

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a **STATUTORY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 11 March 2014.

Present: P McAleer, Chairman

Councillors: Clarke, Buchanan, Glasgow MBE, Kelly, Lees, Mayo, McCartney, McElhone, McFlynn, McGarvey, McNamee, Quinn, Wilson

Officers: Chief Executive (Acting)
Director of Corporate & Operational Services
Clerical Officer

Other Representatives **Planning Services**
M McCarroll, Senior Planning Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mallaghan

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 CONDOLENCES

At the outset Councillor McNamee offered condolences on behalf of the Council to Councillor McAleer on the death of his niece Mrs Cathy Cassidy and requested that as a mark of respect the Council stand for a minute's silence.

At end of the minute's silence Councillor McNamee stated that yet again he was disgusted at the behaviour of the DUP and their refusal to stand for the minute's silence.

4 MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 11 FEBRUARY 2014

The Minutes of the STATUTORY meeting held on 11 February 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Glasgow.

5 MINUTES OF POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2014

The Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting held on 25 February 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Quinn.

6 MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2014

The Minutes of the DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on 25 February 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Mayo.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

7.1 Schedule

Submitted schedule dated 11 March 2014, copy of which had been previously circulated, showing details of the Department's opinion as to how planning applications within the District should be decided.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Ref No	Applicant	Development
I/13/0211/F	Pomeroy Presbyterian Church Edendoit Road Pomeroy	Extension of graveyard

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application.

1/13/0228/O	V Henry 129 Coagh Road Stewartstown	Dwelling
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application for.

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

Ref No	Applicant	Development
I/13/0217/O	M McKeown 45 Mullinahoe Road Ardboe	Dwelling

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application for 5 days.

1/13/0259/F	M Loughran Rear 47 Ballymoyle Road Coagh	Store
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application for 5 days.

8 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 Moneymore Post Office

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 19 February 2014 from Post Office regarding the decision to move the Moneymore Post Office to new premises and branch modernisation.

8.2 Independent Expert-Led Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Northern Ireland

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 18 February 2014 from The Regulation & Quality Improvement Authority, CJI NI regarding the above.

9 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

9.1 Sperrins Gateway

Council AGREED to the attendance of Councillor McFlynn at the Sperrins Gateway's From Ice to Lime Tours on Saturday 22 March

2014 from 10am to 3pm, departing from 50 High Street,
Draperstown, at a cost of £5 per person.

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Quinn, McGarvey, McFlynn and Mayo

“That this Council acknowledges the extensive work carried out by the Northern Ireland Housing Council since its inception in 1971 and calls on the Minister for Social Development to give a commitment to the non-politicisation of housing through the creation/formation of an independent monitoring and regulatory body with membership comprised of members from the new 11 Councils, to provide fair and robust accountability of the proposed new regional housing body and all social landlords.

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive has provided a sterling service to all communities throughout Northern Ireland over the last 43 years. The Housing Council acknowledges the need for change and although it supports the split between regional and landlord services, the Housing Council proposes that the Housing Executive remains a single landlord and that legislation is amended to allow it to access private funding to deliver the new build programme.

I would propose that this Council writes to the Minister for Social Development, Nelson McCausland requesting consideration of this motion.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McCartney proposed an amendment to the Notice of Motion

“That the Notice of Motion is deferred until the consultation is concluded.”

Following a show of hands 6 Members voted for the amended Notice of Motion and 8 against.

Following a show of hands 8 Members voted for the original Notice of Motion and 6 against.

The Chairman declared the Notice of Motion carried.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Venue for Marriages and Civil Partnerships

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor McNamee Council APPROVED renewal of Venue Licences for Marriages and Civil Partnerships 2014/15 for

Glenavon Hotel
Greenvale Hotel
Royal Hotel
Tully Lagan Country House Hotel
Lissan House
Springhill House

Council also APPROVED Temporary Venue for Marriage on 3 May 2014 for Drumcairn House, Stewartstown.

11.2 Charity Cooker Push Challenge Across Northern Ireland

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised members that an email had been received from Des Keenan inviting members to the publicity launch of a Charity Cooker Push Challenge Across Northern Ireland.

It was AGREED that the email is forwarded to members for consideration.

11.3 Council Elections May 2014

Members AGREED that due to the Local Government Elections being held on the 22 May 2014 that the Statutory Meeting in May would be brought forward to the 6 May 2014.

11.4 Gas Network Extension Meeting

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised members that the Gas Network Extension Meeting would take place on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 4pm in Cookstown District Council Offices.

11.5 Local Government Elections 22 May 2014

The Director of Corporate & Operational Services advised members that Nomination Papers for the Local Government Elections on 22 May 2014 will be available from all three Council offices and that purdah will commence on 14 April 2014 following the publication of Notice of the Election.

The meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date

TABLED FOR INFORMATION

Minutes

Southern Education & Library Board
- Minutes 15 January 2014

REPORTS

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health & Social Care Trust
– Annual Report & Accounts Year ended 31 March 2013