

#### **COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2021**

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	7.2 Point of Accuracy (Item 4)	Noted
	7.3 Harbour and Marina Charges 2021 – 2022 (Item 9)	Noted
	7.4 Adoption of Minutes	Adopted and
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	Finance Director (Item 4.1)	Noted
	8.2 Adoption of Minutes	Adopted and
		recommendations therein
		approved
9.	Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting	Adopted and
9.	held Tuesday 10 December 2020	recommendations therein
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10.	Minutes of Leisure and Development	Adopted and
	Committee Meeting held Tuesday 15	recommendations therein
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		Borough.
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		Stormont regarding
		funding of
		Water Infrastructure
		for Causeway Coast
		and Glens Borough
		Council as discussed
		during presentation at
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		from Northern Ireland

		Water.
13.	Conferences	Nil
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	14.1 (ii) The Minister of Finance,	
	Conor Murphy MLA, dated 27	
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	Communities, Sharron	should be made from the
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	January 20	
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	agement Plan 2021-2027 second	
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16.	Sealed Documents	
	(i) Grave Registry Certificates, Numbers	Seal Affixed Items (i-iii)
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	(ii) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough	
	Council and Fibrus Networks (FFI) Ltd	
	relating to Gigabit Capable Connectivity	
	Services (Ref L&D 201215/CM 210105)	
	(iii) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough	
	Council and M McGinn, for "The Popular"	
	café at Juniper Hill Holiday Park (Ref L&P	
	201001/CM201103)	
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17.	Notice of Motion proposed by	Support the Notice of
	Councillor Callan, seconded by	Motion
	Councillor John McAuley and	
	supported by Alderman Hillis,	
	Councillor Mulholland, Councillor	
	McCandless, Councillor Watton and	
	Councillor McCaw	
	'That this Council would develop a	
	new International Airshow for 2022	
	to mark the Queen's Platinum	
	Jubilee and explore holding the	
	event every 2 years from 2022. We	
	should make this a key regional	
	event not just for the Borough but	
	for Northern Ireland and therefore	
	explore working in partnership with	
	key partners like the Northern	
	Ireland Office, Ministry of Defence,	
	Department for the Economy,	
	Invest NI and Tourism NI. A project	
	Board involving elected members	
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	be set up to shape and develop this	
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	event along with experts and other		
40	key stakeholders'		
18.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor M A McKillop, seconded by Councillor		
	Beattie		
	'That this Council acknowledges the	Referred to	
	amount of dog fouling across the borough	Environmental Services	
	and pledges to sign up for the Green Dog	Committee	
	Walkers Scheme to encourage all dog		
	walkers to clean up after their pets'		
	'IN COMMITTEE' (ITEMS 19- 22 INCLUSIVE)		
19.	Minutes of Environmental Services		
	Committee Meeting Held Tuesday 8		
	December 2020 – In Committee		
	Matters Arising 'In Committee'	Assoit receipt of the findings	
	19.1 Adoption of Causeway  Coast and Glens Business	Await receipt of the findings of the internal audit.	
	Coast and Giens Business  Continuity Plan (Item 22)	or the internal audit.	
	Continuity Flam (item 22)		
20.	Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held		
	Wednesday 9 December 2020 – 'In		
	Committee'		
	Matters Arising 'In Committee'		
	20.1 Legal Cases Activity (Item 13)	Director of Corporate	
		Services agreed to follow	
		up on the updated position	
		of 'Public Rights of Way'	
24	Leigure and Davidenment Benert	Annoint the lowest	
21.	Leisure and Development Report – Inclusive Beach, East Strand	Appoint the lowest tenderer, RDC Contracts,	
	Portrush, Improving beach	with a tender price of £74,	
	accessibility – in partnership with May	127.40, in order to	
	Murray Foundation	renovate the Water Sports	
		Centre at East Strand to	
		provide a dedicated 'Changing Places' facility	
		that includes storage for	
		accessible beach	
		equipment sourced by the	
		Mae Murray Foundation.	

