine in the Ballymoney area. On behalf of Sinn Fein I wish to express condolences to his DUP colleagues, family and friends. There is no doubt in this Chamber that John was a dedicated, hardworking, kind and respectful individual. Our thoughts are with his wife and daughters and family circle and his DUP colleagues at this time. May he Rest in Peace.*

Alderman McKeown addressed Council:

*I have been nominated to speak on behalf of the Ulster Unionist Party as the member who has known John the longest. I wish to extend our sympathy to his wife, daughters, sister and wider family.*

*We first met when he got elected to Council many years ago and it became clear he was passionate about Council work which John never shied away from. He made it clear to me once after a heated debate in the Chamber that we were still friends outside of the Chamber. He had a gift of good sense*

*humour. Having occupied the same seat in the chamber for many years it is sad to look at the end of the row and know that he will no longer be there. We all have some very fond memories and he will be badly missed.*

Councillor McCandless addressed Council:

*One always knew when they stood with John. He was such a well-known and popular figure within politics and it is the case of gone but not forgotten. In the past few years we realised we had friends and acquaintances in the faith mission. I asked John recently what you like me to pray for and he said pray for Linda and my daughters. Those of us who have had bereavements know what pain the family are going through. I would like to lift Linda, Naomi and Rebekah up in pray at this time and in the next few days and months to come.*

Councillor Mulholland addressed Council:

*I was saddened to hear about the passing of John Finlay. I found him to be approachable and would never pass you without saying hello. We met at various social functions before I was elected and he always had a smile and time for a chat. May I extend my condolences to Linda and his daughters, the extended family and the DUP at this time.*

Councillor McCaw addressed Council:

*On behalf of Alliance Party I pay tribute to John who was a true gentleman on every dealing I had with him. He was diligent public servant a man of strong faith and conviction and I will always remember he was the first person to say hello to me when I joined the Council in 2018. I will never forget Johns kindness something which been spoken of by others this evening. It is devastating to have lost him, he will be fondly remembered by us all. Our sympathy is extended to the Mayor, Party colleagues, his friends and family at this time.*

The Mayor added, 'such was the kindness of John Finlay that 10 percent of earnings monthly was distributed to people in need. That is the kindness of John Finlay'.

Councillor Quigley addressed Council:

*I wish to extend my condolences to the DUP and to Linda and those lovely girls. I was saddened to hear what he had to endure. He was a man of great faith and a generous spirit both inside and outside of the Council Chamber and everyone knew that.*

Councillor Nicholl addressed Council:

*I have been on the Planning Committee with John Finlay since inception of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and often being on the Planning Committee is not easy and John had a real commitment to the work of the committee. I had a good rapport with John and there were many laughs. He*

*was very much his own man and, said things as they were from his heart. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wife Linda and daughters Naomi and Rebekah.*

*Despite the political divide John was understanding and respectful and worked for the greater good of constituents. He was a character and there will only be one John Finlay and I have fond memories of him.'*

Alderman Boyle addressed Council:

*I would like to echo my sympathy to the family Party and friends of John Finlay. John's commitment to the Planning Committee was obvious and never in question and he was not afraid to ask questions which led to useful debate. He bore his ill health with great dignity, continuing to attend meetings which gave us an opportunity to acknowledge him in difficult circumstances. It was moving to see his DUP colleagues allow him to present the Chain of Office to the incoming Mayor at the recent Annual Meeting. My thoughts are with the family at this time.*

Councillor P McShane addressed Council:

*I have never seen in this Chamber such heartfelt sympathy, particularly from John's colleagues in the DUP with the most sincere, deepest and warmest expressions of sympathy over the man's passing. To his Party colleagues I extend my heartfelt sympathy. People in my community will look at John and have memories and some of them will be different but I can rest assured that when I met John for the first time I had different opinions and have got to know a different side to John Finlay, he was a sincere and honest man. To his family in particular my deepest sympathy and with the difficult journey ahead I hope they can find strength from the memories as they go forward.*

Councillor Watton addressed Council:

*Where do you start, I liked John Finlay and he and I never had a cross word. You don't like everyone in politics – it is impossible but he and I got on well. He was an honest and straight man and I often thought he was MLA material. He was a staunch Unionist and Loyalist a man of strong faith and devotion to loyal orders. He also had a wicked sense of humour and I enjoyed being in his company. His passing is a loss to the DUP and a bigger loss to his family and my thoughts are with his wife Linda his two daughters and wider family circle. The Council has lost a very good man.*

The Chief Executive addressed Council:

*On behalf of Council staff we express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Alderman John Finlay. It was a pleasure and privilege to serve under him as presiding Councillor of the Shadow Council and active member of Group Leaders Forum and a Ballymoney Councillor. Following a robust exchange with a Council Officer John would say 'I hope I was not too hard on you.*



*He will be forever remembered for the underlying kindness already mentioned. It was remarkable how he worked for the borough right up to his final weeks. His larger than life personality and presence will be genuinely missed by Council employees.*

The Mayor invited The Chamber to observe One Minute's Silence in memory of Alderman John Finlay.

