

# Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

**Council Meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

## Key Decisions

No	Item	Decision
3.	Mayor's Remarks Closure Garvagh Care Home	<i>Arrange meetings with Garvagh Care Home</i>
5.	Minutes of Council Meeting held 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	<i>Confirmed, subject to correction</i>
6.	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 and held 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	<i>Confirmed</i>
7.	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2015, reconvened on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 7.2 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman S McKillop (deferred from Council Meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015) 7.3 Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Amendment</i>  <i>Adopted, subject to Amendment at 7.2</i>
8.	Free Saturday Car Parking Analysis for month of December	<i>Option D</i>
9.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 9.1 Tourism and Recreation Event Management 9.4 Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Amendment</i>  <i>Adopted, subject to Amendment at 9.1</i>
10.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 10.1 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Duddy and deferred from Council Meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 10.3 Draft Standing Orders of Council 10.4 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Callan deferred from Council Meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 10.6 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Watton deferred from Council Meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	<i>Amendment</i>  <i>Amendment</i> <i>Amendment</i>  <i>Amendment</i>

	<b>10.7</b> Adoption of Minutes	<i>Adopted, subject to Amendments at 10.1, 10.3, 10.4, 10.6</i>
<b>11.</b>	Schedule of Council and Committee Meetings December 2015	<i>Agreed</i>
<b>12.</b>	Correspondence <b>12.1</b> NILGA Outcomes Bulletin, 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 <b>12.2</b> Post Office, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2015 <b>12.3</b> Free NILGA Regional Consultation Event “The Review of Business Rates” <b>12.4</b> SOLACE: Draft for Finalisation - NILGA: Independent Review of the Association’s Future Purpose, Sustainability, Roles, Priorities, Objectives & Structure	<i>Noted (Items 12.1-12.4 inclusive)</i>
<b>13.</b>	Seal Documents <b>13.1</b> Licence Agreement, Temporary Working Area at Ballycastle - GT/LM 18/10; <b>13.2</b> Tender for the Provision for the Collection and Processing of Household WEEE from Designated Collection facilities; <b>13.3</b> Tender for the Provision for the Collection and Processing of Waste Batteries and Accumulators from Designated Collection Facilities; <b>13.4</b> Grave Registry Certificates Ballymoney Cemetery (No’s. 1469-1471); Rasharkin Cemetery (No’s 0028, 0029); <b>13.5</b> Grant of Burial Deeds Register Enagh Cemetery (No’s. 429-434); <b>13.6</b> Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (Nos 4293 – 4300).	<i>Seal Affixed (Items 13.1-13.6 inclusive)</i>
<b>14.</b>	Consultation Schedule	<i>Noted</i>
<b>15.</b>	Matters for reporting to Partnership Panel	<i>Agreed</i>
<b>16.</b>	Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Hickey on behalf of the SDLP	<i>Deferred to Leisure &amp; Development committee</i>
<b>17.</b>	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Nicholl	<i>Deferred to Leisure &amp; Development committee</i>

<b>18.</b>	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McCandless	<i>Deferred to Corporate Policy &amp; Resources committee</i>
<b>19.</b>	Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McGuigan	<i>Deferred to Corporate Policy &amp; Resources committee</i>
<b>20.</b>	Any Other Business <b>20.5</b> Implementation of Standing Orders	<i>Implement immediately after Council meeting</i>
<b>21.</b>	Legal Opinion Call In flag Flying	<i>Note, Move immediately to initiate EqlA</i>

## Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.00pm

In the Chair: The Mayor, Councillor Knight-McQuillan

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

In attendance: D Jackson, Chief Executive  
M Quinn, Director of Performance  
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services  
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development  
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer  
D Hunter, Council Solicitor  
J Gray, Project Manager, The Strategic Investment Board  
E Johnston, Head of Democratic and Customer Services  
S Duggan, Committee and Member Services Officer

G Quinn, Network Maintenance Manager }  
A Montgomery, Section Engineer } Transport NI  
J McKinley, Section Engineer }

Also in attendance: Press (5no.)  
Public (9no.)

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were recorded from Alderman Campbell, Finlay, Robinson and Councillors Hunter, McCaul and P McShane.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Alderman S McKillop declared an Interest in the Item - Leisure and Development Committee Minutes, as Chair of Bushmills Traders' Association.

