

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Council Meeting Tuesday 28th July 2015

Key Decisions

No	Item	Decision
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>Councillor I Stevenson</i>
4.	Presentation – Roads Service Annual Report 2015/16	<i>Noted</i>
5.	Presentation – Unison, The Roddens Residential Home	<i>Invite Northern Trust to attend Council Meeting</i>
6.	Minutes of Council Meeting held 30 th June 2015 6.1 Save the Dal Draft Final Report 6.2 Legal Advice Standing Order 15(2) Notice of Motion Prayer Councillor Fielding 6.3 Minutes	<i>Report inc amendments agreed Motion carried Confirmed</i>
7.	Minutes of the Planning Committee held 24 ^h May 2015	<i>Confirmed</i>
8.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 16 th June 2015 8.1 Notice of Motion – Alderman Hillis	<i>Adopt inc amendment at 8.1</i>
9.	Environmental Services Reports 9.1 Applications for Occasional Entertainment Licences	<i>Approve</i>
10.	Leisure and Development Reports 10.1 Tourism Events Grants Programme 10.2 Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy 2016-2021 10.3 Community Support Plan (CPS) Commissioning of Generalist Voluntary Advice Services at Local Government Level 2015-16 10.4 Good Relations Education Resources	<i>Seek Legal Advice Noted Noted Noted</i>
11.	Knockagh Monument Joint Committee Nominations	<i>Councillor Wilson and Councillor Watton</i>
12.	Governance Report	<i>Recommendation agreed</i>

No	Item	Decision
13.	Correspondence 13.1 Gallipoli Pilgrimage 2015 13.2 Register of Trees of National Special Interest For Northern Ireland 13.3 Translink Ulster in Bloom Community Champion Award 2015 13.4 Merchant Navy Day	<i>Two nominations agreed</i> <i>Agreed</i> <i>Noted</i> <i>Fly Red Ensign</i>
14.	Seal Documents 14.1 Tides Restaurant, Deed of Variation 14.2 Grave Registry Certificates Ballymoney Cemetery Nos 1458 – 1461 inc and Resharkin Cemetery Nos 0023-0027 inc 14.3 Grant of Right of Burial Deeds Register No 4257 – 4266 (Coleraine4; Ballywillan 3; Portstewart 3)	<i>Seal affixed</i>
15.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Wilson and Councillor Baird	<i>Deferred to August Meeting of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</i>
16.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Duddy	<i>Agreed</i>
17.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Callan	<i>Deferred to August Meeting of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</i>
18.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McCaul	<i>Deferred to August Meeting of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</i>
19.	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McCorkell and Councillor Duddy	<i>Deferred to August Meeting of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</i>

Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 7.00pm

In the Chair: The Mayor, Councillor Knight-McQuillan

Present: Aldermen Cole, Hickey, Hillis, McKeown, McKillop S, Mullan, Robinson
Councillors Beattie, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Fitzpatrick, Holmes, King, Loftus, McCandless, McCaul, McCorkell, McGuigan, McLean, McShane C, McShane P, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson

In attendance: Mrs Moira Quinn, Director of Performance
Mr A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
Mr R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development
Mr D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
Mr David Hunter, Council Solicitor
Mrs P Donaghy, Democratic Services Manager
Mrs C Toner, Member Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr P Thompson, Head of Tourism and Recreation
Ms Elizabeth Johnson, Head of Democratic and Customer Services
Mrs Elizabeth Beattie, Head of Policy

Speakers

Transport NI, Deirdre Mackle Divisional Manager, Austin Montgomery Section Engineer, John McKinley Section Engineer

Unison, The Roddens Residential Care Home, Paul Madden (Chair Causeway Branch)

Press x 2

Public x 3

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded from Aldermen Campbell and Councillors Baird, Hunter, McGlinchey and M A McKillop

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stevenson declared an Interest in relation to item 4.

3. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor extended her deepest sympathy on behalf of Alderman, Councillors and staff to the family of Dr John Hinds who had recently lost his life in tragic circumstances and stated this highlighted the need to support the call for an air ambulance service.

4. PRESENTATION – TRANSPORT NI NORTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Chair welcomed the speakers to the meeting. Members received a short presentation on the Northern Division Annual Report 2015 -16 which had been previously circulated to Members.

