



23 November 2017

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in
The Chamber, Dungannon at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Circular
Road, DUNGANNON, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 23 November 2017 at 19:00 to
transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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“That this Council supports the Right to Work: Right to Welfare (R2W) groups ‘People’s Proposal’ aim at introducing a simple but vital checklist for social security decision makers. This Council supports this aim and will write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Communities calling for the issuance of guidance to all Decision Makers, requiring them to ensure that due process and impact assessments are undertaken and full complied with in the decision-making process.”

- 15 Councillor Cuthbertson to move
That Mid Ulster District Council seek a meeting with the Department of Infrastructure to discuss the continued thefts from, and damage to, vehicles using the park and ride facilities in the Mid Ulster Area, and also calls on the Department to install CCTV cameras at all Park and Ride facilities across the Mid Ulster Area.

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.

Matters for Decision

- 16. Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) confidential minutes of meeting held on 17 October 2017
- 17. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 26 October 2017
- 18. Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) confidential minutes of meeting held on 2 November 2017
- 19. Planning Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 November 2017
- 20. Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 9 November 2017
- 21. Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 14 November 2017
- 22. Development Committee Confidential Decisions Resolved at meeting held on 16 November 2017

Matters for Information

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 26 October 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Ashton

Members Present: Councillors Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar (7.10pm), Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney (7.17pm), Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure & Outdoor Recreation
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C207/17 Apologies

Councillor McPeake

Councillors J Shiels, McKinney and Mullen entered the meeting at 7.01pm

C208/17 Declarations of Interest

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

*Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in Dungannon Enterprise Centre
Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Cookstown Enterprise Centre*

Councillor McGinley advised that Councillor Molloy would replace Councillor Doris as a representative of Council on the board of Dungannon Enterprise Centre.

C209/17 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Ashton congratulated staff at the Heaney HomePlace following the attainment of NILGA Award for Best Local Authority Tourism Initiative.

C210/17 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017

Proposed by Councillor J O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2017(SC29/17 – SC34/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C211/17 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2017

Councillor Wilson drew attention to C196/17 regarding Council's response to the Health Trust proposed cuts, he welcomed the recent decision that the proposed cuts would not now be implemented and acknowledged that the situation should not have arisen. Councillor Wilson commended staff and all who lobbied against the cuts. He further highlighted the reprieve of Cookstown Social Security Office had been granted, highlighting that this again was another successful lobbying campaign by Council.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton concurred stating that messages had been sent to organisations.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28 September 2017(C183/17 – C199/17 and C206/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C212/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 October 2017

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 October 2017 (P129/17 – P134/17 and P140/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C213/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 October 2017

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 October 2017 (PR174/17 – PR184/17 and PR194/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C214/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 October 2017

Councillor Bell drew attention to E241/17 and welcomed the approval regarding Cott Lane Footbridge and stressed that expediency was required in relation to maintenance and upkeep of the footbridge and Gort Moss Walk, Ballinderry/Kinturk.

Councillor Glasgow drew attention to E262/17 and sought clarification from a legal perspective on signatures being retained on letters submitted regarding renaming and renumbering of existing streets. He recalled that at the Environment Committee it had been stated that signatures were removed in line with Data Protection principles, as the matter was in open business. He asked, if the matter was dealt with in confidential business if the signatures could be retained.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that a report would be brought to the November Environment Committee meeting in relation to Cott Lane Footbridge and Gort Moss Walk; and the Renaming and Renumbering of Existing Streets on retention of signatures on letters.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2017 (E235/17 – E263/17 and E270/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C215/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee held on Thursday 12 October 2017

Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in Harps Club in relation to Community Grants stating that although not a member he had assisted the Club.

Councillors McEldowney, McGinley and M Quinn declared an interest in Lough Neagh Partnership

In response to Councillor McGinley's question in relation to declaring interests the Chief Executive stated that if a Member lists an interest in the annual 'Registration of Interest' declaration which is a public record, it is already declared however if an organisation was, for example receiving a significant amount of money a Member may wish to highlight the interest.

Councillor G Shiels drew attention to D209/17 Neighbourhood Renewal Programme advising that since he had spoken on the topic at Development Committee, following a meeting earlier in the day that the community plan would be severely threatened due to the crisis in rural transport. He advised that Rural Transport was on verge of closure due to the effect of the new proposed licensing restrictions and stated he could not stress enough the seriousness of the situation.

Councillor Wilson drew attention to D198/17 and stated that on reflection he felt that three Members would be sufficient to attend the Joint Delegation Visit and thus he would withdraw his name.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved: That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 October 2017 (D187/17–D211/17 and D215/17) transacted in "Open Business", having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C216/17 Conferences and Seminars

Approval was sought for undernoted conferences for attendance of Members and council officers outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

(i) Member Approvals

- National Association of Councillors AGM & Conference
Theme Emergency Services & Emergency Planning 3rd - 5th November
at Mercure Hotel, Glasgow Cost £350+vat, accommodation, travel & subsistence
- Level 3 Award in Developing Counselling Skills: JMC Counselling, Unit 23, 51 Dungannon Rd, Coalisland - Tuesday evenings 6-10pm October-December 2017 Cost £495 plus travel

Councillor N Doris to attend

(i) Officer Approval

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fees
Local Govt Finance under the new govt	2/11/17	1	London	Yes
Digital Tech, Young People & Heritage Conference	2/11/17	1	Belfast	Free
BTO Birdwatchers Conference 2017	11/11/17	1	Craigavon	Yes
Joint Delegation visit to Catapult Centres in UK (via South West College)	21/11/17	2 + Councillors	Glasgow & Coventry	Yes
Equality & Diversity Seminar	7/11/17	1	Newtownabbey	Free

(ii) Officer Retrospective Approval

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fees
Annual Conference for Head of Info Systems Group (Ireland)	11/10/17	1	Dundalk	Free
Common Ground-Shared Language	16/10/17	1	Belfast	Free

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That the attendance of Members and officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required for attending Members and officers.

C217/17 Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition

The Head of Democratic services drew Members attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval for civic recognition requests for those groups and individuals listed in line with Council Receptions Policy.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report.

C218/17 European Capital of Culture Bid

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report and highlighted the possible direct economic return and tourism boost if the two cities were successful. He further highlighted that within phase two of the bid Council may be able to assist with the programme of events and projects.

Councillor Wilson stated it would be a pleasure to support highlighting the success of Londonderry City of Culture and wished both cities success.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That Council provide a letter confirming its support for Belfast City Council and Derry and Strabane District Council joint bid for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023.

Matters for Information

C219/17 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Councillor Monteith drew attention to the Department for Communities consultation ‘*A Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations*’ and proposed that Council make a response highlighting the issues of housing stress and the allocation system. He emphasised if Council was to be relevant to the community it was important to convene a public event and encourage charities, housing bodies and especially families suffering due to both housing stress and the allocation system to have their say.

Councillor Mallaghan drew attention to the Department for the Economy consultation Mineral Development Act (NI) 1969 relating to an application from Karelian Diamond Resources for mineral prospecting rights. It was noted that part of the lands was in Council jurisdiction. Councillor Mallaghan highlighted that although the planning department was developing a response there was insufficient time to bring it back to Council as the closing date was 10 November. The Chief Executive advised that if Council were mindful to do so they could delegate authority to the Planning Committee to progress and finalise the response.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

That Council devolve powers to the Planning Committee to progress response to the consultation carried out by the Department for the Economy in relation to the Mineral Development Act (NI) 1969

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that on previous occasions Council had issued a letter of intention and forwarded the response following the Council meeting. In response

the Chief Executive stated that Council could enquire if the closing date listed was final, and if not, issue a letter of intent and bring a response brought back to Council to approve.

Councillor Monteith sought clarification as to whether the response approved by the Planning Committee would be constrained to just planning legislation or whether it could incorporate other views, for example that of the community.

