

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 11 January 2022 in Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon and by virtual means**

Members Present

Councillor Brown

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow*,
Graham, Kearney, N McAleer, S McAleer*, B McGuigan,
S McGuigan*, McNamee, Milne*, O'Neill, Totten*, Wilson*

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment
Mr Currie, Principal Building Control Officer**
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services**
Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental
Services**
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services**
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

Others in Attendance: Councillor McFlynn*

* Denotes members and members of the public present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

The Chair, Councillor Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Brown in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

E001/22 Apologies

None

E002/22 Declarations of Interest

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

E003/22 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Brown advised that agenda item 27 Coalisland Shared Space Project had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that over the Christmas period there had been a number of issues at Moy Village which had been brought both to his and other Members attention. He outlined a number of examples of anti-social behaviour such as damage to the war memorial, trees uprooted and advised that the PSNI had also appealed for information with regards to a sexual assault. He acknowledged that the night time economy was growing in the area and asked if officers would explore with partners such as PCSP and the private sector the possibility of getting CCTV in the village.

Councillor S McGuigan said he would support the comments.

Councillor S McGuigan requested permission to raise a matter advising that he had contacted the Chair, just prior to the meeting.

The Chair Councillor Brown agreed.

Councillor S McGuigan highlighted the lack of availability of driving and theory tests for young people endeavouring to attain their license. He said that the ability to drive opened up opportunities for young people and was crucial and proposed that Council write to the Minister for Department for Infrastructure

The Chair, Councillor Brown seconded the proposal to write to the Minister to highlight the difficulties as young people did need access to driving tests.

The Chair, Councillor Brown confirmed that Council would also explore CCTV for Moy Village.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Chair, Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Officers explore with other agencies, partners and the private sector the introduction of CCTV in Moy Village;

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to write to the Minister of Department of Infrastructure requesting that they introduce measures to alleviate the difficulties in securing theory and driving tests.

Matters for Decision

E004/22 Recycling on the Go

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to inform members of the implications of introducing Recycling on the Go schemes.

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked Officers for the report and said whilst everyone wanted to increase recycling sometimes it was simply not practical.

Councillor McNamee seconded the proposal and said given the contamination reports it would not be a practical step and on the whole Council was doing well in recycling.

Councillor B McGuigan said that given the costs involved and the reports on misuse the money would be better used to educate.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that based on the finding of this report and feedback from other Councils that Recycling on the Go litter bins are not introduced in the Mid Ulster District.

E005/22 Town and Village Entries for Award Competitions in 2022

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to update members on the town and village entries for the Ulster in Bloom and Best Kept Awards 2022 and to approve the nomination of Donaghmore for Britain in Bloom 2022.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's query the AD: ES confirmed that Dungannon should be listed and it was an omission on the report.

Councillor S McGuigan proposed the report.

Councillor Burton seconded the report and said all groups do amazing work in promoting their areas and Council should do their utmost to support them but acknowledged that there was a challenge to assist everyone with more groups coming on board. She said that the competitions and the work produces a great feel good factor in the areas and highlighted that many travel to Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore to view the accomplishments.

Councillor S McAleer said she would be delighted to support the proposal saying that her journey from Cookstown goes through the villages and it is great to see the ongoing work.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Burton

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of this report and approve the town and village entries for both the Ulster in Bloom and Best Kept competitions in 2022 as well as the nomination for Donaghmore into the "Village Category" of RHS Britain in Bloom 2022. Also include Dungannon

E006/22 Eco Schools Programme Support 2022/23

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to seek approval to continue providing financial support to the Eco-Schools Programme.

Councillor Kearney proposed the recommendation and acknowledged the excellent work and said he was delighted that 74 of the 130 schools in the district was involved and it was great to see the awarded green flag flying from the schools. He said that overall one fifth of the awarded flags were in the district.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the recommendation and said it was a great initiative but expressed concerned about the lapse and asked if it was due to Covid or lack of support. He commented that there was employed officers to promote activities.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted to continue providing financial support to KNIB for delivery of the Eco Schools Programme to the amount of £2,975 in 2022/23. (option 2)

E007/22 Consultation on the Assessment of Technical Competence

The AD: Environmental Services presented previously circulated report to seek approval to respond to a Consultation on the Assessment of Technical Competence under the NI Waste Management Licensing and Permitting Regime.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said he would propose the report but sought clarity as to whether in 3.5 UK should read EU.

The AD: ES confirmed that it should read EU.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response to the consultation as outlined within the report.

E008/22 DfI Road Proposal to MUDC regarding Proposed part-time 20MPH Speed Limits – Spires Primary School & St. Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt

The AD: Property Services presented previously circulated report to seek the agreement of Members in relation to proposals from DfI Roads to introduce measures to enhance the safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport proposals.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Totten

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by DfI Roads for part-time 20MPH Speed Limits – Spires Primary School & St. Pius College, Moneymore Road, Magherafelt.

E009/22 DfI Road Proposal to MUDC – Traffic Calming Measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland

The AD: Property Services presented previously circulated report to seek the agreement of Members in relation to proposals from DfI Roads to introduce measures to enhance the safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport proposals.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Totten

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by DfI Roads for traffic calming measures at Brackaville Road, Coalisland.

E010/22 DfI Roads Proposal to MUDC – Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown

The AD: Property Services presented previously circulated report to seek the agreement of Members in relation to proposals from DfI Roads to introduce measures to enhance the safety and development of the transport network with a range of transport proposals.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Totten

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by DfI Roads for proposed provision of a disabled persons' parking bay at Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown.

E011/22 NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032 – DAERA Consultation Response

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report to advise members that Mid Ulster District Council have been asked by DAREA to input into the Strategic Targets set out for the new NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032. The consultation requests are attached as Appendices 1 and 2. Appendix 3 is the draft responses covering questions 5(i) – 5(iv) and specified strategic targets 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 14 and 15.

Councillor Glasgow proposed the report and commended offices on the compilation of the responses.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the content of the draft responses as fully detailed in Appendix 3 and agree for Officers to respond to DAERA before the deadline of 31st January 2022

Matters for Information

E012/22 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2021

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 6 December 2021.

E013/22 NI Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Annual Report for 2020/21

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Annual Report for 2020/21.

E014/22 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.

E015/22 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications received in January 2022.

E016/22 Building Control Workload

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control across Mid-Ulster District Council.

E017/22 Bus Shelter Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the current situation regarding bus shelter status.

In response to Councillor N McAleer's query the Head of Technical Services said he would seek an update on the installation date for the bus shelter at Brackaville and the progress on lands at St Colman's in Moortown.

Live broadcast ended at 7.27 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton

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 E018/22 to E030/22.

Matters for Decision

- E018/22 Picnic Area Environmental Improvements - Newbridge & Beagh
- E019/22 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Update
- E020/22 Dredge Footbridge: Condition Survey
- E021/22 Vehicle Hire Tender
- E022/22 Tender: Cleaning Materials
- E023/22 Contract Extension: Lift Maintenance
- E024/22 Request for Installation of Memorial Tree
- E025/22 Review of Charge for the Collection of Additional Brown Bins
- E026/22 Extension to Contracts for Processing of Dry Recyclables

Matters for Information

- E027/22 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2021
- E028/22 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E029/22 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E030/22 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update

E031/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.26pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I let you know before this happens.

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening I will ask each member to confirm whether they are for or against the proposal or abstaining
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.

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