

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a ***STATUTORY MEETING*** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 11 May 2004.

Present: J McNamee, Esq. Chairman

Councillors: Baker, Cassidy, Campbell, Glasgow MBE, Greer, Grimes, McAleer, A McCrea, I McCrea, McGarvey, McGlone, Molloy, Parke and Wilson

Officers: Director of Corporate Services
Clerical Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor McIvor and Clerk/Chief Executive.

2 MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 14 APRIL 2004

The Minutes of the STATUTORY meeting held on 14 April 2004, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor Baker.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Strip of Land at Fairhill, Moneymore

The Director of Corporate Services reported to the meeting that advice had been received from Council's solicitor advising that Council owned the land at Fairhill, Moneymore in freehold and could sell this probably without restriction. The covenant to the deed is unlikely to be enforceable.

On the proposal of Councillor Greer, seconded by Councillor McGlone it was agreed to make contact with Moneymore Medical Centre and to proceed with the sale of a 10 metre strip of adjoining land the Centre subject to Valuation and lands Agency valuation.

3.2 Hedge Trimming Along the A29

A letter dated 15 April 2004 was received from Roads Service regarding hedge/tree cutting along the A29.

Mr Weir agreed that the trimming of the trees appeared unsightly after the event and that in future years a different policy will be adopted for tree cutting.

3.3 St Patrick's GAC

A letter dated 5 May 2004 was received from ST Patrick's GAC thanking Council for the civic reception held for the club.

3.4 Programme of Visits to Councils – NILGA

A letter dated 4 May 2004 was received from NILGA seeking a meeting with NILGA representatives, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Executive to discuss communication and other issues that might be of concern to the Council.

Members agreed to the meeting.

3.5 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Greer requested clarification on procedure following a declaration of interest.

4 MINUTES OF POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING –27 APRIL 2004

4.1 Matters Considered

Item 5.4 - Arrangements for the Collection and/or Processing of Mixed Dry Recyclable Waste

On the proposal of Councillor McGlone, seconded by Councillor Baker it was AGREED to defer this matter to the Policy Resources & Services Committee Meeting on 25 May 2004.

4.2 Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the above amendment the Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting held on 27 April 2004, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor I McCrea.

5 PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 MINUTES OF PLANNING CONSULTATION MEETING –7 MAY 2004

Matters Considered

Councillor Molloy stated that the residents wished their objections to be recorded for the granting of planning approval for

I/03/0842/F	J McKernan	Change of use
	Spires Housing Development	
	Chapel Street	
	Cookstown	

Councillors I McCrea and McGlone asked to be added to the following planning application

I I/04/0313/O	Purvis	Dwelling
	50m W	
	1 Drumads Lane	
	Coagh	

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I/04/0318/O	Richardson	Dwelling
	230m SE	
	11 Lurgy Road	
	Newmills	

Councillor Wilson asked to be added to the following planning application

I/04/0369/O	D Irwin	Dwelling
	Rear	
	45 Kiltclogher Road	
	Sandholes	

Councillor McGarvey asked to be added to the following planning application

I/04/0405/O	W Henry	Dwelling
	100m NE	
	61 Creevagh Road	
	Cookstown	

5.2 Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the above amendments the Minutes of the PLANNING CONSULTATION meeting held on 7 May 2004, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Cassidy and seconded by Councillor Glasgow.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Road Service – Annual Report

A copy of the above report containing Network Development, Local Transport and Safety Schemes, Traffic Management and Parking, Street Lighting and Bridge Management had been previously circulated.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Pat Doherty, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr David Weir to the meeting.

The Officials from the Department noted various road and street lighting matters raised by the Councillors, which they wished to have undertaken.

Various Councillors complimented Mr Weir on the courteous and efficient manner in which road matters were dealt with at the Cookstown Section Office.

The Chairman thanked the officials for their attendance.

6.2 Victim Support

The Chairman welcomed Ms Kay Barrie, Victim Support to the meeting.

Ms Barrie gave a presentation on the work and aims of Victim Support

The Chairman thanked Ms Barrie for her attendance..

6.3 Dates for Council Meetings 2004/05

Council NOTED receipt of dates of meetings for 2004/2005.

Council AGREED to a Statutory Meeting of Council being held on Tuesday 6 July 2002.

6.4 Proposals for the Protection of Northern Ireland's Surface and Groundwaters

Proposals for the Protection of Northern Ireland's Surface and Groundwaters issued by the Department of Environment and Department of Agriculture and Rural Development were received.

It was agreed that members would forward comments to the Clerk/Chief Executive

6.5 Weights & Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order (NI) Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) (Amendment) Regulations (NI)

Council NOTED receipt of the above proposed legislation.

6.6 New TSN – The Way Forward Towards an Anti-Poverty Strategy – A Consultation Document

Council NOTED receipt of the consultation document 'New TSN – The Way Forward Towards an Anti-Poverty Strategy' issued by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

6.7 Review of Public Administration

Council NOTED receipt of copy of Press Release issued by Northern Ireland Review of Public Administration regarding announcement by Minister Pearson, MP.

7 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

7.1 eGovernment Working Group

Council AGREED to the attendance of the IT Officer and Clerk/Chief Executive at the 'eGovernment Working Group' seminar organised by the NILGA on 2 June 2004 in the Craigavon Civic Centre at a cost of £35 per delegate.

7.2 16th National Tourism Conference – A Relationship Business

Council NOTED receipt of advance notification of the 16th National Tourism Conference to be held in Ennistymon on the 26/27 November 2004.

7.3 The Agreement: Achievements, Failures, and Possibilities

Council NOTED receipt of 'The Agreement: Achievements, Failures, and Possibilities' seminar organised by Community Dialogue Tyrone on 18 May or 15 June 2004 in the Bank Buildings, Dungannon.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 MINUTES OF BI-LINGUAL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING –11 MAY 2004

The Minutes of the BI-LINGUAL SUB COMMITTEE meeting held on 11 May 2004, a copy of which was tabled at the meeting, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor McGlone.

8.2 Coagh United Football Club

Councillor I McCrea asked that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Coagh United Football Club on winning the

Northern Ireland 2nd Division Soccer Competition and on
being promoted the Northern Ireland 1st Division.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date

TABLED FOR INFORMATION

Minutes

Southern Education & Library Board
- 18 March 2004

Western Group Committee
- 25 February 2004

REPORTS

Youth Justice Agency
Corporate Plan 2004/07/Business Plan 2004-05

NI Human Rights Commission
Progressing A Bill of Rights

Equality Commission
- Annual Report 2002-2003

UK Office of European Parliament

- European Elections 10 June 2004

Electoral Commission

- Age of Electoral Majority

Electoral Commission

- Northern Ireland Assembly Elections 2003

Health & Safety Executive for NI

- Annual Report & Accounts 2002-2003
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