

MAGHERAFELT DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of Magherafelt District Council held in the Council Chamber, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt on Tuesday, 9 October 2007. The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Presiding

P McLean

Other Members Present

P J Bateson

J Campbell

T J Catherwood

J Crawford

Mrs E A Forde

P E Groogan

O T Hughes

J F Kerr

Miss K A Lagan

Mrs K A McEldowney

J J McPeake

G C Shiels

Officers Present

J A McLaughlin, (Chief Executive)

J J Tohill (Director of Finance and Administration)

W J Glendinning (Director of Building Control)

T J Johnston (Director of Operations)

Mr M Young (Director of Environmental Health)

Mrs A Junkin (Chief Executive's Secretary)

Representatives from Other Bodies in Attendance

DoE Planning Service:

Ms Sandra Adams, Planning Officer

1 MINUTES

1.1 It was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr

Seconded by Councillor J Crawford, and

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 11 September 2007 (copy previously circulated to each Member) be taken as read and signed as correct.

2 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

2.1 The Chief Executive advised that there were no matters as such arising out of the Minutes. However there were some matters which he wished to bring to the Members attention.

- 2.2 Submitted letter of thanks from Lough Neagh Rescue to the Council for its contribution towards the continuing work of the rescue service.

Noted.

- 2.3 Submitted letter from the Regional Planning and Transportation Division advising that the Regional Transportation Strategy for Northern Ireland 2002-2012 Monitoring Report for the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2007 was now available on the Department's website: www.drdni.gov.uk/rtis (copy circulated to each Member).

Noted.

- 2.4 Submitted an e-mail from Northern Ireland Water requesting dates for their Capital Works Presentation to the Council.

- 2.4.1 It was agreed that since the Roads Service had planned to attend the December meeting Northern Ireland Water should be invited to attend the January meeting of the Council.

- 2.4.2 **Councillor Miss K A Lagan** requested that the Council receive a presentation at its November Meeting from the Fuel Poverty Working Group, and this was agreed to.

- 2.5 The Chief Executive advised that in accordance with the Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (NI) 2006, notice had been given that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 had been concluded by the Local Government Auditor.

Noted.

- 2.6 **Councillor J J McPeake** enquired if there had been any reply to the Council's response to the application made by Lonmin Plc for mineral prospecting rights in respect of lands in County Londonderry.

- 2.6.1 The Chief Executive stated that he had written to the Department but to date there had been no reply.

- 2.6.2 The Chairman, Councillor P McLean requested that the situation continue to be monitored.

3 **CONGRATULATIONS**

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- 3.1 **Councillor P E Groogan** referred to the success of the Derry U.16 Camogie Team on recently winning the All-Ireland U.16 Championships and Bancran Tug-of-War Team on becoming the Silver Medal Winners in the UK Championships and requested that messages of congratulations and receptions be given to both teams.

- 3.2 Members agreed to these requests.

4 **BUILDING CONTROL DEPARTMENT**

210/10/2007

- 4.1 The Director of Building Control presented the Department's reports for the period 1 September to 28 September 2007 (copy previously circulated to each Member).

- 4.2 During this period twenty-seven applications had been recommended for approval. A total of one hundred and thirty-three applications required amending by Architects and Agents before granting approval.

Applications for Cancellation and Extension of Time

During this period there were no cancellations and no extensions of time.

Application for Notices and Regularisations

During the period from the 1 September to 28 September 2007 there was two Notices issued.

During this period seventy-nine applications had commenced on site and forty-nine applications were found to be complete in accordance with Building Regulations.

There were nineteen new Postal Numbers and Postcodes issued for private dwellings.

Property Certificates

There were sixty-one Property Certificates issued for this period.

- 4.3 It was

PROPOSED by Councillor T J Catherwood
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: to adopt the report as submitted.

4.4 **Outstanding Petroleum Licences:**

Members were advised that Petroleum Licence renewal applications had still not been received in connection with the following premises:

P.49 McGinnis Filling Station
87 Culnady Road, Upperlands – Mr J A McGinnis

P.81 Straw Service Station
76 Sixtowns Road, Draperstown – Mr P McKenna

It was reported that in connection with this application (P.81) an Electrical Certificate had been received but no application.

On consideration, Members agreed that both applicants be allowed a further month to allow them to submit applications and that Mr McGinnis of McGinnis Filling Station be written to advising that his application had been deferred for a further and final month.

