

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Council Meeting Tuesday 27th October 2015

Key Decisions

No	Item	Decision
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>Councillors Beattie and Duddy</i>
3.	Mayors Remark's	<i>Noted</i>
4.	Presentations 4.1 Northern Ireland Housing Executive 4.2 Hands That Talk	<i>Members encouraged to report issues to local offices Accept invitation to Workshop Take funding issues to the Partnership Panel to liaise with Social Investment Fund</i>
5.	Minutes of Council Meeting held on 22 nd September 2015	<i>Confirmed</i>
6.	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 23 rd September 2015 6.1 Review of Scheme of Delegation	<i>Adopted Part B Delegated Application to be updated to the website</i>
7.	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee held on 6 th October 2015 7.1 Castlerock Railway Station Footbridge 7.2 Policy on Provision of Memorials 7.3 Amendments to Street Naming and Property Numbering 7.4 Dog Fouling 7.5 Proposals for Partnering Arrangements with Transport NI for Removal of Snow and Ice from Town Centre Footpaths and Pedestrian Areas 7.6 Brown Bins 7.7 Adoption of Minutes	<i>Members of Bann District Electoral Area and Officers to meet with Community representatives Suitable locations to be brought back to Committee Deferred to next ES Committee with all changes incorporated into Policy Director of ES to check Bye-Laws and erect signage accordingly Location Maps to be brought back to ES Committee Working Group to be set up Adopt subject to Item 7.3</i>

8.	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 th October 2015	<i>Adopted</i>
9.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee held on 13 th October 2015 9.1 Christmas Event 9.2 Enterprise Zone 9.3 L&D Organisational Structure 9.4 CC&G Sports Awards 9.5 Cushendall Caravan Park Touring Site Upgrade 9.6 Adoption of Minutes	<i>Approved Option 1 Update to be bought back November Defer for one month Timing of event to be reconsidered Work carried out on capital Project to be made available to Councillors Adopted subject to item 9.3</i>
10.	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 14 th October 2015	<i>Adopted</i>
11.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 20 th October 2015 11.1 Councillors' Allowances 11.2 Recognition Programme – Anniversary of the Somme 11.3 Remembrance Events November 2015 11.4 Adoption of Minutes	<i>Accept recommendation Members nominated using D'Hondt Mayor & Deputy Mayor to decide Adopted subject to Item 11.3</i>
12.	Nominations to Outside Body – Riverside Theatre Management Committee	<i>Approved using rolling D'Hondt</i>
13.	RNLI Premises at the Banmouth, Castlerock	<i>Approved</i>
14.	Correspondence Belfast City Council Resolution re Animal Cruelty	<i>Support</i>
15.	Guidance on Effective Complaints Handling and the Principles of Good Administration	<i>Noted</i>
16.	Balnamore Post Office	<i>Noted</i>
17.	Bellarena Post Office	<i>Noted</i>
18.	Northern Ireland Water – Outstanding points from Council Meeting 22 nd September 2015	<i>Noted</i>
19.	Recent Ombudsman Case – Enforcement Case and Maladministration	<i>Noted</i>
20.	Transport NI – Adoption of Streets	<i>Noted</i>
21.	Homelessness: Braking Barriers to Health and Social Care	<i>Noted</i>

22.	Minutes of the Partnership Panel Meetings 2 nd December 2014 3 rd February 2015 28 th April 2015 23 rd June 2015	<i>Noted</i>
23.	Seal Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council to Mr Michael McNicholl and Mrs Colette McNicholl – Sale of strip of land adjacent to 2 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush • Grant of Right of Burial Deeds Register No 4286 – 4292 (Coleraine 0; Ballywillan 2; Portstewart 4; Agherton 1; Kilrea 0) • Ballymoney Cemetery Grave registry Certificate No 1648 	<i>Seals Affixed</i>
24.	Consultations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIAO Consultation: Code of Audit Practice for Local Government Bodies • Consultation on the Review of Transport Eligibility Criteria • Disability Action Plan Consultation • Equality Action Plan 2013-18 (Reviewed) and Disability Action Plan 2013-18 (Reviewed) • 2021 Census in Northern Ireland • Consultation on Quiet Area Policy Guidance • Binevenagh Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Action Plan Review Consultation Events 	<i>Noted</i>
25.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Clarke	<i>Agreed</i>
26.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Duddy	<i>Deferred to November L&D Committee</i>
27.	Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Finlay	<i>Deferred to November CP&R Committee</i>
28.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Callan	<i>Deferred to November CP&R Committee</i>
29.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Watton	<i>Deferred to November CP&R Committee</i>