The Mayor said he wished to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm and invited a proposal.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy  
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

**RESOLVED:** that the Council Meeting does now adjourn; to reconvene on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7 pm.

The Mayor advised that he would be passing on the tributes paid to Alderman John Finlay to his wife and daughters after the meeting.

Councillor McAuley asked if permission was required by the Council for the family to receive a copy of the proceedings and the Chief Executive advised as the meeting was held in public a copy of the proceedings could readily be made available.

The Mayor thanked all those in attendance and the meeting adjourned at 7.50pm.

**Adjourned Business:**

1. The Mayor's Business
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of Members' Interests
4. Deputation from the Coleraine and District Motor Club - North West 200 update briefing
5. Minutes of Council Meeting held Thursday 30 June 2022
6. Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 22 June 2022
7. Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel
8. Conferences
9. Correspondence
10. Consultation Schedule
11. Seal Documents
  - (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5372 – 5390
  - (ii) Agreement for the Provision of Materials -Public Realm Works at 14 Eglinton Street Portrush (Ref L&D 170509 - CM 170523 (Retrospective)
  - (iii) Deed of Consent to Enter Lands and Carry out Works - Public Realm Works at 14 Eglinton Street Portrush (Ref L&D 170509 – CM 170523) (Retrospective)

Addendum (1) Environmental Services Report - Tender for Provision of Fuel Stamps Saving Scheme

Addendum (2) Extraordinary Audit Report Proposed Approach and Action Plan

for confidential consideration (Items 12, 12.1, 12.2 inclusive)

12. Leisure and Development Committee Reports

12.1 Enterprise Fund 2022

12.2 Business Start – GO FOR IT Programme Extension

For Confidential Consideration (Addendum 3)

Addendum (3) Extraordinary Audit Report Interim Measures

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**RECONVENED COUNCIL MEETING (ADJOURNED FROM TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022), RECONVENED ON 9 AUGUST 2022**

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| <b>1.</b>  | The Mayor's Business   | <b>Received</b>  |
| <b>2.</b>  | Apologies  | <b>Councillors<br/>McMullan, Schenning</b>   |
| <b>3.</b>  | Declaration of Members' Interests  | <b>Nil</b>   |
| <b>4.</b>  | Deputation from the Coleraine and District Motor Club - North West 200 update briefing           | <b>Received</b><br><br><b>That Council accede to the request from BBC to record proceedings.</b> |
| <b>5.</b>  | Minutes of Council Meeting held Thursday 30 June 2022  | <b>Signed as a correct record</b>  |
| <b>6.</b>  | Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 22 June 2022                                | <b>Received and noted</b>  |
| <b>7.</b>  | Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel   | <b>Nil</b>   |
| <b>8.</b>  | Conferences  |  |
| (i)        | Digital Government 2022  | <b>Noted</b>   |
| <b>9.</b>  | Correspondence   |  |
| (i)        | From Colette Kane, Local Government Auditor, Northern Ireland Audit Office                       | <b>Noted (i- ii)</b>   |
| (ii)       | From Joe Boyle, Regional Secretary, National Association of Councillors, Northern Ireland Region |  |
| <b>10.</b> | Consultation Schedule  | <b>Noted</b>   |
| <b>11.</b> | Sealed Documents   |  |
| (i)        | Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5372 – 5390  | <b>Seal Affixed</b>  |

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| (ii)        | Agreement for the Provision of Materials – Public Realm Works at 14 Eglinton Street Portrush (Ref L&D 170509 - CM 170523) (Retrospective)                 |  |
| (iii)       | Deed of Consent to Enter Lands and Carry out Works - Public Realm Works at 14 Eglinton Street Portrush (Ref L&D 170509 – CM 170523) (Retrospective)       |  |
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| <b>12.</b>  | Environmental Services Report – Tender for Provision of Fuel Stamps Saving Scheme   | <b><i>That Council authorise the commencement of the procurement process to tender for a service provider to fully administer a Fuel Stamp Saving Scheme on behalf of Council.</i></b>   |
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|             | <b><i>'In Committee' (Items 13.1 – 16.1)</i></b>  |  |
| <b>13.1</b> | Extraordinary Audit Report Proposed Approach and Action Plan  | <b><i>- To first of all accept the Staff Commission amendment and then further that the Action Plan is taken forward, but the issues raised by Councillor P McShane are investigated and a report presented to the next Council meeting with full information to enable a decision to be made on the legal representation.</i></b> |
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| <b>13.2</b> | Local Government Staff Commission draft terms of reference in respect of the recommendations of the Local Government Auditor's Extraordinary Audit Report | <b><i>That Council agree the Terms of Reference, as amended.</i></b>   |
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| <b>14.</b>  | Extraordinary Audit Report Interim Measures   | <b><i>That Council approve the amendment to the Scheme of Delegation as an interim measure to</i></b>  |

