

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7:00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor S Bateson

Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis,
McCandless, McKeown, and Robinson

Councillors Anderson, Baird, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat-
O'Driscoll, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCaw,
MA McKillop, C McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan,
P McShane, Mulholland, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning,
Scott, Wallace, Watton and Wilson

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
J Richardson, Head of Capital Works and Infrastructure
T Vauls, Car Parks Manager
P Donaghy, Democratic Services Manager
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : N McCarroll, UNISON

Public (2 no.)
Press (1 No)

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting and highlighted his month's activities.

'The Council has recently been shortlisted for a Local Government Chronicle award for its contribution to The Open in the Team of the Year category. This is a noteworthy achievement in itself and the event's success was testament to the efforts of this Council, working as part of a multi-agency team to create the best possible experience for everyone. I would like to congratulate everyone involved.

As well as this, Council's Environmental Resources Team has been shortlisted in NILGA's Local Government Awards in the Excellence in

Environmental Sustainability category for its LiveSmart campaign. This is another worthy achievement for the Council, and recognises ongoing efforts to create positive environmental change in the area in innovative ways.

As an avid golf fan I was delighted to hear that the Irish Open will return to Portstewart in 2021. In recent years this area has proven that we are among the very best at staging sporting occasions of this calibre and this is set to be another highlight for the Borough.

Christmas has arrived in the Borough with a number of switch-ons taking place already in our towns and villages. It has been an honour for me to take part and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to their success and helped to spread the spirit of Christmas across the area.

I would like to thank the staff at Flowerfield Arts Centre for inviting me to their Christmas Craft Fair recently. I would strongly encourage everyone to do some of their Christmas shopping here, and support our local makers.

There will also be an opportunity to support our local producers and crafters at this month's Causeway Speciality Market and the Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market. These markets are a great asset for our Borough and we should all do our best to support them and 'Shop Local' in our towns and villages.

* **Alderman Robinson arrived at the meeting at 7.05pm.**

Councillor Holmes paid tribute to Norman Lynas a business owner in Coleraine for many years, who had sadly passed away 23 November 2019.

Councillor Watton informed Members that two hate crimes had been committed in the Borough over the last 2 weeks which takes the total number to 13 that have been recorded, with many more than double that unrecorded. He described these actions as disgraceful and that there were no prospects of any arrests at this time. He was trying to pacify the public but stated that he was unable to do anymore to help.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman McCorkell and S McKillop¹ and Councillors Callan, Hunter, McGlinchey, McGurk, C McShane and Nicholl.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

¹ CM 7 January 2020.

4. PRESENTATION BY UNISON – AUTUMN CONSULTATION 2019:

The Mayor welcomed N McCarroll, UNISON to the meeting and invited him to present to Council. He thanked Councillor Peacock for raising the Motion and extended his thanks to all those Members who supported this.

He informed Members that this was the second presentation, the first one presented to Derry and Strabane District Council, who supported the Motion, and that he intended to visit all the Council areas in the North raising the Motion and gathering support in attempt to address the inequalities in the programme.

The Supporting People Programme provides housing related support to help the most vulnerable people in the community including homeless people, people with learning disabilities, people with mental health issues, women at risk of domestic violence, young people at risk and people with drug and alcohol problems.

The support work is not easy it is complex and increasingly demanding on UNISON Members, impacting on their health, safety and welfare. On average UNISON Members who work on the Supporting People Programme take home £1000 per month, resulting in UNISON Members returning home after work to cold homes, children going to school hungry and having to use food banks. UNISON Members in full time employment have the same standard of living as someone who finds themselves unemployed. UNISON Members need to be valued and respected for the work they complete.

* **Councillor McGurk arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm.**

* **Councillor Knight-McQuillan arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm.**

N McCarroll presented slides to Members via Powerpoint on the Support People Programme.