The Chief Executive stated that Members should forward their views to the Planning department prior to the meeting.

Councillor Kearney entered the meeting at 7.17pm

Councillor McLean concurred with Councillor Monteith and stated that Council must be careful as to how it responds.

Councillor Wilson asked if Members could have sight of the draft response prior to the committee. In response the Chief Executive stated that the draft response would be within the Planning Committee papers being issued.

Councillor Reid asked if the Chief Executive could be present at the Planning Committee. In response the Chief Executive stated he would have to consult his diary and that he would endeavour to attend but emphasised that Council's legal representative would be present.

Resolved The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted and that

- (i) Department for Communities: Review of Social Housing Allocations - Council to prepare a response initiate a public event to liaise with those in housing stress, Charities and Housing bodies
- (ii) Department for the Economy: Mineral Development Act (NI) 1969 - if it is required, delegate authority to Planning Committee to approve. Response should not be confined to a planning legislative perspective but incorporate Members comments corporately and reflect view points of the community

C220/17 Correspondence

Resolved The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted.

C221/17 Consideration of Motion

C221.1/17 Councillor S McGuigan to move

Councillor S McGuigan stated that in bringing forward the motion on what is a wide ranging topic it was difficult to encapsulate in words what might be seen as a positive consequence of the motion being agreed.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that the reason for highlighted the housing development in Belfast was to link the fact that political parties seemed to agree a way forward. He emphasised prior to that incident thousands of others had happened and unfortunately would be likely to occur in different aspects of daily lives.

He stated that sectarianism had infected each level of society right across the island of Ireland both north and south and that the Good Friday Agreement provides the political framework and governing principles to facilitate the conduct of politics, the co-existence of distinct and competing political traditions and aspirations. Councillor S McGuigan continued stating that a failure to fully embrace Good Friday Agreement principles of mutual respect, parity of esteem, equality and the right to both live free from sectarian harassment and to pursue political goals on the basis of peaceful politics would mean that the culture of sectarianism retards the primacy of democratic politics.

Councillor S McGuigan emphasised that what he was asking is that collectively, as political representatives, Council Members and the corporate body contribute by pledging support for the principles outlined in the second half of the undernoted motion.

He stated that all could be more mindful of what they say, or fail to say reflecting that the natural instinct is often to take the easy option without thinking of the consequence of the action. He concluded by saying that initially if the motion results in reflection on the many instances daily where Members input would contribute to a positive outcome then the debate will have been useful. He also emphasised that if anti-sectarian measures and initiatives could be brought into the mechanisms of Local Government it would further supplement positive outcomes.

Councillor S McGuigan moved the motion as undernoted:

“In the aftermath of the intimidation of families from a shared housing development in Cantrell Close, Belfast that this Council acknowledges the recent statement by the six main party leaders pledging their support for ‘citizens to live in a society without fear of intimidation, free from sectarianism, and condemn all forms of sectarianism, intolerance and threats of violence.’ That this council also affirms the principle of the Good Friday Agreement which promised to citizens the right to freely choose one’s place of residence’ and the ‘right to freedom from sectarian harassment’ and pledges it support for:

- *The right to employment free from sectarian discrimination, intimidation and attack.*
- *The right to housing and to live in your home free from sectarian attack, intimidation or any other discrimination.*
- *The right to free association, recreation and to socialise at places of choice free from sectarian attack or other discrimination.*
- *The right to practise religious faith and worship free from sectarian attack, intimidation or other discrimination.*
- *The duty to report or challenge sectarian speech, attack, intimidation or other discrimination when witnessed or heard.”*

Councillor Doris seconded the motion.

Councillor McLean stated that in normal circumstances the motion holds ground and weight but having read it and considered the party it is coming from the DUP had discussed it and decided that the words are plausible but hypocritical and thus reflecting on history they would not support the motion.

Councillor G Shiels stated that there were many things within the motion that he could agree with but that he was horrified in relation to the party moving it, and speaking about discrimination. Councillor G Shiels said he had two relatives one a cousin and the other his brother who was the father of a four week old baby both of whom were indiscriminately murdered during the Troubles. The Councillor told of how he had to identify his brother and the horrendous ordeal it had been. He spoke in despair as to having to listen to the motion being moved when his brother had been murdered when all he had been doing was feeding his dog at 10.30pm at night at his own home. He asked if those moving the motion had no shame.

Councillor Wilson asked how anyone could follow on from what Councillor G Shiels had shared. He stated that he had listened carefully to Councillor S McGuigan emphasising that what had happened at the referred housing development should be condemned, but declared that the motion refers to the Good Friday Agreement yet Sinn Féin only cherry pick what they want from it, as the agreement clearly stated that Northern Ireland was part of the United Kingdom. He also emphasised that the motion did not condemn deaths in the Mid Ulster region and that they would not support the motion.

Councillor Kearney stated that the recent attacks on families had been well documented and that they had not been random but well planned. He also made mention of three separate racist attacks which had been orchestrated and were a real attempt to discriminate. He stated that the Good Friday Agreement was to bring the Troubles to an end but stated that the school he had taught in in Ballymena had been demolished. Councillor Kearney stated that they supported the rights listed in the motion which were really formed from the Civil Rights movement. He emphasised that there was an ever increasing need for the NI Executive and the Policing Board to come together.

Councillor Kearney supported the motion.

Councillor Reid stated that he had heard a lot of talk about equality and respect but shared that the protestant people he represented were afraid to move into nationalist or Catholic areas as sectarianism was taking place even prior to them moving in. He condemned the attacks but stated that he hadn't heard any condemnation on other events he stated he supported the comments of his group leader and reiterated that the UUP would not support the motion.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that in respect of the comments made, some of which were very personal, which was the right of the speakers, he emphasised that he had only used one incident as an example and had highlighted this. He also stated that he had spoken to Councillor McLean in relation to the motion earlier in the evening at which time he had been accepting of it but noted it had been before he spoke to his

party colleagues. He emphasised that there were many sectarian incidents in the past and that there may be more in the future but said the motion was in respect to where he sees society now and how as a Council they could move forward.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton called for a vote on the motion.

For	22
Against	15
Abstained	1

The motion was carried.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved: That items C222/17 – C 229/17 be taken as confidential business.

- (i) Minutes taken as confidential business at Audit meeting held on 19 September 2017
- (ii) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Council meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2017.
- (iii) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 October 2017
- (iv) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 5 October 2017
- (v) Minutes taken as confidential business Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 October 2017
- (vi) Minutes taken as confidential business Development Committee held on Thursday 12 October 2017
- (vii) Tender for Curran Terrace, Dungannon - Road Improvements

Documents for Sealing

- (viii) Conveyance between Mid Ulster District Council and Dungannon Enterprise Centre in respect of lands at Dungannon Enterprise Park, Drumcoo

The public and press left the meeting at 7.28pm

C230/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.35pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 7 November 2017 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow (7.12 pm), Kearney, McAleer (7.01 pm), McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels

Officers in Attendance

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McEvoy, Head of Development Plan & Enforcement
Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Applicant Speakers

I/2014/0413/F	Margaret McCrory – Objector
I/2014/0413/F	Seamus Canavan – Canavan
Assoc.	
	Imelda Barry – Brookfield
Renewables	
	Aidan Sweeney – Island
Renewables	
	Aidan Pender – CHL Consulting
	Audrey Gahan/Chris Long – Gahan & Long
Archaeologists	
LA09/2016/1406/F	Dermot Monaghan – MBA Planning
LA09/2017/0057/F	Thomas Bell – Clyde Shanks
	Declan O'Neill – Applicant
LA09/2017/0058/LBC	Thomas Bell – Clyde Shanks
	Declan O'Neill – Applicant
LA09/2017/0624/O	Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners
LA09/2017/0629/O	Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners
LA09/2017/0727/O	Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners
LA09/2016/1556/O	Martin Kearney – Newline

Architects

Councillor B McGuigan

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

P146/17 Apologies

Councillor Mullen.

Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 7.01 pm.

P147/17 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor McEldowney declared an interest in LA09/2017/0624 as she lives on the same road as the proposed application and her house is part of the cluster.

Councillor Reid declared an interest in LA09/2016/1605/F.

Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest in LA09/2016/1571/F.

*Councillor McPeake declared an interest in the following applications:
LA09/2017/0057/F, LA09/2017/0058/LBC, LA09/2017/0727/O, LA09/2015/0932/F,
LA09/2016/1371/O, LA09/2016/1556/O, LA09/2017/0380/O*

P148/17 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan passed on his thanks to Councillor Robinson, Deputy Chair who took the Chair in his absence at the last meeting.

The Planning Manager advised that a request had been received seeking to defer application LA09/2016/1406/F until further proposals were brought forward. He said that it would be inappropriate at this time not to give the applicants the opportunity of doing so.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Kearney

Resolved: That application LA09/2016/1406/F be deferred until further proposals were brought forward.

The Planning Manager advised on the following applications which were on the agenda for determination:

I/2014/0413/F	Wind farm comprising 5 wind turbines with a maximum blade to tip height of 126.5m and ancillary works at Beltonanean, Ballynosollus, Beleevna-More and Ballynagilly townlands Cookstown for Beltonanean Renewable Energy Ltd
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The Head of Development Plan presented a report on planning application I/2014/0413/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

He referred to circulated addendum which stated that the proposal was contrary to the Cookstown Area Plan, the SPPS and Policy RE1 of Planning Policy Statement 18

– Renewable Energy in that the development would, if permitted, have an unacceptable impact on the visual amenity and landscape character of the area, which is located within the Sperrin's AONB, by reason of the scale and siting of the turbines and the sensitivity of the landscape, and also due to the cumulative impact of existing turbines, those which have permissions and those that are currently the subject of valid but undetermined applications, and that the proposed socio-economic benefits offered in support of the application do not outweigh the unacceptable impact of the proposal on this AONB.

The Planning Manager stated that the Agent had requested a pre-determination hearing for the application, but it was felt that the views of all those who have interest in the application could be adequately expressed within normal planning committee arrangements given also that the proposal was now reduced and the views of the local community have been considered with the recommendation to refuse the application.

All relevant issues have been considered, including objections, applicant's submission of a reduced scheme, and history surrounding the site. A refusal has been recommended for the reasons given in the Case Officer's report.

The Planning Manager advised that on Monday he had received a legal representation on behalf of the applicant relating to comments made by the Tourism Officer regarding this application and the implications it would have on the Dark Skies Project. The Tourism Officer stated that the funding received from MUDC to develop the Dark Skies Project and proposals approved would have a detrimental impact on the proposal. The Planning Manager read the representation and that it argued that it would be improper of the Planning Department to favour one economic project against another, i.e. the wind turbine versus the dark sky project. The Planning Manager also advised that the reasons given for refusal did not refer to the Dark Skies Project. He also advised that whilst in relation to another application the Planning Appeals Commission had not sustain a reason for refusal based on the impact on Beaghmore stone circles as tourism asset this did not mean that the impact on the heritage asset of Beaghmore was no longer a consideration. He said that in such incidents that it was quite right for members to consider whether the economic and environmental benefits of the proposal were outweighed by other environmental and economic dis-benefits.

Councillor Glasgow entered meeting at 7.12 pm.

The Chair advised that a request to speak in favour of the recommendation for refusal was received from Ms Margaret McCrory and invited her to address the committee.

The Chair enquired if members were happy to proceed with the application presented tonight or arrange another date after the hearing.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: To proceed with the presented application in front of the committee tonight.

Ms McCrory advised that she was speaking tonight on behalf of residents of Beltonanean and advised that they were concerned about the impact on their lives and livelihood that the wind turbines would have. She stated that the windfarm would be adjacent to the archaeologically sited Beaghmore Circles, Davagh Forest and the backdrop to the Sperrin Mountains which all attract huge numbers of tourists and native bird and animal species.

She said that although the above are all major factors, consideration has to be given to the potential noise pollution and environmental impact, which is claimed by the Renewable Company that it would be delivered in a responsible and compliant manner. A large number of families were against the proposal due to the constant noise and anticipated sleep disturbance coming from the wind turbines.

Concerns which have been raised:

- 1) Mountains would not be in their beautiful setting
- 2) Erected wind turbines would increase noise pollution
- 3) Erected turbines would have visual amenity, intrusion and over dominance
- 4) Shadow flicker
- 5) Natural habitat being disturbed
- 6) Detrimental effect on the widely publicised Dark Skies Project which received significant funding
- 7) Lottery Grant funding for the area
- 8) Planning permission for similar wind turbines refused at last month's Planning meeting and hope that the same outcome would be awarded to this application

The Chair advised that a request to speak against the recommendation of refusal was received and invited Mr Canavan from Canavan Associates to address the committee.

Mr Canavan advised that he was in attendance tonight as an agent for the applicant and said that he wished to clarify that:

- The proposal was now for 5 turbines and not 6 turbines as referred at times in the planners report; and
- That the 3 adjacent now all refused/lapsed wind turbines should have been discounted from referred cumulative impacts in the report.

He said that the wind farm was in accordance with government policy and would have a positive net benefit for the NI Economy and Environment. The NI Renewable Energy Target of 40% by 2020 was a minimum target and was not being presently met with confirmed latest figures of 27.1 percent.

Mr Canavan outlined the Windfarm benefits as detailed:

- Powering approximately 11,000 homes annually

- Economic spending on local businesses throughout the lifetime and construction of the wind farm (to £4.62 million NI £1.35 million local)
- Direct and Indirect employment
- Rates paid to the local council – estimated £100,000+ annually
- A Voluntary Community Benefit scheme – almost £60,000 annually

He referred to each of the following reasons outlined by the Planning Department for refusal:

- 1) **Sperrin AONB and Policy PPS2 NH6** and advised that wind farms were not prohibited within AONBs with several having planning consent in recent years. He said that the proposed development was:
 - Located on the southwest outlying slopes close to the edge of the Sperrin AONB (an area of 456sq. miles)
 - The main body of the High Sperrins lies to the north and northeast of Beltonanean away from the site
 - The site area was not pristine nor a wilderness
 - Is nestled between commercial forestry blocks on two sides it was in a human altered landscape with nearby sizable commercial quarrying

The Crockdun and Brackagh Wind Farms are within the same Landscape Character Area.

2) Residential Amenity:

(a) Dwelling at No. 17 Beltonanean Road:

- Is now 757m to the closest turbine and more than the 500m minimum required by PPS18
- Commercial polytunnels, a detached outbuilding and other structures in the approach to this property and upslope of the rear elevation of the dwelling
- Views would be obscured by these intervening structures and upward slope
- This should not necessarily be considered a domestic garden area

(b) Dwelling at No. 8 Beltonanean Road:

- Now 1.1km (previously 745m distance) from the nearest turbine as 1 turbine was deleted
- At this distance visual overbearance would not be significant
- There are large concrete tanks and post and wire fencing immediately behind the dwelling and at higher level in the viewing direction

3) Tourism, AONB & Beaghmore Stone Circles Complex:

- Tourism was not sustained in wind farm appeals as a refusal reason
- No actual evidence was produced that the tourist value of the area would be compromised
- Tourism NI (and Forest Service) have no objection to the proposal

- Wind farm development and the achievement of “Dark Skies” status are not mutually exclusive. Turbines not high enough and viewing locations in Dark Skies areas vary. There were wind farm sites at official “Dark Skies” areas e.g.
 - Galloway International Dark Skies Forest Park (with a 68 turbine wind farm on its perimeter) as managed by Forestry Commission Scotland views the presence of the wind farm as generating no impact on the visitor experience
 - Ballycroy National & Dark Sky Park in Co. Mayo also has the nearby Oweninney Wind Farm of: 61 turbines on a 5,000 HA site.
- Aviation lighting would be infra-red and would not be “always on” with other radar technical solutions also available and can be conditioned.