The Divisional Manager recorded her hope that Council and Transport NI would find ways of working collaboratively to address the problems currently being experienced with regard to budget cuts and the impact this was having on grass cutting, verge maintenance and weed spraying.

Following the presentation Members thanked speakers for their informative presentation and thanked the staff of Transport NI for their work throughout the year. Members expressed concerns regarding the lack of maintenance of grass hedges and verges and the health and safety implications associated with this. Other expressions of concern related to street lighting, noxious weeds, overflowing gullies and road improvements which were all noted for consideration.

The Divisional Manager reminded Members that if they had specific concerns to complete the Enquiry Form, previously circulated, and forward to her office.

Councillor C McShane joined the meeting at 7.20pm during discussion of this item.

5. PRESENTATION – UNISON, THE RODDENS RESIDENTIAL HOME

The Chair welcomed Mr Paul Madden to the meeting who spoke on behalf of UNISON in support of saving The Roddens Residential Home from closure. Members expressed concerns surrounding the effect on the elderly community should it close.

Following a brief discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Cole and AGREED: to invite representatives from the Northern Trust to attend a future meeting of Council.

6. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 30TH JUNE 2015

6.1 Save the Dal Draft Final Report

It was proposed by Councillor Mc Shane C, seconded by Councilor Loftus and AGREED: **that the amendments to the ‘Save the Dal’ report, previously circulated, be approved.**

6.2 Legal Advice Standing Order 15 (2) Notice of Motion, Councillor Fielding

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report, previously circulated and as undernoted.

Following Council's meeting on 26th May 2015, legal advice was sought regarding the proposed amendment, at the Council Meeting to the recommendation of the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee held on 21st April 2015, in respect of prayers at Council meetings.

The advice is reproduced below for Council's consideration.

Legal Advice

"A point of order has been raised in relation to an amendment proposed by the SDLP, that the recommendation of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee should be amended from a recommendation of having the Lord's Prayer and the old Coleraine Borough Council prayer said at Council meetings, to a minute's silence.

The point of order is raised under Standing Order 15.(2)

It is my view that SO 15(2) is meant to cover situations where a member raises, for example, a question, about an issue which requires an answer. The purpose of requiring notice would be to allow the relevant officer or member time to prepare an answer. If the answer is quickly or easily available, then to expedite business, the Presiding Councillor under SO 15(3) can, at their discretion allow a reply to be given.

Standing Order 15(1) prohibits a motion or amendment on the proceedings of committees not in the minutes presented to Council, hence a motion or amendment relating to a matter contained in the minutes presented, is permissible. SO 15(1) would be the dominant provision of SO 15.

Therefore the proposed amendment is properly brought.

For your information going forward, the legal position in relation to Local Authority proceedings beginning with prayers is not entirely clear. A High Court case in England, looking at Section 111 of The Local Government Act 1972(England) in 2012 held that the saying of prayers as part of the formal meeting of a Council is not lawful under that section and that there was no statutory power permitting the practice to continue. (R V on the application of the National Secular Society v Bideford Town Council). However, again in England, the

Localism Act 2011 provides statutory authority for holding prayers during formal meetings. In England many Councils avoid the issue by not including prayers as part of the formal agenda and holding them prior to the start of the meeting. (Knowles on Local Authority Meetings).”

The Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Fielding was:

‘Propose that the new Council retains the practice of opening the Council meeting in Prayer which existed in the Council Chamber under Coleraine Borough Council. Prayer read at Coleraine Borough Council and proposed to be read in new Council

***Almighty and most merciful Father,
We humbly pray thee so to guide us in our deliberations for this Borough and its inhabitants, that we may have a right Judgement in all things and may have grace to shape our decisions according to thy Holy will.***

Amen’

Councillor Fielding proposed seconded by Councillor Finlay: **that the motion be adopted.**

Following a discussion on the matter an amendment was proposed by Alderman Hickey, seconded by Councillor Quigley: **that Members agree to hold a one minute silence before the commencement of Council meetings to allow Members time for silent reflection.**

Councillor McGuigan proposed, seconded by Councillor C McShane: **that the order of business for Council meetings remains as it currently is.**

It was then proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Finlay under Standing Order 17.4 ‘that the question be now put’.