### 3. Mayor's Remarks

#### Paris Bombings

Referring to the terrorist attacks that had taken place in Paris the Mayor stated that these events had affected not only the people of France but people across the world. She advised that Books of Condolence had been placed in Council facilities throughout the Borough and that she had sent letters of support to the towns in France with whom Council had twinning relationships.

#### Condolences

Condolences were paid to the families of Dylan McNicholl and Glenn Allen who had tragically died locally as a result of road traffic accidents.

#### Closure Garvagh Care Home

The Mayor advised of breaking news, the unfortunate closure of Garvagh Care Home, with the potential loss 80 jobs and 52 residents having to find somewhere else to live.

It was proposed by Councillor Michelle Knight-McQuillan, seconded by Alderman Cole and **AGREED: that Council arrange meetings with Garvagh Care Home to support its residents and employees.**

### 4. Presentation: Transport NI Roads Programme Autumn Consultation

Transport NI representatives presented the Northern Division Interim report 2015/16 Strategic Road Improvements, Network Maintenance, Development and Planning. Mr Quinn advised the "skeleton service" of reduced and limited output had now been lifted and productivity would now increase due to the recent Central Government cash injection, especially in the repair of street lights which had been a major concern for the public. The Transport NI representatives responded to specific Elected Member concerns surrounding their Ward areas. An Enquiry Form was circulated for Members to complete to return to Transport NI or Democratic Services. Members paid tribute to and wished Mr J McKinley well upon hearing of his due retirement.

- \* Alderman McKeown and Councillors Callan, Duddy, Harding, Holmes, McCandless, Mulholland and Wilson arrived during consideration of the above item.
- \* The Transport NI representatives left the meeting at 8.00pm.

### 5. Minutes of Council Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Alderman King and **AGREED: that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to a correction as follows:**

Item 30 Proposer Alderman S McKillop, seconder Councillor Watton

**6. Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

It was **AGREED**: that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

**7. Minutes of Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, reconvened on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Councillor Fielding presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

**Matters Arising**

**7.1 Berne Road Lease opportunity**

Councillor Quigley sought information in relation to business opportunities for other people. The Director of Environmental Services advised that opportunities would be presented to Members via the CART (Capital Asset Realisation Team) in due course.

**7.2 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman S McKillop (deferred from Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015)**

Alderman S McKillop advised she was not informed that the Notice of Motion was to be presented to Committee and therefore had not been present.

An amendment was proposed by Alderman S McKillop, seconded by Councillor Douglas and **AGREED: that this Council believes that there is a responsibility on animal owners to treat all animals with dignity and repudiates all forms of animal abuse including local incidents of dog baiting. Furthermore, we call upon the PSNI and the courts to treat such incidents with the severity they deserve. Council encourages anyone with information about such incidents to immediately come forward so that those responsible can be brought to justice. And to that end this Council produce a sticker to attach to bins at appropriate times, there is more this Council could be doing to combat animal cruelty"**

**7.3 Adoption of the Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor Fielding, seconded by Councillor Duddy and **AGREED: that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, reconvened on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015, be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendment at 7.2 above.**

**8. Free Saturday Car Parking Analysis for month of December**

The Director of Environmental Services delivered the report as undernoted:

**37 DRD car parks (12 charging) transferred to Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April to add to an existing car park portfolio. Council have power to control usage and charging for these transferred car parks.**

**Members asked at the Environmental Services Committee meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2015) if car parks could be free of charge for one or more Saturdays just prior to Christmas. It was agreed that a financial analysis would be brought back to Council detailing the financial impact. Tabled below;**