30.	Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman S McKillop	<i>Deferred to November ES Committee</i>
31.	Any Other Relevant Business Presentations	<i>CE to look into alternatives to Council receiving presentations</i>
32.	Benone Catering Services Leisure and Development Committee 13 th October 2015	<i>Deferred for more information</i>
33.	Legal Opinion Call In Flag Flying	<i>Debate adjourned, further clarification sought</i>
34.	Date of Next Meeting	<i>Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7pm</i>

Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 7.00pm

In the Chair: The Mayor, Councillor Knight-McQuillan

Present: Aldermen Campbell, Cole, Hickey, Hillis, McKeown, McKillop S, Mullan, Robinson;
Councillors Beattie, Baird, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Fitzpatrick, Holmes, King, Loftus, McCandless, McCaul, McCorkell, McGlinchey, McGuigan, McLean, McShane C, McShane P, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson

In attendance: Mr D Jackson, Clerk and Chief Executive
Mrs M Quinn, Director of Performance
Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
Mr R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development
D Dickson, Head of Planning
Mr D Hunter, Council Solicitor
Ms D Bader, Committee and Member Services Officer
Mrs P Donaghy, Democratic Services Manager

Also in attendance: Mr F O'Connor, NIHE Northern Region Manager (Item 3.1)
Mr B Doherty NIHE Area Manager (Item 3.1)
Ms A McAteer, NIHE Northern Regional Planning Manager (Item 3.1)
Mr J McKernan, Ms D McGlinchey, D McGlinchey Hands that Talk (Item 3.2)

Press

1. Apologies

Apologies were recorded from Councillors MA McKillop and Hunter.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor O Beattie at Item 8.1 Chairperson of Glack Community Association.
Councillor G Duddy at Item 11.2. Councillor Duddy declared that he had met with two groups and Council officers.

A Point of Order was raised in relation to the time the Council Meeting had commenced. The Mayor replied that the slight delay was due to photographs of Elected Members being taken just before the meeting.

3. Mayor's Remarks

Sporting Achievements

The Chair offered congratulations to:

Coleraine Ladies' Football Club for winning the NIWFA Division One North League Cup
Loughgiel Camogie Club for winning Senior and Junior titles.

Cushendall Hurlers for winning the Ulster Senior Title

Eoghan Rua GAC for winning the Ulster Junior Hurling Championships 2015

Northern Ireland Football Team for qualifying for the European Championships 2016

Royal Portrush Golf Club for being selected to host the British Open in 2019

Farming Accident

Thoughts and prayers were offered to the family of the 8 year old boy who was critically injured in a farm accident near Cloughmills.

4. Presentations

Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Housing Investment Plan 2015-2019

The Chair welcomed F O'Connor, B Doherty and A McAteer to the meeting.

Councillors Douglas, Duddy and Fielding joined the meeting at 7.12pm.

Members received a presentation outlining the purpose of the new Housing Investment Plans (HIP), preparation and overview of the HIP, the HIP and Community Planning, their themed approach, Housing Executive investment, key housing issues and new build/refurbishments.

Members voiced their concerns over the lack of social housing throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens area and the provision of emergency housing for the homeless.

In response to Members questions it was advised that:

- 3 schemes were currently place for the provision of social housing in Ballymoney
- 3 schemes were currently in place to provide emergency housing for the homeless
 - hostels owned by NIHE, community based organisations and leasing from private landlords
- Replacement of kitchens, double glazing, central heating, exterior painting work and cavity wall insulation were all currently being carried out
- Work was currently in progress with a number of agencies to address the anti-social problems in Mosside which had resulted in the high turnover of tenancies
- Grants were available for disabled tenants who wished to remain in their own homes, this would be means tested for private tenants

- Advice was available from Smart Move in Belfast, who work to provide a link between the public and private sector in arranging deposits for those people who had not acquired enough points on the Housing Association list to qualify for housing
- Street lighting was the responsibility of TransportNI
- Work was currently being undertaken to identify cases where tenants had second homes and if any Members were aware of any empty second homes to inform NIHE
- NIHE was aware of the issues of the panel schemes installed on roofs which could not be connected to the grid. Companies paid rent to the Housing Executive for the use of the roofs for which they received a Renewable Energy Certificate and payment from the Government, and that it was their responsibility for the maintenance of them

Other areas of discussion included Lifetime Housing, new build budget 2015/2016, Welfare Reform, lack of single units in Portballintrae and Bushmills and lack of social housing in Harpers Hill.

Members were encouraged to report any issues to local offices.

