

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020

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7.	Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 26 August 2020, reconvened on Thursday 17 September 2020	Noted
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	Matters Arising	
	8.1 Biodiversity within Council (Item 4)	Review; Thank staff; Extend meeting to Elected Members regarding Riverside Park
	8.2 Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and recommendations therein approved

9.	Minutes of Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 9 September 2020	
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	9.1 Internal Audit Reports (Moore Stephens) (Item 7) - Fuel Management (Item 7.2)	<i>Proposal not accepted</i>
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10.	Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 10 September 2020	
	10.1 Correction to the Minute – Attendance Record	<i>Noted</i>
	10.2 Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved including amendment to attendance record noted at 10.1 above</i>
11.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Meeting held Tuesday 15 September 2020	
	Matters Arising	
	11.1 NI 21 Project Coordinator	<i>Amendment lost</i>
	11.2. Community Development Strategy (Item 4)	<i>Deferred</i>
	11.3 Play and Pitches Strategies (Item 6)	<i>Information to be provided</i>
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	11.5 Consultations (Item 14) Ulster University, Relocation of School of Health Sciences, closing on 6 th December (Item 14.1)	<i>Response to be brought to Committee</i>
	11.6 Magheracross Project	<i>Address repairs</i>
	11.7 Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved including Amendment at Item 11.2 above.</i>

12.	Minutes of Corporate Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 22 September 2020	
	12.1 Investigation Report Into a Complaint (Item 6)	<p><i>Adopt Agreement on Discipline, Capability and Redundancy, Joint Negotiating Committee for Clerks/Chief Executives to Local Authorities in NI (formally concluded on 17th December 1996);</i></p> <p><i>That after full and careful consideration of the Happy Raspberry Report and its findings, that we cannot proceed any further;</i></p> <p><i>The report has been leaked on social media and subsequently leaked to the media. This has led to a frenzied trial of the Chief Executive on social media before the Chief Executive has had the opportunity to see the report;</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore this is a fundamental breach of Article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights, the right to a fair trial;</i></p> <p><i>The process is now irrevocably flawed, given the comments which have been</i></p>

		<i>made both on the media and social media.</i>
	12.2 Land and Property Sub-Committee Minutes (Item 9) Requests to Use Council Land (Item 9.1)	<i>Place as Standing Item on Agenda</i>
	12.3 Annual Remembrance Services Report (Item 11)	<i>Update received</i>
	12.4 Timetable of Council and Committee Meetings schedule January– December 2021 (Item 15)	<i>Hold Council Meeting on Tuesday 30 March 2021 and Tuesday 29 June 2021</i>
	12.5 Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved including two Resolutions at Item 12.1 and at Item 12.4 above</i>
13.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	<i>Noted</i>
14.	Conferences	
	i. Code of Conduct Awareness Session for Councillors Facilitated by The Local Government Commissioner for Standards (NILGA)	<i>Noted (Items i-ii inclusive)</i>
	ii. Environmental Impact Assessment Essentials – What Councillors Need To Know (NILGA)	
15.	Correspondence	
	i. Partner Contributions to Knockagh Joint Committee	<i>Approve the financial contribution recommended by the Knockagh Joint Committee: 2015-2019 £1000 per annum and 2020 onwards £2000 per annum</i>
	ii. Newry Mourne & Down District Council, 4 August 2020	<i>Noted (Items ii-iv inclusive)</i>
	iii. NI Housing Council, 10 September 2020	