5 **LICENCES/REGISTRATIONS**

The Chief Executive advised that there were no applications to be considered for Licences or Registrations.

Noted.

6 PLANNING SERVICE

185/10/2007

6.1 New Planning Applications:

Submitted the Divisional Planning Manager's report dated 9 October 2007 (copy previously circulated to each Member).

H/2006/0037/F – W McClelland

Deferred. The Planning Officer reported that this application had been withdrawn from the schedule by the Planning Service for further consideration.

The Planning Officer advised that there were two objections to this application.

H/2006/0578/O – Highfield Service Station

Deferred under Criterion 4. After much discussion it was agreed that an office meeting for the objectors would be held and that Councillors G C Shiels, J J McPeake, J Campbell and the Chairman, Councillor P McLean attends this meeting.

H/2006/0723/F – Mr K Paul

Approval. The Planning Officer advised that there was one objection to this application.

H/2006/0993/RM – Mr G Millar & Ms T McKee

Approval

H/2007/0100/F – O'Kane & Devine Ltd

Approval. The Planning Officer advised that there were three objections to this application.

H/2007/0123/RM – Mr A McBride

Approval

H/2007/0125/RM – Mr D Lennox

Deferred. The Planning Officer reported that this application had been withdrawn from the schedule by the Planning Service in order to consider landownership issues.

H/2007/0284/F – Mr P McDaid

Approval

H/2007/0292/RM – Mr & Mrs A Hartley

Approval

H/2007/0326/RM – Mr W Watt

Approval

H/2007/0366/RM – Mid-Ulster Developments

Approval

H/2007/0383/F – S & S Mullan

Approval.

H/2007/0407/F – S Keenan

Approval

H/2007/0417/F – Bunscoil Lاراigh

Approval

H/2007/0447/F – Mr & Mrs J McKenna
Approval

H/2007/0455/F – Northern Ireland Electricity
Approval

H/2007/0469/F – Old Town Developments
Approval

H/2007/0473/F – Mrs C Bateson
Approval

H/2007/0477/RM – Mr & Mrs McNally
Approval

H/2007/0478/RM – Mr H Shivers
Approval

H/2007/0482/F – NIE Plc
Approval.

H/2007/0492/F – Mr P Henry
Approval

H/2007/0496/F – McAleer & Rushe Ltd
Approval

H/2007/0498/RM – Enda McQuillan & Joanne Donnelly
Approval

H/2007/0503/RM – Miss A Young
Approval

H/2007/0505/F – Mr F Quinn
Approval

H/2007/0511/F – McAleer & Rushe Ltd
Approval

H/2007/0516/F – Mr P Watters
Approval.

H/2007/0529/F – Mr B O’Kane
Approval

H/2007/0539/RM– W R Savage
Approval

H/2007/0556/RM – Dmac Homes Ltd
Approval. The Planning Officer advised that there was one objection to this application.

H/2007/0590/RM– Mr M O’Kane
Approval

H/2007/0592/F – Mr J Gilmore
Approval.

H/2007/0606/F – NIHE
Approval

H/2007/0610/RM– M McBride
Approval

H/2007/0615/F – Mr & Mrs McIvor
Approval

H/2007/0617/F – Northern Ireland Electricity
Approval

H/2007/0629/F – Mr & Mrs Rainey
Approval

H/2007/0630/F – Mr M Anderson
Approval

H/2007/0643/LB – Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Approval

H/2007/0644/F – Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Approval

H/2007/0647/F – NIHE
Approval

H/2007/0448/F – Mr N McGuigan
Approval.

H/2007/0651/F - Mr N McGuigan
Approval.

H/2007/0651/F – Mr K Wilson
Deferred for an office meeting on the request of Councillor P E Groogan – Criterion 5.
The Planning Officer advised that there was one objection to this application.

H/2007/0654/F – Mr E McCullagh
Approval.