<b>Free Saturday Parking</b>	<b>Option A</b>	<b>Option B</b>	<b>Option C</b>	<b>Option D</b>
	<b>Est for</b>	<b>Est for</b>	<b>Est for</b>	<b>Est Total for</b>
	<b>05/12/2015</b>	<b>12/12/2015</b>	<b>19/12/2015</b>	<b>All 3 weeks</b>
<b>Moyle</b>				
Ann St, Ballycastle	87.68	93.02	93.92	
<b>Total Moyle</b>	<b>87.68</b>	<b>93.02</b>	<b>93.92</b>	<b>274.62</b>
<b>Ballymoney</b>				
Castle St, Ballymoney	76.10	86.29	83.31	
Church St, Ballymoney	218.82	240.21	253.59	
<b>Total Ballymoney</b>	<b>294.92</b>	<b>326.50</b>	<b>336.90</b>	<b>958.32</b>
<b>Coleraine</b>				
Abbey St, Coleraine	688.28	652.85	693.51	
Long Commons, Coleraine	321.56	278.64	353.36	
The Mall, Coleraine	752.61	803.07	885.67	
Railway Place, Coleraine	222.27	213.45	229.42	
Railway Road, Coleraine	279.54	227.10	288.84	
Waterside, Coleraine	191.59	161.08	199.30	
<b>Total Coleraine</b>	<b>2,455.85</b>	<b>2,336.19</b>	<b>2,650.10</b>	<b>7,442.13</b>
<b>Limavady</b>				
Connell St, Limavady	265.45	261.68	299.49	
Central, Limavady	335.62	336.53	407.47	
Main St, Limavady	22.25	22.33	32.04	
<b>Total Limavady</b>	<b>623.31</b>	<b>620.54</b>	<b>739.00</b>	<b>1,982.85</b>
<b>Saturday Totals</b>	<b>3,461.76</b>	<b>3,376.24</b>	<b>3,819.92</b>	<b>10,657.92</b>

<b>Free Sunday Parking (Coleraine December only)</b>	<b>Option A</b>	<b>Option B</b>	<b>Option C</b>	<b>Option D</b>
Abbey St, Coleraine	412.97	391.71	416.11	<b>1220.79</b>

The Mall, Coleraine	451.57	481.84	531.40	<b>1464.81</b>
<b>Sunday Totals</b>	<b>864.54</b>	<b>873.55</b>	<b>947.51</b>	<b>2685.60</b>

*Note; these figures do not include lost income from Penalty Charge Notices or costs associated with traffic attendant deployed hours. Information provided is based on income lost for Saturday charges only, Council should be made aware that Sunday charging applies (The Mall and Abbey Street Coleraine) in the month of December and that lost revenue is estimated at approximately 60% of the figures quoted above (less income on a Sunday due to the restricted hours of charging).*

It is recommended that Council decides if free parking is to be introduced on Saturdays and Sundays during the month of December 2015 and if so, which option (A, B, C or D) is preferred.

The Director further advised the Chamber of Commerce in Ballycastle, Limavady and Ballymoney had been consulted, however the Chamber of Commerce in Coleraine had voiced concern with the impact and turnover of traffic and problems with staff occupying the spaces. Some Members concurred with this while others thought the initiative would support town centres and increase footfall.

Arising from comments on publicity the Chief Executive confirmed that the initiative would be promoted via newspapers, Council's website and social media.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Callan: **that Council adopts Option D.**

The Mayor put the motion to the vote, 27 members voted for, 5 members voted against, 2 members abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **9. Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Councillor MA McKillop presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **9.1 Tourism and Recreation Event Management**

Councillor Duddy voiced concern that Coleraine had no signature event, there was no budget for the events and he further queried whether Council had a 3-year funding Plan for Groups and large events such as the Supercup NI (formerly NI Milk Cup), NW200 and Air Show.



The Director of Leisure and Development advised a Grant Funding Policy and Programme had been developed and an Open Call for Applications was due on 1 January 2016, subject to Council approval.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor McLean and **AGREED: that Council approves the principle of delivering Council's Own Events, to include a Ballymoney and Coleraine Town signature event, subject to a detailed action plan for 2016 – 2017 and budget allocation.**

In response to a request from Councillor McGuigan, the Director of Leisure and Development agreed to provide Members with the timetable and detail of the Grant Funding Programmes.

Councillor C McShane referred to the Lammas Fair and the perception that it was a Council led event, along with the Bushmills Salmon and Whiskey Festival. Councillor C McShane queried at what stage events came under the remit of Council. The Director stated that after discussions with the organisers and The Bushmills Distillery, affected parties were keen that the events should have a Council role. In addition, a process to formalise the Lammas Fair as a Council led event was underway to ensure effectiveness in organisation and planning.