	iv. Launch of the 'Engage Programme', 23 September 2020	
16.	Consultation Schedule	Noted (Items i-ii inclusive)
	i. Department for The Economy, Transposition of the 2019 Electricity (Recast) Directive	
	ii. Department of Health, Family and Children's Policy Directorate Consultation on Cross-Departmental Covid-19 Vulnerable Children and Young People's Plan	
17.	Seal Documents	Seal Affixed (Items i-iv inclusive)
	i. Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5013 – 5025	
	ii. The Council (Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council) and Contractor, Articles of Agreement - The provision of waste services for the collection, disposal and treatment of engine oil, oily rags, oil filters, vegetable oil, paints, varnishes and used engine oil containers	
	iii. St Canice's GAA deed of Dedication	
	iv. Contract for purchase of lands adjoining Ballywillan Cemetery	
18.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McMullan, seconded by Councillor Chivers	Referred Leisure and Development Committee
	<i>That this council establishes an "Agricultural Sub-Committee" made up from representatives of this council to discuss and promote all aspects of Agriculture within the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.</i>	
19.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Mulholland, seconded by Alderman Fielding	Referred Environmental Services Committee
	<i>That this Council provides the necessary provision of steps and path access for "Port na happle" to ensure a safe entry to the swimming facility and for exit out of same. This will ensure that local residents and visitors alike can avail of our natural coastal resources, encouraging health and wellbeing, including mental health.</i>	

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ON
TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7:00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Alderman Fielding (C)

Members Present : Alderman Baird, Boyle, Duddy, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell,
McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson
(All Remote Attendance)

Councillors Anderson, Bateson, Beattie, Callan, Chivers,
Dallat O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley,
McCandless, McCaw, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop,
McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, P McShane,
Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, Scott,
Wallace, Watton and Wilson
(All Remote Attendance)

Officers Present : M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (C)
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development (C)
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager (R)
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (C)
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer (R)

Officers In Attendance : W McCullough, Head of Sport & Wellbeing (R)
R Richardson, Head of Capital Works, Energy & Infrastructure (R)
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture (R)
P O'Brien, Funding Manager (R)
A McAuley, Corporate Communications and PR Manager (R)

In Attendance : D Porter, Divisional Roads Manager, Divisional Roads
Manager, DfI Roads
A Montgomery, Section Engineer CC&G (West), DfI Roads
J Middleton, Section Engineer CC&G (East), DfI Roads
N McMullan, Worthington Solicitors
A Lennox, ICT Mobile Officer (C)
J Winfield, ICT Operations Manager (R)
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)

Public (3 No)

Press (5 No)

Key

C = Attended in the Chamber

R = Attended Remotely

The Mayor opened the meeting and extended a welcome to members of the press and public in attendance and provided the following guidance.

'You will be required to leave the meeting when Council goes into committee. You will be readmitted by Democratic Services Officers as soon as the meeting comes out of committee. I would also remind you that the taking of photographs of proceedings or the recording of proceedings for others to see or hear is prohibited.

If you are having technical difficulties try dialling in to the meeting on the telephone number supplied and then insert conference ID code which is on the chat. If you continue to have difficulties please contact the number provided on the chat at the beginning of the meeting for Democratic Services staff and ICT staff depending on your query. The meeting will pause to try to reconnect you.

Once you are connected

- *Mute your microphone when not speaking.*
- *Use the chat facility to indicate to that you wish to speak. The chat should not be used to propose or second.*
- *Please also use the chat to indicate when you are leaving the meeting if you are leaving before the meeting ends.*
- *Unmute your microphone and turn your camera on when you are invited to speak.*
- *Only speak when invited to do so.*
- *Members are reminded that you must be heard and where possible be seen to all others in attendance to be considered present and voting or your vote cannot be counted'.*

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor provided information on recent engagements and Council initiatives.

'I want to begin this evening by looking back to Recycle Week, and the news that during the lockdown period our residents recycled almost 20% more waste in their blue bins. Overall, our recycling levels have increased in the last year and I want to reiterate my thanks to all those who have helped to make this happen including our frontline staff. It shows we can continue to do more, and collectively we can make a big difference.

I have chosen Alzheimer's Society as my official charity for the year ahead and I recently met with a local Dementia Support Worker here at Cloonavin to mark the start of this partnership.

I'm looking forward to offering my support to the charity in the year ahead.

I would like to take a minute to mention the recent fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support organised by Council's Move More Co-ordinator. With restrictions affecting the usual World's Biggest Coffee Morning fundraisers, Catherine encouraged people to Move 5k On The Day instead, including myself, and make a donation and I would like to thank all those who helped make this so successful.

A consultation is currently open on Council's Disability Action Plan. This is a key plan to ensure everyone receives the service they need equally, and the public's input is vital if we are to succeed in making our community and services the best they can be. The plan is available to read now online and I would encourage as many people as possible to participate.

