

# Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Special Council Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## Key Decisions

No	Item	Decision
1.	Notice of Motion proposed by and signed by Alderman Cole, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Fielding, Alderman Finlay, Councillor Knight-McQuillan, Councillor McLean, pursuant to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Standing Order 23, to rescind the resolution of Council taken on 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 in relation to Agenda Item 11, 'Somme Working Group'.	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Motion Carried</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Amendment:</i> <i>that Council partners groups in Ballymoney and Coleraine in funding/running events; Ballymoney Cultural and Historical Society £24,000, Royal British Legion Coleraine in partnership with the Ulster Scots Regeneration Group £7,000 and that an additional fund of £9,000 is made available to other groups that may come forward, on a competitive basis</i></p>
2.	Notice of Motion proposed by and signed by Councillor Chivers, Councillor McGlinchey, Councillor McGuigan, Councillor C McShane, Councillor Mulholland and Councillor Nicholl, pursuant to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Standing Order 23, to rescind the resolution of Council taken on 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 in relation to the Leisure & Development Committee Report Item 14 - "Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facility."	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Motion Lost</i></p>

## Special Council Meeting

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm

**In the Chair:** The Mayor, Councillor Knight-McQuillan

**Present:** Aldermen: Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hickey, Hillis, King, McKeown, McKillop S, Mullan  
Councillors: Baird, Beattie, Blair, Callan, Chivers, Clarke, Duddy, Fielding, Fitzpatrick, Harding, Holmes, Loftus, McCandless, McCaul, McCorkell, McGlinchey, McGuigan, McKillop MA, McLean, McShane C, McShane P, 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 Dickson Head of Planning  
D Hunter, Council Solicitor  
D Bader, Committee and Member Services Officer  
P Donaghy, Democratic Services Manager  
E Johnston, Head of Democratic and Customer Services

**Also in attendance:** Press (5 no.)  
Public (6 no.)

### 1. Apologies <sup>1</sup>

Apologies were recorded from Councillor Hunter and Councillor Douglas.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 3. Notice of Motion to Rescind Item 11 Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Somme Working Group

Alderman Mullan requested that all votes taken during the meeting be recorded.

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<sup>1</sup> Alderman Robinson and Councillor Fitzpatrick had also submitted an Apology prior to the meeting.

Notice was received in writing 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, proposed by and signed by Alderman Cole, Councillor Clarke, Councillor Fielding, Alderman Finlay, Councillor Knight-McQuillan, Councillor McLean, pursuant to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Standing Order 23, to rescind the resolution of Council taken on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in relation to Agenda Item 11, 'Somme Working Group'.

Councillor Clarke requested clarification of the previous decision agreed upon at the Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

The Chief Executive referred to the report Recognition Programme: Centenary of the Battle of the Somme 2016 (previously circulated) and presented to Council on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and the recommendation:

***“That in view of funding timelines on the Ballymoney Cultural & Heritage project that Council agree in principle to provide match funding and other support for their Battle of the Somme Commemoration Projects 30<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.”***

The Chief Executive also advised of the verbal update to the report recommendation presented by Councillor Clarke at the Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December:

***“That Council has had two meetings with interested parties with the latest meeting taking place 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Proposals have been put forward by the two groups, Ballymoney Group and Coleraine Group and an outline from Coleraine British Legion. The recommendation coming from the group is that Council put forward a budget in respect of the proposals as match funding to the Ballymoney Group £24,000, to the Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Group £7,000, with the addition of a provisional sum of £9,000 for any subsequent groups as they may be engaged.***

***The issue of bringing this forward at this time relates to timing and the Ballymoney Group in particular have an offer of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund which expires on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and the danger obviously is, if we do, as a body cannot make a commitment to co-fund, they would have to withdraw from that application process and resubmit. Thereby delaying the application and potentially risking it.”***

The Chief Executive clarified that should members voted for the decision to rescind, then the previous recommendation as outlined above could be considered if Council wished to debate the matter.

A recorded vote was taken the motion to rescind the previous decision taken at Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 with Members voting as follows:

**FOR:**

**Alderman Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King, S McKillop  
Councillor Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Holmes, Knight-  
McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson (21).**

**AGAINST:**

**Alderman Hickey, Mullan  
Councillor Beattie, Chivers, Fitzpatrick, Loftus, McCaul, McGlinchey, McGuigan,  
MA McKillop, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nichol, Quigley (15).**

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councillor Clarke informed Council that the Ballymoney Group had a series of events planned, including reinactments and the engagement of Schools in events and had secured funding of €3,500 from the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin.

