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| <b>Listing of Water Fountain, Captain Street, Coleraine.</b> | <b>24<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b> |
| <b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>                                    |                                      |

| <b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b> |  |
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| <b>Strategic Theme</b>                       | Protecting and Enhancing Our Environments and Assets   |
| <b>Outcome</b>                               | Pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>                          | Sharon Mulhern   |
| <b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>                 | N/A  |

## **For Decision**

### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) wrote to Council advising that the listing of the Water Fountain at Captain Street, Coleraine, is being considered under Section 80(1) of The Planning Act (NI) 2011 (see report at Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The fountain is classified as *“...a rare surviving example of its type within the context of Northern Ireland....of historical interest as it predates mains water installation; it is thought that a bore hole drew spring water from 80ft below. Significant also from a social perspective as a supply of fresh water to local residents, many of whom would not have this facility within their own homes; as such it became an informal gathering point.”*
- 1.3 NIEA has requested Council’s view on this proposed listing within 6 weeks of the date of the letter sent (by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016). However, planning officials have agreed an extension on this date to allow for presentation of the proposal at the February Planning Committee Meeting, following which a response will issue immediately from the Head of Planning to NIEA.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members agree to the listing as detailed at Appendix 1 and response by Head of Planning as detailed at Appendix 2.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE OF LISTING**

Mr David Jackson  
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council  
Cloonavin  
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Tel: (028) 9056 9216

Our Ref: HB03/16/019

Date: 16 December 2015

Dear Mr Jackson

**RE: Water Fountain, Captain Street, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, BT51 3HP**

**LISTING OF BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST**

At present, the listing of the above-mentioned property is being considered under section 80(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

I would welcome receipt of the views of your Council on the proposed Listing within 6 weeks of the date of this Letter. *If there is no reply to this correspondence within the stated timescale we shall assume that you agree to the listing of the above building.*

I enclose a copy of the Second Survey Report of the building(s) for your information.

Yours faithfully

*G Brown*


**Geraldine Brown**

**Enc Second Survey DC Report**

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**Second Survey Database  
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| <p><b>Address</b><br/>Water Fountain<br/>Captain Street<br/>Coleraine<br/>Co. Londonderry<br/>BT51 3HP</p> | <p><b>HB Ref No</b>      HB03/16/019</p>  |
| <p><b>Extent of Listing</b><br/>Fountain</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Date of Construction</b><br/>1860 - 1879</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Townland</b><br/>Coleraine and Suburbs</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Current Building Use</b><br/>Fountain</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Principal Former Use</b><br/>Fountain</p>  |  |

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|------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| <b>Conservation Area</b>           | No  | <b>Survey 1</b>          | Not_Listed | <b>OS Map No</b> | 13/13NW    |
| <b>Industrial Archaeology</b>      | No  | <b>NIEA Evaluation</b>   | B+         | <b>IG Ref</b>    | C8433 3243 |
| <b>Vernacular</b>                  | No  | <b>Date of Listing</b>   |            | <b>IHR No</b>    |            |
| <b>Thatched</b>                    | No  | <b>Date of Delisting</b> |            | <b>SMR No</b>    |            |
| <b>Monument</b>                    | No  |                          |            | <b>HGI Ref</b>   |            |
| <b>Area of Townscape Character</b> | Yes |                          |            |                  |            |
| <b>Local Landscape Policy Area</b> | No  |                          |            |                  |            |
| <b>Historic Gardens Inventory</b>  | No  |                          |            |                  |            |
| <b>Vacant</b>                      | N/A |                          |            |                  |            |
| <b>Derelict</b>                    | No  |                          |            |                  |            |

**Owner Category**

**Building Information**

**Exterior Description and Setting**

Cast iron water fountain, built c.1870 to designs by engineering firm, Glenfield Company Limited, set on the outer edge of the pavement and located on the south side of Lower Captain Street, Coleraine.

Square pillar formed entirely in cast iron, identical on all four sides with the exception of the east face that has

spout, lion-head, engraving and button. Greek key engraving to plinth, filleted to narrower base with fluted moulding in framed panel, tapered in to support the main shaft, also panelled with raised cable moulding topped by beaded and curved cornice. A smaller shallow chamfered square cap with chevron-indented edging sits atop the cornice, crowned by a circular plate that rises to form an elliptical finial and culminates in a rounded point.

Water issues from lion-head spout on the east face, bolted within cable-moulded panel mounted to body, spilling into square rough concrete block basin beneath; floriate medallion above has button to operate fountain but water running constantly at present; 'GLENFIELD Co LIMITED KILMARNOCK' makers name below spout.

**Materials:**

Cast iron

**Setting:**

Situated on edge of the footpath, in front of modernised warehouse building that is adjacent to a row of terraced houses, on a street that inclines steeply within the Coleraine Town Centre Area of Townscape Character, on the West side of Bann River.

