

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024**

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		<b>receive Rescission of a Preceding Resolution Next as an Item of Business on the Agenda; and to deal with Agenda Item Car Parking Permit Options following this.</b>
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(i)	Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5752 – 5768 inclusive;	<b>Seal Affixed (Items i-iii)</b>
(ii)	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council - Employee Car Loan Agreement (Employee No 363-3035)	
(iii)	Sale Contract (including special conditions) of Dunluce Centre, Sandhill Drive, Portrush (Ref L&P 220907/CP&R 220927/CM 221010)	
16.	Rescission of a Preceding Resolution	<b>That the Item is deferred to a Special Council Meeting, or the next scheduled Council</b>

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<b>17.</b>	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 12 March 2024	
	<b>Matters Arising 'In Committee'</b>	
<b>17.1</b>	Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and Update on Auction of Sites (Item 4)	<p><b>That Council asks the Head of Planning and Chair of Planning Committee to completely withdraw the Planning Application request for the second Street Trading Pitch at Castlerock.</b></p> <p><b>That Council auction all sites on 20 May 2024, three of those will be subject to Planning and if, for any reason, the Planning Process has not been completed, that the current vendors occupying any of those three sites (only one of the three sites is occupied) gets the offer of a two-month extension. That will mean no loss of income to Council.</b></p>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024  
AT 7.00PM**

**In the Chair** : The Mayor, Councillor Callaghan

**Present** : Alderman Boyle, Callan, Coyle, Fielding, Knight-McQuillan,  
John McAuley, S McKillop, Scott, Stewart

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson,  
Chivers, Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kennedy, Kyle, Mairs,  
Jonathan McAuley, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop,  
McMullan, McQuillan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning,  
Stirling, Storey, Wallace, Watson, Watton, Wilson, Wisener

**Officers Present** : M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services  
P Mulvenna, Director of Leisure and Development  
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services  
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer  
P Donaghy, Democratic and Central Services Manager  
J Richardson, Head of Capital Works, Energy and Infrastructure (R)  
T Vauls, Car Parks Manager (R)  
J Morton, Harbour Master (R)  
D Hunter, Council Solicitor  
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer  
J Keen, Committee and Member Services Officer (R)

**In attendance** : A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer  
C Thompson, Mobile Operations Officer

Press, 2 no. (R)  
Public Gallery 10no. and 1no. (R)

**Key** – (R) = Attended Remotely

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. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hunter and Councillor McCully.

**2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

\* Alderman Knight-McQuillan arrived at the meeting at 7.07pm.

Alderman Boyle declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Alderman Boyle left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Alderman Coyle declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Alderman Coyle left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Alderman Scott declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Alderman Scott left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Alderman Stewart declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Alderman Stewart left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Councillor Anderson declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor McMullan left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Councillor C Archibald declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor C Archibald left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Councillor Kennedy declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor Kennedy left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Councillor Kyle declared an interest in Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 8 – Labour Market Partnership Action Plan 2024/25.

Councillor McMullan declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor McMullan left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Councillor Schenning declared an interest in Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 7 – Community Festival Fund.

Councillor Storey declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor Storey left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Councillor Wallace declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor Watton left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

Councillor Watton declared an interest in Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held 12 March 2024, Item 4 - Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and update on Auction of sites as a Member of the Planning Committee. Councillor Watton left the meeting during consideration of the Item.

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

The Mayor payed tribute to NHS Accident and Emergency Departments, for their great work, under tremendous pressure, stating they deserved thanks for everything they did.

The Mayor stated that since the last meeting he had undertaken twenty events and thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor MA McKillop, for undertaking all Mayor engagements over the past week.

The Mayor issued a Date for Diaries - an event and Service of Dedication to Mark the Sacrifice of the RNLI over the last 200 years, on Sunday 28 April 2024, Portrush Town Hall, followed by a social event in Portrush Yacht Club.

The Mayor wished Councillor Watton a Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Councillor Peacock stated she was sorry to hear The Mayor had been dealing with health issues and wished him a speedy recovery.

### **4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024**

Copy, previously circulated.

**RESOLVED** - The Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 5 March 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **5. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2024**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28 February 2024 were received and noted.

**6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024**

Copy, previously circulated.

**Matters Arising**

**6.1 Trading Concessions Terms and Conditions, Procedures and Update on Auction of Sites (Item 4)**

Councillor Holmes and Alderman McAuley each stated they wished to raise the Item.

The Mayor advised Trading Concessions Terms and Conditions, Procedures and Update on Auction of Sites would be taken '*In Committee*' at the end of the meeting.