H/2007/0656/F – Sean O’Leary’s Newbridge GAC
Approval

H/2007/0660/F – Mr & Mrs Friel
Approval

H/2007/0667/RM – Mr P Bradley
Approval

H/2007/0668/F – R Scullion
Approval

H/2007/0669/F – M Bradley
Approval

Applications Deferred from Previous Meeting:

H/2005/0294/O – Mr & Mrs W R McKee
Approval

H/2005/0981/O – Mr J O'Hagan
Approval

H/2005/1090/O – J Hancock
Refusal

H/2005/1209/O – Mr D Shields
Refusal

H/2005/1276/O – Mrs L Young
Approval

H/2006/0013/O – Mr S Bruce
Refusal

H/2006/0156/O – Mr P Magill
Approval

H/2006/0162/F – Mr K Duggan
Refusal

H/2006/0228/O – Hancock Builders
Refusal

H/2006/0831/O – Mr & Mrs D Friel
Deferred. The Planning Officer stated that the Planning Service had withdrawn its opinion in order to consider an amended scheme from the applicant's agent.

6.2 Submitted letter from the Chief Executive, The Planning Service clarifying some matters in relation to planning applications and draft PPS 14 (copy circulated to each Member).

6.2.1 The contents of the letter were noted.

6.5 It was

PROPOSED by Councillor T J Catherwood
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that the Planning Report dated 11 September 2007, subject to the above conditions and amendments, be adopted.

The Planning Officer retired from the meeting at pm.

7 **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT** 196/10/2007

The Chief Executive welcomed Mr Maurice Young to his first Council Meeting as Director of Environmental Health. Mr Young thanked the Chief Executive and the Members for their welcome.

- 7.1 Mr Young, Director of Environmental Health submitted the report for the month of September 2007 (copy previously circulated to each member). The following matters were brought to the attention of the Council:-

7.2 Health and Safety Service Plan 2007/2008

Mr Young stated that mandatory guidance issued by the Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland (HSENI) under Article 20 of the Health and Safety at Work Order 1978 required District Councils to produce and make available an annual plan. Mr Young outlined the main requirements of the plan.

- 7.2.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr
Seconded by Councillor J Crawford, and

RESOLVED: that the Council adopt the Health and Safety service plan as submitted.

7.3 Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878

Mr Young stated that inspection of **63 Killowen Drive, Magherafelt** revealed that there were matters prejudicial to the health of the occupants and recommended that the Council issue a statutory abatement notice requiring the landlord to carry out remedial works.

- 7.3.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor T J Catherwood
Seconded by Councillor O T Hughes, and

RESOLVED: that Council issue a statutory abatement notice requiring the following remedial works within 6 months

1. Replace the front and rear doors and frames.
2. Replace the fascia board to the rear main roof.
3. Replace the eavesgutters and downpipes to the rear main roof.

7.4 Institute of Licensing

Mr Young recommended that the Council join the Institute of Licensing as a corporate body.

- 7.4.1 After consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs E A Forde
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that the Council join the Institute of Licensing as a corporate body.

7.5 Venue for Bee Safe Event 2008

Mr Young drew attention to the request for use of the Council Offices, free of charge for the BEE Safe event to be run 18 – 22 February 2008.

7.5.1 After consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor P E Groogan
Seconded by Councillor Mrs E A Forde, and

RESOLVED: that the Council offices be made available free of charge 18 - 22 February to host the Bee Safe 2008 event

7.6 It was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr
Seconded by Councillor O T Hughes, and

RESOLVED: to adopt the remainder of the report which was for information.

8 **OPERATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT** 322/10/2007

Submitted report by the Director of Operations for the month of September 2007 (copy circulated to each Member).

Mr Johnston gave a detailed presentation of his report, and where appropriate sought the Council's opinion/approval/permission regarding a number of specific proposals/recommendations contained in the report. In respect of these items the following resolutions were agreed by Council.

8.1 **Development**

8.1.1 Waterways Ireland – Newferry

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that the Officers would write to the Chief Executive of Waterways Ireland to seek urgent action and clarification regarding a proposal whereby the Council would manage and control the site at Newferry to the waters edge and that Waterways Ireland would manage and control the jetties from the waters edge.

8.2 **Community Relations**

8.2.1 Good Relations Audit

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor P J Bateson, and

RESOLVED: that the Officers would arrange a public meeting to discuss the Good Relations Audit issues; the meeting to be held at 7/8 pm in the Bridewell, Magherafelt.

8.2.2 A request from Crafty Quilters – if Magherafelt District Council would host the launch of their Four Year Project in 2009

On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor O T Hughes
Seconded by Councillor Mrs E A Forde, and

RESOLVED: that the Council would support (rather than host) the Crafty Quilters launch of their four year project.

