

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020**

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

In the Chair: Councillor Callan

Members Present: Alderman Hillis, McCorkell and S McKillop
Councillors Baird, Bateson, Holmes, Knight-
McQuillan, McAuley, McCaw, MA McKillop, Nicholl,
Schenning and Watton

Officers Present: D Jackson, Chief Executive
W McCullough, Head of Sport & Wellbeing
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
L Scullion, Community Development Manager
P Beattie, Head of Prosperity & Place
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture
G Burns, Paralegal
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance: Councillor McMullan

Public (3 no)
Press (1 no)

CONDOLENCES

Prior to commencement of business on the agenda, the Chair offered condolences to the family of Harry Gregg OBE on his recent passing.

Henry Gregg, OBE was a great man from the local area and was a goalkeeper for Manchester United during the reign of Sir Matt Busby; he survived the Munich Air disaster in 1958.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended to the players, the manager and all those involved in Coleraine Football Club on their recent league cup victory, their first since 1987.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Duddy and Councillor C McShane.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

- Councillor Holmes in RDP Village Renewal
- Councillor Knight-McQuillan in RDP Village Renewal.

Councillor Holmes and Councillor Knight-McQuillan left the Chamber during discussion of this item.

The Chair informed Members that Agenda Item 13 - Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Finlay and seconded by Councillor Anderson in relation to a proposed plaque in recognition of Mr James Sayers would be deferred to the next Leisure and Development Committee Meeting.

AGREED - that Agenda Item 5 – Inclusive Cycling Scheme to be discussed *'In Committee'* at the end of the meeting.

AGREED - that Agenda Item 12 - Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McMullan, seconded by Councillor Chivers in relation to the Crisis in the Local Beef industry be discussed after Agenda Item 3 - Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2020.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020

AGREED – that the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 21 January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCMULLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL CHIVERS (REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 3 DECEMBER 2019)

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."

Councillor McMullan informed Members that Council should acknowledge the vital farming community. The majority of farmers in the Causeway coast and Glens area are hill farmers and in the lowland farming areas are milk, pigs, sheep and hens.

The No Deal Brexit will have a detrimental effect on local farming with farmers looking at a 30% tariff on dairy produce and a 20% tariff on lamb and beef sent across the border.

Councillor Watton stated that in his opinion there would be no tariffs as he believed that the UK and Ireland would come to an agreement.

Councillor Holmes supported the call to "Buy Local Produce", however he believed that there was a massive opportunity for Northern Ireland in Brexit.

Proposed by Councillor McMullan
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

- 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."

Amendment

With the agreement of Councillor McMullan it was:

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

- that this Council now embarks on a Council-wide campaign supporting the call to "Buy Local Produce" and also call on the UK Government and NI Executive to invest in local farmers by making additional funding available to help them deal with the current financial crisis and the uncertainties and opportunities which may be created by Brexit."

The Chair put the Amendment to the Committee to vote. Members voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the Amendment **CARRIED**.

- * **Councillor McAuley left the meeting at 7.20pm.**
- * **Councillor McMullan left the meeting at 7.21pm.**

5. DRAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2020-2023

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Community Development Manager.

The Community Development Manager presented Members with a presentation via PowerPoint, providing details on the Draft Community Strategy 2020-2023.

The Draft Strategy which has been developed following a period of 3 months of engagement sets high level strategic outcomes for the next 3 years and an Action Plan that details projects that the Community Development service area will undertake to achieve this.

Following Council approval the Draft Strategy will be issued for a period of public consultation of 8 weeks and a final Strategy will then be brought back to Council for approval. The Draft Community Development Strategy 2020-23 was attached at Annex A, (previously circulated).

'Community Development' enables people to work collectively to bring about social change in the communities in which they live or are a part of. Community can be defined by geography, identity or interest and it is this broad definition of community that this Strategy relates to.

The Department of Communities Voluntary and Community Division (VCD) sets the current policy direction for the community development support work of councils through its Community Support Programme.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's previous Community Development Strategy laid out 4 thematic strands of work to deliver community support programmes in the Borough for the first term of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

This new 3-year Strategy has been developed internally by Council's Community Development Team by engaging with and listening to a range of stakeholders including the Community and Voluntary (C&V) sector, Elected Members, internal Council departments, and statutory partners to help understand the needs and emerging issues in our communities and to shape the direction of this area of work over the next 3 years.