**6.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Alderman Fielding  
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 12 March 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**6.3 Car Parking Permit Options**

Confidential report, previously circulated.

Councillor Peacock stated Standing Orders prevent changing any decision of Council within a 12-month period, and it would be prudent to deal with the Car Parking Permit Options Item after the Rescission of Preceding Resolution Item had been dealt with.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Councillor McMullan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Order of Business is changed, to receive *Rescission of a Preceding Resolution* Next as an Item of Business on the Agenda; and to deal with Agenda Item - Car Parking Permit Options following this.

**7. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan  
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 March 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**8. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Huggins  
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 14 March 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**9. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 19 March 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**10. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl  
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Thursday 21 March 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

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

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

**12. CONFERENCES**

There were no conferences.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

**14. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE**



Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read by the Director of Corporate Services.

Available to View - The Executive Office, Equality scheme for The Executive Office

**Open Consultations (previously Listed)**

- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Consultation on our Performance Improvement Plan 2024-2025, submission by 2 April 2024
- Department for the Economy consultation on Onshore Petroleum Licensing Policy – Notification of Consultation, submission by 12 April 2024
- Department of Justice, Consultation on criminal assets recovery Codes of Practice, submission by 10 April 2024

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

**15. 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 5752 – 5768 inclusive;
- (ii) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council - Employee Car Loan Agreement (Employee No 363-3035)
- (iii) Sale Contract (including special conditions) of Dunluce Centre, Sandhill Drive, Portrush (Ref L&P 220907/CP&R 220927/CM 221010)

Proposed by Alderman Callan  
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

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

**16. RESCISSION OF A PRECEDING RESOLUTION**

*Under Standing Order 23, we the undersigned propose, that this Council rescinds the decision to introduce car parking charges in Ballycastle as agreed on 8th February 2024. These were due to come into force on April 1st however, despite previous assurances, adequate provisions have not been put in place for the Residents of the seafront, businesses, boat owners and Rathlin Island visitors and residents. That car parking charges do not take effect on Ballycastle seafront until council officers bring proposals that adequately address these issues and can be and agreed by this council.*

Signed: Councillor Cara McShane, Councillor Maighr ad Watson, Councillor Oliver McMullan, Councillor Ciar an McQuillan, Councillor Kathleen McGurk, Councillor Dermot Nicholl, Councillor Sean McGlinchey, Councillor Sean Bateson, Councillor Niamh Archibald, Councillor Ciaran Archibald, Councillor Brenda Chivers, Councillor Leanne Peacock

Councillor McShane cited the Rescinding Motion.

Councillor McShane stated Sinn Féin wished to rescind the decision to introduce car parking charges in Ballycastle, that Council could not proceed to implement a decision taken that was misinformed and presented to councillors as a fait accompli, in order to level up the car parking revenue stream with select towns. Elected Members had taken the decision based on information made available and on the recommendation and professional guidance from Officers, whom relied upon. Councillor McShane explained that commitments given by Officers, in terms of a permit scheme for various stakeholders, had not been realised, and the Options Paper did not contain any provision for residents and businesses at the sea front, despite an assurance given during Rates discussions.

Councillor McShane detailed that Ballycastle was reliant on the short tourist season, to sustain the viability of their business throughout the year, implementation of the decision was in contrast with Central Government Policy to live over shops and revitalise town centres. Councillor McShane detailed that there was no comparison between Ballycastle and Portrush, due to population size and available car parking spaces and revenue was generated from the Marina.

Councillor McShane highlighted the proposal was contrary to the Rathlin Island Policy, as set out in a briefing paper circulated by Rathlin Development Association to Elected Members. A Public Meeting had been held attended by Councillor Kennedy and Councillor McMullan who heard first hand nuances and situations experienced by the residents of Rathlin Island that had not been considered within the Options Paper. She further clarified no one at the meeting had been consulted, on the Options, the confidential report making it difficult for Elected Members to make well informed decisions when they were unable to discuss its content. Councillor McShane referred to the Judicial Review of Dalriada Hospital ten years ago which had resulted in Judicial Review, due to lack of consultation. A Rural Needs Impact Assessment had been deemed not appropriate, Councillor McShane questioned who had made this decision.

Councillor McShane suggested Council look at creative ways to generate income, for example selling assets such as Bayview Café and Joes Arcade, and to look at alternatives, for example the Boat Yard for car parking.

Councillor Wilson stated there was broad agreement at that time, he sought clarification what assurances were made and who made them, what were they, when did they make them, who was made aware of them and what timeframes were given?