Finally, I was in Ballycastle yesterday morning for an unusual photo call to mark the town's Harry Potter connection. The Ballycastle Bats is one of JK Rowling's fictional Quidditch teams and we were presented with a decorative banner in recognition of this. Ballycastle is the only town in Northern Ireland to be part of this, so as Mayor I was delighted to take part'.

In accordance with Standing Orders, The Mayor invited Councillor MA McKillop to address Council.

Councillor MA McKillop congratulated Antrim Glens first virtual Storytelling Festival. Councillor MA McKillop advised the Group were disappointed they had not received funding, however, acknowledged the support from Council's Tourism team and considered plans should be put in place for partnership working for next year.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies recorded.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded as follows:

- Councillor Chivers in Leisure and Development committee minutes, Village Renewal, Councillor Chivers did not participate in the Item;
- Councillor Callan in Leisure and Development committee minutes, Landfill Community Fund Review, Councillor Callan did not participate in the Item;
- Councillor Knight-McQuillan in Leisure and Development committee minutes, DfC DAERA Town Centre Recovery Fund, Councillor Knight-McQuillan did not participate in the Item;

- Councillor MA McKillop in Leisure and Development committee minutes, DfC, DAERA Town Centre Recovery Fund, Councillor MA McKillop did not participate in the Item.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Copy previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Councillor Hunter and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 1 September 2020 are confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Mayor advised the Item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

6. DEPUTATION- DFI ROADS, AUTUMN CONSULTATION

Report, previously circulated.

The Mayor invited officers from DfI Roads to present to Council.

The Divisional Roads Manager addressed Council on the 2020/21 Annual Report on the work of DfI Roads across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Area.

He advised the report detailed the works completed across the Council area during the 2019/20 year and set out its proposals for schemes to be undertaken in 2020/21 and an update on the two Strategic Road Improvement schemes that are being taken forward in the Division.

The Divisional Roads Manager stated this has been an unprecedented year due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In line with advice, and to ensure the safety of staff, the Division has largely been operating 'from home'. This has allowed the essential services delivered to continue throughout the lock down. He advised there was some disruption to resurfacing programmes, however, all DfI contractors had now returned to sites and work progressing well. The Divisional Roads Manager indicated there were still some very significant Covid implications on the delivery of its works and DfI must keep staff, contractors and the public safe by operating with social distancing.

The Divisional Roads Manager advised that since 2013 the Department's baseline Resource budget has been insufficient to meet its needs and have relied on in-

year funding to deliver core services, including public transport and winter gritting. This continues to be the case for 2020/21. In Capital terms, he stated this year similar to last year with almost 70% of the budget taken up with committed or priority projects, leaving insufficient budget to meet the Department's responsibilities which includes the Water and Sewerage Network, as well as the Roads and Public Transport systems.

The current year funding for Structural Maintenance similar to the opening position last year. £75m has been allocated to this function of which £10m has been set aside for a 'roads recovery fund'. While this level of investment was welcome it still falls short of the £143 million required annually to maintain the road network in a reasonable condition.

The Divisional Roads Manager stated the availability of capital funding determined both Structural Maintenance and Local Transport and Safety Measures programmes and highlighted that additional funding was being made available this year for walking and cycling, and safer routes to schools; allowing the introduction of part-time 20mph speed limits at 9 schools in the Council Area.

The Divisional Roads Manager advised the opening allocation for routine maintenance was also similar to that in 2019/20 however the Minister had also allocated sufficient funding to allow a full street lighting repair service for the entire year. DfI will therefore be continuing to operate of a limited service for routine maintenance functions. Like last year DfI are funded to repair defects greater than 50mm on all roads including low trafficked rural roads and undertake two cuts of grass on roadside verges between April and October.

Divisional Roads Manager concluded, encouraging Councillors to use the online fault reporting system on NI Direct and commended Council for the good working relationships.

Elected Members were invited to address questions to the Divisional Roads Manager.

