

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Tuesday 9 October 2018 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor S McGuigan, Chair  Councillors Buchanan, Burton (7.08 pm), Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Kearney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan (7.14 pm), O'Neill (7.08 pm), M Quinn, Totten
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	Objector and Applicant – Entertainment Licensing, Bryson's Bar and Restaurant

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

**E272/18      Apologies**

Councillors Glasgow and Reid.  
Director of Environment and Property.

The Chair expressed get well wishes from the Environment Committee to Councillor Reid.

**E273/18      Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

**E274/18      Chair's Business**

Councillor Cuthbertson asked that a report be brought before Committee in relation to Japanese Knotweed. The Councillor noted that a report in relation to same had come to Committee in November 2017 which detailed what had happened during the previous year and asked that an update on whether treatment during the year had been successful as there had been some recent press coverage in relation to Japanese Knotweed at Railway Park.

It was agreed that a report providing update in relation to treatment of Japanese Knotweed would be brought to Committee.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **E275/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing development within Mid Ulster.

Site off Drumenny Road, Coagh

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Drumenny Road, Coagh as Ballinderry Bridge Drive.

### **E276/18 Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which sought approval to undertake a survey of all applicable residents in relation to the renaming of an existing street.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to proceed with a Street Naming Survey for the renaming of Parknascull, Coalisland to all occupiers of each property as listed on the Electoral Register of the street/road, in accordance with the Policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage.

### **E277/18 Dual Language Signage Requests**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to proceed to survey the following streets/roads on which a request for Dual Language Signage has been received –

- The Willows, Dungannon
- Parknascull, Coalisland
- Dunlea Vale, Dungannon

### **E278/18 Dual Language Signage Survey**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests.

Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendations but raised some concern at the length of time taken for some surveys to be brought back to Committee. The Councillor stated that as new signage and protocol had now been agreed he hoped the process would speed up.

Councillor McGinley seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Council do not proceed with the erection of signage.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that he had been made aware of a request which had been submitted for a Dual Language feature for Christmas, the Councillor stated that the group who submitted this request had heard nothing back from Council and asked if the request was receiving consideration.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated he was not aware of such a request and that it may have went to the Development team for consideration.

Councillor McNamee stated that as Chair of the Development Committee he also was not aware of such a request but agreed to raise the matter at the meeting of the Development Committee on Thursday night.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 2

Against – 9

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 9

Against – 2

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council -
- To agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for –
    - Rogully Road, Magherafelt
    - Ballyeglish Road, Magherafelt
    - Rock Road, Moneymore
    - Anneeter Road, Cookstown
    - Ratheen Avenue, Cookstown
    - Sullenboy Park, Cookstown
  - To note the results of the survey and not approve the application of a Dual Language Nameplate for Ballygruby Lane, Moneymore.

#### **E279/18      Consultation on the Draft Flourinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of consultation document on the Draft Flourinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2018.

*Councillors Burton and O'Neill entered the meeting at 7.08 pm during presentation of the above report.*

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to respond to the consultation on the Draft Flourinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 as outlined in appendix to report.

**E280/18 Home Safety Partnership Agreement between NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) and Mid Ulster District Council – 2018/19**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought approval to renew the Home Safety Partnership Agreement between NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) and Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor McNamee stated that this was very important work and referred to the recent deaths in Cookstown which were related to carbon monoxide.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the Home Safety Partnership Agreement – 2018/19 between Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and Mid Ulster District Council be signed.

**E281/18 The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 (1)**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought determination for a Road Closure Order to be made for Mid Ulster District Council's Christmas Events in November 2018.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the following Road Closure Orders in line with DfI Guidance –

- Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On – Temporary prohibition of vehicular traffic access to William Street, Cookstown from 5 pm to 9.15 pm on Friday 23 November 2018.
- Magherafelt Christmas Market – Temporary prohibition of vehicular access to Market Street, Magherafelt from 6 pm on Friday 23 November 2018 to 10 pm on Sunday 25 November 2018.
- Magherafelt Christmas Lights Switch On – Temporary prohibition of vehicular access to Broad Street, Magherafelt from 2 pm to 9.30 pm on Saturday 24 November 2018.

**E282/18 Winter Maintenance of Council Estate in Snow and Ice**

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which outlined the managed approach to winter maintenance for the Council Estate during periods of ice and snow.

