

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE OF
DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2005 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES CIRCULAR ROAD
DUNGANNON**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Cavanagh (Vice Chairman)
- Councillors Burton (7.35 pm), Canning, Cuddy, Currie (7.39 pm), Daly, Donnelly, Gillespie, Hamilton, Irwin, McGonnell, McGuigan, McLarnon, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan (8.37 pm)
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Messrs Burke, Gillis, Kirk, Ms McKenna, Mr McMinn, Miss Thompson and Ms Zellmann
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Elaine Devlin, Investing for Health
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Badger and Gildernew

The meeting started at 7.32 pm.

1 INVESTING FOR HEALTH

The Chairman welcomed Elaine Devlin, Investing for Health Officer for Armagh and Dungannon who made presentation on the Investing for Health strategy, its aims, objectives and targets and the role of the Investing for Health Officer.

Ms Devlin also provided members with information on the initiatives in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area to address key target issues.

Members commended Ms Devlin on the impressive list of initiatives.

(Ms Devlin and Ms McKenna left the meeting at 7.55 pm)

2 BUILDING CONTROL

The report (appendix 1) of the Director of Building Control was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

2.1 Refusals

The Deputy Director of Building Control advised that as further information required had not been received he recommended refusal of the following applications:

F/716/04	Raptic Ltd	C/1002/04	SELB
F/791/04	Mr P Little	C/1043/04	Ballynanny Methodist Church
F/854/04	Mr M Skeffington		
F/917/04	Mrs S Gillespie	F/1064/04	Mr C Dunwoody
F/964/04	Mr C Watt	F/1072/04	Mr R Beatty
F/966/04	Mr D Watt	F/30/05	Mr K Galloway

2.2 Unapproved Development

The Deputy Director of Building Control requested that the following be removed from the report as plans had now been submitted:

Mr Kenny Hazelton Alterations to premises at 49 Scotch Street, Dungannon

Mr Brian Jordan New sheds at Lisgobbin Road, Dungannon (for agricultural purposes)

2.3 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor Currie and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the Director of Building Control be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

(Mr Kirk left the meeting at 7.59 pm)

3 LOCAL AGENDA 21

The report (appendix 2) and addendum (appendix 3) of the Local Agenda 21 Co-Ordinator was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

3.1 Washingbay Reed Beds Project

The LA21 Co-Ordinator advised that a request for support to fund a feasibility study had been received from Muintir na Mointeach (The Washingbay Community Group and Healthy Living Centre). This study would investigate the feasibility of creating a reed bed sewerage treatment system for the community centre soon to be built at Washingbay Car Park.

Members felt it important that the feasibility study be carried out in order to progress the proposed project. Interest was also expressed in visiting Castle Espie to view a reed bed project underway there and meeting up with a DARD representative.

Proposed by Councillor Daly
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Council fund the remaining sum necessary to carry out a feasibility study into the proposed project ie. up to £3500 and that subject to approval from engineers regarding feasibility that the Council should apply for Landfill Tax money to support the project.

(Councillors Burton, McGuigan and Monteith left the meeting at 8.20 pm)

3.2 Adoption of Report and Addendum

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report and addendum of the Local Agenda 21 Co-Ordinator be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

(Ms Zellmann left the meeting at 8.30 pm)

4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

The report (appendix 4) and addendum (appendix 5) of the Director of Technical Services was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

4.1 Ulster in Bloom

The Chairman congratulated the Director and his department on being awarded 1st place in the town category for Dungannon in the above competition.

4.2 Building Works, Scotch Street Toilets

Members discussed the cost of building works associated with the refurbishment of these toilets and questioned how well they are used as opposed to the cost of siting an Automatic Public Convenience at this location.

The Director advised that the toilets sited at Scotch Street are well used however as refurbishment of the toilets has been deferred the Director agreed to carry out further investigations into extended opening hours etc.

(Councillor Mulligan entered the meeting at 8.37 pm)

4.3 NI Landfill Allowances Scheme

Following on from his report the Director advised that he had received the outcome of the consultation which states that Dungannon will be allocated a landfill allowance of 18,375 tonnes for 2005/2006. The Director also highlighted the Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the transfer of excess allowances to other Councils within the scheme.

(Councillor Hamilton left the meeting at 8.42 pm)

4.4 IWM Conference

The Director tabled details of the above conference and exhibition being held 14-17 June 2005 in Torbay. Costs for the conference are £510.00, flights and 3 nights accommodation.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Irwin and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Councillor Hamilton and the Director of Technical Services attend the above conference.

4.5 Chelsea Flower Show

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Daly and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the Director of Technical Services attend the above annual flower show to be held 24-28 May 2005. Costs will include flights, 2 nights accommodation and entrance ticket of £36.00.

4.6 The International Awards for Liveable Communities

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Daly and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Dungannon Town be entered in the above competition, cost of entering being £166.00.

4.7 Adoption of Report and Addendum

Proposed by Councillor Currie
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report and addendum of the Director of Technical Services be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing be approved.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The report (appendix 6) of the Director of Environmental Health was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

5.1 Tesco Development, Beechvalley, Dungannon

As discussed at the Council meeting it was agreed that a meeting between the Council, developer and statutory agencies be arranged to discuss a way forward in relation to the roads infrastructure in the Beechvalley area.

(Councillor McGonnell left the meeting at 9.01 pm)

5.2 Street Trading Designation Review

The Borough Inspector advised that requests had been received from two traders to consider designating two new areas for trading, these being Moy and an area of the lay-by in front of the car park at Killymaddy Tourist Information Centre.

In relation to Moy the Borough Inspector reminded members of the previous request to trade in The Square and the petition of objection which had been received. As this trader is prepared to consider any other location that may be deemed suitable the Borough Inspector advised that he had contacted the Select Vestry in an effort to identify their specific concerns in relation to such a designation and tabled their response.

Members discussed the concerns of the Select Vestry and it was agreed that no area within 30m of the church should be designated and that the Borough Inspector investigate further.

In relation to the lay-by in front of the car park at Killymaddy Tourist Information Centre members were in agreement to designating this area.

(Councillor Canning left the meeting at 9.11 pm)

5.3 Unlicensed Traders

The Borough Inspector sought permission to continue to enforce the Street Trading Act in relation to unlicensed traders over the period of Council recess.

Proposed by Councillor Currie
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the Street Trading Act continue to be enforced.

5.4 Orange PCS Ltd 2004-2005 Annual Roll Out Plans – Dungannon

The Director advised that he had received correspondence from Orange detailing annual roll out plans however as the map and schedule were omitted the Director advised he would provide this for the Council meeting.

5.5 Rural Water Supplies

The Director advised that a meeting between DARD, HAZ and STAP will take place on 5 April in relation to the above and the criteria for adopting connections.

5.6 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the Director of Environmental Health be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Dunnes Site, Anne Street, Dungannon

In response to a query the Director advised that the matter is being dealt with through Council's Solicitor.

7 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.30 pm.