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**Interior Overview**

N/A

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**Architects**

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**Historical Information**

A fountain, depicted as rectangular in plan and indicated by the letter 'P' (for pump), is shown on this site on the 1882 OS town plan of Coleraine. Whether this is the same apparatus we see today is not certain, but on the balance of evidence it appears likely that it was in place at this date.

The fountain's cast iron casing is stamped 'Glenfield Co. Limited Kilmarnock'. This firm was established in 1865. Its principal founder was Thomas Kennedy Snr., who in 1852 patented a design for a water meter, setting up a private venture - 'The Kennedy Patent Water Meter Co.' - in 1863 to facilitate its production. Glenfield's role was to make castings for the meter, but within a few years it had expanded into the manufacture of hydraulic pumps, sluice valves, cranes and fittings for waterworks and docks, many of its pumps sporting a distinctive lion's head spout. In 1897 the two firms merged, becoming Glenfield & Kennedy Ltd. by 1899, the largest business of its type in the then British Empire.

Going by this information it would seem probable, therefore, that this fountain dates from sometime after the later 1860s, (when the Glenfield Company expanded its lines of manufacture), but before 1897 - and judging from the evidence of the aforementioned map - probably before 1882. An October 2015 article in the Coleraine Times states that 'a bore hole was sunk in Captain Street in 1870 and spring water was found at 80 feet', suggesting that the machinery was installed either in the same year or shortly afterwards. On the 1904, 1922 and 1949 OS maps the fountain is not shown as such, its position simply marked 'WT' (presumably 'water trough'). It is noted as a 'pump' on the 1973 map and its successors.

**References – Primary sources**

- 1 PRONI OS8/6/1 (1882)
- 2 PRONI OS8/6/2 (1904)
- 3 OSNI Sheet 13-13 (2 editions - 1973, 1994)

**Secondary sources - websites**

- 1 <http://www.colerainetimes.co.uk/news/your-community/old-fountain-could-be-listed-by-the-doe-1-7055957> [accessed 11.11.2015 – paper copy on file HB03. ]
- 2 <http://www.glenfield.co.uk/history/> [accessed 11.11.2015]
- 3 <http://www.futuremuseum.co.uk/collections/life-work/key-industries/engineering-firms/glenfield-kennedy.aspx> [accessed 11.11.2015]
- 4 <https://www.east->

**Second Survey Database  
District Council Consultation Report**

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ayrshire.gov.uk/TourismAndVisitorAttractions/LocalHistoryAndHeritage/Famouspeople/ThomasKennedy.aspx  
[accessed 11.11.2015]

**Criteria for Listing**

NB: In March 2011, revised criteria were published as Annex C of Planning Policy Statement 6. These added extra criteria with the aim of improving clarity in regard to the Department's explanation of historic interest. For records evaluated in advance of this, therefore, not all of these criteria would have been considered. The criteria used prior to 2011 are published on the Department's website under 'listing criteria'.

**Architectural Interest**

A. Style  
B. Proportion  
C. Ornamentation  
H-. Alterations detracting from building  
J. Setting

**Historical Interest**

R. Age  
S. Authenticity  
T. Historic Importance  
W. Northern Ireland/International Interest  
Y. Social, Cultural or Economic Importance  
Z. Rarity

**Evaluation**

Cast iron water fountain, built c.1870 and located at the pavement's edge on the south side of Lower Captain Street, Coleraine. Designed by engineering firm Glenfield Company Limited, it is a rare surviving example of its type within the context of Northern Ireland. Square on plan with Classical proportions to main shaft; the distinctive lion-head surround to the water spout is typical of that used on water fountains at this time. The ornate decoration and elliptical ball finial is indicative of the attention to detail given to street furniture in the late Victorian era. Of historical interest as it predates mains water installation; it is thought that a bore hole drew spring water from 80ft below. Significant also from a social perspective as a supply fresh water to local residents, many of whom would not have this facility within their own homes; as such it became an informal gathering point.

**Replacements and Alterations**

Inappropriate

**If inappropriate, Why?**

The attached basin formed in rough concrete blocks detract from the architectural character of the cast iron fountain.

**General Comments**

**Monitoring Notes – since Date of Survey**

**Date of Survey**                      26/11/2015



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Date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Your Ref: HB03/16/019  
Our Ref: CITOS 21/16  
(Please quote at all times)

Tel: 028 7034 7137

Dear Ms Brown,

**Re: Listing of Water Fountain, Captain Street, Coleraine.**

Thank you for your letter, dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015, in relation to the proposed listing of the water fountain named above. I can advise that the proposal was listed for decision at the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council Planning Committee on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

I can now advise that Council's view on the proposed listing is as follows:

Planning Committee resolves to agree/disagree with the proposed listing of the Water Fountain, Captain Street, Coleraine.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries regarding this.

Yours faithfully,

Denise Dickson  
Head of Planning