

**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 28 May 2020 in the Burnavon Arts and Cultural Centre, Cookstown and by virtual means**

**Chair** Councillor Kearney

**Members Present** Councillors Ashton, Bell, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Corey, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde\*, Gildernew\*, Glasgow, Graham, , Hughes, Kerr, Mallaghan, N McAleer, S McAleer\*, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean\* McNamee, D McPeake, S McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Quinn, Robinson\* and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance** Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Dr Boomer, Planning Manager\*\*  
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation\*\*  
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor\*\*  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications\*\*

\* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

*At 6.45pm the Chair announced the guidelines for the meeting*

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

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

**C094/20      Suspension of Standing Order 30.2 – Amendment to Standing Orders**

The Chair, Councillor Kearney sought approval for suspension of Standing order 30.2 - Amendment to Standing Orders.

Proposed by Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan

**Resolved** That Council Suspend Standing Order 30.2 – Amendment to Standing Orders

**C095/20 Adoption of Interim Standing Orders on Remote Access to Meetings**

The Chief Executive drew attention to the Interim Standing Orders on Remote Access to Meetings which had been previously circulated and sought approval to adopt.

Councillor McKinney stated that within the existing standing orders the meeting was legal, the facility was fine and thus he did not see the necessity for interim standing orders to be agreed. He stated that remote access would prolong meetings and there would be communication problems which would leave room for discrepancy. He concluded that Council had the attitude of back to work safely and what was good for employees should equally apply to Members.

Councillor McKinney proposed not to accept the standing orders on Remote Access.

The Chief Executive advised that the interim standing orders is a means of regulating the existing standing orders, as the law now permits remote access and thus Council is obliged to do so. He explained that the interim standing orders on remote access was providing the guidelines for Council to hold remote meetings.

Councillor McKinney stated that if there was a vote and Wifi connections went down proceedings would be halted and thus would be more efficient to insist on attendance. He reiterated that there would be security and confidentiality issues.

Councillor Ashton highlighted that some Members were shielding and thus remote attendance was important in order that they could continue to carry out the job they were elected to do. She emphasised that it was important to proceed with the interim standing orders in order that there was appropriate guidelines and if meetings had to be suspended to allow reconnection in order that Members attending remotely may vote then so be it.

Councillor Mallaghan concurred stated that all Councillors should have the opportunity to attend either in person or remotely and said that some of the remarks made had been insensitive especially when many Members were shielding.

Councillor Glasgow stated that his concern was that lockdown was reducing at a reasonable pace and people would be encouraged to go back to work if it is safe to do so and reasonable thus what is good for the public is good for Members. He stated that good work had gone into setting up the meeting and allowing social distancing to be adhered to and alluded to the fact that social distancing would be a factor in the foreseeable future. He stated that where he lived connecting virtually was not an option and on occasions he had to go to other locations to connect to broadband. He stated that virtual meetings had not been tried and tested and may be abused.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney reminded Members that the meeting was being streamed by live Broadcast through You Tube.

Councillor Monteith stated that the ambition for Council in April had been to permit as many Members as possible to attend in person but some Members were shielding and thus the option to attend virtually was required to allow them to carry out their role. He stated that many employees were performing their role from home and thus Members should be afforded the same opportunity. He acknowledged that technology is not always as reliable as it should be but Council could not exclude anyone reminding the meeting that if people are shielding they are not only protecting themselves but others.

Councillor Cuddy stated that it was a tricky situation and acknowledged the attendance, the adherence to social distancing guidelines but stated that meetings may take three times as long as normal with remote attendance. Councillor Cuddy highlighted the safe environment provided for the meeting but said Members must assess their own risk and emphasised that longer meetings would lead to all those in attendance breathing recirculated air and stressed that meetings should last no longer than one hour.

Councillor Doris stated it was shocking asking people not to follow guidelines and stressed that people were shielding due to underlying conditions and remote access should be available and if there was broadband issues they could possibly access broadband connections elsewhere safely.

Councillor Elattar concurred with Councillor Doris stating that guidelines state if you can work from home you should do so and this was applicable to Councillors also. She stated that people who were shielding or who were carers would be at a disadvantage without remote access. Councillor Elattar concluded that it was ridiculous that 20 minutes had been used to debate this and stressed that life in general is taking longer due to the pandemic and that is just how it was.

The Chair Councillor Kearney stated that the standing orders had been suspended and called for a vote on the adoption of the Interim Standing Orders.