Councillor Peacock advised full information was not available at that time, residents had now brought to the attention of Elected Members and Officers and issues have not fully been discussed. The matter was discussed at a Rates workshop.

Councillor MA McKillop stated her Party did not support the Rate and voted against it. She stated support of the Rescinding Motion without proper mitigations, there had been no consultation with stakeholders especially the Harbour.

Councillor Kane stated he had sought an update on how mitigations could be put in place that led to the report now for Council consideration. Councillor Kane cited the Rescinding Motion and detailed the two sentences within were not compatible. Councillor Kane considered that to revoke the decision would call in to question the Rate Strike and stated he could not support rescinding the charges. Councillor Kane recognised the stated concerns, felt Council was not in a position to enforce the charges from 1 April, and would require time to consider the concerns and develop solutions to address them.

Councillor Kane proposed an amendment to *omit the first two sentences up to Rathlin Island visitors and residents* and change the final sentence to *that seasonal car parking charges at the Marina, Harbour and Granny Rock Car Parks in Ballycastle as agreed on Thursday 8 February 2024 do not take effect until proposals that address the issues raised are scrutinised by the Environmental Services Committee and agreed by this Council or alternative provision is made.*

Councillor Holmes observed that rescinding the motion would be until a report would be presented to Council and that had now been presented and was on the Agenda. Councillor Holmes stated there were satisfactory options for the unique circumstance of Rathlin, those who work, live there and boat owners. Councillor Holmes advised Ballycastle, as a tourist area costs Council, for example to clean, money was required to be raised through Rates, commercial income, or through charging.

Alderman Fielding advised there was no motion on 8 February 2024 regarding Car Parking charges in Ballycastle, it was part of an overall motion on the Rate setting process and questioned how £600,000 would now be raised. Alderman Fielding stated charging in Portrush was now 73% and Ballycastle 57% charged. Alderman Fielding advised charging had not been set aside whilst the permit system in Portrush was put in place, however due to Legal opinion, he stated the permit system was no longer in place.

Alderman Fielding sought Legal Opinion on the validity of the Rescinding Motion.

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

Proposed by Alderman Knight-McQuillan  
Seconded by Alderman McKillop and

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

\* **Press and Public left the meeting at 7.43pm.**

The Mayor cited the Audio Recordings protocol.

Alderman Fielding clarified there was no single decision to introduce car parking charges, that it was part of an overall package as part of the Rates setting process, therefore, could the motion be brought under Standing Orders?

Councillor Storey urged caution, following the Extraordinary Audit, he questioned whether an Item could be taken from an Agenda and placed into a motion, that was not in keeping with Standing Order 23. Councillor Storey questioned where £700,000 would be met from.

Council Solicitor provided advice in relation to Standing Orders, clarified he was not in a position to provide Advice and the matter would require further Legal consideration with a report to be brought back to Council. Council Solicitor advised it was a matter for Elected Members, should they wish to proceed or not.

During the course of debate, Alderman Boyle seconded Councillor Kane's earlier amendment.

Councillor Holmes stated he had raised the matter with the Chief Executive who had responded to him. Councillor Holmes questioned whether a Rescinding Motion could be amended.

Councillor Kane sought Legal Advice on the proposed amendment.

Council Solicitor provided Legal Advice in relation to the proposed amendment to the Rescinding motion.

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

Proposed by Councillor Watton  
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

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

\* **Press and Public re-joined the meeting at 7.59pm.**

Councillor Peacock sought a recess.

The Mayor ruled he would take three more speakers prior to moving to a vote.

Councillor Watton stated something should be done for the people of Rathlin Island, it was a -turn by Sinn Féin and he had not brought the proposal, he had voted as part of the Rate setting.

Alderman McAuley stated Sinn Féin had proposed it and Officers did bring it, he was unaware of commitments that had been made during the Rates process that did not materialise and asked what these were. Alderman McAuley agreed that Council need to look at other revenue raising, instead of the same Rate setting process,

Councillor Peacock recalled key items had been raised at a workshop regarding Rathlin residents and businesses at the sea front and the answer was a Permit Scheme. She had requested consultation responses on two occasions, prior to Rate setting and did not receive them; that the communications could be shared. Councillor Peacock stated the report did not come forward until Environmental Services Committee had requested it.

Councillor Peacock requested a Recorded Vote.