* **Councillor McQuillan arrived at the meeting at 7.17pm.**

Alderman Boyle thanked N McCarroll for his presentation and paid tribute to those people who worked in adult mental health and sympathised with those people experiencing Lone Working issues. She confirmed her ongoing support.

N McCarroll responded to Councillor Baird's concerns in relation to the problems between housing and social care and stated that it was an issue for Westminster; the issue had been raised in the Department for Communities.

* **Alderman McCandless and Alderman Duddy left the meeting at 7.26pm and rejoined the meeting at 7.29pm.**

* **N McCarroll left the meeting at 7.30pm.**

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 5 November 2019, be confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 23 October 2019 are noted.

7. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019

Councillor Holmes presented the Minutes in the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair and proposed their adoption.

7.1 Rationalisation of Borough Floral *Presentation (Item 10)*

Councillor McQuillan requested clarity on how the small changes on floral displays proposed would save £30,000 per annum.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified there was a number of different elements in relation to areas that were planted out and hanging baskets i.e. particular roundabouts causing problems with health and safety; the approach to roundabouts small triangular areas and traffic islands. Council had also been asked to assess community groups where they had started to plant but were then let grow wild, Council were proposing to remove these areas and put them back to grass areas.

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that that local Community Groups who had received flowers from the Council and were planted and maintained year in and year out would be safeguarded and Council would encourage other groups to take part.

In response to Councillor McQuillan's comments in relation to the cutting of cleansing services on a Saturday in Garvagh and Kilrea the Director of Environmental Services informed Members that there were a number of cost saving exercises trialling in the area. The Director of Environmental Services to bring back figures in relation to projected savings.

7.2 Coleraine Car Parking, Review of Car Parking Charging and Re-Development of Market Yard (*Item 29*)

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Councillor Baird

- that Item 29 Coleraine car parking, review of car parking charging be discussed Out of Committee '*In Public*' and the tender report on the re-development of Market Yard be discussed '*In Committee*'.

The Mayor put the proposal to the Council to vote. 22 Members voted For, 3 Members voted Against and 2 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

In relation to decision to take the item in public Alderman Duddy stated that it was quite clear in the Local Government Act 2014 that if Council deems something is fit to be discussed '*In Public*' and that if Council makes that decision then Council is quite at liberty to do this.

Alderman Duddy requested that Officers come back with the relevant facts and figures in regards to the revenue car parking which may or may not generate. In his opinion car parking in Coleraine was not at full capacity. Alderman Duddy made suggestions on car parking charges at various locations within the Borough for Officers to consider for further discussion as detailed below:

Coleraine Mall	50p
Coleraine Abbey Street	50p
Coleraine Long Commons	50p
Coleraine Railway Road	30p
Coleraine Railway Place	30p
Coleraine Waterside	FREE
Limavady Central	50p
Limavady Connell Street	50p
Limavady Main Street	FREE
Ballymoney Church Street	50p
Ballymoney Castle Street	30p
Ballymoney Townhead Street	FREE
Ballycastle Anne Street	30p
Ballycastle Marina and Harbour	50p

Portrush East Strand	50p
Portrush West Strand	50p
Portrush Dunluce Avenue	50p
Portrush Lansdowne Road	FREE
Portrush Harbour	50p

Ballintoy Harbour	50p
Portballintrae Beach Road	FREE
Portstewart Convention Avenue	FREE

Amendment 1

Proposed by Alderman Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Scott

- that Council defer a decision on car parking charges until a further report on the suggested car parking charging changes proposed above is presented to Council.

Amendment 2

Proposed by Councillor Baird

Seconded by Alderman Hillis

- that discussion on the review of Car Parking Charging be discussed now in the interest of openness and accountability.

The Mayor put the Amendment (2) to the Council to Vote. 8 Members voted For, 19 Members voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment **LOST**.

* **Councillor Schenning left the meeting at 7.57pm.**

Councillor Wilson requested that the volume of traffic, traffic congestion and inadequate level of public transport be added into any assessment going forward.

