

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 22 January 2015 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Reid, Vice Chair, (Deputy Presiding Councillor) (items C1/15 to C9/15)
Councillor Mallaghan, Chair (Presiding Councillor) (from item C10/15)

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Dillon, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McElDowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, T Quinn, M Quinn, Robinson, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mrs Campbell, Director of Policy and Development (MDC)
Mr Cassells, Director of Technical Services and Leisure Services (MDC)
Mr Kelso, Director of Environment Health and Building Control (CDC)
Mrs Kerr, Director of Finance (D&STBC)
Mrs Mezza, Marketing Communications Manager
Mr Moffett, Change Management Officer
Mr O'Hagan, ICT Manager
Mr Paisley, Director of Corporate and Operational Services (CDC)
Mr JJ Tohill, Lead Finance Officer
Mrs Smith, Council Business Manager (D&STBC)

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

In the absence of the Chair, who had advised that he would be late, Councillor Reid Vice Chair took the chair.

C1/15 Apologies

Councillors Mullen and Mulligan

C2/15 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

Matters for Decision

C3/15 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at Council meeting held on Thursday 18 December 2014

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 18 December 2014 (C110/14 – C128/14 and C137/14), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C4/15 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 12 January 2015

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 12 January 2015 (P1/15 – P8/15) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C5/15 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015

Item PR7/15 - Regional Minority Languages and Draft Policies

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Wilson declared an interest as being a board member of the Ulster Scots Agency

Councillor Wilson asked that the Ulster Scots Policy is held to facilitate additional work and further consultation with relevant bodies to take place. Councillor Glasgow supported this request.

Councillor McPeake asked the Chief Executive for his view on the matter given the time constraints in relation to branding and the discussion previously taken place that the two policies be processed together.

The Chief Executive stated that in respect of the Irish Language Policy it will now proceed as originally outlined and recommended by committee, equality impact assessment will be carried out and a report detailing timeframes for the consultation exercise and further development will come to a future meeting. He stated that he would have liked both policies to be have been processed together but as the Ulster

Scots Policy is a new area of work it is difficult to say how long it will take to refine the policy.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015, (PR1/15 – PR14/15 and PR17/15), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, and subject to the draft Ulster Scots Policy being held as detailed above, were considered and adopted.

C6/15 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 January 2015

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14 January 2015, (E1/15 – E6/15 and E8/15) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C7/15 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 January 2015

Proposed by Councillor Dillon
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 January 2015, (D1/15 – D11/15 and D16/15) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C8/15 Motion – Human Trafficking

The Change Management Officer submitted for information a letter dated 5 January 2015 from Minister of Justice, a letter dated 5 January 2015 from PSNI and letter dated 14 January 2015 from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in relation to a motion carried and adopted by Council at its meeting on 18 December 2015.

C9/15 Conferences and Seminars

The Change Management Officer referred to details of the undernoted conferences and sought approval for the attendance of members and officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

Annual ICLRD/CCBS Conference - Shared Services, Shared Opportunities: New Models Public Sector Collaboration and Partnership, 29 - 30 January 2015, Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. Costs being, £55 Conference Only, £75 Conference Fee and dinner, £125 Conference Fee, meals and B&B accommodation in Killyhevlin and travel.

Co-operation Ireland Community Planning Seminar – *“Regenerating Local Spaces through Effective Community Planning”*, 26 February 2015, Dublin Castle. Costs being travel and subsistence expenses only.

Northern Ireland Housing Conference 2015 – *The future shape of housing*, Tuesday 17 February 2015, Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast. Cost being £210 for conference fee, travel and subsistence expenses.

Tax Advisory Service Annual VAT Conference, Wednesday 4 March 2015, PwC Office, London. Costs being £300 for conference fee, travel, accommodation and subsistence.

Small Business Summit: What next for SME's?, Thursday 12 February 2015, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, travel and subsistence. Costs being travel and subsistence expenses only.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor J O'Neill and

Resolved That the attendance of members and officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved and that anyone wishing to attend to contact officers.

In response to questions by Councillor McLean and Councillor Wilson the Chief Executive stated that during the transitional period judgement has been left up to elected members in terms of what they opted to go on. He added that a policy is currently being developed in relation to conference attendance to be applicable from 1 April 2015.

Matters for Information

Councillor Mallaghan arrived at 7.15 pm and took the Chair.

C10/15 Consultation List

Consultation on Northern Ireland Policing Board Reconstitution

Councillor McPeake referred to the consultation document with particular reference to the reconstitution of the Policing Board and the appointment of independent members on a rolling process. He indicated that he disagreed with the proposed approach as he felt it would be more difficult to ensure the overall makeup of the board would be representative of the community at all times. The Member also referred to the date of the reconstitution of the Board and expressed a view that legislation should be brought forward to extend the life of the current Board and the

appointment of a new board should be undertaken to coincide with the election of new MLA's in 2016 to the NI Assembly.

Councillor Dillon and Councillor T Quinn agreed with the comments made.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Dillon and

Resolved That the Council make a formal response to the consultation document outlining the above points.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That items C11/15 to C18/15 be taken in committee.

The press left the meeting at 7.20 pm.

C19/15 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 8.55 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____