

# Causeway Coast and Glens

## Borough Council

To: Council Meeting

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Correspondence report

*Copy correspondence available*

#### 1. Post Office, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

Changes are due to be made to the Post Office at 2 Coast Road, Cushendall, Ballymena, BT44 0RU. The Post Office are seeking comments about the changes before finalising the plans. A feedback survey is available via the following link: [www.postofficeviews.co.uk](http://www.postofficeviews.co.uk), and enter the **unique code** for the branch **16070299**. Changes are due to commence in March/April 2016; Ballycastle Post Office, 36 Main Street, Ballycastle will provide a service during this period.



Cushendall Post Office.pdf

#### 2. NILGA Seasonal Bulletin, December 2015

Detailing NILGA's 12 support pledges to you for 2016, events, winter maintenance advice and dates for your diary.

- <http://www.nilga.org/getattachment/7b5ae597-e4f1-431e-b7d9-3f0efa093fac/NILGA-Seasonal-Bulletin-for-Member-Councils.aspx>



NILGA Council Newsletter 15 12 2015

#### 3. The Northern Health and Social Care Trust e-bulletin, December 2015

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust is pleased to introduce the December edition of Northern Newsletter – a service user and carer e-brief.



NHSCT E Bulletin.pdf

#### 4. The Workspace Annual Report '15

The report outlines the variety of activities that undertaken through their social enterprise model whereby surpluses generated from commercial activities allow us to provide a range of much needed community projects locally.

#### 5. Closure of Cushendall Police Station, PSNI, 7 January 2016

Superintendent John Magill, District Commander, Causeway Coast & Glens, has written to advise of the closure of Cushendall Police Station. Ballycastle will continue to provide a service to the community in the Cushendall and Glens areas.



PSNI Closure of Cushendall.pdf

#### 6. Transport NI Roads Programme – Autumn Consultation

Following presentation to the Council Meeting, Deidre Mackle, Divisional Manger, has responded to Elected member issues raised through the Enquiry Sheets.



Transport NI Roads Programme - Autumn

## 7. **The Disabled Person (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

The Department for Regional Development has made a Statutory Rule entitled The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015 No. 407) which comes into operation on 17th February 2016.



The Disabled Persons  
Regulations.pdf

The Rule will amend two descriptions of persons to whom a Blue Badge may be issued. to include:—(a) children between the ages of 2 and 3 who fall within either or both of the descriptions specified in regulation 4(3) of the Principal Regulations (“under 3’s”). Regulation 4(3) of the Principal Regulations relates to the implications of certain medical conditions. (b) those in receipt of a specified benefit under the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011 who have been certified by the Secretary of State as having a permanent and substantial disability which causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr>

## 8. **Nominate someone for a NI Life After Stroke Award**

The Stroke Association charity has an annual event called the Northern Ireland Life after Stroke Awards. This event recognises the achievements of those that have been affected or work with stroke. This can include stroke survivors, carers, volunteers, fundraisers and health professionals.



Life After Stroke  
Award.pdf

We are trying to promote the nomination period which ends on 5 February 2016. Would this be something that could be promoted through any internal or external channels in the council area? Nominations can be made online via [www.stroke.org.uk/nilasa](http://www.stroke.org.uk/nilasa) or by emailing [ni-lasa@stroke.org.uk](mailto:ni-lasa@stroke.org.uk) to request a paper nomination form and guide.

## 9. **Conference on infrastructure in Northern Ireland - Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar**

*Thursday, 4th February 2016, Stormont Hotel, Upper Newtownards Road,  
Belfast BT4 3LP CPD Certified*

**£210 + VAT**

Guests of Honour: Dr Martin Spollen, Chief Investment Officer, Strategic Investment Board (SIBNI); Des Armstrong, Director, Central Procurement Directorate, Department of Finance and Personnel and Colette FitzGerald, Head of Office, The European Commission Office in Northern Ireland.

Scheduled as the Northern Ireland Executive prepares to consult on the next iteration of the Investment Strategy in the second half of 2016, this seminar will be a timely opportunity to discuss the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland and priorities for infrastructure.

- <http://www.policyforumforni.co.uk/forums/event.php?eid=1113>

## 10. **General Power of Competence Training (NILGA)**

**Free of  
Charge**

Oxford Island Discovery Centre, Oxford Island Discovery Centre, Oxford Island National Nature Reserve, Craigavon BT66 6NJ  
Registration 9am, start 9.30am -12.30pm with lunch.

## 11. **Age Sector Platform - Causeway Coast and Glens Pensioners Parliament:**

**29th April 2016, Royal Court Hotel, Portrush**

Due to the demand of its members and older people in the area Age Sector Platform will hold a Pensioners Parliament in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The agenda on the day will be:

- Welcome –Age Sector Platform Official Opening of Parliament – Mayor has been invited (to be confirmed)
- Councillor Panel Discussion (Selection of Councillors representing all parties on the Council) (to be confirmed)
- NI Pensioners Parliament – Campaigns
- Voting on top issues of concern
- Lunch
- Research Panel and Pensioners Trust
- NI Assembly Political Panel Discussion
- Next Steps – Age Sector Platform
- Close of Parliament

Age Sector Platform is very keen to work with Council on this particularly around inviting the Mayor/Chair to open the event and for Councillors to sit on the panel.

**Council is asked to consider the invitation and the selection of Councillors to sit on the Councillor Panel on the day.**