22.	Corporate Policy and Resources	It is recommended that
	Report – Leases and Licences –	Council surrenders the
	Peace IV Shaping Our Place -	licence with The "Old
	Bushmills Project	Bushmills" Distillery
	Bushining i Toject	Company Limited
		(Bushmills Distillery) and
		agrees the terms of the
		commercial lease as set out
		and enters into a 10 year
		lease with the Distillery.
		Council agrees to sub-let
		the land to the Bushmills
		Community Association for
		the total of 9 years and 364
		days, or the day before the
		lease with the Distillery
		ends, at the rent of one
		peppercorn and on the
		same terms and over the
		same area as the lease to
		Council and will be
		responsible for 1, 2, 3 and 4
		in proposal. If council agrees to proceed with this
		project, legal advice would
		be to sublease the full site
		to Bushmills Community
		Association as per the
		terms of the lease from the
		Distillery to Council, to
		ensure 1, 2, 3 and 4 in
		proposal.
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# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCILHELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2021 AT 7:00PM

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

Members Present : Alderman Baird, Duddy, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell,

McKeown, S McKillop and Robinson

(All Remote attendance) Alderman Boyle (A)

Councillors Anderson, Bateson, Beattie, Callan,

Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw,

McGurk, McGlinchey, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning, Scott, Wallace, Watton and Wilson

(All Remote Attendance) Councillor Holmes (A)

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)

M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)

A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (R) R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development (C) P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services

Manager (R)

I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)

D Hunter, Council Solicitor (R)

Officers In Attendance

W McCullough, Head of Sport & Wellbeing (R)

S-J Goldring, Peace IV Officer (R)

P Harkin, Good Relations Manager (R)

P McColgan, Head of ICT (C)

A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations (C)
J Winfield, ICT Operations Manager (C)

C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)

In Attendance : Dr Stephen Brockwell , Head of Investment

Management, Northern Water (R)

Mr David McCullough, Head of Waste Water,

Northern Ireland Water (R)
Mr Ian McKeown, Absolute Technologies (C)

Public (1 No) (R) Press (3 No) (R)

#### Key -

**C** = Attended In The Chamber

**R** = Attended Remotely

A = Attended remotely from a Council building

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

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- Only speak when invited to do so.
- Members are reminded that you must be heard and where possible be seen to all others in attendance to be considered present and voting or your vote cannot be counted'.

#### 1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting 'Good evening members I wish the citizens of the Borough, Councillors and Staff of the Council a Happy New Year 2021 in the Centenary Year of Northern Ireland.'

In accordance with Standing Order 4.3 the Mayor confirmed he agreed to consider agenda Item 17 - Notice of Motion at this meeting.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 4. DEPUTATION – NORTHERN IRELAND WATER

The Mayor invited Dr Stephen Blockwell, Head of Investment Management and Mr David McCullough, Head of Waste Water to present to Council.

The Head of Investment Management presented a report to members summarising the Northern Ireland Water Infrastructure key plans and funding and PC21 key milestones as well as constraints of funding shortfalls and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The presentation referred to Causeway Coast and Glens PC21 Ambitions Local Development Plan and the commitment of Northern Ireland Water in Supporting Future Economy and the Environment.

A question and answer session ensued between the representatives and Elected Members.

The Mayor thanked the Northern Ireland Water representatives for their attendance and concurred with other members remarks regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of the service provided by Northern Ireland Water frontline staff.

## \*Councillor McQuillan joined the meeting at 7.15 PM, during consideration of this item

## \*Councillor Beattie joined the meeting at 7.30 PM during consideration of this item

Proposed by Alderman Robinson Seconded by Councillor Cllr Peacock

-that Council write to Ministers for Infrastructure and Finance requesting that Water Infrastructure for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, including rural areas, be adequately funded and:

-that Council take a delegation to Stormont in future to lobby for funding of Water Infrastructure for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote.

38 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 1 Member Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Proposal Carried.

\* Dr Stephen Blockwell and Mr David McCullough left the meeting at 8.09 PM.

### 5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2020

Proposed by Alderman Hillis Seconded by Councillor Callan and

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

Councillor P McShane wished to put on record his view that the final version of minutes produced within Council was inaccurate.

## 6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2020

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 25 November 2020 are noted.

\*Alderman McCorkell joined the meeting at 8.30 PM

## 7. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020

Chair of Environment Committee, Councillor McQuillan, presented the Minutes.

#### **Matters Arising**

## 7.1 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McGurk, seconded by Councillor McMullan (Exploration and extraction of fuels) (Item 4)

Councillor McGurk stated her disappointment that the Notice of Motion had been lost by a majority of 1 vote at Committee.

Councillor McGurk proposed an Amendment.

that Council now write to the Infrastructure and Economy Ministers outlining opposition to exploration.

She voiced her concerns regarding a climate emergency and felt that Council should be moving towards sustainable sources of energy as was infeasible to invest in fossil fuels. Councillor McGurk further commented that a decision taken at Stormont since October did not reach Council in advance of considering the Notice of Motion. Councillor McGurk implored members to support the amended motion.

#### **Amendment**

Proposed by Councillor McGurk Seconded by Councillor Peacock

-that this Council recognising we are in a climate emergency being aware of the public health risks and environmental damage associated with petroleum exploration and extraction including fracking and acknowledging the significant cross community opposition previously expressed in this borough towards petroleum exploration in the rathlin basin.