The Divisional Roads Manager responded specifically to each question and provided the following information:

- That the report on the directional painted arrows on the road on the Island of Islay (referred to by Alderman Baird) be sought to inform DfI Roads for similar consideration at tourist areas;
- The Agivey Road Scheme funding was for the next Scheme, land was currently being secured in this financial year and procurement process started;
- Elected Members with concerns regarding schools who had not been successful in the 20mph Scheme to get in touch regarding any future programmes and criteria applied. The Divisional Roads Manager that he was

not opposed, in principle to the use of SIDS and would review any information provided;

- The hidden dip referred to in Bushmills would be looked at again;
- The Park and Ride location in Dungiven would be looked at with a view to formalising;
- Road Closure communication along the A6 dualling would be looked at again with a view to improvements;
- Active Travel funding provided an opportunity to link up strategically, and it would be explored with Council Officials how funding could be drawn down by Council;
- Riverside Road North discussions were ongoing;
- The issue of a proposed drop-off at Portrush Medical Centre would be looked at;
- Discussion could be opened up regarding accommodating speed signage on DfI Roads furniture;
- DfI Roads would undertake to investigate at a Gateway in Kilrea;
- Members were invited to contact the DfI Roads Offices via email which is monitored and forwarded to the relevant officers and not individual personnel for effective communication to take place.

The Mayor thanked Divisional Roads Manager for his presentation.

- * **Councillor McGlinchey joined the meeting at 7.32PM during consideration of the Item.**
- * **Alderman Finlay joined the meeting at 7.39pm during consideration of the Item.**
- * **D Porter, Divisional Roads Manager, A Montgomery and J Middleton left the meeting at 8PM.**

7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2020, RECONVENED ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 26 August, reconvened on Thursday 17 September 2020 are noted.

8. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

Copy previously circulated.

Councillor McQuillan presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption, pending matters arising.

Matters Arising

8.1 Biodiversity within Council (Item 4)

Alderman Duddy advised there was a need to revisit the sowing of wildflowers which did not display well, especially in town centre locations, in adverse weather conditions.

The Director of Environmental Services advised extensive discussion had taken place at committee, Council had received a number of compliments, and would be content to review.

Councillor Wallace stated Council's flower beds were the envy of other towns, he thanked staff for their work and asked that his comments be relayed to staff.

In response to Alderman Finlay regarding Riverside Park, the Director of Environmental Services advised that a meeting had been arranged later in the week with Elected Members.

8.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services committee meeting held Tuesday 8 September 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

Copy previously circulated.

Councillor Wallace presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption, pending matters arising.

Matters Arising

9.1 Internal Audit Reports (Moore Stephens) (Item 7) Fuel Management (Item 7.2)

Councillor P McShane stated he had now received a reply to his supplemental question at the meeting. He advised that over a 3-year period the fuel budget and actual spend coding had not been correct; variances had not been right, and resulted in over £1.5M variance over a 3-year period 2017/18, 18/19, 19/20.

Councillor P McShane queried why estimates had not increased in line with the evidence, he cited mismanagement and the requirement for a forensic audit.

Proposed by Councillor P McShane

Seconded by Councillor Quigley

- That there is significant evidence to suggest that a Forensic Audit is now in order on Council finances, coding and variances.

Councillor P McShane requested a Recorded Vote.

Councillor Wilson queried whether the budget had been available to Elected Members and the public at year end.

The Director of Environmental Services advised codes had not been what they should have been and were now rectified, he clarified figures had been provided at year end.

Councillor Holmes advised the amalgamated debt position from four Council's into one, coding and different accountancy practices was what had happened and stated a forensic audit was a waste of money.

Councillor Callan concurred with Councillor Holmes, he advised PWC were now supporting Council, accounts published every year and a forensic audit would be a significant cost to the organisation.

Alderman Duddy raised a Point of Order, Standing Order No. 23,
"No motion to rescind any resolution passed within the preceding six months, and no motion or amendment to the same effect as one which has been rejected within the preceding six months, shall be proposed by a Member unless the notice thereof given in pursuance of Standing Order 15.1 bears the names of at least 15 per cent of the Members of the Council."

