

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2017**

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<b>4</b>	<p>Notice of Motion submitted, proposed and seconded by Councillors Callan, Duddy, Clarke and McCorkell</p> <p><i>'That this Council recognises the three hundredth anniversary of the emigration of over 700 Presbyterians from the Bann valley to Boston, America in the summer of 1718.</i></p> <p><i>Rev James McGregor from Aghadowey Presbyterian Church, was the leader of the group which left Coleraine and emigrated to America.</i></p> <p><i>Over the next two years approximately 2,600 Ulster Scots travelled to New England, and over the next 50 years and estimated 200,000 – 250,000 followed them to the New World.</i></p> <p><i>This small group of men, women, and children who landed in Boston in 1718 can be regarded as the Ulster-Scots equivalent of the 'Pilgrim Fathers'.</i></p>	<b><i>Support the Notice of Motion; and establish a Heritage Working Group</i></b>

	<i>To celebrate this momentous historic event, within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, monies should be set aside to permit groups to apply for, through council's grant funding process'</i>	
<b>5</b>	Ballymoney Social Centre	<b><i>Operate Ballymoney Social Centre until 31 March 2018 to allow time to support The Evergreen Club</i></b>
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<b>17</b>	Notice of Motion submitted, proposed and seconded by Councillors McCorkell, Clarke, Duddy and Callan	<b><i>Defer to next committee meeting (as Councillor</i></b>

	<i>'That Council establish a fund to allow community groups to commemorate the centenary of the ending of the Great War and that relevant Council Departments work with interested groups to develop a suitable programme of events to mark this significant event'</i>	<b>McCorkell not in attendance)</b>
<b>18</b>	<p>Notice of Motion submitted, proposed and seconded by Alderman Hillis, Councillors Hunter, Baird and McCandless</p> <p><i>'That Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, in the absence of a working Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Government, request James Brokenshire Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to review the delayed development of regeneration powers, with appropriate resources, to local Government in Northern Ireland and thereafter to urge consideration of the enactment of such devolved powers to Northern Ireland's local authorities'</i></p>	<b>Support the Notice of Motion</b>
<b>19</b>	Any Other Relevant Business	
	<b>19.1</b> Councillor Clarke Rhythm of the Bann	<b>Information</b>
	IN COMMITTEE	
<b>20</b>	Leisure Management Options Review	<b>Approve</b>
<b>21</b>	Any Other Relevant Business In Committee	
	<b>21.1</b> Councillor Stevenson Dark Hedges	<b>Invite D Porter, Department for Infrastructure Roads, Northern Division, to a Leisure and Development Committee meeting</b>
	Councillor Clarke <b>21.2</b> Dunluce Centre, Portrush	<b>Information</b>
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF  
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON  
TUESDAY 8 AUGUST 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Duddy

**Members Present:** Alderman Finlay, Hickey, Hillis  
Councillors Baird, Chivers, Clarke, Douglas,  
Holmes, McCandless, McLean, McShane C,  
Mulholland, Stevenson

**Officers Present:** D Jackson, Chief Executive  
P Beattie, Head of Prosperity & Place  
J Gray, Strategic Programme and Projects Manager  
N Harkness, SIB Project Manager  
J McCarron, PEACE IV Manager  
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing  
P O'Brien, Funding Manager  
L Scullion, Community Development Manager  
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation  
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture  
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services Officer

**In Attendance:** Councillor Callan (Item 4)  
Press (1 no.)

**SUBSTITUTION**

Alderman Finlay replaced Alderman Robinson for the transaction of business for the evening.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Robinson; Councillors Deighan and McKillop.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were recorded for Councillor Mclean in Minute Item 5, Ballymoney Social Centre.

### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017

The Chair advised the Minutes of the Leisure & Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 June 2017 were confirmed at the 27 June Council meeting.

**AGREED** – to Change the Order of Business, to receive the Notice of Motion that Councillor Callan was due to present next on the Agenda of business for the evening.

