

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MAY 2003 IN THE COUNCIL
OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

MEMBERS PRESENT: In the Chair, Councillor Cavanagh (Mayor)

Councillors Badger, Burton, Canning, Cuddy, Daly, Donnelly, Gildernew, Gillespie, Hamilton, Irwin, McGonnell, McGuigan, McLarnon, Maginnis, Molloy, Monteigh, Morrow and Mulligan

OFFICERS PRESENT: Messrs Beattie, Frazer and Mrs Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Ann Given

The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm

The Mayor welcomed Mrs Ann Given from the Environment and Heritage Service, Historic Monuments and Buildings who was in attendance to address the Council on the archaeological importance of Castle Hill.

Mrs Given stated that she has worked for the past thirty years advising Planning Service on how to deal with developments with archaeological implications. Mrs Given spoke of findings during excavations to erect fencing around telecommunications structure. The findings would suggest that going to be good archaeology.

In relation to future development of the site Mrs Given stated that there are a number of options:

- 1 The expensive way – large excavations with museum and interpretative centre – during excavation a lot of history could be destroyed.
- 2 Geology and geography – opportunity to look at landscape and history of landscape which should meet with the approval and give pleasure to local people, fit in with their sense of local identity, should attract the day visitor and capital expenditure would be minimal.

Mrs Given undertook to ask the excavator if he would put together a few printouts to show key views of find and forward these to the Council.

After expanding on a number of areas for members the Mayor thanked Mrs Given for her informative presentation and stated that the Council will work closely with the Environment Service in the way forward for this area.

DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 8.35 pm.