Members thank NIHE for their continued work and the improving co-operation with public representatives.

The NIHE representatives left the meeting at 8.10pm.

Hands That Talk

The Chair welcomed J McKernan, C Agnew and D McGlinchey to the meeting.

Members received a presentation delivered by sign language which was translated through an interpreter.

Hands That Talk explained that it is a deaf-led cross community voluntary organisation that has deaf, hard of hearing and hearing members.

Its aim is to improve the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing people, promote social inclusion and equal opportunities, help provide access to services, education and employment and eliminate discrimination against deaf people. They outlined the services the organisation provides, how it integrates into the community, its achievements, current situation and future plans.

The representatives also explained the organisation's funding position to Members and its desire to purchase the building it currently occupied. A funding application to the Social Investment Fund had seemed to be progressing well but had been turned down. The representatives sought Council's help to lobby the appropriate Departments in order to query why this funding application had been unsuccessful. The representatives also extended an invitation to Elected Members to attend a workshop at the Hands That Talk offices to experience what it would be like to be deaf for a day.

Members thanked Hands that Talk for their informative presentation and following questions from Elected Members it was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor McCaul and AGREED: **that Council accept the invitation from Hands That Talk to attend a workshop to experience what it would be like to be deaf for a day and that Council would also raise the funding issue through the Partnership Panel.**

The representatives from Hands That Talk left the meeting at 8.55pm.

5. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2015

It was proposed by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and AGREED: **that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.**

6. Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 23rd September 2015

It was proposed by Councillor Loftus, seconded by Councillor McCaul and AGREED: **that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 22nd September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.**

6.1 Review of Scheme of Delegation

The Head of Planning presented the report, previously circulated and as follows:

Background

In accordance with Section 31 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, the Department of Environment agreed the Scheme of Delegation for Development Management, Development Plan, Enforcement and other Planning Functions for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on 1st April 2015.

At the Planning Committee meeting held 26th August 2015, it was agreed that a workshop should be held to review the Scheme of Delegation. A workshop to review the Scheme of Delegation was held on 7th September 2015. The workshop was open to all elected members.

The proposals from the workshop were brought before the Planning Committee on 23rd September 2015 for consideration and agreement.

Details

A copy of the current Scheme of Delegation was circulated. Discussions took place in relation to the various elements within the Scheme and the following proposals for amendment were agreed by the Planning Committee in relation to Part B – Delegated Applications.

In relation to bullet point 3 reword:

Applications where an elected member has requested the application to be referred to the Planning Committee, accompanied with a statement outlining the material planning reasons for the referral and this request is signed by a minimum of 4 elected members from two separate political parties who sit on the Planning Committee.

This referral procedure will be assisted by the circulation of a weekly list of those delegated applications where the decision is ready to issue. This list will be circulated to all elected members on the Tuesday of each week. Elected members will have until 6pm on the Friday of that week to request a referral, otherwise the decision notice will issue.

In relation to bullet point 4, remove "...father or mother from footnote definition of immediate family and insert ." To read:

Immediate family for the purposes of this Scheme of Delegation refers to wife/husband/partner, son(s), daughter(s).

It is recommended that the Council agrees the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation as circulated and agrees that the Head of Planning writes to the Department of Environment to seek their approval to the amended Scheme of Delegation as required under Section 31 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

It was proposed by Councillor Loftus, seconded by Councillor McCaul and **AGREED: that the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation be adopted and that the Head of Planning writes to the Department of Environment to seek their approval to the amended Scheme of Delegation as required under Section 31 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and that Part B Delegated Applications be uploaded to the website.**

7. Minutes of Environmental Services Committee held on 6th October 2015

Councillor Fielding presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising

7.1 Castlerock Railway Station Footbridge

In response to comments made by Alderman Cole about community consultation regarding the Footbridge, the Director of Environmental Services advised that a meeting had been arranged with community representatives and that a further report on the matter would be brought to Committee

It was proposed by Alderman King, seconded by Councillor Duddy and **AGREED: that a delegation of Members of Bann District Electoral Area and Officers meet with community representatives in Castlerock regarding the Footbridge.**

7.2 Policy on Provision of Memorials (Primarily Benches)

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that a report giving a list of the suitable locations for memorial trees would be brought to Committee.

7.3 Amendments to Street Naming and Property Numbering Policy and Procedures

It was proposed by Councillor Mulholland, seconded by Councillor McCaul: **to replace ‘occupiers appearing on the electoral register’ with ‘respondents’.**

Councillor Duddy proposed an amendment, seconded by Alderman S McKillop and **AGREED: that the Amendments to Street Naming and Property Numbering Policy be deferred until the next Environmental Services Committee Meeting with all changes recommended incorporated into the Policy.**

The Director of Environmental Services advised that legal advice had been received on the issue raised by Councillor Mulholland. This advice would be brought to the Committee with the amended Policy for Members’ consideration.