8.3 **Technical Services**

8.3.1 Bi-Lingual Street/Road Nameplates

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor J J McPeake
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that the Council would survey all residents living on the Coolagh Road, Maghera, Newferry Road, Bellaghy and Drumanee Road, Bellaghy regarding the erection of Bi-Lingual Street/Road Nameplates in these areas.

8.3.2 Alcohol Free Zones

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr
Seconded by Councillor T J Catherwood, and

RESOLVED: that the Council would seek to designate all streets/roads within the 30 mph speed limits that were not already designated as Alcohol Free Zones.

8.3.3 Strategic Outline Case (SOC) for Residual Waste Procurement/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor P E Groogan, and

RESOLVED: that the Council would approve the Strategic Outline Case and agree to sign and seal the Memorandum of Understanding between the North West Region Waste Management Group (NWRWMG) and the Southern Waste Management Partnership (SWaMP).

8.3.4 Interim Residual Waste Treatment Contract

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor T J Catherwood
Seconded by Councillor J Campbell, and

RESOLVED: that the Council would participate in the interim contract in accordance with the attached report.

8.5 All other items were noted by the Council.

8.6 Mr Johnston sought the Chairman's permission to raise two additional items.

The Chairman agreed to this request.

8.7 Lecture on the History of Guy Fawkes

Mr Johnston advised the Members that a local Community Group had requested the hire of the main hall at the Bridewell, Magherafelt on Tuesday, 30 October 2007 from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm for an evening lecture on the history of Guy Fawkes.

8.7.1 It was

PROPOSED by Councillor G C Shields
Seconded by Councillor Mrs E A Forde, and

RESOLVED: that the Council agree to this request.

8.8 Angel Awareness/Angel Readings/Mediumship

Mr Johnston advised that a local resident was seeking permission to use the main hall and a small room at the Bridewell, Magherafelt on Friday, 23 November 2007 from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm and on Saturday, 24 November 2007 from 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm for an event which entailed Angel Awareness, Angel Readings and Mediumship.

8.8.1 It was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that the Council would not agree to this request, subject to legal opinion confirming that this decision to be lawful.

8.8.2 The Chairman, Councillor P McLean and Councillors Mrs E A Forde, T J Catherwood and J Crawford asked that they be recorded as objecting to such a request.

8.9 It was

PROPOSED by Councillor P E Groogan
Seconded by Councillor J Crawford, and

RESOLVED: that the report as submitted be adopted.

9 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (NI) ORDER 2004:**

9.1 The Chief Executive explained that the Council was required to adopt an agreement on an Information Sharing Protocol to further the objectives of prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour between the Council, Police Service NI and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (copy circulated to each Member).

9.2 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor T J Catherwood, and

RESOLVED: to adopt an agreement on an Information Sharing Protocol to further the objectives of prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour between Council, Police Service NI and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

10 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

10/2007

Submitted Statement of Expenditure setting out payments to be made during the month of October 2007 (copy circulated to each Member).

The schedule provided for £897,242.18 out of the Revenue Account and £235,746.49 out of the Capital Account.

10.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: to approve the Statement of Accounts as submitted for October 2007.

11 **TENDERS**

11.1 **Four Tills Epos System - Greenvale & Maghera Leisure Centres, Tobermore Golf Driving Range and Meadowbank Sports Complex**

Submitted report on tenders received for the supply and installation of one new 'Four Tills Epos System' to be installed at Greenvale Leisure Centre, Maghera Leisure Centre, Tobermore Golf Driving Range and Meadowbank Sports Complex (copy circulated to each Member).

The advertisement and invitations to tender had resulted in seven firms being issued with tender documents. By the closing date of 28 September 2007 one tender had been received from Xn Leisure Systems in the sum of £18,335.80 plus VAT.

Mr Johnston stated in his report that Xn Leisure Services was a market leader in the provision of this equipment and their system had been installed by several of the larger Councils in Northern Ireland all of which reported an excellent service. He therefore recommended that the Council accept the tender submitted by Xn Leisure Services in the sum of £18,335.80 plus VAT.

11.1.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr
Seconded by Councillor O T Hughes, and

RESOLVED: to accept the tender received from Xn Leisure Systems for the provision of a Leisure 'Four Tills Epos System' at a cost of £18,335.80 plus VAT to be installed at Greenvale Leisure Centre, Maghera Leisure Centre, Tobermore Golf Driving Range and Meadowbank Sports Complex.