The Planning Manager stated a large amount of information was previously circulated to members for their consideration before the meeting.

4) Archaeology – Beaghmore Stone Circle Complex

- Our Archaeologists concluded that there would only be a negligible impact on the critical functional views from the Beaghmore Stone Circle Complex (critical northeast vista)
- Those tourists attracted to the Beaghmore Stone Circles would be a niche tourism market segment; and the proposed wind farm would not detract from their appreciation or experience of the monument
- The complex is not a major tourism asset in an economic sense. The road network in the local area impedes coach tour access and it is a niche attraction with no ongoing visitor surveys.

Mr Canavan concluded that there were significant environmental and economic benefits associated with this both RE and planning policy compliant proposal that have considerable planning weight. Over 27 years of life of the project, Local District Council would have the opportunity of benefits estimated:

- Community Benefits: £1.6m
- MUDC Rates Estimate: £2.9m

Councillor Cuthbertson enquired why there was a wide area consulted, as far as Aughnacloy and Carrickfergus.

The Head of Development Management advised that the application drew wide attention from further afield and with a result all these people had to be consulted.

The Planning Manager agreed that the Planning Department wrote to individuals who had objected to an application if the application was altered.

The Chair invited Councillor Glasgow to address the committee.

Councillor Glasgow referred to photograph no.3 and advised that he wasn't aware of the shear impact the wind turbines would have on dwellings and raised concern regarding the detrimental effect they would have on Orritor Presbyterian Church and

said that he would be fully supportive of the recommendation of refusal and agreed what all with what the objectors were saying.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That planning application I/2014/0413/F be recommended for refusal.

LA09/2015/0829/DCA Demolition of premises at 4-36 Perry Street, Dungannon for Castlehill Community Regeneration Group

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0829/DCA be recommended for approval.

LA09/2015/0835/F Mixed use development (residential and retail) at 4-36 Perry Street, Dungannon for Castlehill Community Regeneration Group

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0835/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2016/0978/O Dwelling and garage 45m NW of 275 Mountjoy Road, Stewartstown for Mr Richard Walker

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0978/O be recommended for approval.

LA09/2016/1281/F Campsite with 4 Glamping Cabins, ancillary facilities cabin, on site sewerage treatment and access roadway, 200m NE of 36 Slaughtneil Road, Maghera for Ciaran and Bronagh McEldowney

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Shields
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1281/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2016/1406/F Additional car parking and associated site works at lands 60m SE of The Ponderosa Bar and Restaurant, 974 Glenshane Road, Dungiven for Mr Karl McErlean

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1406/F be deferred until the next meeting and if no progress, bring back to committee for decision.

LA09/2016/1571/F 8 dwellings (2 complex needs and 6 general dwellings) with new access road and footpath at lands at Roskeen Road, Moygashel, Dungannon for Apex Housing Association

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1571/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2016/1605/F Observatory visit hub, 5 glamping pods, amenities compound and associated external works at Davagh Forest Park, Davagh Road, Omagh for Mid Ulster District Council

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

All members declared an interest in Davagh Forest Park for Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor Clarke abstained from this application due to being involved with the project.

The Planning Manager said that normally that it wasn't common practice to develop on peatland as it was in short supply across the world, but felt that an exception should be made for Davagh Forest as the application was accompanied by a long term management plan for a large peatland area. He said that the management plan which was for 25 years would help conserve and improve the peatland habitats. Mr Chris Perry, a Forest Technologist was in favour for the mitigation for the management of the peatlands as it would be properly regulated and was happy for the Council to take the lead on this.

Councillor Clarke said that very important points were raised by the Planning Manager as the landscape partnership had a 20 hectares blanket area. He said that in the late seventies the carpark was located at the peak of Davagh and now this is covered by trees growing around it. He said that the public forestry and high ground in Davagh could be turned into blanket bog again as it was evident from the map how beneficial it would be to restore the area for viewing again.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1605/F be recommended for approval.

**LA09/2016/1642/O Dwelling and garage at land between 151 and 151a
Fivemilestraight, Fallagloon, Maghera for Maura McKenna**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1642/O be recommended for approval.

**LA09/2016/17498RM Dwelling and garage 100m NW of St Paul's Church, 79
Killeeshill Road, Dungannon for Arleen Watt**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1748/RM be recommended for approval.

**LA09/2016/1755/F Replacement toilet/changing block and relocation of lorry
wash at 23 Ballymacombs Road, Portglenone, for Peter and
Brendan Donnelly**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1755/F be recommended for approval.

**LA09/2017/0026/F Demolition of existing pavilion and construction of a new
community building at Kildress Wolfe Tone's Grounds, 46**

**Loughdoo Road, Kildress, Pomeroy for Kildress Wolfe
Tone's GAA**

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0026/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017//0057/F Mixed use scheme including the retention and refurbishment of existing listed buildings comprising 29 apartments, 2 retail units, office, community/cultural unit (class D1), amenity space, bin refuge area, parking, bicycle stands, pelican crossing and ancillary site works. Lands at and to the rear of 43-49 Rainey Street, Magherafelt for Market Yard (NI) Ltd

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0057/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0058/LBC Mixed use scheme including the retention and refurbishment of existing listed buildings comprising 29 apartments, 2 retail units, office, community/cultural unit (class D1), amenity space, bin refuge area, parking, bicycle stands, pelican crossing and ancillary site works. Lands at and to the rear of 43-49 Rainey Street, Magherafelt for Market Yard (NI) Ltd

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0058/LBC be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0405/F Side extension at the Washingbay Centre, 92 Ballybeg Road, Aughamullan for Jackie Corr

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0405/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0572/F Extension to existing Kindercraft Business to provide storage at 23 Ballymacombs Road, Portglenone for Kindercraft

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0572/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0587/F 2 infill dwellings at land between 60 and 66 Kilnacart Road, Dungannon for Paul McCann

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0587/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0624/O Dwelling and garage 70m SE of 7 Gortinure Road, Maghera for Kirsty and Michael McEldowney

Ms Doyle presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0405/ advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised that a request to speak had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

The Planning Manager said that he wanted to commend Mr Cassidy as he took on board what was said at the last meeting and put a lot of work into providing relevant information for the committee and that it would be beneficial if other agents would follow suit.

Mr Cassidy stated that the Strategic Planning Policy paragraph 3.8 states that the guiding principle for planning authorities in determining applications was that sustainable development should be permitted unless the proposed development would cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance.

Policy CTY 2a States that planning permission would be granted for a dwelling at an existing cluster of development provided all of six stated criteria are met. The Planning Authority raise objections that the cluster was not associated with a focal

point. Policy does not fully define what a focal point is but it implies a public meeting point with a visual or physical relationship with the site.

He said that the site was located 70m South East of 7 Gortinure Road, Maghera in a town land known as Glebe. The town land has an abundance of historic monuments as detailed in the Carntogher History Trail. The proposed site is approx. 90m from an ancient monument denoted on the trail as Gortinure Old Church. The Church which was now in ruins includes a burial ground, but research shows historically there was a church, burial grounds and a school in the vicinity of the site as denoted on the Griffins Valuation Map of 1859. Originally an older Church associated with St Ciaran and after the Plantation of Ulster occupied the site. By the last 1700s, it was decided to build the Church closer to the centre of the parish, in what became known as the Glebe (or Church-land) which also comprised the town-land of Gortinure. The Board of First Fruits (an institution that governed the funding of churches and rectories) donated £600 in the period 1808-10 towards the Church and accompanying rectory situated about 200 yards away. In the Ordnance Survey Memoirs of the 1820s, the Church was described as 'a plain edifice without Church or Tower', although it would seem likely that a tower was added sometime in the next decade or so – as was a large stained-glass window, the aperture of which can still be seen. By the late 1850s, the Church seems to have served its purpose and a new building was erected in Swatragh, which still stands by the Corlecky River. The stained-glass window from the Gortinure Church was removed and set into the new Church. The old Gortinure Church had a number of graves, which would have extended down to the Gortinure Road.