\* **Councillor Douglas arrived at the meeting at 7.04 PM**

### 4. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED, PROPOSED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLORS CALLAN, DUDDY, CLARKE AND MCCORKELL

Councillor Callan proposed the Notice of Motion, seconded by Councillor Clarke:

*‘That this Council recognises the three hundredth anniversary of the emigration of over 700 Presbyterians from the Bann valley to Boston, America in the summer of 1718.*

*Rev James McGregor from Aghadowey Presbyterian Church, was the leader of the group which left Coleraine and emigrated to America.*

*Over the next two years approximately 2,600 Ulster Scots travelled to New England, and over the next 50 years and estimated 200,000 – 250,000 followed them to the New World.*

*This small group of men, women, and children who landed in Boston in 1718 can be regarded as the Ulster-Scots equivalent of the ‘Pilgrim Fathers’.*

*To celebrate this momentous historic event, within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, monies should be set aside to permit groups to apply for, through council’s grant funding process’*

Councillor Callan spoke in support of the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Holmes suggested the motion include the establishment of a Heritage Working Group to explore the tourism potential associated with the Notice of Motion.

Councillor Mulholland voiced concern with the proposed process and stated he was surprised a general fund for activities, functions and events was not already established.

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote, 10 members voted for, 3 members voted against, 1 member abstained, the Chair declared the motion carried.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council support the Notice of Motion and establish a Heritage Working Group.

\* **Councillor Callan left the meeting at 7.25 PM.**

## **5. BALLYMONEY SOCIAL CENTRE**

Report circulated.

The report sought clarification of the timescale for Council maintaining operating arrangements for Ballymoney Social Centre.

### **Recommendation**

That Council agree a defined period of time to continue to operate Ballymoney Social Centre, in order to allow time to support The Evergreen Club in identifying their best course of action in relation to the future of the centre, and to support other current user groups through the transition to using other facilities in Ballymoney. As a starting point for Members consideration, a period of 3 months from the decision of Council is considered reasonable.

Councillor Baird stated the users of the centre had obtained funding on the basis of carrying out activities for a financial year, ending March 2018 and considered this was a reasonable period of time within which to support the Evergreen Club.

Proposed by Councillor Baird  
Seconded by Alderman Hillis

- to recommend that Council agree a defined period of time, namely until 31 March 2018, to continue to operate Ballymoney Social Centre, in order to allow time to support The Evergreen Club in identifying their best course of action in relation to the future of the centre, and to support other current user groups through the transition to using other facilities in Ballymoney.

Councillor Mulholland drew on concerns that a rescinding motion may be presented within the six month timescale from the decision of Council and therefore considered 3 months a reasonable period of time.

### Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Mulholland

Seconded by Councillor C McShane

- to recommend that Council agree a defined period of time to continue to operate Ballymoney Social Centre, namely, a period of 3 months from the decision of Council, in order to allow time to support The Evergreen Club in identifying their best course of action in relation to the future of the centre, and to support other current user groups through the transition to using other facilities in Ballymoney.

The Chair put the amendment to the committee to vote, 3 members voted for, 9 members voted against, 1 member abstained, the Chair declared the amendment lost.

The Chair put the motion to the committee to vote, 9 members voted for, 3 members voted against, 1 member abstained, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## **6. GREYSTEEL COMMUNITY CENTRE OBC**

Report circulated.

No discussion took place.

### **Recommendation**

Defer consideration of the Greysteel Community Centre Outline Business Case until the October Committee meeting, and carry out further local engagement in relation to concerns raised by Greysteel Community Association.

Proposed by Alderman Hickey

Seconded by Councillor Douglas and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council defer consideration of the Greysteel Community Centre Outline Business Case until the October Committee meeting, and carry out further local engagement in relation to concerns raised by Greysteel Community Association.

The Chair put the motion to the Committee to vote, 9 members voted for, 4 members voted against, the Chair declared the motion carried.

## 7. PEACE IV STAGE 2 TENDER REPORT

Report circulated.

Committee's approval of the content of the six PEACE IV Project Tender documents circulated, was sought.