-that this Council agrees to write to Minister of Economy and Minister of Infrastructure to outline this Councils opposition to such developments.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

18 Members voted For; 20 Members Voted Against; 1 Member Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

#### 7.2 Point of Accuracy (Item 4)

Councillor M A McKillop referred to an inaccuracy in last line in paragraph 5 in relation to this Item. Councillor MA McKillop confirmed that she said 'Minster Mallon gave a commitment to act at the start of October to amend permitted development rights and we welcome the announcement by the Minster today. These changes also demonstrate our commitment to protecting the environment by removing permitted development for oil and gas exploration. This will demand more rigorous assessments of these projects and create a further layer of protection for these communities affected." Councillor MA McKillop welcomed the amendment to the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McGurk.

#### 7.3 Harbour and Marina Charges 2021 – 2022 (Item 9)

Councillor Quigley sought clarity on the charges for 7 metre vessels regarding Coleraine Marina. She enquired if smaller vessels are still exempt. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that the new increased charge of 1.3 percent would be added onto the reduced rates for smaller vessels agreed during last year.

#### 7.4 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan Seconded by Councillor Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 8 December 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved, including point of accuracy at Item 4.

## 8. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020

Vice-Chair of Audit Committee, Councillor Holmes, presented the Minutes.

#### 8.1 Recruitment of Interim Finance Director (Item 4.1)

Discussion ensued around the appointment of an Interim Director of Finance. Councillor P McShane wished to have on record his

objection to the appointment of an Interim Director of Finance.

#### 8.2 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Holmes Seconded by Councillor Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held Wednesday 9 December 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

### 9. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2020

Chair of Finance Committee, Councillor McLean, presented the Minutes.

Councillor Peacock enquired about the recent court ruling regarding the HMRC VAT on Leisure Centres. The Chief Executive confirmed that HMRC had appealed the decision.

Proposed by Councillor McLean Seconded by Councillor Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 10 December 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

## 10. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2020

Chair of Leisure and Development Committee, Councillor Nicholl, presented the Minutes.

Councillor Mulholland wished to put on record her thanks for the work undertaking with regard to Portnahapple, Portstewart (Item 6).

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Thursday 15 December 2020 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

## 11. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT – PRIORITISING OF GROWTH DEAL PROJECTS

Report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

#### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the proposed approach to prioritising the longlist of Growth Deal projects identified for the Borough.

#### Background

Causeway Coast and Glens is set to receive £72m capital funding for a Growth Deal after the NI Executive agreed to match fund the UK Government's Growth Deal allocation. The Growth Deal capital fund will be used to support digital and innovation projects. The Executive investment will focus additional funding on supporting Infrastructure, tourism, and regeneration along with employability and skills.

In line with Growth Deal criteria, it is critical that Council prioritise key catalyst projects over the next 10-years to help shape and grow our local economy.

Growth Deals are models of economic growth which provide regions with the opportunity to:

- Take charge and responsibility of decisions that affect their area.
- Do what they think is best to help businesses grow.
- Identify priorities for economic growth in the region.
- Decide how funding should be spent to meet those priorities.

Following members commitment to a Growth Deal in October 2019, Council established a Growth Deal Working Group to deliver upon each of the key priorities identified above. The Working Group is made up of eight Councillors; with officer representation from Council and Ulster University staff.

#### **Proposals**

The Growth Deal Working Group has identified six key themes/ sectors to help grow our local economy in line with Growth Deal criteria i.e.:

- Innovation;
- Tourism and Regeneration;
- Infrastructure;
- Employability and Skills:
- Digital Connectivity; and
- Energy/ Green Economy.

Council has engaged Grant Thornton (author of Council's new Economic Development Strategy) to independently assess the longlist of Growth Deal projects proposed by the Growth Deal Working Group.

To enable the longlist of projects to be independently assessed, Grant Thornton has developed scoring criteria in line with Growth Deal criteria see Annex A (previously circulated). This scoring criteria was presented to the Growth Deal Working Group on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and it was recommended that this should be brought to Full Council for consideration / agreement.

Grant Thornton propose to introduce a two-stage assessment approach. The first stage will be an assessment of general information provided by project promoters in relation to the project. General information has been provided pertaining to the projects, such as project type, summary of project indicative scope, location, capital cost etc.