Mr Cassidy stated that the Case Officer denotes in their report that 'The Church was largely derelict and overgrown making access to the grounds difficult' and referred to the photos presented and said that he would beg to differ with this opinion. Excess to the site was quite easy and indeed there was an annual walk (excess 150 participants) run by the Carntogher Historical Society that passes this site as it was part of the 'WalkNI' route which also has the Drumnaph Nature Reserve walk which is 0.4 mile away from the site/focal point. The area around the Church is extremely well maintained, the majority of the Church walls are intact and there was a gate into the site. The graveyard would have frequent visitors as it contains the grave of Sam Scales. A legend attaches to one Sam Scales was that if an unwary wanderer happened to walk over his grave and that Sam's bony hands would emerge to drag them to perdition, although it was not known whether anyone actually suffered this fate.

He said that a second legend associated with this Church relates to a Rector who, around the time of the famine took it into his head that the Church walls were not quite on the square and needed to be moved slightly so as to form a more perfect situation. Accordingly, he enlisted his team of bemused parishioners one Sunday morning who, under his enthusiastic guidance, put their shoulders to the east wing and pushed mightily. Legend has it, urged by the Rector they moved the wall until their captain was content the wall had moved a vital couple of inches.

The site has a strong visual linkage with adjacent plots and would consolidate the cluster. It would not intrude into the surrounding countryside as there was development around the site ensuring any development would not significantly alter the character of the area. The departments approach to clustering is also at odds

with other Councils and the Planning Appeal Commission who in appeals 2016/A0095, 2012/A00120, 2010/A0202 along with Council references LA08/2015/0056/F and LA07/20156/0135 found that not meeting the policy in its entirety was not fatal but rather recognised that the overall thrust of this policy was to consolidate development.

Mr Cassidy concluded that in this case the nature of the cluster it was considered that no demonstrateable harm would be caused and would respectfully request that this application be reconsidered for approval.

The Planning Manager said that he would be in disagreement with Mr Cassidy regarding approvals and appeals. He said that MUDC had the highest approval rate and lowest appeal rates and if an application goes to the Planning Appeal, and it was upheld we have to learn from that. He said that the ruined Church could be a focal point, but by looking at the maps the site ~~it~~ looks somewhat divorced from the church.

Councillor J Shiels said that he knew the area well and in terms of the Church, it has been a focal point as it has a community facility and a religious focal point for the area and that 90m wasn't far away. He referred to the criteria set out and felt that if the application met 4 out of the 5 points then that this should be reconsidered for an approval. He said that he found it hard to justify refusing the application on the grounds of one corner protruding.

Councillor Bateson said that the site at least merits a site meeting for members to decide for themselves.

The Planning Manager advised that the committee were fortunate enough to receive all the relevant information required from Mr Cassidy and that a decision should be made tonight.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0624/O be recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That the planning manager apply appropriate conditions to ensure that the dwelling was in character with the locality and access was safe.

LA09/2017/0629/O Off site replacement dwelling at lands 70m W of 47 Bellshill Road, Castledawson for George McMillin

Ms Doyle presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0629/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

She advised that an additional reason for refusal was recommended by DfI Roads:

“The proposed development is contrary to PPS 3 in that the red line of the site does not connect to the existing public road network and access therefore cannot be achieved”.

Councillor McEldowney left the meeting at 7.40 pm and returned at 7.43 pm.

The Planning Manager said that he felt that this could be replaced but that it may have to go somewhere else.

The Chair advised that a request to speak had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

Chris Cassidy said that the current location of the dwelling was affected by the new road development to the north and that the land had been vested for gravel extraction thus the application for an off-site replacement. The proposed new location was currently an agricultural field and the dwelling was proposed to be sited in the corner of this.

He said that Transport NI were asked to comment and responded on 8th June 2017 stating that they were unable to give a determination at present on this application as the proposed new road shown on the proposal does not yet exist and the final line of this new road was subject to change. He said that he would dispute this as the final road layout was fully agreed, the lands were vested and the Planning Application agreed. He said that he had met with the Transport NI team on site and they have digitally set out the final road position. This position is shown on the plan overlaid of the site and was attached for submission. It should be noted that this was a slip road which the house would be taken off and not the major new A6.

Mr Cassidy referred to the integration and said that the site was bounded by very modest agricultural hedges. Mature hedging abuts two of the boundaries and was currently in excess of 3-4 metres in height.

Road Service in their environment impact assessment for the A6 road conceded that the land adjacent to the site would experience some loss of hedgerows and agreed as part of their Planning Application to plant trees in the area between the property boundaries and the south link. This additional planting would again further help to integrate the property.

He referred to concern raised by the Council *“A dwelling sited within the proposed off site location would be a prominent feature in the skyline”*. He said that no viewpoints have been identified by Council but can be accessed from the new road looking towards the site. As depicted from the submitted photograph there are no views of the site. Contours of the land render the site invisible and this was reinforced as none of the existing dwellings adjacent to site were visible in the photograph.

He said that the applicant had a dairy herd of cattle and had already suffered considerable hardship with the vesting of his land which now splits his farm in two. The submitted site was chosen as the new road layout had rendered this field on his farm unusable for farming purposes. Any alternative site on his lands would further diminish his useable land and add further hardship.

He said that whilst it was acknowledged that new planting would be required to help integrate the scheme, this could be conditioned accordingly, as can any restrictions on size, location and road access details. He stated that the applicant was willing to undertake a condition that the reserved matters application would not be made until the new road was complete thus ensuring all detailed design matters could be dealt with in an informed way.

Mr Cassidy concluded by saying that he believed that this was a fairly unique application with a similar one unlikely to come before this Council again and would respectfully ask the Committee to reconsider for approval.

In response to Councillor Bell's query on whether foliage and trees would make a difference to the proposed site, Ms Doyle advised that this was not the only reason for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Reid

To defer the application for an office meeting as he felt that this application was close to being resolved, and said that it may not be this site, but there was an opportunity to resolve the matter when there was planting of trees.

The Planning Manager advised that the Case Officer gave a view and that the applicant was fully aware that there was an opportunity for an alternative site, but that there were a lot of deliberations to be considered and that it was up to this committee to determine this.

Councillor Bateson enquired if the reason for refusal was no access onto the A6, but access via slip road, he said that this was a very unique situation and was very rare to have the applicant's land sliced in this matter. He felt that this kind of scenario would more than likely never be brought before the planning committee again and that members should consider approving the application.

The Planning Manager agreed and advised that he though he may have met the applicant and that they were very worried about the loss of land. He said that there was an onus on DfL Roads to compensate landowners for the loss of land and this was dealt with separately to. He said that road safety and integration issues, need consideration.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney

To approve the application on the grounds of its uniqueness, trees and available land in the area. He said that this kind of application was unlikely to be brought before the committee again and therefore he would be happy to recommend it for approval.

Councillor Clarke referred to the existing building and enquired if this was going to disappear and if so then a dwelling has to be replaced somewhere.

Councillor McPeake felt that this application should merit an office meeting as it would be very harsh leaving the meeting tonight for a refusal and would advocate

approving it but would like it considered for an office meeting if approval wasn't granted tonight.

The Chair, proposed that a site meeting be held so members can decide for themselves what was the best option.