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|  |  | <p><b>grant delegated authority to the Director of Environmental Services in respect of paragraphs 4.6-4.10 and approve temporary responsibility for Asset Management – Land and Property roles and responsibilities to the Director of Environmental Services; and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>for the duration of the implementation of the Action Plan and recommendations, Council Officers named within the Extraordinary Report do not involve themselves in any land and property decisions until the Action Plan and recommendations are completed; and</b></li><li>- <b>That Council does not bring a report to the September Land and Property Sub-Committee in relation to assets in conveyancing, assets currently on the market, assets currently under progression to the open market and the results of current on-market lease tender returns for the Sub-Committee’s review.</b></li></ul> |
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| <b>15.</b>  | Leisure and Development Committee Reports      |   |
| <b>15.1</b> | Enterprise Fund 2022                           | <b><i>That Council approve Option 2 - To award funding to businesses 1-20 by offering circa 80% of grant amount requested totalling £76,924.01.</i></b>   |
| <b>15.2</b> | Business Start – GO FOR IT Programme Extension | <b><i>That Council approve Option One: Option 1 – To notify CPD of council's intention to extend the contract with Enterprise NI for an additional year as detailed in 2.3 pending outcome of outline business case for the future proposals for Council-led Entrepreneurship Support Services post 2023.</i></b> |
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| <b>16.</b>  | Leisure and Development Committee Report       |   |
| <b>16.1</b> | Ould Lammas Fair Horse Trading Infrastructure  | <b><i>That Council approve making an investment decision to allow the progression of the above project to completion. A total investment decision of £20,164.46 is required.</i></b>  |

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- In the Chair** : The Mayor, Councillor Wallace (C)
- Present** : Alderman Baird (C), Boyle (C), Duddy (C), Fielding (C), Hillis (C), Knight-McQuillan (C), McKeown (C), S McKillop (C), McLean (C)
- Councillors Anderson (C), Bateson (R), Beattie (R), Callaghan (C), Callan (R), Chivers (R), Dallat O’Driscoll (R), Holmes (C/R), Hunter (R), McAuley (C), McCandless (C), McCaw (R), MA McKillop (R), McQuillan (C), C McShane (R), P McShane (C), Mulholland (C), Nicholl (R), Peacock (R), Quigley (C), Scott (C), Watton (C), Wilson (C)
- Officers Present** : M Quinn, Deputy Chief Executive (C) (Items 1-11)  
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)  
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development (R)  
J Keen, Committee and Member Services Officer (C)  
I Owens, Committee and Member Services Officer (R)
- A McAuley, PR Manager (R)  
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)  
A Lennox, ICT Officer (C)
- In Attendance** : S Murray, Coleraine and District Motor Club (Item 4) (R)  
G McAuley, Coleraine and District Motor Club (Item 4) (R)  
M Whyte, Coleraine and District Motor Club (Item 4) (R)
- N McMullan, Employment Law Partner, Edwards & Co. Solicitors (Item 13.1) (R)  
H Hall, Local Government Staff Commission (Item 13.1, 13.2) (R)  
D Stewart, Local Government Staff Commission (Item 13.1, 13.2) (R)
- Press (3 No) (R)  
Public (3 No) (R)
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The Deputy Chief Executive undertook a roll call.

The Mayor opened the meeting and extended a welcome to members of the press and public in attendance and provided guidance in relation to Council's Remote Meetings Protocol and audio recordings.

## **1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

The Mayor congratulated Ian McClure and Gary Kelly for both winning gold and silver medals at the Commonwealth Games. Congratulations were also offered to Caroline Doyle who took part in the Commonwealth Games.

Councillor Quigley congratulated the Antrim Junior Camogie team in their achievement in winning the All Ireland Junior Title noting while Antrim was a huge county, the majority of the team do come from Causeway Coast and Glens.

Councillor Peacock congratulated the Antrim Camogie team on their achievement on winning the All Ireland Junior Title. Councillor Peacock expressed disappointment the Mayor had declined her request to mark the achievement with a Mayor Reception. She stated similar achievements for the Derry footballers in reaching the Semi Final and Eoghan Rua who won the All Ireland Junior Club Championship had been met with the same refusal. Councillor Peacock stated she hoped the Mayor would reconsider this position moving forward and would choose to recognise the achievements of all sports people regardless of their choice of sport.

Councillor P McShane stated the Mayor should recognise all sporting achievements from all communities within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough.