The second stage assessment will score each of the proposed projects against three key criteria:

- Rationale and Strategic Alignment (20%) Strategic Alignment will assess how a project supports, either directly or indirectly, the strategic and policy focus at a UK/ NI/ CC&G level.
- Project Impact (60%) Project Impact will be assessed to ensure that projects with greatest impact on Causeway Coast and Glens are taken forward. This will be assessed through a project's ability to demonstrate impact on employment, productivity and/or inclusion for disadvantaged groups or communities.
- State of Readiness (20%) A Project's State of Readiness will be assessed to provide a view on the level of a project's development. Projects should be capable of being delivered within a 10-year timescale.

Project State of Readiness will consider:

- Level of appraisal development: the stage of a project's appraisal development.
- Funding plan: An indicative high level funding plan to demonstrate the extent to which funding has been considered during the projects development to date.

As a result of the independent scoring process, Growth Deal Working Group members will:

Gain a deeper understanding of which initiatives have the greatest potential to fulfil Growth Deal objectives; and

Be able to identify why initiatives failed to meet Growth Deal requirements.

Council's Officers will work with Grant Thornton to ensure that they:

Are provided with all available details on initiatives;

Understand the key objectives of Causeway Coast and Glens Growth Deal; and

Can deliver outcomes within agreed timescale

An anonymous short survey will also be issued to the Growth Deal Working Group Elected Members to gain a better understanding of key priority projects for the Borough.

Grant Thornton's proposed scoring criteria has been well received by both the Department of Finance's Growth Deal Working Groups and the Economic Advisory Group.

Further reports will be presented to Council in relation to the outcome of the prioritising process.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves the proposed approach and scoring criteria to prioritise Growth Deal projects for the Borough.

As Chair of the Growth Deal Working Group Councillor Callan said that a lot of work had been undertaken by the committee to reach this stage and felt the money invested would be good potentially for the borough and would impact positively in this area.

Councillor Schenning concurred with the remarks made by Councillor Callan.

At the request of members the Director of Leisure and Development agreed to provide details of the 26 projects to Elected Members.

Alderman Baird asked for clarification on the assimilation process and prioritizing of the projects. The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that for the past 1.5 to 2 years all projects have been included and considered by members and officers which met the evaluation criteria.

Alderman Baird asked if environmental factors had been considered and the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that this was a

consideration but that a purely environmental project would not meet the requirements of the project.

Councillor C McShane welcomed the progression of the Growth Deal and thanked officers involved. Councillor C McShane said that whilst elected members would lobby for projects in their respective DEA's and groups with which members had been engaging with she had a desire for successful projects to be inclusive and thanked officers involved.

At the request of Councillor Quigley, the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that no discussion had taken place between the North Antrim Agriculture Society or Football Club with specific relation to the Growth Deal.

The Director of Leisure and Development further confirmed that broad discussions around options on Football Grounds Site had taken place as part of Capital grant programmes.

Councillor McMullan asked if replacing the Bridge at Cushendall beach would be an eligible project and the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that this was not a project eligible for the Growth Deal.

Councillor Mulholland sought clarity on the method of engagement and tender process in advance of the report being brought to Council, including associated cost. The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the full procurement process had been followed and presented to members but would not be able to comment regarding tender costings whilst 'in public'

Councillor C McShane referred to the green economy which permeates across many of the projects and felt these were all positive factors.

Councillor P McShane said he was not content with the procurement in place within Council.

Proposed by Councillor Callan Seconded by Councillor Schenning

-that Council approve the proposed approach and scoring criteria to prioritise Growth Deal projects for the Borough.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote.

36 Members voted For; 2 Members voted Against; 1 Member Abstained

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

#### 12. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

At the request of Councillor Callan the Mayor confirmed that through the Partnership Panel nominee, Stormont is lobbied regarding funding of Water Infrastructure for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council as discussed during presentation at Item 4 - Deputation from Northern Ireland Water.

#### 13. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

#### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive.

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

The following were listed:

- 14.1 (i) The Minister of Health, Robin Swann MLA, dated 7 December 2020. Response received in relation to Notice of Motion unanimously agreed by the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in relation to the care provided by hospices and hospice staff and which called for fair and transparent funding in line with demand and continued high quality palliative.
  - (ii) The Minister of Finance, Conor Murphy MLA, dated 27 November 2020. Response received in relation to Notice of Motion in respect of hospice funding.
- 14.2 Department for Communities, Sharron Russell, Director, Voluntary & Community Division, dated 20 October 2020 Request for contribution to Kiltonga Christian Centre Storehouse. Kiltonga Christian Centre Storehouse, North Down (Storehouse) was identified as an ideal space to collect, hold, sort and distribute the donations received. Storehouse provide volunteers and staff to help manage the donations. To maintain the increasing space required, storehouse, which is a charity, asked for a donation towards the cost. The Department has asked each year since that each Council, which as VPRS families, make an annual donation (currently suggested £300) towards the cost.