The Mayor ruled and put Councillor Fielding’s proposal to the vote.

On being put to the vote, 19 Members voted for and 11 votes against.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

6.3 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Clarke and **AGREED: that the minutes of the Council Meeting held 30th June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.**

7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24TH JUNE 2015

The minutes were presented by Councillor McCaul.

It was AGREED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 24th June 2015 be confirmed.

8. MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16th JUNE 2015

Alderman Hills presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

Matters Arising

8.1 Notice of Motion – Flags - Alderman Hillis (CPR 150616.4)

It was proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Councillor Callan **to omit the words ‘This proposal is supported by all members of the DUP’** from the motion voted on, as noted in the minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting, so that the motion reads:

“That this council supports the following policy with regard to the flying of the Union flag in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Area.

Civic Centres and former centres of local Government (Coleraine Town Hall, Ballymoney Town Hall, Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre - formerly Limavady Town Hall, Portrush Town Hall and Portstewart Town Hall) - 365 Days.

Council Admin HQ (Cloonavin) - Working Days and Designated Days plus, including other days at the discretion of the Chief Executive.

Council Admin Centres (Riada House, Limavady Council Offices and Sheskburn House) - Working Days and Designated Days plus, including any other days at the discretion of the Chief Executive.”

A discussion ensued on the subject following which an amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor McGuigan and seconded by Councillor McShane: **that this Council supports a policy of the flying of no flags on any Council buildings in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.**

On being put the vote, the Mayor declared the amendment lost with 12 votes for and 21 votes against.

8.2 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Hillis, seconded by Councillor Callan and AGREED: **that the minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Meeting held 16th June 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved including the amendment at item 8.1.**

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

The Director of Environmental Services presented the report, previously circulated and as undernoted.

It was noted that as a result of there being no Environmental Services Committee Meeting in July, Entertainment Licences within the report had been bought before Council for approval.

9.1 Applications for Occasional Entertainment and Liquor Licences

9.11 Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club

Premises: Marquee between 136 & 142 Hillside Road, Armoy

Applicant: Mrs Jean McPherson, Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club

Application: Grant of occasional entertainment licence for:

Dancing, Singing, Music or any similar entertainment

Days and times on which it is intended to provide entertainment:

Thursday 23rd July 2015 - 10.00pm to 12.30pm

Representations

PSNI and NIFRS: Awaiting response

9.12 Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club

Premises: Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club, 68 Coast Road, Cushendall

Applicant: Mr Jim Mulholland, Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club

Application: Grant of occasional entertainment licence for:

Dancing, Singing, Music or any similar entertainment

Days and times on which it is intended to provide entertainment:

Saturday 1st August 2015 2.00pm to 11.00pm

Sunday 2nd August 2015 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Sunday 9th August 2015 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Representations Closing 9th July 2015

PSNI and NIFRS: Awaiting response

Recommendation

Grant of an Occasional Entertainment Licence subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department inclusive of the following special conditions

- 1) No representations
- 2) No objections from PSNI or NIFRS
- 3) All requirements as contained within Nightsafe Coleraine Code of Best Practice 2012.
- 4) All door supervisors employed must be licensed with a scheme recognised by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Duddy seconded by Councillor King and AGREED: **to Grant the Occasional Entertainment Licences subject to compliance with any recommendations of the Councils licensing department inclusive of the following special conditions noted above.**

9.2 APPLICATIONS FOR OCCASIONAL LIQUOR LICENCES

The undernoted applications, previously circulated, for occasional licences had been received, acknowledged and responded to without objection during the report period.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>W Huey & C Dobbin The Rooks Nest 19 Main Street Armoy</i>	<i>Occasional Licence for Moyarget Orange Hall Moyarget Road Ballycastle</i>	<i>Saturday 6th June 2015 6.30pm to 11.30pm</i>
<i>Mr N McKeague The Harbour Bar 6 North Street Ballycastle</i>	<i>Occasional Licence for Fundraising Event at Carey Parochial Hall 87A Cushendall Road Ballyvoy Ballycastle</i>	<i>Friday 26th June 2015 8.00pm to 1.30am</i>
<i>Mr B Huey Glynns Bar 23 Church Street Ballymoney</i>	<i>Occasional Licence for Moycraig YFC Barbeque & Dance Grounds of Armoy Rugby Club 32 Drones Road Armoy</i>	<i>Saturday 4th July 8.00pm to 1.00am</i>