### Projects to be delivered through Public Procurement

Project	Description and Key Outcomes	Value
CYP2 Developing our Young Leaders	An accredited youth leadership and diversity awareness programme to 300 young people aged between 14 - 24 years by the end of 2019.	£274,000
CYP3 Leadership for Youth Practitioners	A collective, cross-community, accredited training programme to enhance the learning, best practice and engagement skills of 40 youth leaders.	£80,000
BPR2 Developing Communities – Leadership & Capacity	A capacity, skills and leadership building programme for 14 areas / communities for: (a) 14 Community Groups, and (b) 63 individual community leaders.	£324,420
BPR3 Cultural & Community Institutions Programme	A cultural and community institutions programme across 3 bespoke projects namely: 3.1: A Key Institutions Programme (Loyal Orders, GAA, Bands from both communities etc) 3.2: A cultural / language institutions programme focusing on Irish Language and Ulster Scots 3.3: A BME Community Integration Programme focusing on the integration of our new citizens and their relations with our two traditional communities	£232,000 £147,000 £147,000

### Recommendation

That Council are asked to approve the content of all six PEACE IV tender documents, as per Annex A (circulated), to be delivered via Public Procurement.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approve the content of all six PEACE IV tender documents, as per Annex A (circulated), to be delivered via Public Procurement.

## 8. BALLYCASTLE SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES OBC

Report circulated.

Councillors were presented with the recommendations of an Outline Business Case (OBC) for new / improved leisure facilities in Ballycastle as part of the new shared schools project.

Members were advised that, if approved, this would take the project from Stage 1 to Stage 2 of Council's Capital Project Management process.

**It is recommended** that Members:

- Approve the OBC for the enhancement of the sports facilities at the new shared school campus.
- Note that a final funding proposal will come back to Council for decision when the facilities are designed and procured and the FBC completed in late 2018.
- Note that the appointment of the ICT will require a financial commitment from Council and that this will come back to Council for decision in the autumn.

Councillor Clarke sought clarity on the remainder of the provision of sports and leisure facilities in Ballycastle, if the recommendation were to be approved.

The Head of Wellbeing and Sport drew members' attention to Page 2 of the report, the pool, studio space, and gym would not be suitable for shared use or could not be accommodated at the site.

Councillor Clarke remarked on the innovative idea of shared planning and resources stretching the spending power of the public purse to provide better facilities and a better standard of education for students.

Councillor C McShane thanked Council Officers and the statutory agencies for getting the project to this stage, delighted that it was a model for Community Planning going forward.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Members:

- Approve the OBC for the enhancement of the sports facilities at the new shared school campus.

- Note that a final funding proposal will come back to Council for decision when the facilities are designed and procured and the FBC completed in late 2018.
- Note that the appointment of the ICT will require a financial commitment from Council and that this will come back to Council for decision in the autumn.

Committee voted unanimously in favour.

## 9. CAUSEWAY ENTERPRISE SCHEME

Report circulated.

The Head of Prosperity and Place sought approval on the scope and design of Causeway Enterprise Fund for the current financial year.

The following notice of motion was brought before Council for action in May 2017:

*“This Council recognises the incredible entrepreneurial spirit of many people across the Borough who have established businesses which contribute towards the economic prosperity of the area. In order to support a new generation of entrepreneurs we propose that Council establish an annual fund of £50k-£100k to support start-up businesses (including recent start-ups i.e under two years).”*

Based on this notice, an outline scheme was presented for consideration. Committee was advised that if they were content with the direction of the scheme as presented, the next stage would be to finalise guidelines, application forms and call periods. It was anticipated that a call could be made by the end of September.

The amount included for consideration is based on available funding in the current financial year. Depending on the uptake and success of the scheme, members may wish to increase this amount in subsequent financial years.

**It is recommended** that the scheme as presented (circulated), subject to any changes members may wish to suggest, is advanced with a view to roll-out in September of this financial year.