A range of engagement exercises were undertaken with a broad range of stakeholders to inform development of the Strategy including: 8 public workshops; workshops and focus groups with a range of community networks, forums, community interest groups and service providers; statutory agencies; Elected Members and (internal) Council departments. Engagement findings are contained within the report.

The Strategy has been developed using an Outcomes Based Accountability approach in line with the Community Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens, and underpinned by the values and standards for community development as contained in the Community Development National Occupational Standards (2015).

The proposed three Outcomes for the Strategy are:

Outcome 1: Our Communities will be skilled and confident.

Outcome 2: Our Communities will be connected.

Outcome 3: Our Communities will be fair and inclusive.

An Action Plan has been developed with a range of key actions to achieve the Outcomes as detailed within the Committee report.

The Action Plan will be delivered by the current staff team and the budget for year one (20/21) is based upon 2019-20 budget with savings and efficiencies of £6,055 in programme costs identified through in house delivery. In addition a reduction of 5% has been applied to grants as approved by Leisure and Development Committee on 19th November 2019.

2020/21 Draft Budget	Total Budget (£)	DfC Contribution* (£)	Council Budget (£)
Community Support Programme (incl CDSG & SIG Grant Programmes)	307,940	121,142	186,798
Generalist Advice	233,750	117,621	116,129
Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordination	62,321	59,051	3,270
Community Festivals Fund Grant	64,530	28,800	35,730
	690,091	326,614	363,477

* Subject to receipt of annual letter of offer - estimated amounts based on 2019-20 budgets and demonstrates for every £1 council invests, the service attracts additional direct funding of £.90p

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee recommends to Council the approval of the *Draft* Community Development Strategy 2020-23. The final strategy will be presented to Council following an 8 week public consultation process.

Councillor Schenning and Councillor MA McKillop commended the Community Development Manager on her detailed report.

Alderman S McKillop stated that in her opinion she felt that there was a disconnect between the Community Groups in the different areas; there was no collaboration between the Community Groups, each were competing for the same fund.

* **Councillor McAuley re-joined the meeting at 7.30pm.**

Alderman S McKillop felt that Community Groups should be informed that assistance was available to them to help with collaboration with other Community Groups, as she had stated previously in the recent Workshop.

* **Councillor McCaw arrived at the meeting at 7.31pm.**

The Head of Community & Culture informed Members that this had been taken on board as detailed in paragraph 2.5 on page 38 of the Draft Community Development Strategy.

Alderman S McKillop stated that the findings from the engagement needed to be detailed in the Strategy; it should be a key factor in the Strategy.

The Head of Community & Culture informed Members that the consultation process was outlined in paragraph 2.5 and 3.4 of the Draft Community Development Strategy, but would take on board Alderman S McKillop's comments, and the report could be amended to provide more clarity in relation to this. She stated that she would make some amendments with new wording which would be fed into the final document.

Councillor Baird queried if Council had any measures in place to monitor if there was any impact on the cycle of deprivation, and if so how was it measured. The Community Development Manager informed Members that a small amount of money came direct from the Department for Communities (DfI) to the Community Projects. She also stated that Council had good links with the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.

In response to a query from Councillor Baird in relation to the Advice Services, the Community Development Manager informed Members that money had been ring fenced by the Department for the provision of Advice Services. The Advice Service was a 3 year contract reviewed on an annual basis and would be looking to develop a new contract on how they can further deliver advice.

The Community Development Manager informed Members that the Department worked to strict standards and are regularly audited; the Department works closely with Council.

The Head of Community & Culture further confirmed that Council received reports through Community Advice Causeway. This information is implemented under the Council Performance Review and that Council would be attempting to open up to feedback from the general public.

In response to a query from Councillor Baird the Community Development Manager confirmed that two Elected Members currently sit on the board of the Community Advice Causeway (previously Citizens Advice); Alderman Fielding and Councillor Peacock.

Councillor Baird requested that Elected Members receive a copy of the Advice Service review when completed.

In response to a query from Councillor Nicholl the Head of Community & Culture clarified that Officers were working on an on-going based with Communities. Reports would be provided to Councillors on a quarterly basis and that Council can reflect on the findings on an annual basis and amend the strategy accordingly.