F & C McKeegan Mary McBride's Ltd 2 Main Street Cushendun	Occasional Licence for Marquee in grounds of Cushendun GAC 30 Bay Road Cushendun	Thursday 16th July 2015 8.00pm to 1.00am Friday 17th July 2015 8.00pm to 1.00am Saturday 18th July 2015 12.30pm to 1.00am Sunday 19th July 2015 12.30pm to 12 Midnight
Mr P McHenry The Central Bar 12 Ann Street Ballycastle	Occasional Licence for Wedding Reception at 15 Glenshesk Road Ballycastle	Saturday 18th July 2015 1.00pm to 1.00am
Mr M Doyle The Diamond Bar 2 High Street Ballymoney	Occasional Licence for Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club Between 136 & 142 Hillside Road Armoy	Friday 23rd July 2015 11.30am to 1.30am Saturday 24th July 2015 11.30am to 1.30am Sunday 25th July 2015 11.30 to 1.30am
Mr Patrick Hamill 112A Buckna Road Broughshane	Occasional Licence for Armoy Road Races Shed adj. to 136 Hillside Road Armoy	Thursday 23rd July 2015 11.30am to 12 Midnight Friday 24th July 2015 11.30am to 12 Midnight Saturday 25th July 2015 11.30am to 12 Midnight
Mr P McHenry The Central Bar 12 Ann Street Ballycastle	Occasional Licence for Corrymeela Summerfest "50" 5 Drumaroan Road Ballycastle	Friday 31st July 2015 11.30am and 1.00am Saturday 1st August 2015 11.30am to 1.00am Sunday 2nd August 2015 11.30am to 1.00am
D Stevenson & S Gray Fullerton Arms 22 Main Street Ballintoy	Occasional Licence for Ballinlea LOL 1511 Ballinlea Orange Hall 76 Straid Road Ballycastle	Friday 31st July 2015 12 Noon to 1.00am
Conor Connolly Dunvale Arms	Occasional Licence for Open Air Concert Ruairi Og Hurling Club	Saturday 8th August 2015 5pm to 12 Midnight

Unit 2 Dunclug Shopping Centre Ballymena	Grounds of Glens Youth Club 60 Coast Road Cushendall	
S & J McFarland Scotch House Bar 51 Main Street Bushmills	Occasional Licence for Ballintoy Masonic Lodge 2 Main Street Ballintoy	Friday 14th August 2015 7.00pm to 1.00am

10. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

10.1 Tourism Events Grants Programme

The Director of Leisure and Development presented the report as undernoted and previously circulated.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the additional discretionary grant payment for Tourism Events.

Background

At the Council meeting dated 30th June, a report was taken to Council with recommendations for funding events under the Tourism Events Grants Programme for 2015/2016.

The June report relates to events from 1st July 2015 to 30th April 2016.

The key aims of the programme are to promote the delivery of high quality tourism related events that contribute directly to the Visit Economy.

The criteria set to enable qualification for this fund was developed by the Council's Events & Tourism Team. The assessment and selection criteria applied has been based on the principles, aims and objectives and the eligibility process as set out in the Council's Grant Funding Policy which was approved by the Causeway Coast and Glens Shadow Council in December 2014.

Within the Report considered on 30th June 2015, titled Tourism Events Grant Programme, the following recommendations were presented by the Head of Service for Tourism and Recreation.

- 1. To award Tourism Events Small Grants to those that were successful in their application***
- 2. To award Tourism Events Large Grants to those that were successful in their application***

- 3. That a discretionary payment of £500.00 be paid to each unsuccessful applicant in this transitional year with no precedent being set for future years.**

The following events were unsuccessful;

- ***The Ballymoney Drama Festival,***
- ***The Ballymoney Motorcycle Show,***
- ***The NI Ploughing Festival,***
- ***The Charlie Gaile Festival of Darts,***
- ***The County Londonderry Agricultural Show,***
- ***The Portrush Summer Theatre.***

In response to Members' concern for the aforementioned unsuccessful events, Recommendation 3 has been reviewed, to facilitate the transitional process in the first year of the new Council.