**It is recommended** that Council consider the request to grant Kitonga Christian Centre Storehouse North Down an annual donation (currently suggested £300), towards the cost of maintaining the space required.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle Seconded by Councillor Mulholland

-that Council make donation of £300 in respect of correspondence at 2.2 Department for Communities, Sharron Russell, Director, Voluntary & Community Division, dated 20 October 2020.

Alderman Finlay advised caution around Council giving charitable donations as could lead to influx of application from various charities being brought to Council. The Chief Executive explained this request was unusual in that it was presented by Council through the Department of Communities but suggested the organisation referred to would have charitable status.

Discussion ensued and members spoke in support of and against the proposal.

Proposed by Councillor McCaw Seconded by Alderman Baird

-that the question now be put (Standing Order 16.4)

The Mayor felt that insufficient discussion had taken place and suggested that the donation of £300 should be made from the Mayor's fund this year.

Following further discussion, Members thanked the Mayor for his generosity in making the donation to Kiltonga in 2020/21.

- 14.3 Ards and North Down Borough Council, Stephen Reid, dated 24 November 2020 – Requesting support of Notice of Motion regarding roll out of a part-time 20mph speed limit schemes at 100 schools across Northern Ireland is welcomed.
- 14.4 The Court of Ulster University, dated 8 December 2020 Acknowledging the contribution to the work of the Court and indeed the University and we look forward to a continued relationship going forward.
- 14.5 NI Housing Council, dated 10 December 2020 Minutes of the 474<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Northern Ireland Housing Council The Housing

- Council, Belfast (Board/Webex) Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 10.30 am.
- 14.6 Newry Mourne and Down District Council, dated 15 December 2020 Requesting support of Notice of Motion regarding recognising the unprecedented strain that further and higher education student from our district are facing.

It was further **RESOLVED** – that Council note the correspondence schedule Items 2.1 and 2.3-2.6.

#### 15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The following Consultation Documents were presented.

- 15.1 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs DAERA Consultation on Proposal to Introduce a Protein Crops Payment Pilot Scheme for 2021 Submission by 15 January 2021
- 15.2 Education Authority Consultation on draft SEN Regulations Submission by 19 January 2021.
- 15.3 Education Authority Consultation on draft SEN Code of Practice Submission by 19 January 2021.
- 15.4 Education Authority Public Consultation on the Draft Special Schools Area Planning Framework and Public Consultation on the Draft Framework for Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools and Draft Framework for Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools – Pilot – Submission by 11 February 2021.
- 15.5 Department of Justice Enhancing Legal Protections for Victims of Domestic Abuse Submission by 12 February 2021.
- 15.6 Department of Health Public Consultation Introduction of a Statutory Soft Opt-Out System For Organ Donation – Submission by 19 February 2021.
- 15.7 The Department of Justice Consultation on codes of practice issued under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.
- 15.8 Loughs Agency Disability Action (2020-2023) Submission by 24 February 2021.

- 15.9 Invest NI Invest NI Equality Screening and Rural Needs
  Assessment Consultation Submission by 12 March 2021.
- 15.10 Department of Health Consultation on the Draft Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031 Submission by March 2021.
- 15.11 Department of Infrastructure Consultation on draft Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 second cycle Submission by 25 June 2021.
- 15.12 Department of Infrastructure Consultation on draft Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 second cycle Submission by 25 June 2021.
- (i) Department of Finance Holiday Pay Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) Available for Download
- (ii) Housing Executive Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Outcome Report Available to view

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

#### 16. SEAL DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met.

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, Numbers 5062 5076 (inclusive)
- (ii) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Networks (FFI) Ltd relating to Gigabit Capable Connectivity Services (Ref L&D 201215/CM 210105)
- (iii)Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and M McGinn, for "The Popular" café at Juniper Hill Holiday Park (Ref L&P 201001/CM 201103)

Proposed by Councillor Scott Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

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

- \* It was Agreed that a recess is held at 9.50 PM.
- \* The meeting reconvened at 10.00 pm.

# 17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CALLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCAULEY AND SUPPORTED BY ALDERMAN HILLIS, COUNCILLOR MULHOLLAND, COUNCILLOR MCCANDLESS, COUNCILLOR WATTON AND COUNCILLOR MCCAW

'That this Council would develop a new International Causeway
Airshow for 2022 to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and explore
holding the event every 2 years from 2022. We should make this a
key regional event not just for the Borough but for Northern Ireland
and therefore explore working in partnership with key partners like the
Northern Ireland Office, Ministry of Defence, Department for the
Economy, Invest NI and Tourism NI. A project Board involving elected
members of no more of 6 by d'hondt should be set up to shape and
develop this event along with experts and other key stakeholders.'