7.4 Dog Fouling (Signage Limavady, Riverside Park, Ballymoney, Tennis Courts Ballycastle)

Members raised concerns over the continued dog fouling in Bushmills, dogs running loose off leads at Riverside Park Ballymoney and lack of dog litter bins at the Tennis courts in Ballycastle.

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that he would check to see if any Bye-Laws were in place and would erect signage accordingly. He also confirmed that ordinary litter bins could be used in for the disposal of dog faeces at the Tennis Courts in Ballycastle.

7.5 Proposals for Partnering Arrangements with Transport NI for removal of snow and ice from town centre footpaths and pedestrian areas

Members raised concerns about the need for removal of snow and ice from footpaths in rural area across the Borough. The Chief Executive confirmed the need for Council to re-distribute or prioritise services and that this would be looked into at a later date.

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that location maps would be brought back to the Committee for further consideration.

7.6 Brown Bins

In a response to a Member’s query regarding the provision of brown bins to all households within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that a Working Group would be set up to look at providing the same service for all.

7.7 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Fielding, seconded by Alderman Campbell and AGREED: **that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 6th October 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendment at 7.3 above.**

8. Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th October 2015

The Head of Planning gave an update advising Council that, as of 14th October 2015, the Department of the Environment had directed that the application discussed at the meeting be referred to the Department for determination. The application will not come before Council for determination.

It was AGREED: **that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.**

9. Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held on 13th October 2015

Matters arising

9.1 Destination Management Strategy - Christmas 2015

The Director of Leisure and Development outlined, using a Powerpoint presentation, the options and costs for Christmas Events in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area for 2015.

Four options with costs were presented to Members for their consideration.

Options	Details	Cost
Option 1 The 2014 provision	Christmas Ceremonies in Ballymoney, Ballycastle, Limavady, Coleraine, Kilrea, Portstewart, Portrush, Garvagh & Dungiven. Plus an addition £250 for the settlements of Ballykelly, Burnfoot, Drumsurn, Feeney, Foreglen, Greysteel and Magilligan (Limavady BC).	£24,000
Option 2 Hamlets, Villages and Town	Invite all hamlets and villages to avail of £250 for Christmas 'Festivities'. 60 + settlements in area that could be defined a hamlet, village or town.	£40, 000

Option 3 Villages and Towns	Facilitate events only in settlements with a population greater than 1000 people. This will eliminate Burnfoot, Drumsum, Feeney, Foreglen and Magilligan.	£24,000
Option 4 The Four Legacy Council Towns. (Note that Portrush and Portstewart are also deemed to be towns)	Reduced Programme with 4 high quality Christmas Ceremonies in the four towns: Ballymoney, Limavady, Coleraine and Ballycastle.	£14,000

The Chief Executive confirmed that a review of events for 2016 was already underway but a decision was required for Christmas Events in 2015.

Motion

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Alderman Finlay: **that Council adopts Option 1 with the proviso that Christmas Events are reviewed early in 2016 to ensure equality across the Borough.**

Amendment

Councillor Mulholland proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Chivers: **that Council adopts Option 2.**

The Mayor put the amendment to the vote, 7 Members voted for, and 27 Members voted against. The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The Mayor put the substantive motion to the vote, 28 members voted for 7 Members voted against and 1 Member abstained. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

9.2 Enterprise Zone

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that an update would be brought to the Council Meeting in November.

9.3 Leisure and Development Organisational Structures

The Director of Leisure & Development confirmed that there had been lengthy discussions with the Unions and that the structure being developed was to provide the best service for the public and needed to be in place before the Estates Strategy structure could be considered.

Following discussion, during which several Members voiced concerns about the proposed structures and the development of Council's Estates Strategy, it was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Finlay and AGREED: **that the Leisure and Development Organisational Structure be deferred for one month.**

The Mayor put the motion to the vote, 16 Members voted for, 15 Members voted against and 1 Member abstained. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

9.4 Causeway Coast and Glens Sports Awards

In response to a point raised by Councillor C McShane regarding the timing of the Awards the Director of Leisure & Development confirmed that the timing and location of the event was under review.

9.5 Cushendall Caravan Park Touring Site Upgrade

In response to a query regarding the Capital Programme for 2015/16 the Director of Leisure & Development confirmed that the Programme had been presented to Council earlier in the year and that a Capital Workshop was scheduled to take place in November.