Proposed by Councillor Schenning
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop

- that the Leisure and Development Committee recommends to Council the approval of the *Draft* Community Development Strategy 2020-23. The final strategy will be presented to Council following an 8 week public consultation process.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. 13 Members voted For, 1 Member voted Against and 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

6. GROWTH DEAL TERMS OF REFERENCE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive, seeking approval of the Terms of Reference for the Growth Deal Working Group.

At the October Leisure and Development Committee, Members were presented with the available information about the Growth Deal opportunity for the Causeway Coast and Glens area and approval was sought to proceed in principle.

In order to progress, it was agreed that Council formally engage with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to confirm Council's commitment and that a working group be established from within the Leisure and Development Committee.

The proposed Terms of Reference for the working group were detailed at Annex A, previously circulated.

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee approves the Terms of Reference at Annex A, previously circulated.

AGREED - that the Chief Executive would be included in the Membership of the Growth Deal Working Group.

The Chief Executive informed Members that it was anticipated that the first meeting would take place before Easter.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

- to recommend that the Leisure and Development Committee approves the Terms of Reference at Annex A, previously circulated.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. The Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

7. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – VILLAGE RENEWAL PROGRAMME

- * **Councillor Knight McQuillan and Councillor Holmes left the meeting at 8.00pm having declared an interest in this item.**

Report, previously circulated presented by the Head of Prosperity & Place, seeking to gain approval from Members to enter into an agreement with Cushendall Development Group for the maintenance of

the townland signage that is their proposed project within the village renewal programme.

In June 2016, the Leisure and Development Committee agreed to the match funding of two programmes within the RDP process – Basic Services, and Village Renewal.

Over the period of March to September 2018, Venture i Consultants worked with 22 villages who submitted expressions of interest to work up these Village Plans. Between then and now, council staff have been working to define the exact projects, based on the eligibility criteria, time available to the programme and size and scale of ideas.

The funding is held by the Local Action Group which administers the Rural Development Programme, while Council is the sole applicant to them for the Village Renewal project. Council then applies for funding to the LAG, the LAG agrees these projects, and Council – through its capital team – implements the individual actions. The project involving 22 villages has ultimately yielded a wide and varied range of actions.

The townland signage project in Cushendall is to place markers within the village and surrounding area identifying the townlands, preserving local heritage for future generations. The development agreement outlines that Council shall be under no obligation to, nor agree to maintain, repair, replace, or renew the signage at any time during the continuance of the agreement or otherwise, avoiding any future costs to Council. The Cushendall Development Group have agreed to cover maintenance costs going forward.

This agreement has been drafted with the assistance and input of Council solicitors.

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee grants permission to enter into the agreement with the Cushendall Development Group.

The Head of Prosperity & Place and Chief Executive confirmed that the townland signage would comply with Councils Policy on signage.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Baird and

AGREED - to recommend that the Leisure and Development Committee grants permission to enter into the agreement with the Cushendall Development Group.

- * **Councillor Knight McQuillan and Councillor Holmes re-joined the meeting at 8.05pm.**

8. RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME

Information report, previously circulated updated Members on the delivery of the Rural Business Development Grant Scheme funded by Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) for the financial year 2019-2020. This scheme is separate from the Rural Development Programme.

This is a pilot scheme funded under DAERA's Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme (TRPSI) the primary aims of which are:

- To alleviate financial poverty by enhancing entrepreneurship and growth.
- To alleviate financial poverty by supporting micro businesses in rural areas.

This grant scheme is being delivered by 10 of the 11 councils (excluding Belfast) concurrently.

The Committee report set out the objectives, Outputs (NI Level) and provided detail on the pre-application support.

There was significant interest in the fund, via telephone and email enquiries, by businesses wishing to discuss criteria and requirements. Full support was given to all potential applicants during the funding call.

Of the 48 applications received at closing, 1 was re-directed to Mid-Ulster Council for scoring, as the business was located in a ward within that Council area. A further 8 were deemed ineligible and the remaining 39 progressed to scoring panel held on Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th January 2020.

The panel consisted of:

- Business Development Manager.
- Economic Development Officer.
- Economic Development Officer.

Scoring outcomes are detailed in the Committee Report.

DAERA's original offer of funding to Council of £52,490 has now been increased to £71,871.70, to enable funding of all 19 applicants who scored above the 65% threshold.

Members **NOTED** the information report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated.