Alderman Duddy stated Council had passed a motion during reconsideration of a 'Call In', that it was not in favour of a full forensic audit, a rescinding motion was required.

Councillor P McShane requested to speak.

Alderman Duddy raised Standing Order No.18.10,
'Member shall not speak more than once'.

The Mayor read Standing Order 18.5,
'Member Called To Order. If any Member, while speaking, be called to order, he/she shall cease speaking and shall not again address the Council until the Mayor / Chair has disposed of the question of order'.

Alderman Duddy asked that it was recorded that Councillor P McShane accused him of a, 'cover-up'. The Mayor stated it would be minuted.

Councillor Quigley, requested a Legal Opinion, as more information had now come to light.

The Mayor declared a recess at 8.31PM.

* **The meeting reconvened at 8.36PM.**

The Mayor ruled that the issue of a forensic audit had been considered and reconsideration of the decision was lost, he advised Councillor P McShane a rescinding motion was required bearing 15% of the names of Council.

Councillor P McShane raised his dissatisfaction.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan raised a Point of Order, Standing Order No. 24.1, *'When the Mayor speaks during a debate, any Member speaking at the time must stop. The meeting must be silent.'*

The Mayor agreed with the above Point of Order.

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Wallace
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 9 September 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

Copy previously circulated.

Councillor McLean presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption, pending matters arising.

10.1 Correction to the Minute – Attendance Record

Councillor McLean stated Councillor Callan and Councillor Schenning had attended in The Chamber; and not remotely.

The Director of Corporate Services advised she was not in attendance.

10.2 Adoption of the Minutes

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 10 September 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the corrections noted to the attendance record.

11. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

Copy previously circulated.

Councillor Nicholl presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption, pending matters arising.

Matters Arising

11.1 NI 21 Project Coordinator

Councillor Bateson stated he reiterated the Sinn Féin position to oppose the appointment. Councillor Bateson felt a blank cheque book in face of financial difficulties would lead to a further lack of confidence from ratepayers.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Bateson

Seconded by Councillor P McShane

- to recommend that Council does not appoint a Project Co-Ordinator, in the face of the clear biases it will pose and in the financial difficulties facing this Council and especially in the case of Covid-19.

Councillor Callan stated his Party would oppose the Amendment, he advised a budget would be brought forward to committee.

Members stated their support for and in opposition to, the Amendment.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

14 Members voted For; 23 Members voted Against; 2 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

11.2. Community Development Strategy (Item 4)

Alderman McKillop stated her appreciation for the work that had gone into the Strategy, however the report had not dealt with an issue regarding disconnect and collaboration with local groups in the community and requested the Strategy was deferred.

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman McKillop

Seconded by Councillor McQuillan and

AGREED – that consideration is deferred for one month.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

38 Members voted for; 0 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment carried.

11.3 Play and Pitches Strategies (Item 6)

Councillor C McShane requested the information be provided to her in the same way it had been recorded that information was being provided to another member.

11.4 Dfc Covid 19 Community Support Funding (Item 10)

Councillor C McShane requested information on how Tranche 2 was consulted across the towns.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised both elements of information would be presented to Council in due course; the Head of Prosperity and Place had a number of queries presented to him and any gaps in the information would be provided to Councillor C McShane.

11.5 Consultations (Item 14)

Ulster University, Relocation of School of Health Sciences, closing on 6th December (Item 14.1)

In response to Councillor Nicholl, the Director of Leisure and Development stated a consultation response would be presented to Committee prior to submission.

11.6 Magheracross Project (Item 16)

Alderman Duddy advised fencing had been damaged and the necessary repairs required.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised the issue would be addressed.

11.7 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl

Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 15 September 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the Amendment at Item 11.2 above.

12. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2020

Copy previously circulated.

Alderman Hillis presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption, pending matters arising.

Matters Arising

12.1 Investigation Report into a Complaint (Item 6)

Proposed by Councillor McCandless
Seconded by Councillor Callan

- That Council adopts the Agreement on Discipline, Capability and Redundancy, Joint Negotiating Committee for Clerks/Chief Executives to Local Authorities in NI (formally concluded on 17th December 1996).