* **Councillor Schenning rejoined the meeting at 8pm.**

Councillor Watton raised concerns in relation to residents' car parking. In some areas residents were unable to park outside their own homes due to the lack of public car parking facilities and the general public trying to avoid car parking charges.

Councillor P McShane stated that car parking's major contributor was from the Giants Causeway in Moyle, not Coleraine, and that the tourist sector could not be held responsible for the mismanagement of budgets in the

Council. He added that he would not be supporting any additional car parking charges.

The Mayor put Amendment 1 to the Council to vote. 18 Members voted For, 6 Members voted against and 5 Members abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion for Council to defer a decision on car parking charges until a further report on the suggested car parking charging changes proposed above is presented to Council **CARRIED**.

7.3 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Alderman Fielding

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 12 November 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including Amendment carried at Item 7.2 above and excluding items 27 and 29 to be discussed in committee later in the meeting.

8. MINUTES OF LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019

In the absence of the Chair of the Leisure and Development Committee the Vice Chair Councillor MA McKillop presented the Minutes and proposed their adoption

8.1 Ballycastle Museum Outline Business Case (OBC) (Item 6)

Councillor McMullan requested that Council reconsider the recommendation of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting in relation to Ballycastle Museum OBC stating that the facility has to have the support of Council in order to make this a first class Museum.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor P McShane

- that Council adopts Option 2 - Develop 59 Castle Street (medium size scheme) - this option involves modernising the building and complying with necessary guidance. A new two-storey block would be added to the back of the building that would contain disabled friendly toilets (on both levels), a lift and additional storage. It would be conjoined to the back of the building by a see-through walkway as per NIEA's guidance to comply with legislation surrounding listed buildings at an optimised cost of **£1,012,459**.

In response to a suggestion from Councillor Baird the Director of Leisure and Development advised that the report referenced Council proceeding with the necessary work to ensure the building is safe and free from further deterioration. He directed Members to the report and the 7 short to medium term 'next steps' to be undertaken before Council commits significant Capital Funds to the project. The Director of Leisure and Development read out 'Step 6' to Members.

In response to a query from Alderman Finlay the Director of Leisure and Development clarified that Council had received a letter of offer for Ballycastle Shared Campus of £2.6M.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed the capital cost of proceeding with Option 2.

Councillor McMullan requested a recorded vote on the Amendment. The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

For: Alderman Boyle
(16) Councillors Baird, Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, McCaw, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McMullan, P McShane, Mulholland, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, and Wilson

Against: Aldermen Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCandless,
(16) McKeown and Robinson,
Councillor Anderson, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McLean, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace and Watton

There were no abstentions.

The Mayor using his casting vote voted in favour of the Amendment. The Mayor declared the amendment **CARRIED**.

In response to a query from Councillor Schenning relating to funding the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that Council were at Stage 1 of the Capital Projects process and its refinement of the Business Case seeking Capital Funding before Council makes further decisions.

8.2 Glens of Antrim Greenway (Item 22.1)

In response to a query from Councillor McMullan in relation to a licence with the Forestry Service to allow funding to be sought the Director of Leisure and Development advised that he would liaise with the Forestry Service in respect of the issue raised.

8.3 Signage at Dark Hedges Junction (Item 22.4.2)

Councillor Baird welcomed the erection of the signage at the Dark Hedges.

8.4 Capital Grants Programme 2020/21 (Item 12)

Councillor P McShane stated that the idea that Council pulls the Capital Grant Programme disproportionately attacks one section of the Community. There was no cost savings to withdraw the programme.

Amendment 1

Proposed by Councillor P McShane

Seconded by Councillor Peacock

- that the Capital Grants Programme continues to run year on year.

Councillor Holmes stated that he did not object to the Capital Grants Programme but was concerned that Council was struggling to do some of its own projects.

Alderman Duddy voiced concerns that Council was nowhere near to building some of its own projects on the Capital Projects list. Four years on and Council has not produced one of its top 10 Capital Projects. Councillor Schenning concurred with Alderman Duddy in relation to the priority list.