Councillor Holmes thanked Council Officers for bringing the Scheme and was firm in his belief that it would lead to many opportunities going forward. Members put forward suggestions and amendments to the Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**AGREED** – that the scheme as presented, is advanced with a view to roll-out in September of this financial year, subject to the following changes: (1) Page 2 Mandatory Criteria replace the word 'residents' with 'businesses', (2) Page 2 Mandatory Criteria delete last line, "Applications.....funders"; (3) Page 3 Running the Scheme delete, 'turnover'.

The Head of Prosperity and Place advised he would bring the Scheme back with the stated amendments incorporated and undertook to review payment of grant depending on applicant circumstances.

## **10. LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUND POLICY REVIEW**

Report circulated.

The Funding Manager presented a report to review the Landfill Communities Fund Policy.

In determining the policy Council should be mindful of the likely remaining life of the Craighullier landfill site. It is expected that the site will operate for a further 5 years with an annual reduction in tonnage going to the site as it nears closure. This will impact on the amount of funds available through LCF which will reduce accordingly each year as the tonnage going to landfill is reduced.

The expected value of the fund for 18/19 is in the region of c£115k net of fees.

### **Recommendation**

Council agree the recommended policy changes for the Landfill Communities Fund:

**Change 1:** Update policy to reflect the change in the amount of credit rate from 5.7% to 5.3%.

**Change 2:** To be eligible the proposed project must be located within a 10 mile radius of a licensed landfill site *within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.*

**Change 3:** Projects are only eligible "where it is for the protection of the environment: *Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancement; Built Environment: Restoration of Buildings or Structures; Maintenance or improvement of a public amenity.*

**Change 4:** Removal of a Stage 1 Expression of Interest.

The Funding Manager responded to comments.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council agree the recommended policy changes for the Landfill Communities Fund:

Change 1: Update policy to reflect the change in the amount of credit rate from 5.7% to 5.3%.

Change 2: To be eligible the proposed project must be located within a 10 mile radius of a licensed landfill site *within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area*.

Change 3: Projects are only eligible “where it is for the protection of the environment: *Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancement; Built Environment: Restoration of Buildings or Structures; Maintenance or improvement of a public amenity*.”

Change 4: Removal of a Stage 1 Expression of Interest.

## **11. COMMUNITY AND CULTURE ANNUAL REVIEW**

Committee was provided with an overview of performance against the targets as set out within the Business Plan for the 2016- 17 period.

The purpose of the business plan for 16-17 as approved by Council was to:

- Give a clear sense of what the service is for and the challenges it faces.
- Show how it supports Council’s priorities.
- Show how it contributes to the efficiency drive and transformation of service delivery.
- Show how it aligns its resources to meet the challenges ahead.

An overview and vision for the service area; Strategic Themes / Functions; Strategic Aims of the Service and 2016-2017 Performance against targets report was circulated.

## **12. FUNDING UNIT ANNUAL REVIEW**

Report circulated.

The Funding Unit was established in 2015 with the appointment of the Funding Unit Manager in October 2015. The strategic function of the Unit is to provide funding support services.

The Service has 4 Strategic Aims as outlined in the 2016/17 Business Case:

1. **Securing Funding:** To secure increased levels of funding to support Councils priorities, strategies and business plans.
2. **Business Support for EU & UK Funding Programmes:** To provide business support for EU and UK funding Programmes and Projects.

3. External Engagement: To develop and manage external working relationships and to support organisations in sourcing funding.
4. Management & Administration of Council's Grant Funding: Corporate management & administration of Council's Grant Funding programmes.

Progress against business plan was reported.

The Chair thanked the Funding Manager and team, commenting that it was a worthwhile venture starting up the Funding Unit.

### **13. NW200 ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Report circulated.

Committee was provided with the outcome of the Event Evaluation carried out by Sheffield Hallam University during the NW200.

The key headlines of the report were;

- The Economic Impact attributable to event specific spectators across the week was at least £9.80m with an additional £0.28m of expenditure by local residents living within Causeway Coast and Glens;
- The overall perception of the event was very positive. The vast majority (96%) believed that the NW200 presents a positive image of the Borough and 92% felt that the Council should continue to host and support major sporting events.