During Councillor P McShane's comments he requested for comments from other Members to stop. Councillor Quigley called Point of Order requesting that the Mayor ask other Elected Members to stop speaking. The Mayor ruled that Councillor P McShane could continue speaking.

Councillor MA McKillop offered congratulations to the Antrim Camogie team on their achievement in winning the All Ireland Junior Title and hoped the Mayor would reconsider the decision regarding declining to host a Reception for the team.

Councillor C McShane offered congratulations to the Antrim Camogie team on their achievement in winning the All Ireland Junior Title recognising their huge achievement. Councillor C McShane thanked the Mayor for agreeing to host the Loughgiel Irish dancing School.

Alderman Duddy called Point of Order Standing Order 12 (a) stating that this item was, 'The Mayor's Business'.

The Mayor ruled he had agreed to let Elected Members speak.



Alderman Hillis congratulated the medal winners at the Commonwealth Games and the Antrim Camogie team on their recent achievements.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received for Councillors McMullan and Schenning.

The Mayor advised Councillor McGurk, Deputy Mayor, had not placed an apology, but was Deputising at the Heart of the Glens Festival.

## **3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Members Interests.

## **4. DEPUTATION FROM THE COLERAINE AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB – NORTH WEST 200 UPDATE BRIEFING**

Mr Whyte, Coleraine and District Motor Club presented a PowerPoint presentation providing detail on the recent NW200 races, their value to Causeway Coast and Glens and the current status of the NW200 races.

Mr Whyte invited questions from Elected Members.

The Mayor advised there would be no proposals at this meeting, the item would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee for further discussion.

Elected Members acknowledged the value of the NW200 races on the area and highlighted the support already provided by Council both financially and in-kind. Some consideration was given to further options of supporting the NW200 races, including considering sponsorship and approaching The Stormont Executive for extra support.

In response to questions from Elected Members, Mr Whyte stated Coleraine and District Motor Club required more support to run the NW200 races due the size of the event and the work required to ensure it passed off safely; there were a limited number of volunteers. Mr Whyte highlighted the main areas of support required were in the set up/take down of the course, employing a full time event manager and acquiring office space. Mr Whyte thanked Council for the support already received from Council.

The Mayor put to Council that BBC had requested to record proceedings online. The Mayor advised BBC would be invited to leave when Council would move, '*In Committee*'.

**RESOLVED** - that Council accede to the request from BBC to record proceedings.

## **5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2022**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Councillor Watton and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Council meeting held Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were taken as read and signed as correct.

**6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022**

Copy, previously circulated.

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 are received and noted.

**7. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

**8. CONFERENCES**

**Digital Government 2022**

This annual event provides a valuable opportunity to bring together key stakeholders to gain insight into the government's objectives for digital transformation and hear directly from those responsible for driving this forward. Reconnect and network with your peers and colleagues, key senior policy makers and decision takers.

The conference also features an exhibition zone featuring some of Northern Ireland's leading expert solution providers. This conference will feature a range of expert speakers who will talk about their digital transformation journey and look ahead to what's next as we look to a new work future and collaborate to build future-proof organisations.

Public Sector delegate fee: £195 + VAT  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Titanic Belfast

**RESOLVED** – That Council note the Conference.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) From Local Government Auditor, Northern Ireland Auditor, Colette Kane (correspondence dated 30 June 2022)**

Re: Extraordinary Audit

Extract:

Members are aware the extraordinary audit, directed by the Minister, has been nearing completion and will be published on Thursday 7th July. The report will

be forwarded to the Minister and a copy of the report and media release to David Jackson, Chief Executive, to Councillors within the Borough as well as other stakeholders and the media.

The report will be sent early next week but will be embargoed until the publication date.

- (ii) **From Regional Secretary, National Association of Councillors, Joe Boyle,** correspondence dated 25 July 2022)

**Re: NAC Members' Meeting**

Letter of thanks to Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council for hosting Members' Meeting on Wednesday 20 July 2022 in The Council Chamber at Cloonavin.

**It is recommended** that Council consider the correspondence.

**RESOLVED** – that Council note the correspondence schedule (Items i-ii).

## 10. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented by the Deputy Chief Executive

- (i) Department of Health Consultation on draft of the Violence and Aggression in the workplace HSC Framework Document, submission by 26 August 2022
- (ii) Department of Health Consultation on Raising a Concern in the Public Interest (Whistleblowing) HSC Framework and Model Policy, submission by 26 August 2022
- (iii) The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority Consultation on Proposal to Publish RQIA Inspection Reports relating to Children's Services, submission by 20 October 2022

Available to View

- 1) The South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on the temporary changes to Urgent and Emergency Care services at Lagan Valley Hospital
- 2) Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, DAERA Audit of Inequalities 2021-25, Action Plan, Consultation Outcomes Report, and other related papers
- 3) Department of Finance Public Service Pensions (Employer Cost Cap and Specified Restricted Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

Equality Screening Reports

- (1) Department for the Economy Quarterly Screening Report: 1 April – 30 June 2022

**RESOLVED** – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

## 11. SEAL DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met.

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5372 - 5390
- (ii) Agreement for the Provision of Materials -Public Realm Works at 14 Eglinton Street Portrush (Ref L&D 170509 - CM 170523) (Retrospective)
- (iii) Deed of Consent to Enter Lands and Carry out Works - Public Realm Works at 14 Eglinton Street Portrush (Ref L&D 170509 – CM 170523) (Retrospective)

Proposed by Councillor Scott

Seconded by Alderman Knight McQuillan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Sealing of documents, as listed, be approved (Items i-iii).