9.1 Mary Peters Trust

Correspondence has been received from The Mary Peters Trust requesting a financial contribution from Council for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, to help maintain their funds used to help young people achieve excellence in sport. A number of fundraising events are also being organised.

In response to a query from MA McKillop in relation to a contribution by Council the Chair informed Members that a report would be brought back on this.

Members **NOTED** the correspondence.

9.2 Coleraine BID

Members are asked to note the correspondence received from a selection of local businesses in Coleraine expressing their discontent with the concept, operation and benefit of Coleraine BID.

In response to a query from Alderman Hillis the Chair clarified that BID Coleraine had not met with Members informing them of the details in relation to the BID itself, only in relation to car parking issues.

The Chair clarified that Coleraine BID was set up as a separate entity and that Council have no direct involvement in the BID, only in the administration of the collection of fees; BID Coleraine pay Council for this administration service.

Councillor Holmes stated that a report should be carried out on the first year of BID Coleraine and that Members should be updated with information on other areas with BID.

The Head of Prosperity & Place confirmed that Council would arrange a meeting with BID Coleraine and bring back a report.

Members **NOTED** the correspondence.

10. MATTERS REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

Councillor Holmes suggested that it would be useful for Members to receive feedback from the Partnership Panel on items relayed to them.

The Chief Executive informed Members that the Partnership Panel would be holding their first meeting since Stormont returned, in June, and that a report would be requested by Council's representative.

11. CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultation documents.

* **Councillor Schenning left the meeting at 8.18pm.**

12. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (O))

12.1 Councillor Holmes

Could an update be provided on the process for making the bollard key available to emergency services for access to Garvagh Forest following the recent incident in which an ambulance was required to attend an injured cyclist?

The Head of Tourism & Recreation read out a response provided by the Coast and Countryside Manager.

'From the outset of the development of Garvagh Forest Trails emergency services vehicular access has been a primary consideration. Protocols and procedure were developed by Tourism and Recreation staff and communicated to NIAS on completion of the signage and associated works at the trail head and other access points.

A total of 3 no. lock boxes at 3 separate vehicular entrances to Garvagh Forest are provided at the following locations:

- Black Gates, Plantation Road, Garvagh

- Forest Gate, Forest Road, Garvagh
- Garvagh Forest Car Park, Main Street, Garvagh

At these locations there is a secure lock box with a 4 digit security code containing a key for the appropriate gate or bollards. This information was provided to NIAS in December 2019 to enable this information to be on hand at the relevant call centres as required in the event of an emergency situation within the forest. NIAS has confirmed that this information was received.

In addition, maps for the walking and cycling trails, showing the routes and importantly the specific ID number for each of the way marker posts along the trails throughout the forest where also provided. In the event of any emergency incident, especially those involving a casualty immobilised at some location within the forest, we are asking people to quote the ID number on the nearest way marker post to assist the Emergency Services in locating the casualty. This information is also provided at the Info Hub in the trail head car park.

Staff from Tourism & Recreation will continue to work with NIAS to ensure clear access is possible in the event of an emergency.

Jeff McClure, Emergency Planning Officer/NILO Northern Ireland Ambulance Service replied to me this morning indicating that he had spoken to one of the control managers and is waiting on a response.'

The Chief Executive informed Members that he would contact the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service the day following the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting and follow up on the specifics.

The Head of Tourism & Recreation advised Members that the protocol was outlined by the Coast and Countryside Manager in December 2019, and that a misunderstanding had taken place with the ambulance crew in attendance on that day. He clarified that a Risk Assessment would be carried out to ascertain if any improvements could be made.

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN FINLAY,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDERSON (REFERRED FROM
COUNCIL MEETING 3 DECEMBER 2019)**

“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.”

This item was deferred to the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting to be held in March 2020.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Knight- McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

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

* **Press left the meeting at 8.25pm.**

14. INCLUSIVE CYCLING SCHEME

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive presented Members with a report seeking approval to develop an inclusive cycle route stretching 2.6km between the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and Riverside Park in Ballymoney; provide safe and accessible storage for specialist equipment currently owned by Council; and provide one additional Van Raam Velo Plus Wheelchair Transporter Bike.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council teamed up with Disability Sport NI to introduce inclusive cycling sessions in January 2019 following an investment of £30k in 2015 and additional monies provided in 2018 providing 16 specialist bikes, including track bikes, tandems, sports chairs, tricycles and hand cycles.