The full report produced was circulated.

The future funding of the event along with resource provision will be considered later in the year.

### **14. UPDATE AIRWAVES**

The Head of Tourism and Recreation delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Airwaves 2017 and verbal update on the Lammas Fair.

### **15. UPDATE ATLANTIC LINK ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Presentation tabled.

The Head of Prosperity and Place delivered a Powerpoint presentation. The capital works on site remain on target for completion date of 16 October allowing the data centre to go online by 2 January 2018 with live customers.

Councillor Holmes, reflecting on Council's Visit to SONI in 2016, queried the power deficit being faced.

Officers discussed the merits of Private wire and Solar PV. Upon the suggestion of Councillor Holmes, the Chair advised that the Enterprise Zone Project Board set up a meeting with the Energy Regulator voicing its concerns.

The Head of Prosperity and Place agreed to bring a report back on the remit/membership of the Project Board and Steering Group to allow Elected Member representation onto both.

## **16. PORTRUSH PUBLIC REALM**

Information report circulated.

Further to the instruction by Council in May 2017, 'to authorise the Leisure & Development Director to manage the advanced materials procurement contract including placement of the order up to the value of £160,000', the advanced procurement of materials for their exclusive use in the above scheme has been concluded. The purpose of undertaking the advanced purchase was to mitigate contractor delays following the main contract award which is anticipated in September 2017. Time remains the main constraint in concluding the scheme in advance of The Open 2019.

One tender was received, from Hardscape Products Ltd:

Pre Tender Estimated Value of the contract	£ 119,650.00
Tender Return value.	£ 84,493.64

## **17. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED, PROPOSED AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLORS MCCORKELL, CLARKE, DUDDY AND CALLAN:**

*'That Council establish a fund to allow community groups to commemorate the centenary of the ending of the Great War and that relevant Council Departments work with interested groups to develop a suitable programme of events to mark this significant event'*

No discussion took place.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Alderman Finlay and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council defer the Notice of Motion to the next committee meeting (as Councillor McCorkell was not in attendance).

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED, PROPOSED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HILLIS, COUNCILLORS HUNTER, BAIRD AND MCCANDLESS**

Councillor McCandless presented and proposed the Notice of Motion, seconded by Alderman Hillis.

*'That Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, in the absence of a working Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Government, request James Brokenshire Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to review the delayed development of regeneration powers, with appropriate resources, to local Government in Northern Ireland and thereafter to urge consideration of the enactment of such devolved powers to Northern Ireland's local authorities'*

Councillor McCandless spoke in support of the Notice of Motion:

*'It is over five months since the 2017 Assembly election yet regrettably no power sharing executive has been formed.*

*There is no point in discussing the merits of political rights and wrongs, I don't want to get into the blame game in this Chamber.*

*The man in the street wants a functioning government, not the political vacuum that is being created.*

*The biggest change to local Government in decades commenced in April 2015 with the 11 new super councils replacing the previous 26, and they were intended to have a range of new powers over planning and local regeneration.*

*However, it wasn't a fair start with Executive Ministers facing reductions to the N. Ireland block grant and they insisted that local Government must shoulder its fair share of cutbacks.*

*One of the new powers was to be spearheading regeneration in our council areas but a £12M shortfall and legislative delays in the Assembly meant that regeneration was to be put off for a year.*

*Regeneration brings economic gain, local investment and ownership so why would something which creates economic growth and raise taxes be delayed and cut disproportionately?*

*Prior to the reorganisation of councils we were assured by our N.I. Executive that transferring functions would be properly resourced and fit for purpose. The idea of councils taking the lead in shaping cities, towns and rural areas is surely a sound one and would we not all agree that local politicians should be the people to work together to improve local economies. Indeed it should be high on our priority list.*

*Has handing over powers to local Government worked in other areas? On the U.K. mainland we can look at Manchester where the city has led an*

*impressive regeneration programme in recent years. Indeed there are numerous examples of historic towns and cities in the U.K. where local heritage assets have been used to support regeneration, where it has been balanced with local distinctiveness and local trade.*

