

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Present:	W Buchanan, Chairman
Councillors:	Clarke, Glasgow MBE, Kelly, Lees, Mallaghan, Mayo, McAleer, McCartney, McElhone, McFlynn, McGarvey, McNamee, Quinn, Wilson
Officers:	Chief Executive (Acting) Director of Corporate and Operational Services Clerical Officer
Other Representatives	Planning Services Mr M Carroll, Senior Planning Officer

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received on behalf of Councillor McIvor.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association.

3 MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 10 OCTOBER 2014

3.1 Matters Considered

Item 4 Minutes of Policy Resources & Services Meeting 23 September 2014 - Bonfires

Councillor McGarvey stated that the minute did not reflect what he had said at the meeting.

Firstly the minute should state that "*Councillor McGarvey referred to the burning of posters*"

Secondly that Council workers had to clear up the residue of the bonfires

Thirdly that the PSNI stood by while a hate crime was enacted by the burning of Councillors McNamee and Quinn's posters on the bonfires and that neither the Chairman nor Councillor Wilson had publically denounced this behaviour.

Fourthly that the NIEA had not removed the tyres from the site of bonfire prior to it being light..

3.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Subject to the above amendments the Minutes of the STATUTORY meeting held on the 14 October 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Glasgow and seconded by Councillor McNamee.

3.3 MINUTES OF POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES MEETING – 28 OCTOBER 2014

The Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES meeting held on 28 October 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor McElhone.

4 MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT MEETING – 28 OCTOBER 2014

The Minutes of the DEVELOPMENT meeting held on 28 October 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McAleer and seconded by Mayo.

5 MINUTES OF AUDIT, RISK & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 13 OCTOBER 2013

The Minutes of the Audit, Risk & Governance Committee meeting held on 13 October 2013, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McNamee and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

6 PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Schedule

Submitted schedule dated 11 November 2014 copies 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/13/0188/F	G Bell Beltonanean Townland Cookstown	Wind Turbine

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.

Councillor Glasgow

I/13/0280/O	M McCann Adjacent to 21A Drummullan Road Moneymore	Dwelling
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.

Councillors Glasgow, McAleer, McFlynn

I/14/0125/O	B Harte N and to Rear 27 Cavanakeeran Road Pomeroy	Dwellings
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting

Councillor Mallaghan

I/14/0193/F	MMD Leisure LLP 53 Main Street Coalisland	Alterations
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.

Councillors McElhone, McNamee and Road Service

I/14/0215/O	N McAdoo Adjacent to and N 29 Carrydarragh Road Moneymore	Dwelling
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.

Councillors Clarke, Glasgow, Kelly

I/14/0221/O	V & M Ferguson 90m SW 51 Ballynargan Road Stewartstown	Dwelling
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.

Councillors Glasgow, Wilson.

I/14/0284/F	D Moore 9 Cavanakeeran Road Pomeroy	Dwelling
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The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.

Councillor Mallaghan

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

Ref No	Applicant	Development
I/13/0037/F	E Mullin 260m NW 24A Murnells Road Pomeroy	Wind Tubine

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

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Compliance Fee Methodology – Evaluation of Proposals

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 27 October 2014 and Consultation on Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Compliance Fee Methodology – Evaluation of Proposals issued by the Department of the Environment.

7.2 Consultation on Planning Reform and Transfer to Local Government

Council considered a letter dated 31 October 2014 and Consultation on Planning Reform and Transfer to Local Government issued by the Department of the Environment.

It was AGREED to refer this matter to the Director of Environmental Health and Building Control for a report.

7.3 Department of Education Public Appointments

Council NOTED receipt of email dated 30 October 2014 and advertisement inviting applications for the post of Chairperson and four Community Member positions to sit on the new Education Authority (EA) board).

7.4 Consultation – Congenital Cardiac Services for the Population of Northern Ireland

Council NOTED receipt of email dated 3 November 2014 from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and Consultation on Delivering High Quality Congenital Cardiac Services – The International Working Group's Recommended Future Model for Delivering Congenital Cardiac Services for the Population of Northern Ireland.

7.5 Department of the Environment re Disused Quarries

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 18 September 2014 from Mr Mark Durkan MLA, Minister of the Environment regarding the undertaking of risk assessment exercises in relation to disused quarries in Cookstown District Council area.

8 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

8.1 Local Government Reform – Making the Transition Conference

Council NOTED the Local Government Reform – Making the Transition Conference on Tuesday 18 November 2014 in Craigavon Civic Centre at a cost of £150 excluding VAT per delegate.

9 PROPTERY LAND & EQUIPMENT

9.1 Davagh Forest

The Director of Corporate & Operational Services presented a Works Licence for the Development of Play Areas and further works to trails in Davagh Forest. On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Quinn Council AGREED to sign the licence.

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor Wilson

“That this council congratulates the following on their achievements by recognising them in the most appropriate way: Niall Hunter----IFA Grass roots Volunteer of the Year Rachael Hunter—Northern Ireland British Legion Youth Standard bearer John O'Neill--Winner of Tidy Ireland Photograph of the Year, Cookstown Gateway Pool team on winning the Northern Ireland Special Pool League. EuroSpar Moneymore on winning the "Neighbourhood Retailer of the Year.

Councillor Wilson advised that BA Components had been awarded the Best SME at the Ulster Bank Awards and that John McIlmurray on winning the All Ireland Solo Piper and included them in the Notice of Motion.

Council unanimously AGREED to adopt the Notice of Motion.

Council also AGREED that the most appropriate manner was to refer these nominations to the Civic Awards Committee for consideration at an event to be held at the end of March 2015.

10.2 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Glasgow and Wilson

“That this Council urgently demands the Minister of Agriculture, MEPs and Dr Mike Johnston, Executive of the Dairy Council to take steps to halt the falling price of milk. In the summer of this year the farmers were receiving 33 pence per litre for their milk it has fallen now to 25 pence per litre that is 8 pence of a drop. Agriculture is the largest single industry in Northern Ireland many farmers have updated their milking parlours and invested in green field sites they cannot survive. Today a glass of water is more expensive than a glass of milk.”

Council AGREED unanimously to adopt the Notice of Motion

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, NI Branch, Mid Ulster Section

The Chief Executive reported that a letter had been received from the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, NI Branch, Mid Ulster Section requesting permission to hold the annual Mid Ulster Championships for pipe bands and drum majors at Mid Ulster Sports Arena on 6 June 2015.

Council AGREED to this request.

11.2 Roughan Lough

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised members that there was a dispute between various groups regarding Roughan Lough and that a report on the matter would be brought to the Policy Resources & Services meeting on 25 November.

11.3 Davagh Forest Trails

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised members that Davagh Forest Trails is a finalist in this year's 4th Annual Mid Ulster Business Awards which is being held in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown on Thursday 20 November 2014.

Council AGREED to take a table at the event at a cost of £500.

11.4 Cancer Drugs

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised members that a letter dated 29 October 2014 had been received from the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety regarding the issue of equal access to cancer drugs for patients in Northern Ireland.

It was AGREED that a copy of the letter is circulated to members.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date