Councillors McPeake and McKinney withdrew their proposals.

Councillor McKinney asked that the site at Brough Road be also looked at.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved: That a site meeting be held for application LA09/2017/0629/O and investigate site at Brough Road.

LA09/2017/0697/F 7 Business Units (uses classes B1 and B2), in curtilage car parking and vehicle turning areas at 237 Trewmount Road, Moy for Thomas Fanthorpe

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Mr Marrion advised that additional landscaping scheme had been provided and proposed condition 6 to be amended to require the landscaping to be carried out in accordance with the proposed scheme within the first planting following commencement of the development.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0697/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0727/O Dwelling and garage/store 30m ESE of 22 Ford Road, Clady, Portglenone for Stefan Lynn

Ms Doyle presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0727/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised that a request to speak had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy advised that the Strategic Planning Policy paragraph 3.8 stated that the guiding principle for planning authorities in determining planning applications was that sustainable development should be permitted unless the proposed development would cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance.

Policy CTY 2a states that planning permission would be granted for a dwelling at an existing cluster of development provided all of six stated criteria are met. The Planning Authority was content a cluster of development exists but raise objections

that the cluster was not associated with a focal point. Policy does not fully define what a focal point was but it implies a public meeting with a visual or physical relationship with the site.

The site is located 50m South East of the Clady River, where two means of crossing the river, one a "ford" and the other a footbridge. Beside the footbridge are the old flax mill, mill race and weir which represent local industrial heritage. The Clady River corridor and associated vegetation acts as a wildlife corridor and the footbridge provides attractive place where members of the public gather to view this.

He said that the site had a strong visual linkage with the River, the footbridge and the Ford. It would not intrude into the surrounding countryside and any development would not significantly alter the character of the area. The departments approach to clustering was also at odds with the other Councils and the Planning Appeal Commission who in appeals 2016/A0095, 2012/A00120, 2010/A202 along with Council References LA08/2015/0056/F and LA07/2015/0135 found that not meeting the policy in its entirety was not fatal but rather recognised that the overall thrust of this policy was to consolidate development.

Mr Cassidy said that the Case Officer states that: *"The site is only bound by development along one side (western boundary). As a result the proposed site is unable to be absorbed into the existing cluster through rounding off and consolidation and would visually intrude into the open countryside"*.

He said that the site was enclosed by and reads with the 8 existing buildings, all fronting the road. The site marked red on the map had development to the west and north thus fulfilling this element of policy. The site and the development enclosing it read as a visual in the landscape.

Mr Cassidy concluded that given the nature of the cluster, it was considered that no demonstrateable harm would be caused and would respectfully request this application be reconsidered for approval.

Councillor McPeake advised that he had declared an interest in this application at the beginning of the meeting but wanted to lend his support. He said that he agreed with Mr Cassidy regarding the cluster and that it's not every day there are focal points at a crossroads and a ford itself within a village. He said that the village of Innishrush was important as it was where Mr Lynn's fiancée was from and that it was great site for the occupant as it was near her parents and his parents. He said that cars were able to drive over the river and as this was the only piece of land that was given to Mr Lynn for a site, that the committee look upon the application favourably.

Councillor McPeake returned to the gallery.

Councillor Kearney said that he knew the area well and stated that the footbridge (or "footstick") crossed over the Clady River just outside Innishrush, which took walkers over the river alongside the ford on Ford Road. He said that it was a meeting point for people and was clearly indicated as a cul-de-sac and would be fully supportive of approving the application.

The Planning Manager referred to the footbridge and agreed that it could be taken as a focal point. He said that this rather than a cluster this could be seen as an urban sprawl and asked members to give careful consideration to the application.

Councillor Reid said that by listening to everyone's comments that he would agree with the focal point and as this was the only site available to the applicant, that he would be happy to consider it for approval, but would have concerns about flooding. He felt that as the site was at the dead-end of the road, in a cul-de-sac and was isolated away from the main road and a lot of foliage that he would be happy to approve it as other sites had been passed with a lot less of an argument, but only on the grounds of a no comeback clause.

The Planning Manager advised Councillor Reid that a comeback could never be guaranteed. He said that all the relevant information was in front of members tonight for consideration and that a recommendation should be deliberated, but would ask members to take all facts into consideration before doing so.

Councillor Bell said that he would concur with members comments and referred to the possibly of urban sprawl and advised that the river could stop this in the north and would look to urban, suburban style already.

Councillor Bateson agreed with Councillor Bell and stated that this wouldn't change the character of the area and met the criteria.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0727/O be recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: That the following condition be applied to the application:
Single storey dwelling with a 6m ridge and landscaping.

LA09/2017/0793/F Dwelling and garage adjacent to 2 Killycurragh Road, Orritor, Cookstown for Thomas and Lynne Dripps

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0793/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0830/F Widening of existing access to and retention of extension at Holy Family Primary School carpark at access road immediately SE of Magherafelt Parish Centre, 100m NE of

King Street, Magherafelt for Very Reverend Father John Gates

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0830/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0950/O Infill dwelling and garage adjacent to 11 and 37m W of 11 Roughan Road, Stewartstown for Declan Amour

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0950/O be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0951/O Infill dwelling and garage adjacent to 7 and 35m W of 7 Roughan Road, Stewartstown for Declan Amour

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0951/O be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/1057/F Replacement dwelling at 37 Barrack Street, Dungannon for Farasha Properties Ltd

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/1057/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/1085/F Change of use to restaurant and hot food takeaway at 33 William Street, Cookstown for REA Developments Ltd

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney

Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/1085/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/1103/O Dwelling and detached garage between 57 and 63 Cadian Road, Mullaghlonefield, Dungannon for Seamus Rodgers

Mr Marrion presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/1103/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillors Glasgow and Reid left the meeting at 8.17 pm.

Councillor Gildernew advised that he had received a phone call requesting a deferral of the application so that the applicants could attend an office meeting. The Chair said that on this occasion that he would agree to the request.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/1130/O be recommended for an office meeting.

LA09/2015/0932/F Change of use of lands and office from window glazing business to car sales and car hire at 155a Creagh Road, Castledawson for Ben McCormack

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0932/F be recommended for approval.

LA09/2016/1371/O Infill site 50m N of 63 Deerpark Road, Leitrim, Castledawson for Mr Norman Leslie

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1371/O be recommended for approval.

LA09/2016/1556/O Infill dwelling site between 33 and 33b Tobermore Road, Draperstown for Teresa McNally

Ms Doyle presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1556/O advising that it was now recommended for approval.

She said that a revised plan had been received and was satisfied that a 2 storey dwelling would not have a detrimental impact on neighbouring amenity.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1556/O be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0380/O Site for dwelling 80m S of 41 Gortnaskey Road, Draperstown for Oonagh Barrett

The Head of Development Plan presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0380/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0380/O be recommended for refusal.

LA09/2017/0538/O Two storey dwelling and garage 65m S of 61 Deerpark Road, Leitrim, Castledawson for Mr Norman Leslie

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0538/O be recommended for approval.

LA09/2017/0598/O Dwelling and garage/store approx. 175m W of 6 Tonaght Road, Draperstown for Sean McGlade

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2017/0598/O be recommended for approval.

Meeting recessed at 8.40 pm and recommenced at 9 pm.

P149/17 Review of the Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report to seek agreement to the amendments to the Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee in order to reduce the time spent at the Planning Committee.

Councillor Bell left the meeting at 9.01 pm.

The Chair proposed to set this back until members had an opportunity to be made aware of the protocol.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Kinney and

Resolved: That approval be given to putting this back for one month.

P150/17 Updated Planning Officer Authorisation List

The Planning manager referred to circulated addendum and sought Members approval for Mrs Roisin McAllister to be authorised to sign decisions and Orders on behalf of the Council in accordance with its Schemes of Delegation.