12 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

56/11/2007

Consideration was given to letters of application from:

12.1 **The Somme Association 'Friends of the Somme':**

advising that the Council's Annual Subscription was due. The fee was £370 plus £64.75 VAT making a total of £434.75 (copy previously circulated to each Member).

12.1.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor G C Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Mrs E A Forde, and

RESOLVED: that the Council pay its Annual Subscription to The Somme Association of £434.75.

12.2 **Knockloughrim Primary School:**

seeking funding to buy outdoor play equipment to enrich children's education (copy circulated to each Member).

12.2.1 On consideration it was unanimously agreed that this request be marked "read".

13 CONFERENCES

Consideration was given to the nomination of delegates to attend the following:

13.1 A conference entitled **"Exploring the Future of Planning in Northern Ireland"** to be held in the Culloden Hotel, Belfast on Thursday, 29 November 2007 (details circulated to each Member). Delegate's fees were £195 plus VAT = £229.12 per person.

13.1.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J Crawford
Seconded by Councillor G Shiels, and

RESOLVED: that Councillor G C Shiels attend the conference.

13.2 A conference entitled **"Delivering Innovation in Public Services"** to be held in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast on Wednesday, 5 December 2007 (details circulated to each Member). A delegate's fees was £255 plus VAT = £299.62.

13.2.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J J McPeake
Seconded by Councillor P J Bateson, and

RESOLVED: that Councillor J F Kerr attends the conference.

13.3 **National Association of Councillors Annual Conference** to be held in the Ramada Hotel, Belfast from 16-18 November 2007 (details circulated to each Member). Delegate's fees were £345 plus VAT.

13.3.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr
Seconded by Councillor J J McPeake, and

RESOLVED: That the Council's representatives serving on the Association of Councillors attend this conference, that is, Councillors O T Hughes, P E Groogan, Miss K A Lagan and G C Shiels.

14 **COUNCIL CLUSTERING FOR THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2007-2013) AND PEACE III FUNDING**

14.1 The Chief Executive referred Members to a letter dated 19 September 2007 from the Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Minister for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (copy previously circulated to each Member) which explained the new model for delivery of Axis 3 Measures within the NIRDP.

14.2 The Chief Executive explained that DARD and the Special Programmes Body (SEUPB) had decided that funding in relation to the NIRDP and Peace III would be allocated to clusters of Councils and as a result the Council had to decide which cluster it wished to belong to. It was the officers' recommendation that the Council agreed to join Cookstown/Dungannon/Magherafelt Cluster which could potentially be extended to include Fermanagh District Council. The officers also recommended that the Council agreed to join a Steering Group (with representation on the Steering Group to be on the basis of one nominee from each Party Grouping plus the Chief Executive plus one other nominated officer) to

- Manage the process of establishing a Cluster
- Agree a Lead Partner
- Establish a new local Action Group (LAG)
- Develop a Rural Strategy
- Finalise financial and accounting mechanisms.

14.3 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor O T Hughes
Seconded by Councillor Mrs E A Forde, and

RESOLVED: to adopt the officers' recommendation

It was further agreed that each Party Grouping would forward their nominations to the Chief Executive.

15 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

15.1 **LED Action Plan 2007-09:**

The Chief Executive stated that the Council required to establish an indicative Local Economic Development Action Plan for the period 2007-09. He said that although it was not possible to precisely estimate the associated ERDF funding from DETI the officers had estimated that the total funds are available for the three year period would be £955,000 being £340,000 in each of 2007 and 2008 and £275,000 in 2009. The officers further proposed that this indicative budget of £955,000 be allocated across the six themes that had been the basis of the 2001-06 LED Action Plan (subject to the Council reserving the right to amalgamate the Tourism and the Magherafelt and Maghera Towns themes) as follows:

	<u>Theme</u>	<u>2001-06</u> £	<u>2007-09</u> £
1	Business and Enterprise	250,000	214,000
2	Business Start	191,358	17,000
3	Community Regeneration	262,000	200,000
4	Tourism	193,642	381,000
5	Magherafelt and Maghera Towns	50,000	
6	Programme Management	152,154	
	TOTAL:	1,099,154	955,000

15.1.1 On consideration it was

PROPOSED by Councillor O T Hughes
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that the Council agrees to establish an indicative Local Economic Development Action Plan for the period 2007-09 as recommended by the officers in order to enable Magherafelt Area Partnership Ltd, on behalf of the Council, to commence consultation with interested parties in relation to Local Economic Development for the period 2007-09.