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

The Mayor advised Council would be required to move, '*In Committee*'.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

AGREED – that Council move, '*In Committee*'.

- * **The Director of Corporate Services left the Chamber at 9.15PM.**
- * **J Welsh, W McCullough, P O'Brien and J Richardson left the meeting at 9.15PM.**
- * **Councillor McGlinchey left the meeting at 9.16PM.**
- * **Press / Public left the meeting at 9.15PM**
- * **N McMullan joined the meeting at 9.17PM.**

Councillor P McShane sought legal advice in relation to the adoption of the disciplinary policy and whether there was exploration of other avenues for Council to consider.

The Solicitor in attendance responded.

Councillor McGurk welcomed the proposal and stated concern the practices in the JNC document, 1996 were outdated, specifically in relation to d'Hondt.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor McGurk
Seconded by Councillor McMullan

- That Council adopts the Agreement on Discipline, Capability and Redundancy, Joint Negotiating Committee for Clerks/Chief Executives to Local Authorities in NI (formally concluded on 17th December 1996);
- That a report is brought back on how Council may review the Policy, if, and how it needs to be updated and in particular the issue of appointing the Stage 1 investigation panel.

In response to requests for clarification from Members the Solicitor confirmed the wording of the policy in relation to the appointment of the disciplinary panel.

Councillor Holmes requested a recess.

The Mayor declared a recess at 9.28PM.

* **The Meeting reconvened at 9.46PM.**

On resumption of the meeting Alderman Duddy requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.
Alderman Boyle requested Legal Opinion. The Mayor advised the vote was underway.

16 Members voted For; 22 Members voted Against; 0 Member Abstained.
The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

Recorded Vote table

For (16)	Alderman Boyle
	Councillors Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, McCaw, McGurk, MA McKillop, McMullan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning
Against (22)	Alderman Baird , Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson

Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McLean, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson
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Councillor Mulholland stated that the panel should be one member from each Party, including Independents, excluding Councillor P McShane.

Further debate took place regarding a proposed membership of the committee referred to within the Policy, during which the following Points of Order were put.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan raised a Point of Order Standing Order no. 24.1, *“When the Mayor / Chair speaks during a debate, any Member speaking at the time must stop. The meeting must be silent.”*

Alderman Duddy raised a Point of Order, Standing Order no. 24.2: *“If at a meeting any Member of the Council, misconducts himself/herself by persistently disregarding the ruling of the chair, or by behaving irregularly, improperly or offensively or by willfully obstructing the business of the Council, having given due warning, the Mayor / Chair or any other Member may move “that the Member named be not further heard”. The motion, if seconded, shall be put and determined without discussion”.*

The Mayor reminded Council of the recommendation of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee which had been proposed for adoption by Councillor McCandless, seconded by Alderman McKillop and put it to the Council to vote.

36 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.
The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Director of Environmental Services advised that the Happy Raspberry Complaint Investigation report would be presented to the next Council meeting, following the, ‘Call In’ period.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan indicated she had wished to speak on Item 6 and Item 9.

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman Hillis

- That after full and careful consideration of the Happy Raspberry Report and its findings, that we cannot proceed any further;
The report has been leaked on social media and subsequently leaked to the media. This has led to a frenzied trial of the Chief Executive on social media before the Chief Executive has had the opportunity to see the report;

Furthermore this is a fundamental breach of Article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights, the right to a fair trial;

The process is now irrevocably flawed, given the comments which have been made both on the media and social media.

Alderman Hillis stated he was unhappy with the way events had unfolded and referred to a breach of confidentiality that had occurred during a previous committee meeting and to media, he considered the process was in jeopardy.

In response to Councillor P McShane, the Mayor confirmed he had received an unredacted copy of the report, he advised Councillor P McShane redactions had been made to the copy made available to Elected Members in line with data protection.

Alderman Duddy raised a Point of Order, Standing Order No.18.9,

“A Member who speaks shall direct his/her speech strictly to the Motion under discussion, or an amendment thereof”.