\* **The Deputy Chief Executive left the meeting at 7:57pm.**

\* **The Director of Environmental Services moved to the top table at 7:57pm.**

## 12. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT – TENDER FOR PROVISION OF FUEL STAMPS SAVING SCHEME

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to tender for a service provider to fully administer a Fuel Stamp Saving Scheme on behalf of Council.

### **Background**

Fuel stamp schemes were introduced by legacy Councils in response to the high prevalence of fuel poverty and provide householders with a means to save on a regular basis and budget towards the cost of their fuel payments. Further to committee report ES170801 and CM170822 members will be aware that following a previous tendering exercise Limavady Community Development Initiative (LCDI) were awarded the contract to rebrand, relaunch and fully administer a fuel stamp saving scheme across the Borough.

The current contract with LCDI is due to end in October 2022 and there is a need to carry out a further tendering exercise to appoint a scheme administrator under a new contract.

As the total value of the contract, as calculated over its whole life (including options), is anticipated to exceed £30,001 Council approval is required to commence the procurement process.

### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council authorise the commencement of the procurement process to tender for a service provider to fully administer a Fuel Stamp Saving Scheme on behalf of Council.

In response to questions, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed a report was presented to the Environmental Services Committee in February 2022 highlighting the suppliers involved in the Fuel Stamp Scheme and the internet was not required to avail of the Scheme. It was also confirmed that when the new tender is issued the Fuel Stamp Scheme will be relaunched and advertised.

Proposed by Councillor Hunter  
Seconded by Councillor McQuillan and

**RESOLVED** - that Council authorise the commencement of the procurement process to tender for a service provider to fully administer a Fuel Stamp Saving Scheme on behalf of Council.

### **13.1 EXTRAORDINARY AUDIT REPORT PROPOSED APPROACH AND ACTION PLAN**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

#### **Purpose of Report**

The report requires Council consider and approve the proposed Action Plan to address the recommendations as contained within the Extraordinary Audit Report and to consider a number of proposals associated with the outcome of the report.

#### **Background**

On 30 November, the Minister for Communities directed the Local Government Auditor to hold an extraordinary audit of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council concentrating on land disposals and easements and related asset management policies and procedures.

On 7 July 2022 the Local Government Auditor published a report summarising the findings of an extraordinary audit of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, it details the findings and recommendations emanating from the audit of land disposals and easements since the Council was formed in April 2015.

At the Special Council Meeting held on 26 July 2022 the Council resolved to:

*“That this Council accepts the findings contained within the extraordinary audit. That this Council immediately moves to implement all eight recommendations contained within the Extraordinary Audit. That the Ministerial letter of the 7 July 2022 be responded to confirming all the above and an action plan be*

*completed by the 8 August 2022 that shows how the Auditor's recommendations will be fully implemented by 30 December 2022.*

*We note the established mechanism for investigating questions of discipline raised in connection with a Chief Executive of a local authority in Northern Ireland. This mechanism is specified in the 1996 Agreement on Discipline, Capability and Redundancy of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Clerks/Chief Executives to Local Authorities in Northern Ireland.*

*Paragraphs 3 to 11 of that agreement establish the process to be followed and we call on Council to incorporate this approach as part of its response to Recommendations 6 and 7, whilst also recognising that distinct disciplinary processes may exist for other local government employees.*

*We also request that Council seek regular and detailed cooperation with the Local Government Staff Commission of Northern Ireland in respect of any relevant matters arising from the Audit Report recommendations and their implementation."*

Annex A of the Extraordinary Audit Report lists eight recommendations to be addressed and implemented by Council by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This report lists steps proposed to address these recommendations, identifies officers to lead on the implementation of each recommendation and a draft Action Plan, attached as Appendix A, for consideration by Council and forwarding to the Department for Communities when approved.

### **Proposals**

Due to the significance and urgency of the matter consideration is given to holding an additional Council meeting each month to deal with matters requiring Council approval as the action plan is implemented. Suggested dates are: Monday 19 September, Monday 17 October, Monday 14 or 21 November and 19 December, at 7.00pm.