*We need planning and regeneration to go hand in glove, a coordinated action to rejuvenate our towns in this local council area. If we want a thriving local community we need to have good amenities on our doorstep. Empowered local leaders would be looking at our infrastructure our housing and public services, looking to stimulate employment, encouraging businesses to invest and enhanced transportation links.*

*This I feel would be a fantastic opportunity for our councillors to work effectively as a team irrespective of Party politics.*

*Who knows their area better and has its best interests at heart more so than local councillors.”*

Councillor Mulholland stated his Party could not support the Notice of Motion, as quality protection contained in the Regeneration powers was not strong enough.

The Chair put the Notice of Motion to the committee to vote, 6 members voted for, 3 members voted against, 4 members abstained, the Chair declared the motion carried.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council support the Notice of Motion.

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

In accordance with Standing Order 12. (O) the following Members gave notice of Items to be considered:

### **19.1 The Rhythm of The Bann (Councillor Clarke)**

*A report on the Coleraine town signature event Rhythm of the Bann, staged in the Market Yard on 24th June, including event sales, costs, numbers attending etc.*

Report tabled.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation circulated a report for members' information and concurred that whilst figures for the event were disappointing, plans were underway to vastly develop the event concept and marketing opportunities for next year.

**AGREED** - that the Committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee.

## 20. LEISURE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS REVIEW

Confidential report circulated.

The report presented Councillors with the opportunity to approve the commissioning of an Options Appraisal of a range of management arrangements for Council's sports and leisure facilities.

If approved the appraisal would make an assessment of the likely financial, performance and social return benefits for a range of management options. Once completed the outcomes of the review would come back to Council for consideration and decision in relation to any potential change to the status quo.

**It is recommended** that Members approve:

- The commissioning of phased consultancy advice (with break points) to undertake an options appraisal of the costs and benefits of a range of management options for the Council's leisure facilities.
- The establishment of a project board to oversee this work.

Note:

A decision to commence an options appraisal is not a final decision to implement change. Any recommended change to the leisure management arrangements would come back to Committee and Council in the form of a business case for consideration and decision.

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approves:

- The commissioning of phased consultancy advice (with break points) to undertake an options appraisal of the costs and benefits of a range of management options for the Council's leisure facilities.
- The establishment of a project board to oversee this work.

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

In accordance with Standing Order 12. (O) the following Members gave notice of Items to be considered, recommended for confidential consideration:

### 21.1 The Dark Hedges (Councillor Stevenson)

*That an update is given in regards to any work carried out or to be carried out at the Dark Hedges and nearby area.*

The Head of Tourism and Recreation provided an update and outlined issues surrounding the Dark Hedges and the constraints Council are faced with.

Members voiced their frustration with the lack of progress among agencies and private sector entities, whilst a precious asset requires protecting.

Councillor C McShane also drew on concern for the Antrim Coaster Service 252 which appeared to be cut year on year.

**AGREED** - to recommend that Council invite D Porter, Department for Infrastructure Roads, Northern Division, to a Leisure and Development Committee meeting.

#### **21.2.1 Dunluce Centre, Portrush (Councillor Clarke)**

*Can officers provide updates:*

*As to what is happening as regards the opening of the Dunluce Centre in Portrush;*

Report tabled.

The Strategic Programme and Projects Manager provided a detailed update and responded to Elected Member queries.

#### **21.2.2 Waterworld, Portrush (Councillor Clarke)**

*Can officers provide updates:*

*Progression of the Council's decision to dispose of Waterworld, Portrush.*

Report tabled.

The Strategic Programme and Projects Manager provided a short update, further information would be brought in the near future.

- \* **Councillor C McShane left the meeting at 10.15 PM during consideration of the above matter.**
- \* **Councillor Baird left the meeting at 10.20 PM during consideration of the above matter.**

Proposed by Alderman Hickey  
Seconded by Councillor Chivers and

**AGREED** - that the Committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public'.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10.25 PM.

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Chair

Unconfirmed