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Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That Council adopt Adoption of Interim Standing Orders on Remote Access to Meetings

## **C096/20 Apologies - due to COVID 19 Social Distancing Requirements**

Councillors Oneill, Mullen and Totten

## **C097/20      Declarations of Interest**

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

*Councillor S McGuigan declared an interest in Killeeshil Community Centre.*

## **C098/020      Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Kearney welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for adhering to guidelines.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney acknowledged that the Arts make a great contribution in the community and congratulated Craic and Bardic Theatres on being nominated for seven IAMA awards between them. He stated that all would look forward to the adjudication of the awards and success for local groups.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney also referred to the meeting with DAERA last week when matters such as the exit from the European Union, waste matters and a replacement to the rural development programme had been discussed. He further welcomed the £23m made available for allocation to farmers in reaction to the COVID 19 crisis.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney advised he had visited four community groups across the district in recent days and had witnessed at first hand the great community spirit across the district. With this in mind he suggested that to mark volunteer week which commences 1 June 2020 Council light up its designated buildings.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

**Resolved**      That Council illuminate its three designated buildings (purple) to acknowledge Volunteer Week

Councillor Quinn thanked the Chair for his kind words in relation to both the Craic and Bardic theatre companies.

Councillor Quinn acknowledged the death of former councillor, Jim Cavanagh who had served in the legacy Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council. He stated he was a good friend to many people including himself and asked expressed sadness at his passing.

Councillor Quinn stated he had been contacted with regards to animal rights abuse incident in Magherafelt and asked had steps been taken to investigate the incident.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure confirmed that a report had been received regarding an alleged incident, that the investigation was ongoing and thus he could not comment further until the investigation was complete.

Councillor McFlynn stated that the incident had caused huge anxiety and stress and emphasised that the onus was on Council to investigate fully. The Councillor enquired as to the welfare of the animals concerned.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that during a call made to the premises no animals had been found to be in distress but there was other aspects which were still under investigation.

Councillor Monteith concurred with condolences for the late Jim Cavanagh and stated he had served on the legacy council with him for many years during which they had 'many a rattle' but he was dedicated to his community and was a decent man which was reflected in the huge response to his funeral.

Councillor Monteith also stated that former councillor, Francis McNally who had served as a Sinn Féin councillor representing the Lough Shore in the legacy Cookstown Council had also passed away. He reflected he had lost two family members during the struggle but had served with great dignity and courage. He requested that condolences be passed to the McNally family.

Councillor Kerr concurred with condolences and extended sympathy to the families of the two former councillors.

Councillor Clarke raised the issue of broadband and stated that as the Chair of the Broad Band Working Group the aim had been for 100% connectivity throughout the district yet the Stratum project was not giving the commitment and with COVID 19 it was unlikely that things would return to how it had been. The Councillor emphasised that society would be different moving forward schools would be returning in small groups, universities were not having classes on campus, manufacturing was facing huge issues, GP practices were even changing how services would be delivered there would be many more issues. He stated that fibre broadband was a must for all areas as even satellite provision in some areas was not good thus Council needed to revisit broadband provision. He stated that the tender process was to be completed in 2019 and Council must establish what is to be delivered as if there was gaps it would be unforgiveable. Councillor Clarke proposed that Council convene a meeting of the Broadband Committee and seek an urgent meeting with the Department of the Economy re the STRATUM project.

Councillor Ashton referred to the meeting with the Minister for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs and stressed that Council needed to focus on the Minister to ensure he took up the actions agreed at the meeting.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that the tender for STRATUM had now closed, the Department for the Economy had received approximately 5 bids and it was hope to have an appointment made by September. He stated that the area had the worst record for broadband in the UK at 24.59% of homes had less than what was acceptable. He stated a meeting of the broadband working group would be convened.

The Director also referred to the discussion with the Minister Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and concurred that it had been a productive discussion in the broader sense of rural development programme, broadband and establishment of revised programme and lag and other regeneration activated. He concurred with previous comments with regard to the governance structure.

**Resolved** That Council

- (i) convene a meeting of the Broadband Working Group; and
- (ii) seek an urgent meeting with the Department of the Economy on the STRATUM project;

Councillor Mallaghan referred to the Chair's remarks on the recent meeting with the Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and concurred it had been useful but he would wish to pursue matters and proposed Council write to the Minister to seek a fair distribution of the £20 million allocated to farmers as to prioritise dairy and horticulture would be unfair for example to beef and sheep farmers; seek date for the launch of tranche two of tier two of the Farm Investment Programme as this money would help re-engage the economy; and seek confirmation date for the allocation of the £20million as it was taking too long to reach farmers.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

- (I) Seek fair distribution of the £20million allocated to Farmers as to prioritise dairy and horticulture would be unfair for example to beef and sheep farmers;
- (II) Seek date for the launch of tranche two of tier two of the Farm Investment Programme as this money would help re-engage the economy;
- (III) Seek confirmation date for the allocation of the £20million as it was taking too long to reach farmers.