9.6 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor McLean, seconded by Alderman Hickey and AGREED: **that the Minutes of Leisure & Development Committee Meeting held on 13th October 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendments at 9.1 and 9.3 above and with the exception of item 19 to be discussed in committee later in the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10.45pm for a five minute recess.

The meeting re-convened at 10:50pm.

10. Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 14th October 2015

It was proposed by Councillor C McShane, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and AGREED: **that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 14th October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.**

11. Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 20th October 2015

Alderman Hillis presented the minutes.

Matters Arising

11.1 Councillors' Allowances

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Watton that the sub committee is made up of 3 of Council's NILGA representatives and 3 of Council's National Association of Councillors' representatives.

A further amendment was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Alderman Hillis that the sub committee is made up of 10 Elected Members of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee, nominated by d'Hondt.

The Mayor put Councillor Wilson's amendment to the vote, 12 Members voted for, 15 Members voted against and 5 there were abstentions. The amendment fell.

The Mayor put Councillor Fitzpatrick's amendment to the vote, 2 Members voted for, 27 Members voted against. The amendment fell.

The recommendation of the Committee stands.

11.2 Recognition Programme – Anniversary of the Somme

Councillor McGuigan proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor C McShane: **that Council sets up a Sub-Committee with Officers and Members to look at how Council could assist communities and organisations within the Borough during the Decade of Centenaries.**

Members opposed to the amendment pointed out that the Committee report had only included applications received from groups wishing to hold events recognising the Anniversary of the Somme in 2016.

In response to a query the Director of Performance advised that she was not aware of any requests being received from community groups in relation to Easter Rising commemoration events.

Speaking in support of his amendment Councillor McGuigan stated that he was not opposed to events recognising the Anniversary of the Somme but would like to see a Sub Committee set up to look at all commemorative events in 2016.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor McGuigan.

A recorded vote was taken with Members voting as follows:

FOR: Alderman Hickey; Councillor Fitzpatrick, Beattie, Quigley, Mulholland, McGuigan, McCaul, P McShane, Loftus, C McShane, Nicholl, Chivers (12)

AGAINST: Alderman S McKillop, McKeown, Campbell, Cole, Hillis, King, Robinson, Finlay; Councillors Douglas, Callan, Wilson, McCandless, Watton, Stevenson, McCorkell, Duddy, Clarke, McLean, Blair, Baird, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, Fielding (23)

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.
Councillor McGuigan recorded that decision would be called in.

11.3 Remembrance Events November 2015

In response to a Member's query, the Director of Performance clarified that all the 12 areas across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough area required civic representative at services. The Chief Executive confirmed that if there were not enough Aldermen to attend the services then other Members could be nominated.

An amendment was proposed by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and AGREED: **that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor decide which event they wished to attend on Remembrance Sunday and other Elected Members be nominated by Party Leads using d'Hondt.**

11.4 Adoption of the Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Councillor Callan and AGREED: **that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 20th October 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendments at 11.3 above.**

Councillor McGuigan wished it to be recorded that the seven Sinn Fein Members did not agree with the adoption.

12. Nominations to Outside Body – Riverside Theatre Management Committee

The Director of Performance presented the report, previously circulated and as undernoted:

At its meeting on 26th May 2015 Council appointed one Member, Alderman Mrs Hickey, to the Riverside Theatre Management Committee.

Appointments to outside bodies to date have been made using rolling D'Hondt.

A request has been received for a second Member to be appointed to the Riverside Theatre Management Committee.

It is recommended that the Council approves the second nomination to the Riverside Theatre Management Committee and the method by which the appointment is made.

It was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald and AGREED; **that Council approves the second nomination to the Riverside Theatre Management Committee using the rolling D'Hondt.**

13. RNLi Premises at the Banmouth, Castlerock

The Director of Performance presented the report, previously circulated and undernoted.

The RNLi provide a Lifeguard service in Northern Ireland on behalf of the various local authorities. In order to support the Lifeguards they have a lease of premises known as the Coastguard Garage and Lookout at The Banmouth, Castlerock, Co Londonderry.

This lease was granted by Coleraine Borough Council for a 5-year period from 27th September 2010. This lease therefore effectively expired on 26th September 2015.

RNLi are asking for Councils consideration in granting a lease of the premises for a further 5-year period from 26 September 2015.

It is recommended that the Council approves the granting of a lease of the premises at RNLi at the Banmouth, Castlerock, Co Londonderry for a further 5 year period from 26th September 2015.