Proposed Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That Mrs Roisin McAllister be nominated as an authorised officer.

Matters for Information

P151/17 Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 October 2017

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 October 2017.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items P151/17 to P159/17

Matters for Decision

P152/17	Receive Report on Consultation from Department for the Economy
P153/17	Receive Enforcement Listed Building Report
P154/17	Receive 2 no. Enforcement Cases

Matters for Information

P155/17	Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 October 2017
P156/17	Report on Areas of Significant Archaeological Interest (ASAI)
P157/17	Enforcement Case Liveload
P158/17	Enforcement Cases Opened
P159/17	Enforcement Cases Closed

P160/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 21.40 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 9 November 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor Molloy, Chair Councillors Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McPeake, Totten
Officers in Attendance	Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Mrs Kerr, Head of Finance Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer
In Attendance	Mr McCrossan, Strategic Investment Board

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

PR195/17 Apologies

Councillor Ashton, Doris and M Quinn.

PR196/17 Declaration of Interest

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

Councillor Elattar declared an interest in agenda item 13 – Proposed Land Acquisitions from PSNI and NIHE – as a member of the Housing Council.

PR197/17 Chair's Business

The Director of Organisational Development advised of road traffic accident earlier in the day involving a refuse collection vehicle in which the driver had to be cut from the vehicle and flown by air ambulance to hospital. It was advised the driver had sustained leg injuries.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy, on behalf of the committee wished the staff member a speedy recovery.

Matters for Decision

PR198/17 Public Notice Advertising Policy

The Head of Marketing and Communications presented previously circulated report which made suggested amendments to the Council's existing policy governing the placement of public notice advertising.

Councillor Gildernew stated that a lot of people still depended on newspapers and asked how the Council could pick one newspaper to advertise in over others.

Councillor Cuddy advised that a number of newspaper titles have closed or are struggling and that government and council advertisements help to keep the remaining titles going. The Councillor agreed that advertising needed to be reduced but felt that a phased approach over 2-3 years would be better. Councillor Cuddy advised he would abstain from any vote on this item as he was indirectly linked to it.

The Head of Marketing and Communications advised that a reduction in advertising would bring efficiency savings and referred to other advertising methods (website, facebook etc) which were proving successful and that there was a good level of public engagement.

Councillor Gildernew felt that parts of the district would be excluded from engaging with online advertising due to non availability of broadband.

Councillor McLean stated he understood the rationale for the proposal and that the younger generation were more internet orientated but advised there was still an older generation to be considered and that the matter needed to be dealt with cautiously. The Councillor also felt a phased approach would be better.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy suggested that the proposal be reviewed, taking on board the comments of Members and a further report be brought back to committee.

The Chief Executive advised that more detail could be provided on the advertisements being placed above what is legislatively required and that a decision could be taken on the affordability of continuing with the current level of advertising in conjunction with budget setting.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a report be brought back to committee on the level of public notice advertising currently taking place above what is legislatively required with consideration being given to a phased approach to reducing public notice advertising in newspapers.

PR199/17 Elected Member Development Steering Group

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered a report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group held on 21 September 2017.

Councillor McKinney asked for a breakdown on spend for 2016/17 stating that £4,500 had been spent on one item which was not for Members.

The Head of Democratic Services advised he would provide confirmation of 2016/17 spend.

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to –
- (I) Approve the report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting held on 21 September 2017.
 - (II) Approve the recommendation of the Elected Member Development Steering Group to make allowance for £7,500 in 2018/19. This is from the existing Democratic Services Budget.

PR200/17 Room Hire Policy – Proposed Amendment

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered amendment to Council's Room Hire Policy.

Councillor McPeake asked if PCSP would be included within the exemption for use of civic buildings.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that PCSP are seen as being part of the Council and therefore treated the same as other council services for use.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to the wording of point 5.3.1 in the policy which he felt applied to political parties represented within Council and asked if the same would apply to political parties not represented on Council.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy also made the same query in respect of independent members.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that point 5.3.1 applies to those political parties who currently have representation on Council including independents.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy advised he had issue with political parties being excluded.

Councillor McLean asked if the wording would stand up to scrutiny.

The Chief Executive advised that it would if it was applied equally.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy asked Members if they were content to take the policy as presented and that wording of point 5.3.1 be reviewed.

The Chief Executive advised that those who are not represented on Council should not be treated more favourably than those who are represented.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the proposed amendment to the Council Room Hire Policy as set out in appendix to report with wording of point 5.3.1 within policy to be reviewed.

PR201/17 Data Handling Policy (Access NI) on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders

The Director of Organisational Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for –

- (I) A Data Handling (Access NI) Policy for Mid Ulster District Council
- (II) A Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders for Mid Ulster District Council

Councillor Gildernew asked for a definition of the term “ex offenders”.

The Director of Organisational Development advised that the term would apply to anyone with a criminal conviction, she advised that any convictions would be looked at proportionately and in context of the job being applied for.

In response to Councillor Gildernew's question the Director of Organisational Development advised that terrorism convictions would also be looked at in context of the job being applied for and would be risk assessed. The Director advised that Council liaise with NIACRO on such cases.

Councillor Cuddy asked if any policies were in place before now.

The Director of Organisational Development advised that a mix of arrangements were in place beforehand but that it would be important to have good governance in place going forward.

In response to Councillor Kearney's question the Director of Organisational Development advised that it depended on the post being advertised whether an applicant would be required to make a declaration on their application.

Councillor McLean felt that Council would be leaving itself open if it did not have the policies in place and advised that they were now commonplace throughout workplaces.

In response to Councillor McKinney's question the Director of Organisational Development advised that employees who work with children are all subject to Access NI checks.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve –

- (I) The Data Handling (Access NI) Policy for Mid Ulster District Council as circulated.
- (II) The Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders for Mid Ulster District Council as circulated.

Matters for Information

PR202/17 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 5 October 2017

Members noted minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 5 October 2017.

Councillor Cuddy referred to his comments made at meeting on 5 October in relation to car boot sales and asked if there was an update in relation to this matter.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy advised that a report would be brought to December meeting of committee.

PR203/17 Performance Improvement – Six Month Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided monitoring information on the review of performance against the seven statutory and three corporate performance improvement indicators for the six month period, April to September 2017. The report also contained progress summary against Council's four corporate improvement projects.

PR204/17 Brand Implementation Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on brand implementation to date and outlines work planning for the future.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to logo in Dungannon Chamber and that it was not the complete council branding. The Councillor advised that he had been approached in relation to this at a recent event held in Dungannon Chamber and that he had advised the person that this was only a temporary logo which would be replaced and asked when this would happen.

The Head of Marketing and Communications advised that the logo in Dungannon Chamber was not temporary but could be reviewed. Members were advised that only the logo was displayed in Dungannon due to the shape of the panel and for aesthetics.

Councillor S McGuigan stated he had assumed the current logo was only temporary and proposed that this be reviewed in order to have full branding in Dungannon Chamber.

Councillor Cuddy referred to financial implications and asked when these would be considered.

The Head of Marketing and Communications advised that costs were not applicable to this report as it was an update. It was advised that costs in relation to signage had been provided within report brought to October meeting of committee.

Councillor McPeake stated he was supportive of Councillor S McGuigan's comments and that the Council brand has not been used in the way approved. The Councillor advised he understood the rationale for logo only being used for litter bins however he expressed concern that short cuts were being taken and that this should not be the case for Council Chambers. Councillor McPeake seconded Councillor S McGuigan's proposal.

Councillor Cuddy stated there may be a time when the Executive provides direction on language signage meaning that whatever Council does now may have to be replaced again.

Councillor McLean advised it was his understanding that where there were sensitivities that the logo only would be displayed ie. On employee clothing.