Councillor Callan spoke in support of the Notice of Motion 'It was always the intention of the DUP to re-instate the Air Show and for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to take ownership of it. The event is welcomed by local businesses and locals and could be a key regional tourism event for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Tying this in with the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022, a month when more favourable weather is expected, and the extra bank holiday would result in an increase to the economy of the borough. Council could explore engaging with Tourism NI, Invest NI alongside local universities and colleges. Sheffield Hallam findings identified that the Air Show brought £2.5 m to the borough economy with business having a 30% increase in income. I believe this would make for a positive news story for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council bringing significant economic development to the area.'

Councillor McAuley spoke in support of and concurred with Councillor Callan's remarks.

Councillor Watton spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Peacock felt that this event had ran its course, was not worth the cost incurred as the event lasts only a short time and that the investment should be made elsewhere.

Councillor Beattie endorsed Councillor Peacock's comments although she welcomed the University and School input in relation to the STEM

project. Councillor Beattie felt that the event should be more inclusive and not necessarily associated with the Queen and felt that the SDLP party could not support the Airshow proposed.

Councillor McMullan concurred with Councillor Peacock and Councillor Beattie and felt there were other events which could benefit from investment and that the funds should be spread more widely and that any event should demonstrate inclusiveness.

Councillor McCaw welcomed the Notice of Motion referring to the closure of Water World and implementation of parking charges. Councillor McCaw pointed to the reliance of tourism in the Portrush area and the millions of pounds which benefited the economy by hosting the Airshow and felt that such an event could still be inclusive if associated with the Queen's Jubilee.

Alderman Hillis said that he was disappointed the Air Show was no longer a feature and expected at some time in the future for it to be reinstated. Alderman Hillis referred to a report by Sheffield Hallam which showed that the event was a good money spinner and pointed out that the event was not just about armed forces, would be inclusive and that he was fully in support of the Notice of Motion.

Councillor C McShane felt that given potential rate increases considering this at the moment was an unfair use of public funds and felt that the £250,000 could be better invested.

Councillor McCandless felt it would be beneficial to rebrand and reinvigorate the Air Show and welcomed the Notice of Motion. Councillor McCandless felt that the Portrush area had suffered adversely in recent times that the Queen's Jubilee link to the event was not a reason to withhold support.

At the request of Alderman Duddy, the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that Sheffield Hallam University had undertook a review of Ould Lammas Fair and that this organisation had undertook all Economic Impact Reviews. Alderman Duddy agreeing with the comments made by the proposer and seconder was hopeful that moving on from Covid-19 the Airshow being brought back to fruition could bring people into the area.

Councillor Chivers referred to other significant events which the borough had hosted namely the Golf, Supercup and the North West

200 and felt that available money for tourism events should be spread around.

#### <u>Amendment</u>

Proposed by Councillor McMullan Seconded by Councillor Quigley

-that decision be deferred to enable proper discussion for way forward for tourism for the next Council term for the whole of Council area.

In advance of the vote being taken Councillor Callan was invited to speak 'The Air Show would add value to the area and I was disappointed at remarks of those not wishing to have an association with the Queen who is respected and regarded highly around the world. The Air Show could be a success story which Council should take ownership of and develop and I welcomed the STEM involvement in the last Air Show '

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to Vote.

15 Members voted For; 24 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

Councillor McMullan requested a recorded vote.

#### Recorded vote table

For <b>(15)</b>	-
	Councillor Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll,
	McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McLaughlin,
	McMullan, C McShane, P McShane, Nicholl, Peacock,
	Quigley, Schenning
Against	Alderman Baird, Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis,
(24) McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson	
	Councillor Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-
	McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw, McLean,
	McQuillan, Mulholland, Scott, Wallace, Watton

The Mayor put the Substantive Proposal to Council to Vote. 24 Members voted For; 15 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained. The Mayor declared the Proposal carried.

Councillor McMullan requested a recorded vote.

Recorded vote table

For <b>(24)</b>	Alderman Baird, Boyle, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay,	
	Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop,	
	Robinson	
	Councillor Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-	
	McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw, McLean,	
	McQuillan, Mulholland, Scott, Wallace, Watton	
Against	-	
(15)		
	Councillor Bateson, Beattie, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll,	
	McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McLaughlin,	
	McMullan, C McShane, P McShane, Nicholl, Peacock,	
	Quigley, Schenning	

Councillor McMullan asked if there would be an Equality Impact Assessment undertaken on Tourism expenditure factoring in the vote taken at this meeting. The Chief Executive agreed to seek this information for members.