## **9.2 Ballymoney Communities**

Councillor Stevenson sought clarification on whether Ballymoney Borough Council had accepted the lease for the former NEELB Music Centre. The Director advised, a 'Ballymoney Community Facilities Objective Analysis of the Need' workshop would be held for Elected Members on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to understand the whole lifetime and Capital costs.

## **9.3 Floodlights Football Pitch at Dervock Community Centre**

Following two Elected Members' comments of concern, the Director stated he was due to bring an update to the Committee meeting in December.

## **9.4 Adoption of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor MA McKillop, seconded by Alderman Hickey and **AGREED: that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting, held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendment at 9.1 above.**

## **10. Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Alderman Hillis presented the minutes and proposed their adoption.

## **Matters Arising**

### **10.1 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Duddy deferred from Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Councillor Baird presented a statement to Committee, rejecting the Motion supporting the Dunluce Centre Site as an Integrated Primary School. An amendment was proposed by Councillor Baird, seconded by Councillor Holmes: **that Council should not take this on board and as a Council would be acting outside its authority.**

A further amendment was proposed by Alderman Hickey, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick: **that this Council keeps the door open for Mill Strand Integrated Primary School, while their Board of Governors investigates the possibility of building a new Integrated Primary School on the current site known as Dunluce Centre.**

The Director of Leisure and Development outlined any proposed process via PowerPoint and the Project Manager (SIB) detailed the Clearing House arrangements.

The Chair declared a recess from 9.55pm-10.10pm.

Following the recess, Councillor Duddy requested a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was taken on Councillor Baird's amendment with Members voting as follows:

FOR: Alderman Cole, Hillis, King, McKeown, Councillors Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Harding, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McCandless, S McKillop, McLean, Watton and Wilson (17)

AGAINST: Alderman Hickey and Mullan, Councillors Beattie, Chivers, Duddy, Fitzpatrick, Loftus, McCorkell, McGuigan, MA McKillop, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley and Stevenson (15)

ABSTENTION: Councillor Fielding (1)

The Mayor declared Councillor Baird's amendment carried.

### **10.2 Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Finlay deferred from Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Councillor McGuigan recorded that Sinn Féin had spoken against this motion at the Committee which had not been noted in the minute of the meeting.

### **10.3 Draft Standing Orders of Council**

An amendment (1) was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Mulholland: **that Council approves the Draft Standing Orders, circulated, subject to the following amendments:**

- **Add 'Mayor's Business' to Council Meeting Agenda;**

- **Page 10, (3) replace “sixteen with “ten”;**
- **Page 11, (5) Remove “*The Mace shall be displayed at Council meetings*”;**
- **Page 17, (4) Clarification to (see call in paragraph)**
- **Page 23, (18.3.(1)) add “only” that;**
- **Page 27/29, add “a call-in made in accordance with section 41 (1) (b) of the 2014 Act; and”;**
- **Page 33, add “with the exception of the first AGM after an Election”.**

A further amendment (2) was proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Duddy: **that Council approves the Draft Standing Orders, circulated, subject to the following amendments:**

- **Add ‘Mayor’s Business’ to Council Meeting Agenda;**
- **Page 10, (3) “sixteen” should remain;**
- **Page 11, (4) Replace “postpone” with “stand in silence to Remember”;**
- **Page 33, add “with the exception of the first AGM after an Election”.**

Councillor McGuigan urged caution and sought legal advice regarding the removal of sub paragraphs relating to call in. The Chief Executive advised that the Standing Orders would be subject to legal scrutiny.

It was proposed by Councillor Harding seconded by Councillor Wilson that The Question Now Be Put.

Councillor McGuigan requested a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was taken on Councillor McGuigan’s amendment (1) with Members voting as follows:

FOR: Alderman Hickey, Councillors Beattie, Chivers, Fitzpatrick, Loftus, McGuigan, MA McKillop, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley (11)

AGAINST: Alderman Cole, Hillis, King, McKeown, S McKillop; Councillors Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Holmes, Knight–McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson (21)

The Mayor declared the amendment (1) lost.

A recorded vote was taken on Councillor Callan’s amendment (2) with Members voting as follows:

FOR: Alderman Cole, Hillis, King, McKeown, S McKillop; Councillors Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Holmes, Knight–McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson (21)

AGAINST: Alderman Hickey, Councillors Beattie, Chivers, Fitzpatrick, Loftus, McGuigan, MA McKillop, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley (11)

The Mayor declared the amendment (2) carried.