**Motion 1**

Councillor Clarke proposed an amendment, seconded by Alderman Finlay: **that Council partners groups in Ballymoney and Coleraine in funding/running events; Ballymoney Cultural and Historical Society £24,000, Royal British Legion Coleraine in partnership with the Ulster Scots Regeneration Group £7,000 and that an additional fund of £9,000 is made available to other groups that may come forward, on a competitive basis.**

In response to a query from another Member Councillor Clarke confirmed that it was the view of the Somme Working Group that the additional fund would include any application from the Robert Quigg VC Group.

**Motion 2**

Councillor McGuigan proposed a further amendment, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey: **that Council Officers come back with an approved process and set criteria for Groups within the Borough, with funds determined by this Council, to help them run events within the Decade of Centenaries.**

Upon a request from a Member relating to why the motion to rescind the previous decision had been submitted, Councillor Clarke clarified that after the motion was carried at the Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015, he felt that there had been some confusion by Members on what had been voted upon, and therefore proposed a motion to rescind the previous decision.

During discussion, some Members raised concerns that funding should be proportionate and that a budget and application criteria should be agreed by Council.

Councillor Harding suggested that Council accept the proposal as recommended by the Somme Working Group with a budget of no more than £25,000, to be divided among

the groups that had shown interest and that in the interest of proportionality a similar budget could be set aside for other historic events taking place in 2016. During the discussion Councillor Mulholland requested legal opinion from Council's solicitor.

The Chief Executive clarified stating that he had checked with Council's solicitor and the Director of Leisure and Development and that if Council leads on the proposed events it can choose to fund them but in relation to the £9,000, criteria will be required for groups to apply on a competitive basis.

It was proposed by Alderman Finlay seconded by Councillor Duddy: **that under Standing Order 18.14 (e) the vote now be taken.**

The Mayor put the amendment (Motion 1) proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Alderman Finlay to the vote.

A recorded vote was taken.

Members voted as follows:

**FOR: Alderman Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King, McKeown, S McKillop  
Councillor Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Duddy, Fielding, Knight-McQuillan,  
McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson (20).**

**AGAINST: Alderman Hickey, Mullan  
Councillor Beattie, Chivers, Loftus, McCaul, McGlinchey, McGuigan,  
MA McKillop, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nichol, Quigley (14).**

**ABSTENSIONS:  
Councillor Fitzpatrick, Harding (2)**

The Mayor declared the amendment carried.

A recorded vote was taken on the further amendment (Motion 2) proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey.

Members voted as follows:

**FOR: Alderman Hickey, Mullan  
Councillor Beattie, Chivers, Fitzpatrick, Loftus, McCaul, McGlinchey, McGuigan,  
MA McKillop, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley, (15).**

**AGAINST: Alderman Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King, McKeown, S McKillop  
Councillor Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Duddy, Fielding, Harding, Michelle-Knight  
McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson (21).**

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

**4. Notice of Motion to Rescind Item 14 Leisure and Development Committee Minutes Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facility**

Notice was received in writing 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015, proposed by and signed by Councillor Chivers, Councillor McGlinchey, Councillor McGuigan, Councillor C McShane, Councillor Mulholland and Councillor Nicholl, pursuant to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Standing Order 23, to rescind the resolution of Council taken on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in relation to the Leisure & Development Committee Report Item 14 - "Dungiven Sport and Leisure Facility."

Members sought clarification on whether the Meeting should continue 'In Committee'.

The Chief Executive advised that the motion to rescind could be considered. and if carried then any further discussion should be taken 'In Committee'. Should the motion fail no discussion would be necessary.

A recorded vote was on taken on the motion to rescind with Members voting as follows:

**FOR: Alderman Hickey, S McKillop, Mullan  
Councillor Beattie, Chivers, Fitzpatrick, Harding, Loftus, McCaul, McGlinchey,  
McGuigan, MA McKillop, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Quigley  
(17).**

**AGAINST: Alderman Campbell, Cole, Finlay, Hillis, King, McKeown  
Councillor Baird, Blair, Callan, Clarke, Duddy, Fielding, Holmes,  
Knight-McQuillan, McCandless, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson, Watton, Wilson  
(20).**

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

The decision taken by Council at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 stood.

**This being all the business the meeting closed at 20:10**