

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a **STATUTORY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 11 February 2014.

Present: P McAleer, Chairman

Councillors: Clarke, Buchanan, Glasgow MBE, Kelly, Lees, Mallaghan (7.20 pm) Mayo, McCartney, McElhone, McFlynn, McGarvey, McIvor, McNamee, Quinn, Wilson

Officers: Chief Executive (Acting)
Director of Corporate & Operational Services
Deputy Director Corporate & Operational Services
Clerical Officer

Other Representatives **Planning Services**
M McCarroll, Senior Planning Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 14 JANUARY 2014

The Minutes of the STATUTORY meeting held on 14 January 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor McNamee.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Residential Homes Consultation

Councillor McNamee advised members that a meeting had been held on 10 February 2014 in Westlands Home with representatives from Council, Mark Conway, Westlands' residents, their families and staff to discuss the Health and Social Care Board's current

consultation regarding the proposed criteria to be used to decide the future of Residential Homes. Council will be submitting a response to this Consultation and was keen to get input from those personally affected to incorporate within Council's Response

4.2 Davagh Forest

Councillor Clarke advised members that at the PCSP meeting on 23 January 2014 he had advised the PSNI that that in February 2013 there was a serious disturbance in Davagh Forest with approximately 500 cars convening there on a Sunday night and staying until the early hours of Monday morning. He said that according to the local press the same was planned for 9 February 2014 with cars meeting at the Crevenagh Road "Park and Ride" in Omagh before heading to Davagh Forest. Councillor Clarke stated that at that meeting he asked the PSNI if plans would be put in place to re-direct these people and Inspector D Walsh replied that as they were now aware of the situation they would be dealing with it. However, on the night of the 9 February 2014 locks had been broken and entry made to Davagh Forest Park and damage caused.

Members AGREED that a meeting with the PSNI should be arranged to discuss this matter.

4.3 Wind Turbines

Councillor McNamee advised members that Councillor Clarke had spoken at the Ard Fheis Conference recently on the issues of wind turbines.

5 MINUTES OF POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2014

The Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting held on 28 January 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

6 MINUTES OF SPORT & LEISURE COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2014

The Minutes of the SPORT & LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting held on 28 January 2014, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Glasgow, seconded by Councillor McGarvey.

7 MINUTES OF TOURISM COMMITTEE – 18 DECEMBER 2013

The Minutes of the TOURISM COMMITTEE meeting held on 18 December 2013, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Clarke.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 Schedule

Submitted schedule dated 11 February 2014, copy of which had been previously circulated, showing details of the Department's opinion as to how planning applications within the District should be decided.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Ref No	Applicant	Development
I/13/0309/F	S Madden 90m NE 23 Drummond Road Cookstown	Retrospective Planning

**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.
Councillors McFlynn and McGarvey.**

1/13/0316/F	B Lavery 31 Cookstown Road Moneymore	Renovation
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**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.
Councillors Mayo, McAleer, McFlynn and McIvor**

1/13/0329/F	K Boyce 70 Moneyhaw Road Drummullan	Retention
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**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.
Councillors Lees and McCartney**

1/13/0361/A	M Mulgrew	Retention
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**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.
Councillors Mayo, McAleer, McFlynn and McIvor.**

9 CONSULTATIONS

9.1 Annual Monitoring Report Sports Services Policy

On the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor McGarvey it was AGREED to adopt the Annual Monitoring Report Sports Services Policy.

9.2 Consultation on Policy the Proposed Public Passenger Transport (Service Agreements & Service Permits) Regulations (NI) 2014

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 6 January 2014 and consultation on Policy the Proposed Public Passenger Transport (Service Agreements & Service Permits) Regulations (NI) 2014.

9.3 Private Members Bill to Make Amateur Sports Clubs Exempt from Rates

On the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was AGREED to support the Private Members Bill to Make Amateur Sports Clubs Exempt from Rates.

9.4 Consultation on Policy the Strategy 'Stopping Domestic & Sexual Violence & Abuse, NI 2013-2020'

Council NOTED receipt of letter dated 15 January 2014 and consultation on Policy the Strategy 'Stopping Domestic & Sexual Violence & Abuse, NI 2013-2020'.

9.5 Proposed Abandonment at Tullylagan Bridge, Cookstown

Council NOTED receipt of letter dated 21 January 2014 from Roads Service regarding the above.

9.6 Reservoirs Bill

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 21 January 2014 from

Committee for Agriculture & Rural Development regarding the above.

9.7 Stage Approach to Tribunal Reform

Council NOTED receipt of letter from Department of Justice regarding the above.

10 FINANCE MATTERS

10.1 General Estimates 2014/2015

A copy of the above estimates, together with the relevant papers had been previously circulated.

The Deputy Director of Corporate & Operational Services outlined the net cost of the various services and clarified points raised regarding items of expenditure.

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey seconded by Councillor Clarke it was proposed that the estimated net cost of £9,838,655 be approved for the forth coming year commencing 1 April 2014 with the deduction of General Grant of £1,476,227. The Non Domestic District Rate of 22.7390p and the Domestic District Rate of 0.2879p be determined as the rates to be levied to meet the estimated expenditure. This represents an increase to the District Rate of 0.9%.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Glasgow it was proposed that a 0% is applied.

Following a show of hands 6 members voted for the substantive motion and 10 members against.

Following a show of hands 10 members voted for the original motion and 6 members against.

The Chairman declared the original motion carried and the increase of 0.9% is applied.

10.2 Western Group Building Control Committee estimated expenditure 2014/2015

On the proposal of Councillor Glasgow seconded by Councillor Mallaghan members AGREED that the estimate of £28,020 is adopted.

10.3 Northern Group Public Health Committee estimated expenditure 2014/2015

On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor McAleer members AGREED that the estimate of £37,181 is adopted.

11 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

11.1 Boyne Valley Tourism Conference

Council NOTED the Boyne Valley Tourism Conference on Wednesday 27/28 February 2014 in City North Hotel.

11.2 Andy Allen Veterans Support – Annual Black Tie Dinner

Council NOTED the Annual Black Tie Dinner on 24 May 2014 in La Mon Hotel in aid of veterans support at a cost of £35 per person.

12 RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCILS AND OTHER BODIES (COPIES ENCLOSED)

Council NOTED receipt of the following Resolution:-

12.1 Moyle District Council – NI Housing Executive & the Housing Council.

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Mallaghan, Clarke, McNamee, McAleer, McElhone and McIvor

“That this Council notes with concern the legal ruling which resulted in a 0% transfer rate from Pillar 1 to Pillar 2 of the Rural development Programme and is concerned that the court ruling which quashed the decision by the Agriculture Minister could have a detrimental impact on the Going for Growth strategy, the environment and

funding for rural communities; and calls on the Council to write to OFMDFM and the Finance Minister to ensure the necessary funding is found to address this.”

Following a show of hands 10 members voted for the motion and 3 against.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

13.2 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Clarke, McNamee, Mallaghan, McAleer, McElhone and McIvor

“That this Council agrees to work with the local community in the Stewartstown area to secure a permanent location within the village for the O’Neill commemorative stone currently located in the village square. This council recognises the work of the local community in playing their part in commemorating the O’Neill Clan and the period when they left the local area to go into exile abroad. This stone should be retained as part of the history of the O’Neill connection to the village and its people and will be a valuable part of the Council’s overall O’Neill project.”

Following a show of hands 12 members voted for the motion and 0 against.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date

TABLED FOR INFORMATION

Minutes

Southern Education & Library Board
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REPORTS

Northern Ireland Tourist Board
Events Strategic Vision to 2020