It was AGREED; that Council approves the granting of a lease of the premises to RNLi at the Banmouth, Castlerock, Co Londonderry for a further 5 year period from 26th September, 2015.

14. Belfast City Council Resolution re Animal Cruelty

Correspondence, previously circulated, from Belfast City Council noted that at its meeting on 1st October 2015, Belfast City Council passed the following resolution:

“This Council regards cruelty against animals as a despicable crime; believes that more could be done to protect animals from cruelty and prevent reoffending. Therefore, this Council calls on the Minister for Justice to work with the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development and local councils to make it compulsory that those convicted of animal cruelty be prohibited from owning animals for a minimum period of time, establish and place those convicted of animal cruelty on a central register and outlaw the transferring of any animals to anyone on this register.”

Belfast City Council requested that Council support the stance it has taken on this matter.

Councillor McGuigan proposed, seconded by Councillor McCaul: **that Council supports the stance on the resolution on Animal Cruelty passed at the Belfast City Council Meeting held on 1st October 2015.**

The Mayor put the proposal to the vote, 22 members voted for, 2 Members voted against. The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

Alderman S McKillop requested that her Motion on Animal Cruelty be debated at the Council Meeting.

Following a query by Councillor McGuigan the Chief Executive confirmed that under Standing Order 16.6 the Mayor had discretion as to whether the Notice of Motion be heard at the Council Meeting or referred to Committee.

Alderman S McKillop indicated that she wished to propose an amendment to the resolution of Belfast City Council. Councillor Duddy stated that Council could not amend the resolution that had already been made by Belfast City Council and which had already been agreed by Council.

The Mayor ruled that the matter had been decided on and that Alderman McKillop's Notice of Motion would come up later in the meeting.

15. Northern Ireland Ombudsman - Guidance on Effective Complaints Handling and the Principles of Good Administration

Members were advised that anyone wishing to attend the training on Complaints Handling on 29th January 2016, offered by Northern Ireland Ombudsman, were to contact Democratic Services.

16. Balnamore Post Office

Members were informed that Post Office services were to be restored at 74 Balnamore Road, Ballymoney, BT53 7PT at 09:00 on Tuesday 3rd November 2015.

17. Bellarena Post Office

Members were informed that the Post Office were looking to make some changes to the Post Office at 436 Seacoast Road, Limavady. Any Members wishing to make any comments should do by completing the survey on line or returning the completed survey by post up to and including 13th November 2015, as per the previously circulated correspondence.

18. Northern Ireland Water

Northern Ireland water had responded to a number of outstanding points raised by various members after their presentation to Council on 22nd October 2015.

Members noted these responses.

19. Recent Ombudsman Case – Enforcement Case and Maladministration

Members noted correspondence received from the Department of Environment following a recent investigation into the processing of a Departmental enforcement case where the Northern Ireland Ombudsman found evidence of a number of instances of maladministration by the Department in the handling of the case (copy of correspondence previously attached).

20. Transport NI – Adoption of Streets

Members noted the adoption of a street off Bann Road (Bann Meadows), Ballymoney, Plan Reference No D/2005/0992/F.

21. Homelessness: Braking Barriers to Health and Social Care

Any Member wishing to attend The Patient and Client Council and Council for the Homeless Northern Ireland inviting Elected Members to Homelessness: Breaking Barriers to Health and Social Care on Monday 30th November 2015 at Belfast City Hall, were to contact Democratic Services.

22. Minutes of the Partnership Panel Meetings

2nd December 2014, 3rd February 2015, 28th April 2015, 23rd June 2015

The Minutes of the Partnership Panel Meetings had previously been emailed to Members.

23. Seal Documents

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and **AGREED: that the Seal of the Council be affixed to;**

- Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to Mr Michael McNicholl and Mrs Colette McNicholl, sale of strip of land adjacent to 2 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush
- Grant of Right of Burial Deeds Register No 4286 – 4292 (Coleraine 0; Ballywillan 2; Portstewart 4; Agherton 1; Kilrea 0)
- Ballymoney Cemetery Grave Registry Certificate No 1468

Alderman Finlay proposed, seconded by Councillor Douglas; **that Council adjourns the meeting to be reconvened another evening.**

The Mayor put the proposal to the vote, 11 Members voted for, 21 members voted against.

The Mayor declared the proposal lost.

24. Consultations

The Chief Executive invited comments on the following Consultations, previously circulated. The consultation documents were noted by Council.