*Councillor Mulligan entered the meeting at 7.14 pm during presentation of the above report.*

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed some concern at holding off treatment of off street car parks until the TNI Winter Maintenance Agreement is triggered and referred to instances of black ice at Scotch Street car park where cars had been parked and had then slid down the hill. The Councillor felt that there needed to be scope within the managed approach for exceptional circumstances.

The Head of Property Services advised that Council is not resourced to respond on every basis and stated that there is signage within car parks which advises that they are not treated at times of snow and ice and that grit bins are provided for self help.

Councillor McNamee stated that the managed approach detailed in the report was positive going forward as last year there was nothing in place. Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendation.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the managed approach as outlined in report for the treatment of properties in the Council Estate in periods of ice, snow or other unfavourable weather conditions during the winter period.

## **Matters for Information**

### **E283/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 September 2018**

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 September 2018.

Councillor McGinley expressed disappointment at the decision taken at September Council meeting in relation to the Traveller Working Group. The Councillor stated that since that meeting he had been approached by several individuals and groups and that there was now a perception that Council was discriminatory towards Travellers. Councillor McGinley stated that he could understand why there was this perception but that it was not a true reflection of Council and that work would be ongoing to overturn the decision taken.

Councillor McNamee referred to discussion at last Environment Committee in relation to meeting with Dfl regarding provision of additional salt bins, the Councillor asked if there had been any progress in relation to setting this meeting up.

The Head of Property Services advised that an officer meeting had been requested with Dfl which could then be followed up with a Councillor meeting.

Councillors Burton and Gillespie spoke in relation to the importance of having piles of grit left at the roadside in rural locations as it helped to maintain access to rural properties. Councillor Burton added that Dfl should be lobbied in that Council expects that these piles of grit be left out and it should not fall victim to Dfl cutbacks.

Councillor McNamee referred to previous discussion in relation to difficulties with parking in town centres and legislation not being in place and that it had been agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary in this regard.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that there had been some movement in relation to legislation as advertisements had been placed for Cookstown and Dungannon but that the matter would be raised again.

#### **E284/18      Building Control Workload**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

#### **E285/18      Entertainment Licensing Applications**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across the Mid Ulster District.

#### **E286/18      The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 (2)**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Department for Infrastructure's response to Mid Ulster District Council concerns regarding the implementation of a road closure for special events arrangements.

#### **E287/18      Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on a review of Household Waste Recycling Centres by WRAP NI.

#### **E288/18      Tullyvar Joint Committee Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the business of Tullyvar Joint Committee.

#### **E289/18      Recycle Week 2018**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Recycle Week 2018 communications and related activity.

#### **E290/18      Property Damage and Maintenance following Storm Ali**

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined the extent of damage, disruption and maintenance repairs to Council property as a result of Storm Ali on 19 September 2018.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the recent Storm Ali had caused more damage than Storm Ophelia had last year.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to storm which is predicted to arrive at the end of the week which could bring possible flooding.

In response to Councillor Mulligan's question in relation to trees covered in ivy the Head of Property Services advised that the advice provided states that ivy should be cut at the base of a tree and by doing so the ivy should die off further up the tree. The officer added that ivy is not classed as noxious.

#### **E291/18      Dfl Transport Strategy Division Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of proposals from Dfl Transport Strategy Division to abandon 104 square metres of road comprising verge adjacent to 38 Annaghilla Road, Augher.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Head of Property Services stated he would assume the property owner within the area in question would have been notified of the proposal to abandon the section of road by Dfl.

#### **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

**Resolved**      In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E292/18 to E303/18.

##### **Matters for Decision**

E292/18	Entertainment Licensing – Bryson's Bar and Restaurant
E293/18	Application for the Grant of a Mobile Street Trading Licence
E294/18	Application for the Renewal of an Amusement Permit for 28 Irish Street, Dungannon
E295/18	Tender for the supply and delivery of 2 No. Yard Shunter Trucks
E296/18	Tender report for the appointment of Vehicle Suppliers
E297/18	Tender report on the supply of Cleaning Materials
E298/18	Tender report for the appointment of a Legionella Management Organisation
E299/18	Davagh Visitor Hub – Capital Project
E300/18	Villages Programme, Group 2 – Capital Project

##### **Matters for Information**

E301/18	Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 September 2018
E302/18	Construction of Waste Transfer Station – Capital Works Update
E303/18	Capital Projects Update

#### **E304/18      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.33 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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