## 18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MA MCKILLOP SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BEATTIE

That this council acknowledges the amount of dog fouling across the borough and pledges to sign up for the Green Dog Walkers Scheme to encourage all dog walkers to clean up after their pets.

The Chief Executive advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Environmental Services Committee Meeting.

#### MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Alderman Duddy Seconded by Councillor Scott and

AGREED - that Council move 'In Committee'.

\* Press left the meeting at 10.51PM.

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

## 19. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2020— 'IN COMMITTEE'

Matters Arising 'In Committee'

## 19.1 Adoption of Causeway Coast and Glens Business Continuity Plan (Item 22)

Councillor McLean referred to the adoption of Business Continuity Plan and the Director of Environmental Services advised that he had spoken to the Audit and Risk Governance Officer who had confirmed that it could not be adopted until receipt of the findings of the internal audit. The Director of Environmental Services felt that the Audit and Risk Governance Officer was happy with the content of the document but that the due process needed to be followed in advance of adoption.

## 20. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020— 'IN COMMITTEE'

Matters Arising 'In Committee'

#### 20.1 Legal Cases Activity (Item 13)

At the request of Councillor P McShane, The Director of Corporate Services agreed to follow up on the updated position of 'Public Rights of Way'.

## 21. INCLUSIVE BEACH, EAST STRAND PORTRUSH, IMPROVING BEACH ACCESSIBILITY – IN PARTNERHIP WITH MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

#### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members' on the proposal to renovate the Water Sports Centre at East Strand to provide a dedicated 'Changing Places' facility that includes storage for accessible beach equipment sourced by the Mae Murray Foundation

<sup>\*</sup>Alderman McCorkell left the meeting at 10.55 PM

<sup>\*</sup>Councillor McMullan left the meeting at 10.55 PM

<sup>\*</sup>Councillor Scott left the meeting at 10.55 PM

In order to avail of funding from The Department for Communities Access and Inclusion programme and to meet deadlines for expenditures, the Mayor agreed to both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Capital Works process (Business Case and Procurement), being presented to Council in January 2021 for an investment decision.

#### **Background**

In 2017 Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, in partnership with Mae Murray Foundation, provided equipment and facilities at Benone Strand to allow for the roll out of the Inclusive Beach concept.

This was carried out in conjunction with funding from the Rural Development Programme through the Local Action Group.

The inclusive beach concept provides equipment for families to benefit from local beaches that are often inaccessible due to a lack of appropriate equipment and facilities for those with additional needs. The Mae Murray Foundation is a registered charity, set up and run by volunteers, established to allow people of all ages and abilities to take part in activities, experience the world and enjoy friendship together in an inclusive environment.

The Tourism and Recreation Service has continued to work with the Mae Murray Foundation and following the initial provision at Benone Strand, now wishes to progress with similar facilities at other suitable beaches throughout the Borough.

#### **Proposals**

Following consultation with the RNLI and the Mae Murray Foundation, East Strand Water Sports facility in Portrush has been identified an appropriate location for further development of the Inclusive Beach programme.

The Water Sports Centre which was built in 2006 has been selected based on existing facilities, recent improvements to the layout of the adjacent car park (with increased provision of accessible spaces), beach access and lifeguard provision. These factors combine to make an Inclusive Beach provision achievable.

#### **Capital Works**

Alterations to the East Strand Water Sports Centre are required to provide changing facilities that meet Changing Places standards and a store for accessible beach equipment with direct access to the seaward side of the building allowing this section of the building to be accessed separately.

The internal re-configuration will include;

- Demolition of existing solid walls which currently facilitates 2 no. storage areas and a 'Leaders Room'.
- Alterations to existing M&E infrastructure.
- Renovation of areas for storage of equipment.

- Complete installation of equipment associated with the required standard for Changing Places, ceiling hoists, electronic changing bench etc.
- The exterior will include new level access arrangements to suit new door entry points.

#### **Project Cost**

The Capital Project Team estimated the works to cost £84,000 plus VAT for the work to the building and associated improvements to the surrounding area to facilitate wheelchair access to the promenade and beach.

#### **Funding Opportunity**

An application has been made through Council's Funding Unit to the Department for Communities for funding under the Access and Inclusion programme. The funding programme stipulates that the project must be completed prior to the end of March 2021 and therefore Council Officers are seeking approval to complete on Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Capital Project Works process simultaneously.

#### Benefits and Strategic Fit

This proposal will see a second beach added to the Inclusive Beach programme within the Council area, improving on the provision that exists at Benone Strand. It will create additional opportunities for outdoor recreation in an inclusive setting at a popular beach site adding to the visitor experience.