16 **ROADS SERVICE**

279/11/2007

Consideration was given to the following letters and correspondence in relation to:

16.1 **Private Streets (NI) Order 1980:**

- 1 Development at Meadowlane Shopping Centre, Rainey Street, Magherafelt (details previously circulated to each Member).
- 2 Development 70 metres West of 71 Clady Road, Portglenone – Stage 1 (details previously circulated to each Member)
- 3 Development at Moykeeran Crescent, Draperstown – Stage 1 (details previously circulated to each Member)
- 4 Development at 44 Queen's Avenue, Magherafelt – Stage 1 (details circulated to each Member).

The Network Planning Manager for Roads Service, Western Division advised that each of these streets had been adopted by the Department of Regional Development.

Noted.

- 16.2 Submitted a copy of Street Lighting Adoption, Developer Information Pack (copy previously circulated to each Member).

Noted.

- 16.3 Submitted letter and new updated copy of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Statement for the Sub Regional Transport Plan 2015 (copies previously circulated to each Member).

Noted.

17 **RESOLUTION TO PROCEED “IN COMMITTEE”**

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Miss K A Lagan, and

RESOLVED: that the Council proceed “In Committee”.

Council “In Committee”

18 **STAFF MATTERS**

This item was taken “In Committee”.

19 **LEGAL MATTERS**

This item was taken “In Committee”.

20 **RESOLUTION TO PROCEED IN “OPEN COUNCIL”**

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that proceedings be resumed in “Open Council”.

Proceedings in “Open Council”

It was

PROPOSED by Councillor Miss K A Lagan
Seconded by Councillor J F Kerr, and

RESOLVED: that the foregoing proceedings of the Council “In Committee” be and they are hereby approved and adopted.

21 **SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

Mr Tohill advised the Members that it had come to his attention that the Council Minutes had not previously recorded the Grant of Right of Burial in Plot A68 to Mrs Isobel Lewis at the time of her husband's death and burial in June 2004. He therefore requested that the Council formally record the Sealing of the Grant of Right of Burial Plot A68 to Mrs Isobel Lewis of 11 Parkmore Close, Magherafelt – deceased William Weir Lewis.

Members agreed.

22 **NORTHERN BANK ACCOUNT OPENING AGREEMENT**

Mr Tohill sought the Members' permission to open a Treasury Fixed Rate Deposit Account with the Northern Bank. This account would assist the Council in the management of its funds by enabling it to place funds on short term deposit with the Northern Bank. He further sought Members' permission for the Chief Executive, Mr J A McLaughlin and the Director of Finance and Administration, Mr J J Tohill authorised to sign the Account Opening Agreement.

On consideration, it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J F Kerr

Seconded by Councillor Miss K A Lagan, and

RESOLVED: that the Chief Executive, Mr John A McLaughlin and the Director of Operations, Mr J J Tohill be authorised to sign the Account Opening Agreement for a Treasury Fixed Rate Deposit Account in the Northern Bank.

23 **NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL**

Councillor J J McPeake requested that Councillor I P Milne replace him as the Council's representative on the Northern Ireland Housing Council for the remainder of his term.

On consideration, Members agreed to this request.

24 **NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Miss K A Lagan requested that Councillor J Campbell replace her as a Council representative on NILGA for the remainder of this year.

On consideration, Members agreed to this change.

25 **FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS**

The following items were submitted for the information of Members:-

- (a) Minutes of the Northern Health and Social Services Council held on Wednesday, 6 June 2007.

- (b) Copies of letter, report and recommendation to the Secretary of State by the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland not to modify their Revised Recommendations in connection with the Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Northern Ireland announced on 18 May 2006 (copies circulated to each Member)
- (c) Copies of letter, fact sheet and enclosures regarding Autism Northern Ireland PAPA's lobbying campaign for the Northern Ireland Autism Act (copies circulated to each Member).
- (d) Copies of letter from the Voluntary & Community Unit together with a copy of "Open Doors" – The Strategy for the Delivery of Voluntary Advice Services to the Community (copies circulated to each Member).
- (e) Copy of Manifesto for Strong, Effective Local Government – Building Dynamic Communities Providing Modern Public Services prepared by SOLACE Northern Ireland and NILGA (copy circulated to each Member).

The meeting concluded at 10.05 pm.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The foregoing Minutes are hereby Confirmed

_____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)