Councillor McNamee concurred with the sympathies extended to the family of former councillor, Francis McNally.

Councillor D McPeake spoke of former councillor, Seamus O'Brien who had served on the legacy Magherafelt Council and had passed away in recent weeks. He requested that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mr O'Brien's family also.

**Resolved** That the Chair forward letters of sympathy to the families of undernoted Councillors who served in legacy councils who have passed away in recent weeks;

- (i) Former Councillor Jim Cavanagh (former Dungannon & South Tyrone BC);
- (ii) Former Councillor Francis McNally (former Cookstown DC)

- (iii) Former Councillor Seamus O'Brien (former Magherafelt DC)

**C099/20 Council Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 23 April 2020**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 23 April 2020 (C082/20 – C0090/20 and C093/20) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C100/20 Mid Ulster Covid 19 Business Recovery Plan**

The Director of Business and Community drew attention to the previously circulated paper outlining the Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan. The Director sought approval for the plan detailed at appendix one of the report. He also acknowledged that given the report was prepared a week prior to the meeting the government had since moved on some issues.

Councillor McNamee welcomed the recovery plan covering the various sectors of business. He highlighted the rates relief granted and asked if Council had received clarification in writing from the Minister for Finance as to whether or not the NI Executive was picking up the tab as loss of revenue to Council would seriously impact what could be delivered. He also highlighted the proposed Cookstown Bypass stating that it was pivotal for the growth deal. He proposed that Council seek a further meeting with the Minister of the Department for Infrastructure with Officers and Cookstown DEA Members in attendance.

**Resolved** That Council seek a meeting with the Department for Infrastructure with regard to the Cookstown Bypass Scheme.

The Director of Finance acknowledged that the rates was a vital aspect of Councils income stream and was critical to service delivery. He stated that discussions continued between Councils and the Department of Finance and Department for Communities to establish stabilising factors but to date there was no guarantee of protection beyond the initial 4 month period proposed by the Executive.

Councillor Kerr highlighted that some businesses had missed out on the rates relief as their rent to landlords incorporated rates and as such the relief had not been passed on. He also highlighted comments in section 2.2 of the report manufacturing and engineering sector stated that comments regarding younger guys was ageist. Councillor Kerr also spoke in relation to the furlough scheme and stated that companies should do their utmost to ensure employees were receiving full pay. He further welcomed comments in relation to PPE highlighting that the Community Sector had met the gap from the beginning of the crisis. He welcomed in particular

the comments in relation to trade unions especially in engineering sector and was emphatic that the profit of no company was not worth one workers life.

Councillor Ashton proposed that Council write to the Department of Finance and the Department for Communities seeking clarification regarding funding for rates relief for businesses.

**Resolved** That Council write to the Department of Finance and the Department for Communities seeking clarification with regard to Rates Relief for businesses. Requesting assurance for the further period of rates relief granted that Councils will not be at a financial deficit.

Councillor Ashton welcomed the recommencement of committees and stated that reports should be coming forward in initiating time frames for example Village Spruce Up Schemes in an effort to assist local sectors of the economy. She acknowledged key issues outlined in the report and asked for proposals to be brought forward regarding grant schemes.

Councillor Burton commended the report and stated there was a lot of issues which led to opportunities and new ways of working.

*Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 7.55pm*

Councillor Burton stated that a joined up approach across the 11 councils was needed to attain sustainable recovery and focus on the replacement of lost jobs and businesses.

Councillor Kearney acknowledged leadership displayed by Councillor Burton in recent weeks as president of NILGA.

*Councillor M Quinn returned to the meeting at 7.57pm*

Councillor Wilson commended the report and highlighted issues in relation to High Streets stating that a retailer with multiple shops only qualified for rates relief on one premise and Council should be lobbying on their behalf. He also spoke of apprenticeships as due to social distancing the make-up of these would change in the work place, in relation to private hire bus companies he advised that they were in difficulties and whilst Council was not a money machine they could lobby on behalf of such businesses. He spoke in relation to the furlough scheme stating that as it reduces or comes to a close what will happen people's jobs.

The Director of Business and Community concurred that multiple retailers were losing out and stated that the business community was asking for more flexibility. He also highlighted that industry was finding it difficult to support apprenticeships and was seeking greater flexibility with the Department for Education.

