

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE
OF DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD,
DUNGANNON**

MEMBERS PRESENT: In the Chair, Councillor McGuigan (Vice Chair)

Councillors Brush, F Burton (7.35 pm), R Burton (7.52 pm), Cavanagh, Cuddy, Daly, Donnelly, Gildernew, Gillespie, McGonnell, McLarnon (7.35 pm), Monteith (7.40 pm), O'Neill, Quinn, Reid (9.06 pm), Robinson

OFFICERS PRESENT: R Gillis, Senior Licensing Officer (SLO)
J McClelland, Director of Building Services (DBS)
F McClements, Deputy Director of Environmental Health (DDEH)
A McIlwrath, Unit Business Manager (UBM)
L Marshall (Secretariat)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Paul Carson, Simple Power Ltd
Mr Nick Bell, Strategic Planning
Mr Ryan McBirney, Strategic Planning

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ashton, McGahan and Mulligan

The meeting started at 7.30 pm

In the absence of the Chair Councillor Mulligan, Councillor McGuigan Vice Chair took the seat. Councillor McGuigan relayed thanks from Councillor Mulligan for the help and support of Councillors and officers during his time chairing this meeting.

1 SIMPLE POWER LTD

Presentation from Simple Power (appendix 1) provided Members with an overview on the rationale for wind energy, Simple Power's approach to delivering wind energy, Northern Ireland Energy Policy, Northern Ireland Planning Policy and the specific challenges being faced in delivering renewable energy in Northern Ireland.

Despite Planning Policy Statement 18 (PPS18) being a promotive policy in relation to renewable energy both Members and Simple Power raised concerns that this is not the case on the ground. Planning

consent remains a slow and difficult process and in order to meet government targets a joined up approach is vital along with the positive implementation of the Northern Ireland Energy Policy and PPS18.

(Messrs Bell, Carson and McBirney left the meeting at 8.03 pm)

2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The report (appendix 2) of the Director of Environmental Services was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

STRATEGIC

2.1 Update on Dog Fouling

As per report SLO provided update on dog fouling – number of complaints received, current staffing levels in licensing department and other available resources.

SLO advised that the dog control unit currently operates on a reactive basis and that to change this additional resources will be required, both financial and physical. Options moving forward include the purchase of additional street cleansing machinery, training staff in key areas such as parks to deal with enforcement matters or hiring of additional staff and gaining the proactive co-operation of other relevant agencies such as Housing Executive or Roads Service.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a report be brought back to this Committee with options on way forward including costings.

(Councillor McGonnell left at 8.21 pm)

2.2 Entertainment Licensing – Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

AS per report SLO set out Memorandum of Understanding which clarifies and co-ordinates the roles and responsibilities of Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and Councils with respect to fire safety in premises for which Councils are responsible for licensing and in which Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service is responsible for ongoing fire safety compliance.

Proposed by Councillor Brush
Seconded by Councillor F Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

2.3 Pilot Study to Develop Operational Arrangements on Flytipping

As per report DDEH advised of request from NIEA for Councils to take part in pilot study to develop operational arrangements on flytipping.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council not to take part in the pilot study.

2.4 STEM II

DDEH advised that funding has been secured by SGEHC to implement a further STEM project (STEM II). Members were asked whether they support taking part in this project.

Proposed by Councillor Cavanagh
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to sign partnership agreement to take part in the STEM II project.

2.5 SWaMP2008 Council Contribution Waste Education Bus Contribution

As per report UBM detailed invoices to be paid –

SWaMP2008 Body Corporate Contribution - £30,077.00 + vat
Waste Education Bus Contribution - £813.00 + vat

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to pay £30,077 + vat SWaMP2008 contribution and £813 + vat costs towards running of Waste Education Bus.

INFORMATION

2.6 Late Night Opening of Food Premises

Member advised of food premises staying open late in Fivemiletown and the associated problems that relates to this ie. noise.

SLO advised that he was aware of this issue but that the problem was sporadic, for Council to pursue a Closing Order and the associated cost of doing so then complaints must come from residents on a regular basis. The added risk of pursuing a Closing Order is that it could be seen to legitimise the business which it is believed is operating without planning permission.

2.7 Traffic Noise

DDEH advised that traffic noise reports have now been received from road contractor and will be passed to SGEHC for assessment.

Member advised that she believed the noise reports were all taken during the day and that there was a need for night time reports as well.

2.8 Processing of Mixed Dry Recyclables

UBM highlighted to Members that recent negotiations have resulted in an income to Council of £15 per tonne for MDR material, this arrangement will offer significant savings to Council of approximately £100,000 per year.

2.9 H&S Audit

Following recent site visit by HSENI the issue of interaction between employees and vehicular traffic in the depot was raised. Officers are pursuing measures that will minimise this interaction.

Member requested that local residents be consulted at planning stage of new arrangements to ensure parking issues are not simply moved to another part of the residential area.

2.10 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That the report of the Director of Environmental Services be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

3 BUILDING SERVICES

The report (appendix 3) of the Director of Building Services was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

STRATEGIC

3.1 Procedural Agreement

As per report DBS provided overview of procedural agreement between the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) and Building Control departments of Armagh City and District Council, Banbridge District Council, Craigavon Borough Council, Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council and Newry and Mourne District Council.

This procedural agreement has been created jointly with the five Councils and the SHSCT to deal with the provision of minor works and adaptations in privately owned/rented properties in relation to Building Control approval.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Brush and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that the procedural agreement be adopted for implementation.

OPERATIONAL

3.2 Refusals

DBS advised that as further information required had not been received he recommended refusal of the applications as listed on appendix 4.

3.3 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Daly and

Resolved That the report of the Director of Building Services be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

4 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

4.1 Kettle Lane, Coalisland

In response to Members question UBM advised that operatives had been involved in a further clean up of the area this week and that signage has been erected stating that the area is being monitored, the difficulty still remains in identifying land owners. In relation to cutting back hedges, UBM advised that this would need to be raised with Roads Service.

4.2 Restructuring Proposals March 2012

In response to Members question in relation to recent restructuring of departments DBS advised that it has been a learning curve in relation to new responsibilities but that things are starting to settle down and that the restructuring will be successful.

(Councillors Brush, Cavanagh, Daly and Monteith left at 9.04 pm)
(Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 9.06pm)

4.3 Street Trading, Coalisland

Member requested update on street trading situation in Coalisland.

Resolved That Senior Licensing Officer arrange meeting with Torrent Councillors to discuss street trading issues in Coalisland.

4.4 Public Toilets, Coalisland

Member requested update in relation to repair of public toilets which were fire damaged last year.

DBS advised he would seek to move this matter forward.

5 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.12 pm.

MAYOR _____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE _____
(Acting)