In response to a query from Alderman Duddy in relation to an evaluation on the money already expended the Director of Leisure and Development informed Members that it was too early in the process for an evaluation to take place, but was built in to the process.

In response to Councillor Chivers query in relation to the disability playpark in Limavady, the Director of Leisure and Development clarified that the delay was due to the availability of suitable sites.

Councillor Peacock stated that it was an important fund to empower all communities.

Amendment 2

Proposed by Councillor Schenning

Seconded by Councillor Quigley

- that Council should not suspend the Capital Grants Programme indefinitely to the end of the term until we get to the position the priority list has been worked through and should come back into play once this has been completed.

- that this motion has been grouped together with the 5% cuts on Councils contribution to the Grants Programme, which should be debated again this evening.

The Mayor put the Amendment (1) to the Council to vote. 11 Members voted For, 18 Members voted Against and 2 Members abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment (1) **LOST**.

The Mayor put the Amendment (2) to the Council to vote.

Councillor Schenning requested a Recorded Vote.

For: Alderman Boyle
(14) Councillors Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, McCaw, MA McKillop, McMullan, McQuillan, P McShane, Mulholland, Peacock, Quigley and Schenning

Against: Aldermen Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCandless,
(17) McKeown and Robinson,
Councillor Anderson, Baird, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McLean, Scott, Wallace, Watton and Wilson.

There were no abstentions.

The Mayor declared the Amendment (2) **LOST**.

8.5 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 19 November 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; including the Amendment carried at Item 9.1 above and excluding items 5 and 20 to be discussed 'In Committee' later in the meeting.

9. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2019

Alderman Hillis presented the Minutes.

Proposed by Alderman Hillis
Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 26 November 2019 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL – LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIDE

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chief Executive presented the correspondence report, previously circulated.

11.1 Housing Council November Bulletin

Correspondence was received from The Northern Ireland Housing Council which met on Thursday, 14th November 2019 at 10.30 am in the Craigavon Civic Centre, Bulletin previously attached.

It is recommended that Council note the correspondence.

AGREED – that Council note the correspondence schedule.

12. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The Chief Executive presented the report, previously circulated.

The following Consultation documents were presented:

- The Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI) - Consultation Document: Carcinogens and Mutagens – Revision of Limit Values In EH40/2005 “Workplace Exposure Limits” and Amendments to Mines Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.
- Northern Ireland Policing Board - Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2020-2025.
- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council - Disability Duties and Action Plan 2020-2023 and Audit of Inequalities and Equality Action Plan 2020-2023.
- The Executive Office - The Executive Office Disability Action Plan 2020-2025.

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation schedule.

13. 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.

13.1 Coleraine/Ballywillan/Agherton/Portstewart/Kilrea Grave Registry Certificates (8 No)

13.2 Ballymoney/Rasharkin Grave registry Certificates (1 No)

13.3 Limavady (1 No)

13.4 Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Environment Agency Performance Deed in Relation To Craigahulliar Landfill Site

13.5 Agreement – The Ark, Benone Strand, Benone Avenue, Limavady (Ref L&D 160809/CM160823)

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland
Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items 13.1-13.5 inclusive) be approved.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR QUIGLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DALLAT-O'DRISCOLL

“Following the well-documented negative impact of plastic waste on our marine environment this Council wishes to be assured that plastic from the Causeway Coast and Glens does not end up in the sea, resolves to establish a water bottle refill scheme and identify the most appropriate locations as part of its aim to reduce the amount of plastic caused by single-use drink bottles.”

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environmental Services Committee.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HUNTER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HILLIS

“That this Council supports a feasibility study in relation to the funding and installation of a MUGA in the village of Dervock to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of our constituents. That council consults with local

stakeholders including the community association in reference to the potential location of a MUGA.

That Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council explores internal and external avenues to deliver the above.”

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.