- It will contribute to and improve on Council's approach to beach management.
- It targets an underrepresented group and continues to set a bench mark for the standard of outdoor recreation provision.
- It contributes to elements of Council's strategic plan and Community Plan.

With a limited timespan to avail of funding and complete on the proposed project, with the Mayor's agreement, a tender report is being presented to the Full Council meeting in January to seek an investment decision.

#### **Tender Report**

Following a tendering exercise via. the eSourcingNI tendering data base, the evaluation panel is satisfied that the lowest tenderer, RDC Contracts, has fulfilled all compliance issues and their tender price of £74, 127.40, (excluding VAT) and is recommended for acceptance.

The Tender Report is at Annex A (previously circulated)

#### Recommendation

**It is recommended** that Council appoint the lowest tenderer, RDC Contracts, with a tender price of £74, 127.40, in order to renovate the

Water Sports Centre at East Strand to provide a dedicated 'Changing Places' facility that includes storage for accessible beach equipment sourced by the Mae Murray Foundation.

Alderman Duddy welcomed the second inclusive beach project in partnership with Mae Murray Foundation and thanked officers concerned for their hard work.

Councillor C McShane welcomed the decision and enquired if Cushendun or Ballycastle beach had been considered when choosing location for second partnership and asked for clarity on who had made the final decision regarding the location as well as the timeline around the funding notification.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the request to use Portrush was from the Mae Murray Foundation in consultation with the RNLI and that the funding deadline for the DFC monies being spent by 31 March 2021 led to the report being brought to this meeting. The Director of Leisure and Development further confirmed that officers became aware of the grant funding opportunity in August/September 2020.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy Seconded by Councillor McCaw

-that Council appoint the lowest tenderer, RDC Contracts, with a tender price of £74, 127.40, in order to renovate the Water Sports Centre at East Strand to provide a dedicated 'Changing Places' facility that includes storage for accessible beach equipment sourced by the Mae Murray Foundation.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote.

31 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 1 Member Abstained;

The Mayor declared the Proposal carried.

- \* Alderman Finlay left the meeting at 11 PM
- \*Alderman Boyle left the meeting at 11 PM
- 22. CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES REPORT LAND AND PROPERTY REPORT LEASES AND LICENCES PEACE IV SHAPING OUR PLACE BUSHMILLS PROJECT

Confidential report, previously circulated, was presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

#### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek final approval from Council to surrender the current licence held for the Woodvale 'kick about' area, Bushmills with The "Old Bushmills" Distillery Company Limited (Bushmills Distillery) and agree the terms of and to enter into a commercial lease with Bushmills Distillery and subsequent sub-lease to Bushmills Community Association.

As part of the Peace IV funded initiative the Bushmills Community Association would like to set up a community shed for use in developing a community garden area at the Woodvale site in Bushmills.

For the project to be implemented this would mean surrendering the current licence held by Council for the Woodvale site, and entering into a commercial lease with Bushmills Distillery in order to proceed with the Peace project. No alternative site could be identified.

#### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Council surrenders the licence with The "Old Bushmills" Distillery Company Limited (Bushmills Distillery) and agrees the terms of the commercial lease as set out and enters into a 10 year lease with the Distillery. Council agrees to sub-let the land to the Bushmills Community Association for the total of 9 years and 364 days, or the day before the lease with the Distillery ends, at the rent of one peppercorn and on the same terms and over the same area as the lease to Council and will be responsible for:

- 1. All rates associated with the site and payment of all utilities and outgoings
- 2. Insurance including Public liability insurance over the full site.
- 3. Buildings insurance for the Men's shed
- 4. Repair and maintenance of the full site including services, roadways and grass cutting.

If council agrees to proceed with this project, legal advice would be to sublease the full site to Bushmills Community Association as per the terms of the lease from the Distillery to Council, to ensure:

- 1. Full compliance with all planning and building control matters
- 2. Council is not liable for any claims for injuries.
- 3. Council is not liable for any repair or maintenance including grass cutting
- 4. The Community Association is likely to require the full site to install services, utilities, roadways etc.

Alderman S McKillop and Councillor Hunter thanked officers for their work in bringing this to fruition and felt there would be many social benefits to the

area as a result of this cross-community initiative. The Chief Executive at the request of Alderman S McKillop, agreed to confirm the reason for the delay in terms of the timeline in progressing this project.

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop Seconded by Councillor Hunter

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The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote.

31 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Proposal carried.

#### MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop Seconded by Councillor Callan and

AGREED - that Council move 'In Public'.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 11.25PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor