

Causeway Coast & Glens

Borough Council

To: Council Meeting

Date: 28th July 2015

Correspondence Report

Items for decision

1. Gallipoli Pilgrimage 2015

Friends of the Somme have sought expressions of interest from Members to attend the 2015 Pilgrimage to Gallipoli taking place 4th – 10th October 2015. The estimated price for the trip is £1,350 per person (excludes personal insurance). This price includes travel coach and air travel to Istanbul, 3 star accommodation in Tuscan Hotel in Canakkale and tourist accommodation in Istanbul. Accommodation is twin bedrooms with full board. A single room supplement of £150 will apply. Book by Friday 7TH August 2015.

2. Register of Trees of National Special Interest For Northern Ireland.

The Woodland Trust in Northern Ireland have put forward a paper which sets out the rationale for the creation of a Register of Trees of National Special Interest and to recommend that this be taking forward by the Department of the Environment.

In response the Committee for the Environment considered the proposals and was of the view that local councils are best placed to take this matter forward.

The Committee agreed to write to local councils to ascertain if there had been any engagement with the Woodland Trust to date on this issue and to seek views on the role of Council in this matter.

3. Translink Ulster in Bloom Community Champion Award 2015

The Translink Ulster in Bloom 2015 Competition is calling for entries in the Community Champion Award category.

They are asking Elected Members and local council employees, involved in Ulster in Bloom, to nominate someone from within the area who has embraced Ulster in Bloom. Someone who has made a longstanding contribution to Ulster in Bloom; a gardening enthusiast with passion and dedication to create floral displays or someone who stands out and goes the extra mile to make the area blossom.

Closing date for entries is 21st August 2015. The winner will receive a holiday for two people on the Ulsterbus Tours 2016 Chelsea Flower Tour.

4. Merchant Navy Day

Seafarers UK have written to ask Council to show its support for the seafarers by asking Council to publicly fly the Red Ensign (red flag with union flag on top left corner) on Merchant Navy Day, which is being celebrated on 3 September 2015. All local authorities flying the Red Ensign will be added to a Merchant Navy Day 'Roll of Honour' on the Seafarers UK website and will be promoted via PR and social media channels.

Items for information

5. Department for Regional Development

5.1 Adoption of Streets

The Department for Regional Development has written to declare that under Article 8, Adoption of Streets (Provided under Article 32 Agreement), that Ashlea Street, within the development at Kilraghts Road, Ballymoney has been adopted as a public road.

5.2 Notice of Intention to Make a Vesting Order B68 Ballyquin Road at Inisconagher, Dungiven

The Department of Regional Development (DRD) has written to advise of proposals to make an order vesting certain lands in the townland of Inisconagher, B68 Ballyquin Road, Dungiven under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.

The Department proposes to acquire the lands to carry out carriageway works, provide verges and improve forward sight distance on a section of Ballyquin Road between Derryork Road and Drumbane Road.

Objections to the proposed vesting order should be submitted before Friday 14th August 2015.

6. Ombudsman's Annual Report

The Ombudsman's Annual Report for 2014/15 has recently been published. Members may view a copy of the report at

<http://www.ni-ombudsman.org.uk/niombudsmanSite/files/3e/3ec5d1c1-8f2b-42b4-9ec8-9546fb0edaa5.pdf> or on request from Democratic Services.

7. Audit Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership

The Department of health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) has published a new adult safeguarding policy for Northern Ireland. The policy has the support of all Executive Ministers. Members can view a copy of the report at

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/index/media-centre/news-departments/news-dhssps/news-dhssps-100715-adult-safeguarding-policy.htm> or on request from Democratic Services.

8. **40th Anniversary Festival - Riding for the Disabled RDA Causeway Coast Arena**

This year Coleraine Riding for the Disabled Group are holding a 40th Anniversary Festival on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August 2015.

Elected members are invited to join the Group for a reception at RDA Causeway Coast Arena, 184 Castleroe Road, Coleraine at 11 am on Saturday 1st August 2015. Celebrations will continue on the Saturday with a fun day at the Arena from 1 pm and an Equestrian Festival on Sunday 2nd August from 1 pm. RSVP attendance to the Mayor's Office.