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

CRISIS IN THE LOCAL BEEF INDUSTRY

“That this Council recognises the vital contribution that our farmers make to our Rural economy.

At present our beef industry is in a state of crisis due to unprecedented low farmgate prices.

This Council supports the calls for an intense and co-ordinated period of product protection and promotion by processors, retailers and the food service industry.

That this Council now embarks on a Council-wide campaign supporting the call to "Buy Local Produce" and also call on the British government to invest in local farmers by making additional funding available to help them deal with the current financial crisis and the uncertainties being created by Brexit.”

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN FINLAY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

“I, Alderman John Finlay, wish to propose that a blue plaque, in recognition of Mr James Sayers, be erected at his former home in Loughguille and that Council make a subsequent application to the Ulster History Circle for this and Council pay for the erection of the plaque. “

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MULHOLLAND,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MA MCKILLOP**

“That this Council is committed to providing an inclusive and supporting working environment for everyone who works here; notes that between 75-80% of women experiencing menopause are currently in work across these islands; recognises that menopause is a natural part of every woman’s life and that the symptoms can cause significant physical and mental discomfort; resolves to introduce a policy that supports female members of council staff experiencing this transition, allowing them to receive appropriate support of adaptations that they may need and encourage other employers in this Council District across all sectors to introduce similar policies.”

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

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

“This Council notes the contribution that young people make to community and civic life in Causeway, Coast and Glens; encourages schools, youth groups and community organisations to become more involved in the life of local government and; resolves to establish a Youth Shadow Council to enhance civic engagement and improve public services that affect young people across this new Council Borough”.

In accordance with Standing Order 15 (6), the Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Councillor Mulholland and

AGREED – that Council move ‘*In Committee*’.

- * **The Chair declared a recess at 9.10pm.**
- * **The meeting reconvened at 9.25pm.**

**20. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 12 NOVEMBER
2019 ‘IN COMMITTEE’**

**20.1 Point of Accuracy - Update on Shooting Club request to lease land at
Drumaduff Landfill Site (Item 27)**

Alderman Fielding advised that his recommendation was to *recommend that Council consider Option 1 – Retain the initial decision and offer the lease as per the Council decision in December 2016* and not to refer to the Land and Property Sub-Committee as stated in the minutes.

It was **AGREED**: that Council consider Option 1 – retain the initial decision and offer the lease as per the Council decision in December 2016.

In response to a query from Councillor Chivers the Director of Environmental Services reminded Members of the legal advice presented to Committee in relation to the matter.

20.2 Coleraine Car Parking Re-development of Market Yard (Item 29)

At the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2019 it was agreed that Council defer progression the redevelopment of Market Yard to the Council Meeting 3 December 2019.

The Head of Capital Works, Energy and Infrastructure responded to Members' queries on the content of the report and presentation.

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Anderson that

- that Council does not progress in the meantime with the Car Parking Scheme as it stands but considers alternative options such as a craft market, Christmas market, social housing or alternative suggestions and the possibility that Council use the space as a Causeway market in the interim period.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

28 Members voted For, 0 Member voted Against and 2 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment **CARRIED**.

* **Councillor Quigley left the meeting at 10.10pm.**

21. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES 19 NOVEMBER 2019 'IN COMMITTEE'

21.1 Point of Accuracy - Portrush Recreation Grounds (Item 5)

Alderman Fielding advised that the voting record recorded in the minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting was incorrect. The Director of Corporate Services advised that this would be checked and corrected.

21.2 Portrush Recreation Grounds (*Item 5*)

In response to Members' concerns in relation to the current plans and the impact on the event held in Portrush organised by the Pipe Band Association, the Director of Leisure and Development informed Members that the design would be referred to the technical team.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the scheme would complete the Portrush Regeneration Programme. He also confirmed that discussions could take place with the Bowling Club in relation to their requirement for a Disability Car Park.