*The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated it was 8pm and requested that the meeting rise and show its appreciation to the NHS and care staff.*



*All applauded*

*Following the display of appreciation the meeting resumed*

Councillor Molloy welcomed the paper and the progressive work being carried out stating that Council will be central to delivery of recovery. In relation to retail and hospitality he stated that Council would need to revisit trading and licensing laws as queuing and social distancing would be the new norm and in the winter months the weather may not be so kind. He stated that one solution won't fit all but it was good to get discussions started and meetings with the small business federations as soon as possible.

Councillor Monteith stated that Council needed to make available larger meetings rooms emphasising the need to engage and get new ideas. He stated that town centres were in dire shape and as a Council and society the decision needed to be made if we want to keep them radical and uncomfortable decisions need to be taken and strong political and community will would be required. He stated that prior to COVID 19 town centres were in decline thus radical measures will be required and the people and traders would know better than Council. He accepted that the report was an initial fact finding measure but highlighted that it did not capture sole traders, or touch businesses such as tattoo artists, beauticians, physios, personal trainers. He stated they were frightened and did not have a collective voice and sole traders especially had not been eligible for hardship grants. He also spoke of the atrocious treatments of banks who had left businesses and workers floundering. He commended the report and stated that brave decisions would have to be made.

Councillor Mallaghan welcomed the report stating that it echoed concerns across sectors and suggested that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Economy in relation to the traders and businesses highlighted by Councillor Monteith.

He also spoke of the manufacturing sector and recommendations in relation to a task force highlighting it was a good idea but those businesses who had not treated their workers well should not be part of the group.

Councillor S McPeake seconded Councillor Mallaghan's proposal regarding the letter to the Minister for the Economy.

**Resolved** That Council write to the Department for Finance and Business and Communities seeking clarification with regard to Rates Relief for businesses. Requesting assurance for the further period of rates relief granted that Councils will not be impacted.

Councillor S McPeake stated the NI Executive had undertaken good work and highlighted that in relation to the rates relief scheme if the Assembly had followed the English model 60% of businesses would not have qualified. He acknowledged that there would be difficulties but that there was an enthusiasm in Mid Ulster and a strong drive to get the economy up and running and stated that the people at the helm would not be found wanting.

Councillor B McGuigan commended the report which highlighted the views and challenges in coming months. He stated that Council had a good relationship with Invest NI and it would be important to engage with them and collectively lobby central government for support.

Councillor Quinn commended the report and concurred with previous speakers that in relation to towns and businesses one size does not fit all. He also highlighted the arts sector which would also need assistance to get back on its feet.

The Director of Business and Communities reminded Members that the weakest sector would be the High Streets and retail stating that many towns needed new structures and that NILGA and SOLACE would be the one voice across all Councils.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That Council approve the Mid Ulster COVID-19 Business Recovery Plan

*Councillor Mallaghan left the meeting at 8.20pm*

**C101/20      Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020 – Authorised Officers**

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure drew attention to the previously circulated report informing Members of designation of Council as a relevant person under Regulation 7 and as an authorised person under Regulation 9 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions)(NI) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) and sought authority of the Council, under Section 7(1) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, to delegate the discharge of its functions, as a designated person under the 2020 Regulations, to the Council’s Environmental Health Officers.

*Councillor Mallaghan returned to the meeting at 8.23 pm*

Councillor Monteith asked if the authorisation meant that Council officers would have the authority to enter premises to ensure companies were adhering to PPE requirements and social distancing throughout its workforce.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that to date the PSNI had entered premises if they were in breach of regulations and that Council would continue to have a close working relationship with them.

Councillor Monteith asked if Council had the authority to enter premises.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure said yes if they were trading.

Councillor Monteith stated that previously workers had been told they had to put their name to a complaint and there was no commitment to confidentiality and stated he

felt workers needed to be protected. He emphasised that councils needed to work with businesses and this needed to commence as independent inspections had not been available especially in agri food sector and shops.

The Chief Executive stated that Council was not the enforcing authority for the concerns expressed by the Member.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that the Health and Safety Executive were the enforcing authority for concerns such as that expressed by the Member.

Councillor Ashton stated that she was receiving reports that people remotng in could not hear the debate.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if officers would be brought back from furlough to carry out the aforementioned.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that no Environmental Health staff had been furloughed but some were working from home and advised that additional resource would not be required.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

**Resolved** That Council

- (i) Note the appointment of Mid Ulster District Council as an enforcement authority for Regulation 3) and 4) the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020
- (ii) That pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, Members delegate the discharge of the /council's functions, as a designated person under the 2020 Regulations, to the Council's Environmental Health Officers.