The Director of Environmental Services will work collaboratively across Heads of Service and responsible Officers to co-ordinate the action plan as presented to the Department for Communities (DfC).

Council will write to DfC and request the Department appoint a key point of contact to advise and guide Council in relation to the fine detail for the implementation of recommendations as listed within the Report.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Council is committed to further improving the weaknesses identified in the Extraordinary Audit Report and acknowledges the oversight of the Department for Communities. It is recommended that:

- 4.1 Council approves the Action Plan detailed in Appendix A (circulated) to implement the recommendations of the NIAO recommendations of the Extraordinary Audit Report.

- 4.2 Council schedules an additional monthly Council Meeting September – December 2022.
- 4.3 The Director of Environmental Services will work collaboratively with the identified officers to co-ordinate the action plan as presented to the Department for Communities (DfC).
- 4.4 Council will write to DfC and request that the Department appoint a key point of contact to advise and guide Council in relation to the fine detail for the implementation of recommendations as listed within the Report.

The Director of Environmental Services advised the submission date of the draft action plan to the Department for Communities had been extended to the 10 August 2022. The extension had been requested following the death of Alderman John Finlay.

The Director of Environmental Services drew Elected Members' attention to Recommendation 6 within the Action Plan. The Local Government Staff Commission had asked to amend wording in the report as follows:

*In relation to other officers the Local Government Staff Commission will ~~undertake on behalf of~~ assist Council with the disciplinary process as provided for within the scope of the Council's Disciplinary Policy adopted 2018 and report progress as required.*

The Mayor invited questions from Elected Members.

Councillor P McShane noted that a lot of work fell to Officers who were line managed by Executives identified in the Extraordinary Audit. Councillor P McShane requested to speak to the Democratic and Central Services Manager as he stated she was a neutral person. The Director of Environmental Services advised the Democratic and Central Services Manager was not available and offered to answer queries.

Councillor P McShane referred to the legal firm appointed to advise on employment law matters arising from the recommendations of the Extraordinary Audit and states that it was unclear to him why this company had been retained. He advised that the firm partnered with another firm and the two companies worked in partnership. Referring to the other firm he stated that it has received over £100,000 in Direct Award Contracts from Council with no procurement. Councillor P McShane stated this was a conflict of interest in that the legal team with two Directors in each company who are potentially at significant financial gain by the retention of individuals identified in the Extraordinary Audit. He stated the firms appear have the potential to do well out of the Council's present leadership. He stated and it could be thought that the legal team would have been aware of the conflict of interest.

Councillor P McShane proposed, seconded by Councillor Quigley

- That Council immediately removes Edwards & Co. for failing to highlight the substantial pecuniary interest, advise the company that no invoices in this matter will be accepted to protect the ratepayer, unless of course Edwards and Co can prove they have advised the Council of this pecuniary interest. This item is immediately suspended for consideration until the Department is informed and the Department advises on how we proceed from this moment forward.

Councillor P McShane continued to state that this report had significant interests throughout it, there had been significant input from individuals identified in the Extraordinary Audit. Councillor P McShane stated he could furnish Elected Members with further information in relation to the two organisations.

The Director of Environmental Services advised it was the responsibility of the Solicitors to declare a conflict of interest and notify Council if they are not able to advise in an appropriate manner.

Councillor P McShane stated he had advised of the conflict of interest and the solicitors had failed to declare the conflict of interest.

Councillor McAuley requested legal opinion on the proposal and what Councillor P McShane has said.

#### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Alderman Boyle  
Seconded by Alderman Baird and

**RESOLVED** – that Council move 'In Committee'.

\* **Press and Public were disconnected from the meeting**

***The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.***

\* **Employment Law Partner joined the meeting at 8:19pm.**

Councillor Mulholland requested a recess after the legal advice.

Councillor McAuley reiterated he had sought legal opinion on the proposal and what Councillor P McShane had referred to.

Councillor P McShane restated his motion

Councillor P McShane clarified what he had already said in relation to the conflict of interest.



Employment Law Partner responded regarding the alleged conflict of interest and advised he could not comment further.

Employment Law Partner advised he could not provide advice on procurement.

In response to a request for clarification by Elected Members, Councillor P McShane reiterated the issues previously raised.

In response to questions from Elected Members, the Director of Environmental Services responded in relation to contracts and Policies and Procedures and the Direct Awards process.

The Director of Environmental Services highlighted the strict timeframes set for Council by the Department for Communities and the importance of progressing the work which has been set. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that no one named in the Extraordinary Report was involved in developing the Action Plan.

In response to questions Ms Stewart, Local Government Staff Commission, provided clarity on the amendment of the wording in the Action Plan and on the role of the Staff Commission.

The Mayor declared a recess at 8:48pm.