- NIAO Consultation: Code of Audit Practice for Local Government Bodies, submissions by 16th November 2015.
- Consultation on the Review of Transport Eligibility Criteria, submissions by 4th January 2016.
- Disability Action Plan Consultation, submissions by 18th December 2015.
- Equality Action Plan 2013-18 (Reviewed) and Disability Action Plan 2013-18 (Reviewed), submissions by 13th November 2015.
- 2021 Census in Northern Ireland, submissions by 9th December 2015.
- Consultation on Quiet Area Policy Guidance, submissions by 16th November 2015.
- Binevenagh Area of Outstanding Natural beauty (AONB) Action Plan Review Consultation Events.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Clarke

In accordance with Standing Orders the Mayor allowed the Notice of Motion to be debated at the meeting.

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Clarke, of which due notice was given. Councillor Clarke proposed, seconded by Councillor Wilson;

“That Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council takes steps to commemorate the centenary of the battle of the Somme in 2016, and assists in the facilitation, co-ordination and support of associated community-led events.

That Council formulates a working group comprising members, relevant officers, Royal British Legion branches, Somme Associations and other associated community interests across the Borough. The terms of reference of the working group will be to commemorate, through appropriately dignified and inclusive means, the centenary of the Battle of the Somme across the Borough; and that a budget be decided by this Council after the initial investigations and meeting of the working group to discuss possible events and initiatives.

It is imperative this Council remembers respectfully the sacrifice paid by so many from this Borough at the Somme and throughout the Great War, and that this Council strives for a peaceful and prosperous future for all.”

Speaking in support of his motion Councillor Clarke read out a prepared statement:

“The losses suffered by the British Army at the beginning of the Somme Offensive are commemorated every year across Ulster. The 1st July 2016 will be a hugely significant occasion in that it marks the centenary of what was the bloodiest day in British military history. The volunteer soldiers of the 36th Ulster Division played a key role in a battle

that went on to last 141 days and resulted in the deaths of, or injury to, over a million men.

By the end of the first day of battle alone, from when the whistles sounded in the trenches at 7.30am directing troops 'over the top', 19,240 British soldiers were dead and a further 37,000 wounded.

In what was a seminal episode in Ulster's contribution to the war, the men of the Ulster Division played a key role in the assault on the German fortification at the Schwaben Redoubt on the Somme.

The Somme Offensive carried a brutally heavy price; the casualty rate amongst the 36th was devastating, costing the lives of 5,500 officers and enlisted men of the Ulster Division on the first day of battle.

Whilst no-one in Ireland was conscripted to serve in the Great War, over 200,000 Irish and Ulstermen voluntarily enrolled in the British Army to defend freedom in Europe. Towns and villages across the island sent their sons to fight against tyranny and oppression.

Locally, the total number of Coleraine volunteers who served in different armed forces during the Great War numbered 1,534. From a population then of not much more than 7,000, the men of Coleraine were not shy in stepping forward to fight for freedom, not immediately for themselves, but for others.

Of those 1,534 who served, 171 were either killed in action, died from their wounds, or were listed as missing. 328 of Coleraine's volunteers were from Killowen, amongst whom there were 41 casualties, including 14 Roman Catholics. Of the 48 houses in one particular street, Dunlop Street, some 44 homes sent men to serve in the Great War. Some homes suffered more than one fatality.

The impact of the Great War 100 years ago on local families and communities across this Borough was, without question, enormous.

This motion is put forward to help ensure the service, courage and sacrifice of those who fought for freedom in Europe is not forgotten. In my view, we have a duty not only to remember, but to pass on to younger and future generations the lessons and history of the Somme and the Great War.

It is hugely important the Somme centenary commemorations provide a legacy of which our forefathers would be proud. I believe the motion provides a suitable way forward to enable liaison between interested parties, drawing upon the experience of Council and those stakeholders in the wider community who have an interest in the Somme Centenary. Madam Mayor I have spoken to some of the organisations across the Borough who are planning to conduct events next year to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. I think Council can assist them in delivering on their plans by making sure they have access to the necessary resources needed to do so, be they practical or financial. I commend this motion to Council."

Councillor McGuigan proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Chivers; **that Council set up a Committee of Officers and Members to look at how the Council can commemorate and pay respect to events contained within the Decade of Centenaries including the Battle of the Somme and the Easter Rising. That the Committee also looks at how the Council can assist all communities and organisations within the Borough to do likewise.**

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment with Members voting as follows:

FOR: Alderman Hickey; Councillor Fitzpatrick, Beattie, Quigley, Mulholland, McGuigan, McCaul, P McShane, Loftus, C McShane, Nicholl, Chivers (12)

AGAINST: Alderman Finlay, S McKillop, McKeown, Campbell, Cole, Hillis, Robinson; Councillor Douglas, Callan, Wilson, McCandless, Watton, Stevenson, McCorkell, Duddy, Clarke, McLean, Blair, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, Fielding (21)

The Mayor declared the amendment lost. The Notice of Motion was carried.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Duddy

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Duddy, of which due notice was given:

“This Council fully investigates the possibilities of building a new integrated primary school on the current site of the Dunluce Centre, Portrush, with the Board of Governors of Mill Strand Integrated Primary School.”