Following the success of the pilot session on the 20th January 2019 and to facilitate the cycles being used as widely as possible within current constraints further sessions took place in 2019 at JDLC, Ballymoney, as outlined in the Committee Report.

The success of the Inclusive Family Cycling Days identified the need to provide an accessible provision similar to specialist bike rental schemes within other areas. However Council does not currently have a

pedestrianised area, with footpaths which would enable the specialist bikes. Additionally Council only owned one Van Raam Velo Plus Wheelchair Transporter Bike which has created waiting times for severely disabled children to use the service.

A scoping exercise was initiated to investigate the possibility of linking the Disability Hub Project at the Joey Dunlop Centre with the footpaths at Riverside Park, Ballymoney.

The Inclusive Cycling Route is along the current shared path network that runs from the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre to Riverside Park and onto Bravallen Road and Armour Avenue. The route is approximately 2.6 km in length.

Following the assessment it was agreed that the proposed route is considered acceptable as an Inclusive Cycling Route subject to a number of minor alterations to some key features on the route to accommodate the width and turning circles associated with the specialist bikes.

A funding application/business case on behalf of Council for this project was submitted to the Department for Communities; Access and Inclusion Programme 2019/20 on the 3rd October 2019. The funding requested was £27,500 (100% of the total project cost). The costs are detailed in Table 1 within the Committee Report.

The funding application/business case was successful with Council receiving the Letter of Offer for the full £27,500.00 on 11 November 2019.

Council Officers' have already scoped out the technical feasibility of this project and consulted with partners in DSNI and Mae Murray Foundation and are at an advanced state of readiness to complete this project by 31 March 2020.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

- to recommend that the Leisure & Development Committee recommends to Council to approve the development of an inclusive cycle route between the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and Riverside Park in Ballymoney; provide safe and accessible storage and acquire one additional Van Raam Velo Plus Wheelchair Transporter Bike.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. Committee voted unanimously in favour.

The Chair declared the Motion **CARRIED**.

15. SHAPING OUR PLACE – PEACE IV LEGAL CHALLENGE

Confidential information report, previously circulated, presented by the Head of Community and Culture informing the Leisure & Development Committee of a developing legal challenge with respect to one of the Peace IV Programme's "Shaping Our Space" under the Shared Spaces & Services Programme.

The Local Action Plan for Peace IV was approved by Council in June 2016. This Action Plan included provision for the delivery of the Shared Spaces & Services Programme including a reimagining Programme "Shaping Our Place". This particular programme involved a reimagining Programme with 8 target areas (Coleraine, Limavady, Ballycastle, Dungiven, Articlave, Rasharkin, Mosside and Bushmills).

*** Councillor Schenning re-joined the meeting at 8.30pm.**

Discussion ensued on the tendering process, liability and associated costs to the artist and Council. Members were referred to Annex A, previously circulated, which provided a detailed timeline.

*** Councillor Bateson left the meeting at 8.40pm.**

The Chief Executive informed Members that he would follow up with the parties involved.

Members **NOTED** the confidential information report.

16. MONTH 9 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

Confidential information report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive provided Members with information on the current financial position of Leisure and Development Directorate at the end of Period 9.

Council has approved the annual budget for Leisure and Development and delegated authority to officers to utilise this budget in the provision of services to the rate payers.

Members were referred to Annex A, previously circulated, a management accounts report detailing the financial position as at period

9 of the 2019/20 financial year (up to 31 December 2019) together with a single page summary for Leisure and Development.

* **Councillor Bateson re-joined the meeting at 8.50pm.**

Discussion ensued on staffing costs, Agency Invoices, Estates Transfer and costs and utilities.

* **Councillor Watton left the meeting at 8.55pm.**

In response to a query by Councillor Holmes the Head of Sport & Wellbeing informed Members that a report on the comparison of utilities, year by year, would be presented to the Finance Committee.

* **Alderman Hillis re-joined the meeting at 8.56pm.**

Further discussion took place on Sheskburn House.

The Chief Executive informed Members that overall, the management accounts had seen an improvement in Period 9.

Members **NOTED** the confidential information report.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

AGREED – that the Committee move '*In Public*'.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at **9.10pm**.

Chair