- * **Councillor Watton and Councillor McQuillan left the meeting at 10.16pm.**

21.3 Dunluce Centre (*Item 20*)

The Director of Leisure and Development informed Members that in order for HMW/360 Leisure to meet the Objectives / Performance Criteria from the 2016 Development Brief in accordance with the motion, the following documentation is required by the end of 2019.

- To Council - The proposal to which meets the original Objectives / Performance Criteria of the 2016 Development Brief. The Evaluation Panel will assess this proposal to confirm whether it is equal to or better than the original proposal.
- To Council - Any necessary amendment to the extant planning approval.
- To DfC - The UDG application.

- * **Councillor Watton and Councillor McQuillan re-joined the meeting at 10.24pm.**

The Director of Leisure and Development indicated that the legal advice received advised Council to retain the original wording in the motion in relation to accommodation i.e. In accordance with the Northern Area Plan 2016, the Designation PHL 03 – Metropole Local Landscape Policy Area (LLPA) any accommodation included must be of an incidental nature only.

In response to a request from Councillor P McShane for a second legal opinion the Director of Leisure and Development informed Members that the legal advice was unambiguous.

22. CORPORATE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING 26 NOVEMBER 2019 'IN COMMITTEE'

22.1 Structural Support Works to Portstewart Town Hall (*Item 9*)

The Director of Corporate Services confirmed that the tender advertisement and documents had been published on 3rd December and that a report would be presented to Council at its meeting on 7th January 2020.

She further advised that no further update was available on the ownership issue.

- * **The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Leisure and Development and Council Solicitor left the meeting at 10.40pm.**

23. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES 14 NOVEMBER 2019, RECONVENED 21 NOVEMBER 2019 'IN COMMITTEE'

23.1 Point of Accuracy

Councillor Peacock stated that Councillor Nicholls' apology had not been reflected in the minutes.

23.2 Internal Audit review of Land and Disposal Easement (*Item 3*)

Councillor McAuley presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Alderman Duddy raised a Point of Order in relation to Standing Order 26 Suspension of Standing Orders.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Anderson

- that Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the contents of the Audit Committee Meeting minutes dated 14 November 2019 and reconvened 21 November 2019.

The Mayor advised Members that in order to suspend Standing Orders the motion would require the support of a qualified majority as set out in Standing Order 26.1. In this instance the qualified majority would be 25 as 31 Members were present at the meeting.

The Mayor put the motion to Council to the vote. 19 Members voted in favour of the motion. The Mayor declared the motion **LOST**.

Councillor P McShane read out a prepared statement.

"The minutes of the Audit Committee meeting, carried over two separate nights did not remotely reflect the debate and how the decisions were reached. On the first evening I outlined one issue of perceived fraud for almost 20 minutes. The information is not included in a single line let alone a paragraph. It was essential to the decision reached. Unsurprisingly in the minute, another member had two separate lines included confirming he had not seen fraud.

I do not believe the minute taker is at fault but whomever approved these final draft minutes is. The minute is nothing short of contemptible for the Members of this Council.

To a greater or lesser extent a minute is subjective. But it is clear from what I said that it had significantly resonated with the decision making process. It appears that perhaps individuals within senior management are attempting to control the narrative for their own benefit. Truth appears the casualty.

Another significant aspect of the minute is the fact that the author of the report into land transactions was unqualified to investigate fraud let alone comment on it. She confirmed this herself when questioned. It raises ethical questions around the appointment of and the impartial nature of the process and Moore NI's ability to deliver the same. The minute does not reflect this key failing within the report. The minute actually now appears shocking in its ineptitude.

The issue of the minutes, their content and the withholding of information has all the hallmarks of the findings of the recent Judicial Review when Council was so heavily criticized for its behaviour. If this kind of issue is allowed to continue unchecked, I've no doubt it will return to the High Court again. Between the minutes and the actual report, it appears a narrative is being manufactured that is neither competent or true.

The minute to be accurate must reflect what I said to balance what others claim. It must also reflect Moore NI's own admission that it was neither qualified or asked in the terms of reference to investigate fraud and therefore should not have commented on same.