It is recommended that the discretionary payment recommended in the June Council Report to each of the unsuccessful applicants in this transitional year is increased from £500 to £1000, with no precedent being set for future years.

A discussion ensued on the matter with Members voicing concerns regarding the legal implications involved with awarding the payment and running the risk of setting a precedent for future applications. Members sought clarification from the Council's Solicitor who advised that following consideration of the background and issues, a report would be brought back at a later date.

It was proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Stevenson: **to approve the recommendation.**

Councillor C McShane requested a recorded vote on this proposal.

Following further discussion, an amendment was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Alderman Hickey: **to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Leisure and Development Committee and seek legal clarity regarding the discretionary payment to unsuccessful applications.**

Councillor McGuigan, referred to his proposal at the Council meeting on 30th June 2015. He then proposed, seconded by Councillor C McShane that: **the unsuccessful groups who did not meet the criteria do not receive a payment.**

The Mayor put Councillor Duddy's amendment to the vote.

20 Members voted for and 11 Members voted against.

The Mayor declared the amendment carried.

10.2 Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy 2016-2021

The report was present and previously circulated as undernoted.

At its meeting in April, Council approved the Development of an Integrated Culture, Arts & Heritage Strategy 2016-2021 and Action Plan 2016-2019.

Council received four quotations for the work which were scored against specific criteria including cost. Following the assessment, the contract has been awarded to Shona McCarthy Consulting who received the highest score.

The overall cost of the strategy is £14,950. Work would commence at the beginning of August and will be completed by the end of November 2015. The Terms of Reference for the strategy asked for extensive consultation with all key stakeholders and as part of that process there would be a workshop for Councillors at a date to be arranged.

Council noted the report.

10.3 Community Support Plan (CSP) Commissioning of Generalist Voluntary Advice - Services at Local Government Level 2015-16

The report was present and previously circulated as undernoted.

The Department for Social Development (DSD) currently carried policy and primary funding responsibility for generalist voluntary advice services in Northern Ireland. Following Shadow Council agreement in December 2014, receipt of a letter of offer from DSD providing funds towards delivery of advice services for the period April 2015 to March 2016 which was formally accepted by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in April 2015, it was now intended to open a single public tender to the value of £101,138.00 inviting submissions to provide service delivery of Voluntary Generalist Advice Services covering the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area. This would be for the final 6 months of the period April 2015 to 31st March 2016 with delivery would commence 1st October 2015.

Council noted the report.

10.4 Good Relations Education Resources

The report was present and previously circulated as undernoted.

The Pupil Booklet, entitled "Hide or Seek?" had been designed in magazine format to appeal to Year 11 and Year 12 pupils as an interactive resource to help young people to engage with democracy in NI and prepare them for some of the issues to consider when registering to vote. The material was intended for use within the Learning for Life

and Work/ Citizenship element of the curriculum as a means of encouraging young people to explore history, identity, democracy and equality.

The rationale for the resource is to assist teachers in setting out information on politics, voting, political parties and opinions on a wide range of perspectives that will encourage young people to think about their own views and make informed choices when voting. Therefore it would seek to reflect the range of opinion that exists within the new Council area and to examine real issues facing a society moving from conflict to lasting peace.

This project was approved within the 2014/15 GR Action Plan by each of the four legacy Councils as a joint initiative in preparation for the new Council area and both documents had been screened from an equality perspective.

Within the 2015/16 Good Relations Action Plan (approved by Council in May) Council had a similar project: the production of a DVD to complement the printed resource. The DVD would include interviews with a number of local Councillors reflective of the political spectrum and range of parties in the Council area. The interviews were not intended to be party political in nature but would simply provide information on the importance of voting and the reasons why people choose to enter politics.

Council noted the report.

10. KNOCKAGH MONUMENT JOINT COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report, previously circulated and as undernoted.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council continued its legacy support for the Knockagh Monument in County Antrim.

At the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council meeting of 1st June 2015 it was agreed to continue with the Knockagh Monument Joint Committee and as a result of this decision Mid and East Antrim Borough Council has requested 2 Members from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to sit on the Joint Committee.