## **C102/20 COVID 19 Recovery of Buildings**

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure drew Members attention to the report outlining the arrangements which are being made to reconfigure Council buildings so as to take account of 'Social Distancing' and associated NI Executive guidance in this regard. The Director sought Members approval for the adoption of the Business Continuity - Recovery of Council Premises Procedural Guide for Council facilities and services.

*Councillor Milne left the meeting at 8.30pm*

The Director highlighted the appendix to the report detailing the social distancing measures, staff quota numbers and flexible home working measures that would be required.

*Councillor Corry left the meeting at 8.32 pm*

Councillor Kerr stated he had no issues and welcomed the reopening of Coalisland Civic Amenity Centre. He also asked that Council explore the antibody system that test if people have immunity.

*Councillor Milne returned to the meeting at 8.33pm*

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved** That Council adopt the Business Continuity - Recovery of Council Premises Procedural Guide for Council facilities and services.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **C103/20 Update on Mid Ulster District Council Community Support Hub**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining the operation of the Council's Community Support Hub providing support to vulnerable people in Mid Ulster during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Members noted the report.

#### *Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor Kerr declared an interest Coalisland COVID-19 Support Group*

Councillor Kerr praised all sectors politicians and volunteers for the work being carried out in local communities.

#### *Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor Colvin declared an interest in Moneymore Heritage Trust*

Councillor Colvin stated it was heart-warming to see communities working together and whilst people clapped the National Health Service many were expressing support in providing Personal Protective Equipment and people's actions at this time instilled a confidence for going forward.

*Councillor Corry returned to the meeting at 8.35pm*

#### *Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor Quinn declared an interest in St Vincent de Paul group.*

Councillor Quinn concurred with previous speakers stating that community support in the Torrent area was a powerful force.

*Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor S McPeake declared an interest in Termoneey Community Association*

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that previous declarations were noted.

*Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Me, You and Them*

Councillor Black acknowledged the excellent community response and sterling work carried out by council staff all of which gives hope to both individuals and society.

*Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor Burton declared an interest in Bawn Development Association.*

Councillor Burton spoke of the excellent work being carried out in rural volunteer groups highlighting examples such as up to 300 meals delivered to homes and ladies sewing PPE she stated it was very much a hands on approach and extended her thanks to volunteers across the district.

Councillor Monteith drew attention to the report and stated that it was not very clear what would be in place post June and it was not within Council gift to provide food packages and stated that it should be an item on the development committee agenda as to how support would continue. He also stated that Officers should speak to volunteers as to how they visualise community support going forward. Councillor Kerr concurred.

**Resolved** That a report be brought to Development Committee regarding community support, grants and schemes to help re start the economy for example Village Spruce-Up Schemes

**C104/20 Covid 19 Community Support**

The Director of Business and Communities and Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated progress report. Members noted the report.

**C105/20 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on consultations notified to Mid Ulster Council for comment.

Councillor Monteith sought clarity in relation to the consultation listed *Department of Justice – Consultation on Proposals on the use of Live Links for Police Detention/Interviews* asking if this was indication of extending detention times and if so it was very disappointing that it was that it was being moved forward without proper scrutiny and he would not be in favour of the department handing more power to the PSNI. He stated that the six county police force had not covered itself in glory during the COVID 19 pandemic stating that they had stopped and searched people from the Nationalist and Republican community treating them with suspicion and this consultation would indicate that their power was being enhanced through the back door.

Councillor Kerr concurred stating that he was aware of one volunteer with the correct identity documents displayed on the windscreen of his car who was stopped by the PSNI and received a fine for disorderly behaviour.

Councillor Monteith stated that Council should have prepared a response.

Councillor Ashton stated that some of the comments made were in relation to specific incidents of which the full facts were not known and the PSNI had a difficult situation to manage and she would require more clarification on comments and thus would not support a response.

Councillor Monteith referred back to his original question, if the consultation involved an extension to detention times, as it was not clear in the report.

The Head of Democratic Services advised there was a hyperlink within the report leading to the full detail of the consultation and clarified that yes it did mention extension to detention times.

Councillor Monteith stated it was reprehensible and advised he would be making his own objections.

## **C106/20 Correspondence**

Members noted previously circulated report providing correspondence received for the attention of Council.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

**Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.**

*The live broad cast concluded at 8.47pm*

## **Matters for Decision**

- (i) Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 23 April 2020
- (ii) Planning System Replacement

**Matters for Information**

- (iii) Update on Furlough Scheme
- (iv) COVID 19 Financial Update

**C111/20      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 9.56pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_