In response to Councillor P McShane, the Solicitor provided advice on the rationale for parts of the report made available for inspection to Elected Members, being redacted

Members requested legal opinion on the motion proposed by Councillor Knight McQuillan, seconded by Alderman Hillis. The Solicitor advised that he could not provide advice to Council in terms of its Standing Orders. The Mayor confirmed that no other legal representative was in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor P McShane requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the proposal to the Council to vote.

22 Members voted For; 15 Members voted Against; 1 Member Abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Recorded Vote Table

For (22)	Alderman Baird, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson
	Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McLean, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson
Against (15)	Councillors Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O’Driscoll, McCaw, McGurk, MA McKillop, McMullan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning

Abstain (1)	Alderman Boyle
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Alderman Duddy requested information on the investigation into the data breach that had occurred at a committee meeting.

The Director of Environmental Services advised investigations were ongoing, and confirmed the issue had been reported to the Information Commissioners Office.

12.2 Land and Property Sub-Committee Minutes (Item 9) Requests to Use Council Land (Item 9.1)

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

Seconded by Alderman McKillop

- In view of the rising Covid-19 positive figures and the possibility of further restrictions, I propose we do not accept applications for events on council land (including cancelling those already approved) until 31st December or early January subject to ongoing review. This amendment would exclude drive in church services for which council previously made a separate decision to accommodate these services as a result of the lock down and heightened Covid-19 restrictions.

Councillor Quigley sought clarification of how the motion may effect events occurring in Portrush, for example.

The Democratic and Central Services Manager clarified how the proposal may be applied to future Land and Property applications received, cognisant of health and safety, whilst balancing the needs of communities.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised there may be an impact on Christmas festivities.

Members put forward support for and in opposition to the Amendment.

Alderman Duddy suggested that the matter could be placed as a Standing Item on the Land and Property Sub Committee Agenda for discussion and ongoing review.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan, with the agreement of the seconder, Alderman McKillop stated she was satisfied with the approach suggested by Alderman Duddy and withdrew her Amendment.

- * **The Director of Corporate Services returned to the Chamber at 10.30PM during consideration of the Item.**

12.3 Annual Remembrance Services Report (Item 11)

The Director of Corporate Services updated Council, Rathlin Island was no longer holding a Service.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland and

AGREED – that Council move, *'In Public'*.

*** Press joined the meeting at 10.52PM**

12.4 Timetable of Council and Committee Meetings schedule January– December 2021 (Item 15)

The Director of Corporate Services referred to two dates where options had been provided within the report for decision.

Proposed by Councillor McAuley
Seconded by Councillor McQuillan and

AGREED – that Council hold its meeting on Tuesday 30 March 2021 and Tuesday 29 June 2021.

12.5 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Alderman McCorkell and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 22 September 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including the Resolutions at Item 12.1 and Item 12.4 above.

13. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

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

The Purpose of the Report is to present the Key Outcomes Note from the Partnership Panel.

The Northern Ireland Partnership Panel convened for the first time in four years on 16 September 2020. This Outcomes Note is provided by NILGA, the Northern

Ireland Local Government Association, to provide an immediate update to all 11 member councils. Full Minutes will follow.

It is recommended that Council note the Partnership Panel Key Outcomes Note, dated 16 September 2020.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Partnership Panel Key Outcomes Note, dated 16 September 2020.

14. CONFERENCES

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

The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

The following were listed:

- i. Code of Conduct Awareness Session for Councillors Facilitated by The Local Government Commissioner for Standards (NILGA)

7 October 2020 2pm-4pm, online.

- ii. Environmental Impact Assessment Essentials – What Councillors Need To Know (NILGA)

15 October 2020 10am-12.30pm online. Elected Members wishing to attend should register with Democratic Services.

RESOLVED – that the Conferences / Courses schedule is noted.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

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

The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

The following were listed:

- i. **Partner Contributions to Knockagh Joint Committee**

Correspondence has been received from Mid and East Antrim Borough Council in relation to the financial contribution sought from partner Councils towards the upkeep of the Knockagh Memorial.