Council has nominated to other external bodies by d'Hondt, rolling from the appointments made at the Annual General Meeting in March 2015 and subsequently at its meeting on 26th May 2015.

Two nominations have been requested to the Knockagh Monument Joint Committee. For Members' information the next five picks using rolling d'Hondt are as follows:

119	UU
120	PUP
121	DUP
122	UU
123	SF

The appointments made using d'Hondt were recorded as:

119	UU	Councillor Wilson
120	PUP	Councillor Watton

Councillor McShane P left the Meeting at 10.20pm during discussion of this item

Councillor King left the Meeting at 10.25pm during discussion of this item

11. GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report, previously circulated and as undernoted.

In line with the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (the Act), Council decided upon a Traditional Committee System. The date and frequency of Committee meetings was directed by Elected Members as follows:

- ***Environmental Service Committee*** 1st Tuesday at 7pm;
- ***Leisure and Development Committee*** 2nd Tuesday at 7pm;
- ***Corporate Policy and Resources Committee*** 3rd Tuesday at 7pm;
- ***Planning Committee (with full Council powers)*** 4th Wednesday at 2pm;
- ***Audit Committee Quarterly on 3rd Tuesday at 7pm;***
- ***Council Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7pm.***

The agreed programme for the remainder of this year was circulated. A number of Members have raised an issue about the delay in bringing the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee minutes to full Council. In order to comply with Standing Order 14(1) and achieve the 3 day notice and summons, this normally results in a 5 week period before the minutes are sent to Councillors.

Options

A number of options are available to Councillors to resolve this issue:

- 1. The Council meetings could be rescheduled until the 4th Wednesday of every month in order to create an extra day between the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee and the consideration of its associated minutes by the Council;***
- 2. The Corporate Policy and Resources Committee could move to the third Monday of every month creating the same effect as Option 1;***
- 3. Council could agree to the emailing of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee minutes by not later than the Thursday of the 3rd week, with hard***

copies to be posted that day. All other Council reports would be sent out as normal on the Wednesday of the week preceding the Council meeting.

It is recommended that Council amends Standing Order 14 (1) to allow the emailing of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee minutes by not later than the Thursday of the 3rd week, with hard copies to be posted that day.

An amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor Stevenson: **that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.**

It was proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Alderman Hickey: **that Council approve the recommendation.**

The Mayor put the amendment to the vote.

8 Members voted for and 23 votes against.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

Alderman Hillis' proposal was put to the vote.

The Mayor declared the proposal carried, 23 votes for and 3 votes against.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 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.

A discussion ensued on the subject following which it was proposed by Councillor McCandless and seconded by Alderman S McKillop: **that two members attend to represent Council, one from each tradition, names to be selected by a draw.**

An amendment to the proposal followed from Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor McGuigan: **that any member wishing to attend pay their own way.**

The amendment was put to the vote.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost with 8 votes for and 22 votes against.

Subsequently, the proposal was put to the vote.

The Mayor declared the proposal carried with 20 votes for and 8 votes against.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised those Members wishing to be included in the draw to submit their names to Democratic Services by Friday 31st July.

It was highlighted by a number of Members that there was a need for Council to agree to address the issue of attending conferences and events.

12.2 Register of Trees of National Special Interest For Northern Ireland

The Woodland Trust in Northern Ireland had 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 taken 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 were 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.

It was proposed by Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED: that Council create a register of Trees of National Special Interest for Northern Ireland on behalf of the Woodland Trust.**

**Councillor Loftus left the meeting during discussion of this Item at 10.15pm*

12.3 Translink Ulster in Bloom Community Champion Award 2015

The Translink Ulster in Bloom 2015 Competition called for entries in the Community Champion Award category. Elected Members and local Council employees, involved in Ulster in Bloom are requested to nominate someone from within the area who had embraced Ulster in Bloom. Closing date for entries was 21st August 2015.

12.4 Merchant Navy Day

Seafarers UK had 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 would be celebrated on 3 September 2015. All local authorities flying the Red Ensign would be added to a Merchant Navy Day 'Roll of Honour' on the Seafarers UK website and would be promoted via PR and social media channels.