It was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the appropriate committee.**

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Finlay

The following Notice of Motion was received from Alderman Finlay, of which due notice was given:

“That this Council notes the incredible achievement by the manager, players, backroom staff and supporters of the Northern Ireland Football Team in qualifying for the European Championships for the first time, finishing top of, and scoring more goals than any other team in the group, and becoming the first ever team in the history of the Championships from the fifth pot of Countries to win their Group Stage, wishes them continuing success as all of Northern Ireland looks forward to France for Euro 2016.”

It was proposed by Alderman Finlay, seconded by Councillor McLean and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the appropriate Committee.**

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Callan

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Callan, of which due notice was given:

“That this Council notes the historic achievement of the Northern Ireland football team qualifying for the European Championships 2016 by hosting a celebratory event to mark it.”

It was proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Wilson and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the appropriate Committee.**

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Watton

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Watton, of which due notice was given:

“That this Council, at a time of austerity and public funding cuts, seeks The Executive to review and reassess the disgraceful inflated salaries paid to so-called Spads.”

It was proposed by Councillor Watton, seconded by Alderman S McKillop and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the appropriate Committee.**

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman S McKillop

The following Notice of Motion was received from Alderman S McKillop, of which due notice was given:

“That this council believes that there is a responsibility on animal owners to treat their pets with dignity and repudiates all forms of animal abuse including local incidents of dog baiting. Furthermore, we call upon the PSNI and the courts to treat such incidents with the severity they deserve. Council encourages anyone with information about such incidents to immediately come forward so that those responsible can be brought to justice.”

It was proposed by Councillor Watton, seconded by Alderman S McKillop and **AGREED: that that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the appropriate Committee.**

31. Presentations

In response to Members' comments on how deputations are received at Council and the time spent hearing presentations, the Chief Executive confirmed that he would look into options for Council to receive deputations.

**32. Benone Catering Services – Leisure and Development Committee
13th October 2015**

It was proposed by Alderman Hickey, seconded by Councillor Callan and AGREED: **that Council consider the remaining business ‘In Committee’.**

Referring to the minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee held on 13th October, the Director of Leisure & Development clarified the current problems with the tenants concerned and confirmed that the 9 month lease probationary period would expire January/February 2016. Committee had recommended that: Council’s legal team serve notice of termination to the tenant, to allow an alternative catering service provider to be installed for 2016.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Stevenson; **that Council defers the decision until more information had been obtained.**

Councillor Holmes proposed, seconded by Alderman Hickey: **that Council accepts the recommendation of Committee.**

The Mayor put the recommendation of the Committee to the vote, 14 Members voted for, 11 Members voted against. The recommendation of the Committee stands.

33. Legal Opinion Call In Flag Flying

The Chief Executive presented the addendum Legal Opinion, previously circulated to Members.

Councillor McGuigan proposed, seconded by Councillor C McShane: **that Council proceeds to vote on the called in decision by a qualified majority vote.**

Councillor Clarke proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Callan; **that the debate be adjourned.**

In response to a Member’s query, the Chief Executive confirmed that under Standing Order 17.3’ that the debate be adjourned’ the adjourned debate shall be resumed at the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor McGuigan requested a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment with Members voting as follows:

FOR: Alderman S McKillop, McKeown, Campbell, Cole, Hillis, Robinson, Finlay; Councillor Douglas, Callan, Wilson, McCandless, Watton, Stevenson, McCorkell, Clarke, McLean, Blair, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, Fielding (20)

AGAINST: Alderman Hickey; Councillor Fitzpatrick, Beattie, Quigley, Mulholland, McGuigan, McCaul, P McShane, Loftus, C McShane, Nicholl, Chivers (12)

The Mayor declared the amendment carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson proposed, seconded by Councillor McCorkell and AGREED: that Council resolve itself 'Out of Committee'.

34. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th November 2015, 7.00pm, Council Chamber, Civic Headquarters, Coleraine.

**This being all the business the meeting closed at 1.00 am Wednesday
28th October 2015**