\* **The meeting reconvened at 9:03pm.**

Councillor Peacock stated it was important to act without delay and wished to make an amendment.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Councillor Scott

- To first of all accept the Staff Commission amendment and then further that the recommendations 4.1 – 4.4 are taken forward, and the issues raised by Councillor P McShane are investigated and a report presented to the next Council meeting with full information to enable a decision to be made on the legal representation.

Councillor Quigley stated she supported Councillor P McShane and sought clarification on the potential conflict of interest.

Councillor P McShane requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the Motion to the Council to vote.  
27 members voted For, 5 members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.  
The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

Recorded Vote Table

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| For <b>(27)</b>    | Alderman Baird, Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Hillis, Knight<br>McQuillan, McKeown, S McKillop, McLean   |
|                    | Councillors Anderson, Bateson, Callaghan, Callan,<br>Chivers, Holmes, Hunter, McAuley, McCandless,<br>McCaw, McQuillan, C McShane, Nicholl, Peacock,<br>Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson |
| Against <b>(5)</b> | Councillors Beattie, MA McKillop, P McShane,<br>Mulholland, Quigley  |

Councillor P McShane requested the amendment to the wording of the Recommendation 6 be issued to Elected Members.

### **13.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE IN RESPECT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S EXTRAORDINARY AUDIT REPORT**

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

#### **Purpose of Report**

The report requests Members to consider the draft terms of reference in respect of the recommendations of the Local Government Auditor's Extraordinary Audit Report.

#### **Background**

The Local Government Auditor's Extraordinary Audit Report was published on 7 July 2022.

A report was presented to the Members at the Special Council Meeting on 26 August 2022 recommending independent external assistance should be requested from the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) in respect of recommendation 6 & 7 of the Local Government Auditor's Extraordinary Audit Report.

The Council agreed that the Commission be requested to assist with recommendation 6 & 7 of the Extraordinary Audit Report.

Following this decision, the Mayor wrote to the Local Government Staff Commission on 28 July 2022 to 'request the assistance of the Staff Commission, in respect of any relevant matters arising from the Extraordinary Audit Report recommendations and their implementation.'

The Director of Corporate Services of the Local Government Staff Commission responded to the Mayor by letter on 2 August 2022 confirming the Staff Commission's assistance.

#### **Proposals**

A draft terms of reference have been developed for the involvement of the Local Government Staff Commission to assist with the Extraordinary Audit Report recommendations through the implementation of the Council's policies and procedures and by adherence to the necessary associated legislative, resource management and governance actions required by the Department for Communities in order to demonstrate the Council's compliance with best practice.

The draft Terms of Reference (attached) details the role of the Local Government Staff Commission going forward.

**Recommendation(s)**

**It is recommended** that the Council agree the Terms of Reference.

The Director of Environmental Services advised Members of an amendment from the Local Government Staff Commission at 5.1 bullet point 6:

*To ~~facilitate any~~ assist with formal procedures under the appropriate agreement or policy.*

In response to a question from a Member Ms Hall, Local Government Staff Commission, confirmed the Local Government Staff Commission are happy to work with Council to implement the recommendations outlined.

Proposed by Alderman McKeown  
Seconded by Alderman Hillis

- That Council agree the Terms of Reference, as amended.

Alderman Duddy requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.  
29 Members voted For, 1 Member voted Against, 0 Members Abstained  
The Mayor declared the motion carried

Recorded Vote Table

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| <b>For (29)</b>    | Alderman Baird, Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Hillis, Knight McQuillan, McKeown, S McKillop, McLean   |
|                    | Councillors Anderson, Bateson, Beattie, Callaghan, Callan, Chivers, Holmes, Hunter, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw, McQuillan, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Scott, Wallace, Wilson |
|                    |   |
| <b>Against (1)</b> | Councillor P McShane  |

Councillor P McShane requested his concerns about this process are noted.

\* **Alderman Duddy left the meeting at 9:24pm**

#### **14. EXTRAORDINARY AUDIT REPORT INTERIM MEASURES**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

##### **Purpose of Report**

For Council to consider interim measures in terms of roles and responsibilities in relation to land and property and asset management.

##### **Recommendation(s)**

- That Council approves the amendment to the Scheme of Delegation as an interim measure to grant delegated authority to the Director of Environmental Services in respect of paragraphs 4.6- 4.10 and approves temporary responsibility for Asset Management – Land and Property roles and responsibilities to the Director of Environmental Services; and
- for the duration of the implementation of the Action Plan and recommendations, Council Officers named within the Extraordinary Report do not involve themselves in any land and property decisions until the Action Plan and recommendations are completed; and
- notes that a report will be brought to the September Land and Property Sub-Committee in relation to assets in conveyancing, assets currently on the market, assets currently under progression to the open market and the results of current on-market lease tender returns for the Sub-Committee's review.

Councillor P McShane requested it was noted he objected to the Interim Measures in the strongest terms.