During consideration of the Item, Councillor Duddy suggested that Council seeks formal accreditation, for example, Letter of Authority from newspapers, radio, television channels, photographic identification for Press in attendance at Council and Committee meetings to tighten up Standing Order 8 (4).

#### **10.4 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Callan (deferred from Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015)**

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Wilson: **that this Council notes the historic achievement of the Northern Ireland football team qualifying for the European Championships 2016 by hosting a celebratory event to mark it.**

Members voiced their support for and opposition to the amendment and the original recommendation put forward from Committee.

The Mayor put the amendment to the Council to vote, 20 Members voted for; 11 Members voted against, there were no abstentions.

The Mayor declared the amendment carried.

#### **10.5 Estimated Penny Product Forecast**

In response to a Member's question, the Chief Finance Officer outlined the Rates Setting process. The Rates meeting had been scheduled for Thursday 4th February to facilitate the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Thursday 11th February had also been set for a second rates meeting if required.

A Rates Workshop was scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016, with the opening position paper being presented to the December Council meeting.

\* Press left the meeting at 11.05pm during consideration of the above item.

#### **10.6 Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Watton deferred from Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

An amendment was proposed by Alderman S McKillop, seconded by Councillor Douglas: **that this Council, at a time of austerity and public funding cuts, seeks The Executive to review and reassess the disgraceful inflated salaries paid to so-called SpAds, the number of SpAds is affecting how the budget is spent at Executive level and is a waste of tax payers' money.**

Alderman S McKillop requested a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was taken with Members voting as follows:

FOR :Aldermen Hickey, Hillis, King, McKeown, S McKillop, Councillors Baird, Beattie, Callan, Douglas, Holmes, Loftus, McCandless, MA McKillop, Quigley, Watton and Wilson (16)

AGAINST: Alderman Cole, Councillors Chivers, Clarke, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Knight-McQuillan McCorkell, McGuigan, McLean, C McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl and Stevenson (14)

The Mayor declared the amendment carried.

- \* Councillor Blair had left and re-joined the meeting at this point.

Alderman S McKillop requested that Councillor Blair be allowed to cast his vote. The Mayor ruled that as Councillor Blair was not in the Chamber at the time the vote was taken, he could not cast his vote.

## 10.7 Adoption of Minutes

The Mayor put the adoption of the minutes to the vote.

26 Members voted for, 0 Members voted against

It was therefore **AGREED: that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be adopted and the recommendations contained therein approved, subject to the amendments at 10.1, 10.3, 10.4, 10.6 above.**

## 11. Schedule of Council and Committee Meetings December 2015

The Council and Committee meetings scheduled for December 2015 and previously circulated to Members is as follows:

<b>December 2015 REVISED</b>	
Environmental Services Committee	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2015 7.00pm
<del>Corporate Policy &amp; Resources Committee</del> <b>Leisure and Development Committee</b>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 7.00pm
Audit Committee	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 7.00pm
Council	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 7.00pm
Planning Committee	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 2.00pm

It was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED: that Council approves the revised schedule as detailed.**

## **12. Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

### **12.1 NILGA Outcomes Bulletin, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Detailing the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Local Central Government Political Partnership Panel.

### **12.2 Post Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

A programme of investment and transformation is taking place across the Post Office network to make branches more modern and convenient. Changes are due to be made to the Post Office at 26 Main Street, Dunloy, Ballymena, BT44 9AA.

### **12.3 Free NILGA Regional Consultation Event “The Review of Business Rates”**

The Department of Finance & Personnel recently published a consultation paper regarding the future of business rating in Northern Ireland.

### **12.4 SOLACE: Draft for Finalisation - NILGA: Independent Review of the Association’s Future Purpose, Sustainability, Roles, Priorities, Objectives & Structure, September 2015**

SOLACE in Business, part of the SOLACE Group (U.K), was commissioned by NILGA to carry out a small scale, independent review of the Association’s position and part to be played in the wider future governance framework for Northern Ireland (circulated).