The Independent Member made clear the report was not an investigation and this should have been made much clearer in the minute."

Councillor P MShane stated that Council needed to facilitate a meeting to clarify what was discussed during both Audit Committee Meetings and that Council would be judicially reviewed if the meeting was blocked.

Councillor Quigley added that Councillor P McShane had spoken for approximately 12 minutes at this meeting and the discussion had not been reflected in the minutes. She wanted a simple meeting reflecting the truth for Governance and protection. She continued to add that she believed that minutes should be verbatim - a timeline of events.

The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that minutes were not recorded verbatim but minutes recorded a story line in order to reach a decision. He concluded that he was satisfied with the content of the minutes as they included more information that was usually included for *'In Committee'* items.

In response to Councillor Baird's query the Chair of the Audit Committee, Councillor McAuley informed Members that Moore NI had actioned what was requested by Council. The report had included no input from Members but was Officer led and he was, therefore, unable to reply to any Members queries but to direct questions to Council Officers. He clarified that Moore NI was not qualified to conduct a forensic investigation.

The Director of Environmental Services clarified that the Terms of Reference were created by Officers with direction from Councils Barrister; the Terms of reference were based on his input and recommendations.

Alderman McCandless referred to a comment made by Councillor Quigley at the meeting that *'she believed that there was corruption in the Council'*. He believed that this should be retracted as, in his opinion, in its context it could include Members – either it be retracted or the statement substantiated.

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll stated that a Special Audit Meeting needed to be convened for openness and transparency.

Councillor McQuillan requested that the Terms of Reference suggested by the Council Barrister be made available to Members. The Director of Environmental Services informed Members that he would look into this.

Alderman Duddy raised concern that Members were willing to unpick the rulings of a High Court Judge. He also stated that he felt that the Audio Committee should be audio recorded. If it had been then Standing Orders could have been suspended and the Audio recording could have been played to Members. Alderman Duddy further added that there was no

evidence to substantiate the allegations; what was recorded in the minutes was actually 'deformation of character'.

Alderman Duddy pointed out that there were 40 Members within the Council and that not one Member raised any issues in relation to the cost of the piece of land at that particular time.

Councillor McMullan stated that the minutes should be ratified and to accept the recommendation of the Special Audit Committee Meeting held 14th November 2019 and reconvened on 21st November 2019.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Peacock

- that consideration is deferred to a Special Council Meeting; that Standing Orders are waived to allow the Independent Member to address Council and G Ireland invited to attend.

Councillor P McShane requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the motion to Council to vote.

For: Aldermen Boyle, Fielding, Finlay and Robinson,
(22) Councillors Anderson, Bateson, Beattie, Chivers,
Dallat O'Driscoll, McAuley, McCaw, MA McKillop, McMullan,
McQuillan, P McShane, Mulholland, Peacock, Quigley,
Schenning, Scott, Wallace and Watton

Against: Alderman Duddy, Hillis, McCandless and McKeown
(9) Councillor Baird, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McLean and
Wilson

There were no abstentions.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor McShane commented that he would like the Audit Committee Meeting to be audio recorded. He also stated that the lack of policies and procedures in relation to Land and Property matters which had been one of the findings identified in the Internal Audit Investigation Report was 'gross misconduct'.

In response to Councillor McCandless' comments earlier in the meeting regarding the comments made by her at the Audit Committee meeting, Councillor Quigley informed Members that she stood by her statement in the Special Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and clarified that she

believed that there was corruption in Council and that it was at Senior Management level. Councillor Mulholland concurred with Councillor

Following further discussion it was,

Proposed by Alderman Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

- that Council accept the report produced by Moore NI and the terms of Reference that they were working under, as set out.

The Mayor put the motion to Council to vote. 13 Members voted for, 10 Members voted Against and 6 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion **CARRIED**.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

It was **AGREED**: that Council move 'In Public'.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at **11.35pm**.

Mayor