During discussion concerns were raised the report read as though Members of the Land and Property Sub Committee were not capable in their role. It was also considered that it could be beneficial to review previous decisions.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that it was not the intention for the report to suggest the Land and Property Sub Committee Members were not capable in their role on the Sub Committee and apologised if it came across that way.

Proposed by Alderman McLean  
Seconded by Alderman Knight McQuillan and

##### **RESOLVED**

- That Council approve the amendment to the Scheme of Delegation as an interim measure to grant delegated authority to the Director of Environmental Services in respect of paragraphs 4.6- 4.10 and approve temporary responsibility for Asset Management – Land and Property roles and responsibilities to the Director of Environmental Services; and
- for the duration of the implementation of the Action Plan and recommendations, Council Officers named within the Extraordinary

Report do not involve themselves in any land and property decisions until the Action Plan and recommendations are completed; and

- That Council does not bring a report to the September Land and Property Sub-Committee in relation to assets in conveyancing, assets currently on the market, assets currently under progression to the open market and the results of current on-market lease tender returns for the Sub-Committee's review.

In response to questions, Alderman McLean provided clarification, he considered a review could be undertaken by Committee or Council.

- \* **Councillor Holmes left The Chamber at 9:42pm, remaining in attendance remotely.**

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.  
20 Members voted for, 10 members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.  
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **15. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **15.1 ENTERPRISE FUND 2022**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

- \* **Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 9:49pm**
- \* **Councillor Mulholland left the meeting at 9:50pm**

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the level of applications and scoring panel decisions in respect of the Enterprise Fund 2022.

#### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the Leisure & Development Committee recommends to Council the adoption of one of the three shortlisted options outlined in Table 1:

##### **Option 1**

To award funding to businesses 1-16 totalling **£76,924.01** as per budget available.

##### **Option 2**

To award funding to businesses 1-20 by offering circa 80% of grant amount requested totalling £76,924.01.

##### **Option 3**

To award funding to businesses 1-20 on a sliding scale, reducing the grant amount in correlation with the score achieved e.g., Score of 65-70% is funded at 65% of eligible grant award, score of 71-80% is funded at 75% of eligible

grant award, score of 81-90% is funded at 85% of eligible grant award and score of 91-100% is funded at 95% of eligible grant award totalling £76,558.53. Further information in respect of this grant is attached – See Annex A (circulated).

Proposed by Councillor Holmes  
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

**RESOLVED** - That Council approve Option 2 - To award funding to businesses 1-20 by offering circa 80% of grant amount requested totalling £76,924.01.

## 15.2 BUSINESS START – GO FOR IT PROGRAMME EXTENSION

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

- \* **Councillor Quigley left the meeting at 9:53pm.**
- \* **Councillor P McShane left the meeting at 9:56pm.**

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the proposed extension to the current Go For it Business Start contract delivered by Enterprise NI on behalf of the 11 councils, which ends on 31st March 2023, and to seek its recommendation on the options listed.

### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council approves Option One:

Option 1 – To notify CPD of council's intention to extend the contract with Enterprise NI for an additional year as detailed in 2.3 pending outcome of outline business case for the future proposals for Council-led Entrepreneurship Support Services post 2023.

Proposed by Councillor McAuley  
Seconded by Councillor McQuillan and

**RESOLVED** - that Council approve Option One:

Option 1 – To notify CPD of Council's intention to extend the contract with Enterprise NI for an additional year as detailed in 2.3 pending outcome of outline business case for the future proposals for Council-led Entrepreneurship Support Services post 2023.

In response to questions, the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that Enterprise NI are involved in the process as a consultee.

At this point in the meeting, The Director of Environmental Services confirmed there was a Quorum at the request of The Mayor.

## 16. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

### 16.1 OULD LAMMAS FAIR HORSE TRADING INFRASTRUCTURE

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek permission to carry out infrastructure work at Fairhill Street, Ballycastle, as part of the preparations for the Ould Lammas Fair, August 2022.

An investment decision to carry out capital works to facilitate the delivery of a long standing element for the 'horse and farming experience' is required due to the loss of facilities previously accommodated on private lands at Fairhill street.

### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council considers making an investment decision to allow the progression of the above project to completion. A total investment decision of £20,164.46 is required. This investment is necessary to replace previous arrangements and to allow delivery of the Horse trading and visitor experience at The Old Lammas Fair, Ballycastle.

Proposed by Councillor Scott  
Seconded by Alderman Baird and

**RESOLVED** – that Council approve making an investment decision to allow the progression of the above project to completion. A total investment decision of £20,164.46 is required. This investment is necessary to replace previous arrangements and to allow delivery of the Horse trading and visitor experience at The Old Lammas Fair, Ballycastle.

### **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

**RESOLVED** – that Council move '*In Public*'.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10:05pm.

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Mayor