Alderman McAuley queried of the Officer why the commitments were not included in the Rate setting paper, if part of the agreement.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the decision on the night did not mention Rathlin Island community having exemptions; that could have been worked on, to fully implement. The Director of Environmental Services clarified within the Workshop, Elected Members were advised a Permit Scheme could be set up for islanders and that was a matter for Elected Members to add in.

Councillor Wilson stated Council want Legal Opinion to come back.

Councillor Kennedy advised he had attended a Public Meeting in Rathlin and Ballycastle, and he had not attended the workshops. Councillor Kennedy detailed the detrimental impact of the charges particularly on commercial boat moorings and more consultation was needed. Councillor Kennedy advised the matter would be Called In or Judicially Reviewed and that, in order to avoid costs, Councillors should vote to rescind the motion.

Councillor McShane summed up, she had asked for reassurance for people, had been told 'yes' and this had not materialised, to cover North Street residents and businesses, that the last consultation had taken place in 2017/2018.

The Mayor declared a recess at 8.26pm until 8.45pm.

\* **The meeting reconvened at 8.50pm.**

The Mayor ruled that, in light of the discussion that Council does not have definitive Legal Opinion, the matter be deferred to a Special Council Meeting or next scheduled Council meeting, whichever would come sooner, at which the Legal Opinion would be presented.

Councillor Peacock concurred and stated she would second the Mayor's proposal.

**RESOLVED** – that the Item is deferred to a Special Council Meeting, or the next scheduled Council Meeting (whichever comes sooner), until Legal Opinion has been received.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the ability to charge Parking Order would come into effect on 1 April however, infrastructure was not yet in place and were not in a position to charge, until at least the end of April and would hope for a decision or Council meeting, prior to that.

**MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Alderman Callan  
Seconded by Alderman MA McKillop and

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

\* **Press and Public left the meeting at 8.54pm.**

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the car parking charges could not be implemented prior to 1 May.

Councillor Storey sought clarification of the income figures, in light of losing one months' revenue.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified the figures were for annual income, the twenty-eight days' notice period and legalities were in place, the infrastructure would not be in place, as there was a lead in time for delivery of the Pay and Display machines, which had been ordered five days after the decision.

**17. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024**

**Matters Arising '*In Committee*'**

**17.1 Trading Concession Terms and Conditions, Procedures and Update on Auction of Sites (Item 4)**

- \* **Having declared an Interest the following Elected Members left The Chamber at 9.00pm: Alderman Boyle, Alderman Coyle, Alderman Scott, Alderman Stewart, Councillor Anderson, Councillor C Archibald, Councillor Kennedy, Councillor McMullan, Councillor Storey, Councillor Wallace, Councillor Watton.**

\* **Councillors Chivers, McShane and McGlinchey left The Chamber at 9.00pm.**

Councillor Holmes stated that, following the changes the Trading Working Group had made, suggested the second site was now superfluous.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes  
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

**RESOLVED** – that Council asks the Head of Planning and Chair of Planning Committee to completely withdraw the Planning Application request for the second Street Trading Pitch at Castlerock.

Councillor Holmes clarified the Item was recommended for Refusal on the Planning Committee Agenda for the meeting to be held the following day.

Alderman McAuley sought an update on the status of the Planning Applications for the Trading Concessions, he posed questions to the Director of Environmental Services surrounding this process.

The Director of Environmental Services provided a detailed update on the Planning applications that had been submitted with the additional option for three sites - two at West Bay and one at Portaneevy and provided an update on the CLEUD applications. He advised the date of the auction provisionally 20 May, that there were advantages and disadvantages for auctioning a site pending planning permission, he had received advice from Council's Procurement Officer that best value would be obtained by running a separate Auction if Planning Permission had been approved.

Proposed by Alderman McAuley  
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

- That Council auction all sites on 20 May 2024, three of those will be subject to Planning and if, for any reason, the Planning Process has not been completed, that the current vendors occupying any of those three sites (only one of the 3 sites is occupied) gets the offer of a two-month extension. That will mean no loss of income to Council.

Councillor Kane stated concern, referring to previous associated history.

Alderman S McKillop stated she did not agree with the proposal.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.  
21 Members Voted For; 0 Members Voted Against; 1 Member Abstained.  
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**RESOLVED** – That Council auction all sites on 20 May 2024, three of those will be subject to Planning and if, for any reason, the Planning Process has not been completed, that the current vendors occupying any of those three sites (only one of the 3 sites is occupied) gets the offer of a two-month extension. That will mean no loss of income to Council.

**MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Alderman Callan  
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

**RESOLVED** – That Council move ‘*In Public*’.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.13pm.

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Mayor