## **13. Seal Documents**

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Callan and **AGREED: that the Seal of the Council be affixed to;**

- 13.1** Licence Agreement, Temporary Working Area at Ballycastle - GT/LM 18/10;
- 13.2** Tender for the Provision for the Collection and Processing of Household WEEE from Designated Collection facilities;
- 13.3** Tender for the Provision for the Collection and Processing of Waste Batteries and Accumulators from Designated Collection Facilities;
- 13.4** Grave Registry Certificates Ballymoney Cemetery (No’s. 1469-1471); Rasharkin Cemetery (No’s 0028, 0029);
- 13.5** Grant of Burial Deeds Register Enagh Cemetery (No’s. 429-434);
- 13.6** Grave Registry Certificates, Coleraine, Ballywillan, Agherton and Portstewart Cemeteries (Nos 4293 – 4300).

#### 14. Consultation Schedule

The Director of Performance invited comments on the following Consultations, circulated and noted.

- Teaching Appointments Scheme and Scheme for the Management of Controlled Schools;
- Application To Register The Name 'Brighter Gold Rapeseed Oil' As A Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) Under The EU Protected Food Name Scheme;
- NI Local Government Code of Conduct – Alternative Action proposals;
- Consultation on Our Proposals for the Implementation of Urology Services in Western and Northern Trusts;
- Consultation On 'Statement Of Community Involvement';
- Employment strategy for people with disabilities consultation;
- Report on the Access to Justice Review Part II;
- Review of the Role and Regulation of the Private Rented Sector;
- Public Consultation on the Penalty Fares (Increase) Order (NI) 2016;
- The Future of Norfolk Court Supported Living Schemes.

#### 15. Matters for reporting to Partnership Panel

It was proposed by Councillor Watton, seconded by Councillor Baird and **AGREED: that Council adopts the Partnership Panel report, circulated, furthermore to include the issue of the practice of some GPs charging their patients for processing and authenticating postal vote applications.**

#### 16. Notice of Motion submitted by Alderman Hickey on behalf of the SDLP

*"That this Council notes the devastating impact of the planned closure of the Michelin Plant in Ballymena with the loss of 860 jobs; notes the reasons given for the closure including high energy costs and competition within the global market and further notes the cumulative detrimental economic impact to the surrounding areas and calls on this Council to explore all options within its power to support our local businesses in order to preserve the economic viability of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough and to protect long term jobs and create new employment in this borough".*

It was proposed by Alderman Hickey, seconded by Alderman S McKillop and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.**

#### 17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Nicholl

*"That this Council agrees to: Review and where appropriate, remedy its provision of defibrillators across its entire public estate to ensure no gaps exist in adequate service provision. This needs to include our leisure facilities, Council offices, Community*

*centres and areas of high public footfall; Undertake a programme of training for staff who have daily contact with the public in the use of Defibrillators and CPR; and The Council Chairperson in her civic role being requested to bring together charities and campaign groups working in this field along with local Chamber of Commerce Reps and other key stakeholders to shape an action plan for adequate provision of PAD's (Publically Accessed Defibrillators) in town centre locations alongside provision in shopping centres and highly populated areas".*

It was proposed by Councillor Nicholl, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.**

#### **18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McCandless**

Signed by Councillor McCandless, Councillor Callan, Councillor Wilson and Alderman Hillis.

*"Proposed Council Motion on continued Paramilitary Activity*

*That this Council notes the significant unresolved matters highlighted in the recent Assessment of Paramilitary Groups in Northern Ireland.*

*The continued existence and activities of the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF), Red Hand Commando (RHC), Ulster Defence Association (UDA), Provisional Irish Republican Army (PIRA) and Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) all provide serious concern.*

*Given that Sinn Fein are a party of government, it is of particular concern that the report states that the IRA Army Council remains intact, and is perceived to oversee Sinn Fein's political strategy. It is also troubling that the Provisional IRA retain weapons, are involved in criminal activity, and that its members continue to carry out acts of violence, including murders.*

*This Council further agrees that Sinn Fein must accept the truth, that the IRA still exists, and use all their influence to ensure the Provisional IRA, along with all other paramilitary organisations, leave the stage completely."*

It was proposed by Councillor McCandless, seconded by Councillor Callan and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.**

#### **19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McGuigan**

Signed by Councillor McGuigan, Councillor Nicholl, Councillor Chivers, Councillor McCaul, Councillor McGlinchey, Councillor C McShane, Councillor Mulholland:



*"That Causeway Coast and Glens Borough council takes steps to remember the centenary of the Easter Rising and associated events in 2016, and assists in the facilitation, co-ordination and support of associated community-led events. That Council formulates a working group comprising members, relevant officers, and other associated community interests across the Borough. The terms of reference of the working group will be to remember, through appropriately dignified and inclusive means, the centenary of the Easter Rising and associated events across the Borough; and that a budget be decided by this Council after the initial investigations and meeting of the working group to discuss possible events and initiatives. It is imperative this Council remembers respectfully this pivotal historical event and assists other organisations within the Borough to do likewise"*

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Mulholland and **AGREED: that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting.**

## **20. Any Other Relevant Business**

### **20.1 Closure, Four Seasons Care Home**

Councillor Harding encouraged Council do all within their power to help the current residents and potential future residents to find a facility and to help the staff and residents at this very difficult time. The Mayor advised that under Mayor's Business (item 3) it had been agreed to meet with the Care Home.

### **20.2 Development of Garvagh High School site**

In reply to Councillor Duddy the Chief Executive provided the as-is position. The matter was being managed by Land and Property Services and a timeframe for submission of a business case had been allowed of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

### **20.3 Christmas Tree, Coleraine Town Centre**

The Chief Executive clarified that the relocation of the Christmas Tree was the enactment of a Coleraine Borough Council decision made in December 2014. It was not possible to relocate it in time before the Switch On celebrations this year.

### **20.4 Regeneration and Tackling Deprivation Transfer of Powers (Neighbourhood Renewal)**

Councillor Duddy sought an update. The Director of Leisure and Development stated he had written to the Department to seek the current position in relation to the transfer. A response had not been committed, however the issue was being pressed weekly as retention of staff was dependent on project funding.

## 20.4 Implementation of Standing Orders

It was proposed by Councillor Callan, seconded by Councillor Wilson, **that Council implements the Standing Orders with immediate effect, after the Council Meeting.**

The Mayor put the motion to the vote, 20 members voted for, 5 members voted against, 5 members abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

It was proposed by Alderman Hickey, seconded by Councillor Callan and **AGREED: that Council considers the remainder of the business 'in committee'.**

## 20.5 Leisure and Development Committee Minutes - Leisure & Development Organisational Structures

Councillor Stevenson asked that it was recorded that there was no need for two specific posts within the structure which he named. He felt this would save £50-£60,000 at the rates setting process.

## 20.6 Enterprise Zone

Councillor Clarke stated the Enterprise Zone was of enormous regional significance, and was surprised there was not a closer working relationship between Council and Invest NI in connection with the development. Councillor Clarke stated it was vitally important that Council's marketing campaign was ready to promote interest when the designation was made.

The Director advised that he was seeking an update from Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI). Work was progressing on production of marketing materials. Councillor Callan suggested that a working group be set up.

## 21. Legal Opinion Call In Flag Flying

Councillor Clarke stated that the first legal Opinion had failed to give confidence and the second Opinion had added more ambiguity and contradictions rather than clarity and consistency. Councillor Callan concurred adding that the first Opinion, had been rushed and ill-informed and the additional Opinion had not offered any reassurance.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Callan: **that the Legal Opinion, circulated, is noted and Council move immediately to initiate the Equality Impact Assessment.**

Councillor McGuigan stated that some simply did not like what was said in the Opinion. In his opinion it was very clear what Council had to do. He pointed out that Council

was ignoring a senior barrister's Opinion. Councillor McGuigan stated that Sinn Féin stood by its Call In of the decision.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor C McShane: **that Council take a vote on the decision tonight and that a recorded vote is taken.**

It was proposed by Councillor Duddy, seconded by Councillor Stevenson that, The Question Now Be Put.

A recorded vote was taken on Councillor Clarke's motion with Members voting as follows:

FOR: Alderman Hillis, King, McKeown, S McKillop, Councillors Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Douglas, Duddy, Fielding, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson, Watton and Wilson (19)

AGAINST: Alderman Hickey, Councillors Beattie, Chivers, Loftus, McGuigan, MA McKillop, C McShane, Mulholland and Nicholl (9)

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Callan and **AGREED: that Council resolve itself out of committee.**

**This being all the business the meeting closed at 12.15am (25/11/2015).**