Council is invited to consider the financial contribution recommended by the Joint Committee:

- 2015-2019 £1000 per annum
- 2020 onwards £2000 per annum

Attached:

- Correspondence Partner Contributions Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
- Knockagh Joint Committee Minutes 27th November 2019

Proposed by Alderman McKillop

Seconded by Alderman McCorkell and

AGREED – that Council approve the financial contribution recommended by the Knockagh Joint Committee: 2015-2019 £1000 per annum and 2020 onwards £2000 per annum.

ii. Newry Mourne & Down District Council, Marie Ward, Chief Executive, correspondence dated 4 August 2020

At a Meeting of Newry Mourne & Down District Council held on Monday 3 August 2020, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

"That this Council supports the need for greater localised information from the Department of Health regarding localised outbreaks of COVID positive cases in the area. In the wake of the suspected localised outbreak in the Rowallane area, had local representatives' access to more specific information, a downturn in footfall and containment of anxiety in non-affected regions may have been prevented.

Therefore, this Council calls on the Department of Health and Public Health Agency to provide DEA specific information or to provide a helpline for Councillors to reduce this from happening to other areas going forward".

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have asked that the Department of Health and the Public Health Agency enable Councils across Northern Ireland to have some way of gaining more localised information.

Members of Newry, Mourne and District Council unanimously agreed to this Motion and urge your Council to support it.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Motion.

iii. Northern Ireland Housing Council, correspondence dated 10 September 2020

The Minutes of the Northern Ireland Housing Council Meeting held 13 August 2020 and September Bulletin were presented.

Council noted the minutes of the Northern Ireland Housing Council Meeting held 13 August 2020.

iv. Launch of the “Engage Programme” To Support Children And Young People As They Return To School, correspondence dated 23 September 2020

Correspondence has been received from Department of Education, informing of the launch of the “Engage” programme.

The wellbeing of children and young people remains a primary concern and as routines within school are being established, taking into account the changing nature of the Covid-19 landscape, this important programme will provide an extra level of support to schools to manage pupil’s learning as they begin their educational journey again this autumn.

Copy correspondence circulated.

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

RESOLVED – that Council note the correspondence schedule Items ii-iv.

16. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

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

The following consultation documents were listed:

- i. Department for The Economy, Transposition of the 2019 Electricity (Recast) Directive – Consultation, submission by 16 October 2020;
- ii. Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Equality Screening Report – Quarter 4 and Quarter 1, available for download;
- iii. Department of Health, Family and Children’s Policy Directorate Consultation on Cross-Departmental Covid-19 Vulnerable Children and Young People’s Plan, submission by 13 November 2020.

Council was reminded of the following consultation document, previously presented:

- iv. Department of Finance, Consultation on Proposed Building (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020: Amendment To Parts A, B And C And Subsequent Guidance Changes To Technical Booklets B, C And E, submission by 9th October 2020.

Council noted the consultation schedule presented.

17. 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 5013 – 5025 (inclusive)
- ii. The Council (Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council) and Contractor, Articles of Agreement - The provision of waste services for the collection, disposal and treatment of engine oil, oily rags, oil filters, vegetable oil, paints, varnishes and used engine oil containers (Ref ES 200811 / CM 200901)
- iii. St Canices GAA deed of Dedication (Ref L&D 190911 / CM 180925 and L&D 190813 / CM 190827)
- iv. Contract for purchase of lands adjoining Ballywillan Cemetery (Ref ES 191210 / CM 200107)

Proposed by Councillor Hunter
Seconded by Alderman McKillop and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items i-iv inclusive) be approved.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCMULLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHIVERS

That this council establishes an "Agricultural Sub-Committee" made up from representatives of this council to discuss and promote all aspects of Agriculture within the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.

In accordance with Standing Order 15.1 (6), the matter was referred, without discussion to the Leisure and Development Committee.

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MULHOLLAND,
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FIELDING**

That this Council provides the necessary provision of steps and path access for "Port na happle" to ensure a safe entry to the swimming facility and for exit out of same. This will ensure that local residents and visitors alike can avail of our natural coastal resources, encouraging health and wellbeing, including mental health.

In accordance with Standing Order 15.1 (6), the matter was referred, without discussion to the Environmental Services Committee.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 11.00PM.

Mayor