It was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor McCorkell and **AGREED: that Council show its support for the seafarers by publicly flying the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day, which would be celebrated on 3rd September 2015, from existing headquarters, i.e. Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady, Moyle.**

12.5 Department for Regional Development 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.

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.

12.6. 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>

12.7 Adult 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>

12.8 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.

Council noted the correspondence at items 12.5 – 12.8

13. SEAL DOCUMENTS

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded by Alderman Hickey and **AGREED: that the Seal of the Council be affixed to**

- Tides Restaurant, Deed of Variation
- Grave Registry Certificates Ballymoney Cemetery Nos 1458 – 1461 inclusive and Rasharkin Cemetery Nos 0023 – 0027 inclusive.
- Grant of Right of Burial Deeds Register No 4257 – 4266 (Coleraine 4; Ballywillan3; Portstewart 3)

14. CONSULTATIONS

- 14.1 Making Choices: Proposed Changes in Provision of Statutory Residential Care - Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- 14.2 Proposal for the Mandatory Wearing of Helmets on Motor Tricycles - Department of the Environment
- 14.3 Environmental Better Regulation Bill - Northern Ireland Assembly

Council noted the above consultation documents.

**Alderman Mullan left the meeting during discussion of this item at 10.15pm*

15. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL

None.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR WILSON AND COUNCILLOR BAIRD

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Wilson and Councillor Baird, of which due notice was given:

“That this Council expresses opposition to the recommendation to close the Roddens Care Home in Ballymoney; notes that the facility has provided quality care and a welcome source of local employment in the Ballymoney area for several decades; believes this recommendation would have a detrimental impact on the local population and would only increase pressures on other areas in the National Health Service; notes a reprehensible ban on admitting new permanent residents hastened it’s proposed closure by artificially creating a position of unsustainability and effectively was closure by stealth; expresses regret that the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety failed to lift the ban; agrees that the Council must respond to the consultation from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust and oppose this recommendation; and calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to lift the ban on admissions and give this home the support it deserves.”

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor C McShane and AGREED: **that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.**

17. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DUDDY

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Duddy, of which due notice was given:

"This Council fully supports the Cornfield Project, Ballysally, as it has now been shortlisted as one of three Northern Ireland Flagship Finalists in the Grow Wild Programme; and Council uses every means at its disposal to ensure this project is successful and fully implemented".

Given the timescale involved the Mayor permitted discussion of the motion at the meeting. Councillor Duddy spoke in support of his motion detailing the benefits to the community and the input required from Council to assist with the marketing of the public vote in October and other public relations activities.

It was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor Watton and AGREED: **that Council supports the Cornfield Project.**

On being put to the vote, the Chair declared the proposal carried with 28 votes for and 0 against.

**Councillor McShane C left the meeting during discussion of this item at 10.20pm*

18. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CALLAN

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Callan, of which due notice was given:

"That this Council recognise the contribution of Captain Marcus McCausland by erecting a plaque and naming a room after him in the Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, he served as a Limavady Urban Councillor 1968-72, who was murdered by the IRA while still in office on 4th March 1972. Captain McCausland was the first officer of the Ulster Defence Regiment murdered during the period known as the Troubles."

It was proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Douglas and AGREED: **that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.**

19. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR McCAUL

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor McCaul, of which due notice was given:

"That this council believes that all couples, including those of the same sex, should have the right to marry in the eyes of the law."

It was proposed by Councillor McCaul, seconded by Councillor Chivers and AGREED: **that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.**

20. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR McCORKELL AND COUNCILLOR DUDDY

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor McCorkell and Councillor Duddy, of which due notice was given:

"That this Council recognises the requirement of an Air Ambulance for Northern Ireland and calls on all Departments within the Northern Ireland Executive to work together to provide an emergency helicopter for the Province as a matter of urgency."

It was proposed by Councillor McCorkell, seconded by Councillor Duddy and AGREED: **that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.**

21. RED SAILS FESTIVAL

Councilor Fitzpatrick extended praise and thanks to all those involved in organising the Red Sails Festival. Councillor Duddy concurred.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25th August 2015 at 7.00pm, Council Chamber, Civic Headquarters, Coleraine.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 10.50pm.