Councillor McPeake stated this was not his understanding and that the reason why the logo only was on clothing was due to the size of stitching which would make the wording part of the brand unreadable.

Councillor McLean advised that some clarity was required from previous minutes on what had been agreed with regard to branding.

The Chief Executive advised that rollout of the branding had been agreed with parties and that minutes regarding same would be brought back to committee.

Councillor Cuddy advised that Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council had not been against the Irish Language however he stated that English is the main language and that any other language is a minority language. He stated there was a need to find a way forward to bring all people together as some communities currently felt excluded.

Councillor Gildernew advised that the introduction of D'Hondt and the Sinn Féin Party had been at the forefront of bringing equality to Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –
(I) To review branding in Council Chamber – Dungannon.
(II) To review minutes on rollout of Council branding.

PR205/17 Member Services

No issues.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR206/17 to PR224/17.

Matters for Decision

PR206/17	Tender Award: Appointment of Newspaper/Newspaper Group to carry weekly planning advertisements
PR207/17	Proposed land acquisitions from PSNI and NIHE
PR208/17	Lands at Lime Kiln Lane, Cookstown
PR209/17	Contracts and DAC
PR210/17	Charges imposed by Council when credit or debit cards are used to make payment
PR211/17	Rates Estimates 2018/19
PR212/17	Assets Valuation Services
PR213/17	Notice Claims following outcome of Industrial Tribunal Cases 1375/15, 1379/15
PR214/17	Staffing Matters
PR215/17	Finance Staff Relocation to Cookstown Office
PR216/17	Mobile Network Choice

Matters for Information

PR217/17	Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 5 October 2017
PR218/17	Financial Report for 6 months ended 30 September 2017
PR219/17	Council Insurances
PR220/17	General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
PR221/17	Summary of Council's Fair Employment Monitoring Returns for Year Ending 1 January 2016 and Year Ending January 2017
PR222/17	Transforming the delivery of Leisure Services in Mid Ulster District Council
PR223/17	Staffing Matters
PR224/17	Deputation – Asset Management Framework – Presentation from Strategic Investment Board

PR225/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 9.20 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present

Councillor M Quinn, Chair

Councillors Burton (7.08 pm), Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan, Reid, Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services
Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

In Attendance

Fergus Cumiskey, CEO Contact

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor McGinley, Deputy Chair Councillor M Quinn took the Chair.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E271/17 Apologies

Councillors Buchanan, McGinley and O'Neill.

E272/17 Declarations of Interest

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

E273/17 Chair's Business

Councillor Mulligan referred to toilet provision in Aughnacloy and asked for an update on same. The Councillor also referred to grass cutting of bank in Augher and the need for a tidy up for the end of the season.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that future public toilet provision in Augnacloy had been linked to Mcllwaine Hall which is in Council ownership. The Director advised that there was a need for discussion with Business and Communities regarding planned use of Mcllwaine Hall and business need for toilet improvement. The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that a report would be brought back to committee on this matter.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that grass cutting season had now passed but agreed to look at area requiring tidy up in Augher.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure provided update from Department of Infrastructure regarding Parking and Waiting Restriction Orders for Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt. The Department advised that once draft Orders have been finalised they will be subject to the necessary legislative process. The correspondence further advised that approval to make the Orders is usually given by a Minister but given the current political context, will be considered by the Permanent Secretary of the Department.

The Director of Environment and Property provided update in relation to last week's road traffic accident involving Council refuse vehicle and condition of employees involved.

The Chair, Councillor Quinn sent the committee's best wishes to the driver of the refuse vehicle.

Councillor Gillespie congratulated Donaghmore on their recent gold award win at Britain in Bloom Awards.

E274/17 Contact

The Chair, Councillor Quinn advised that as Mr Cumiskey was yet to arrive committee would proceed with meeting business and would return to this item later.

Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.

Matters for Decision

E275/17 Street Naming and Property Numbering

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing development within Mid Ulster as follows –

Site off Killymeal Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Killymeal Road, Dungannon as Sycamore Drive.

Continuation of E274/17 Contact

The Chair welcomed Mr Cumiskey CEO of Contact to the meeting who provided overview on the work of Lifeline, Contact and briefing on the Northern Ireland Suicide Prevention Bill.

Mr Cumiskey advised that Contact had led the Lifeline service for the past 10 years. He stated that the Lifeline service is fully funded by the Department for Health and provides direct access to a counsellor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Mr Cumiskey advised that during the past 10 years Lifeline had dealt with 70000 calls, of these calls 52,000 individuals had been given support with 36,000 receiving face to face counselling within a week of their initial call. It was advised that 70% of people who die from suicide have not been in contact with anyone beforehand.

Mr Cumiskey advised of risk factors to suicide and the need for prejudices to be addressed. Mr Cumiskey also referred to the Northern Ireland Suicide Prevention Bill which includes the proposal for 3 clinical duties of Candour, Competence and Cooperation.

The Chair, Councillor M Quinn asked if there were links between addiction and suicide.

Mr Cumiskey advised that isolation is a key factor to suicide along with the fear of relationship loss and homelessness. Mr Cumiskey advised that there was a need for issues to be dealt with in a more comprehensive fashion. Mr Cumiskey also felt that a proportion of tax on alcohol should be put towards alcohol prevention strategies.

Councillor Reid spoke with regard to the number of young people who had taken their lives. He congratulated Lifeline on the challenging work they do and stated he would fully support the Northern Ireland Suicide Prevention Bill and that getting people the help they need, including in the workplace, when they need it is the biggest barrier. Councillor Reid also referred to counselling training and asked if there were differences in the way this was delivered.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to the rising suicide figures and asked how the Prevention Bill would help to change this trend.

Councillor Burton referred to patients who have turned 18 and that parents are not allowed in to consultations due to patient confidentiality and the distress this causes for parents. The Councillor also spoke with regard to those who have lost loved ones and that they don't know where to go for support. Councillor Burton also asked if Contact works with any other group in relation to Post Natal Depression.

Mr Cumiskey referred to work of Dr Owens in Exeter who worked with 35 families who lost loved ones to suicide. Mr Cumiskey advised that Dr Owens found that members of the family had retrospectively saw signs beforehand but were afraid to speak to the person in relation to their issues for fear of putting the idea of suicide into their head.

Mr Cumiskey felt it was vital to make the case that whoever needs to be in the consultation should be in the consultation and that when a patient is on their own with a doctor/counsellor they often behave differently than when a loved one would be present.

Councillor Glasgow referred to point 5 contained within manifesto as previously circulated which referred to mental health championship and support from NI Assembly. The Councillor asked what assistance there had been from the Executive as the Assembly was currently not sitting.

Councillor Kearney thanked Mr Cumiskey for his presentation and stated he had given Members a lot to think about and felt there would be links to Council's Community Plan. Councillor Kearney also referred to the work of the Samaritans.

Mr Cumiskey advised that Contact/Lifeline work with the Samaritans who also provide a helpline service. Mr Cumiskey advised that there was currently no mental health champion and felt greater support was needed from government in relation to mental health.

Mr Cumiskey invited Members to attend Suicide Prevention Conference in Belfast on Thursday.

Mr Cumiskey was thanked for his attendance following which he withdrew from the meeting at 7.50 pm.

E276/17 Dual Language Signage Request

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage and sought approval to undertake surveys of all applicable residents on the streets/roads in question.

In response to Councillor McNamee's questions the Head of Building Control advised that requests had been kept up to date and brought to next available committee from when received. It was advised however that there had been a recent influx of requests.

Councillor Glasgow referred to previous damage to signage posts at Beltonanean Road and requested report detailing costings to remove existing signage and erect new signage.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that a report could be brought back to committee.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that if posts were being damaged that this should be raised with the Police.

Councillor Glasgow advised he had raised the matter with Police.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the cost per sign is £185.75 including installation, it was advised that no signs had been erected to date. Councillor Glasgow referred to the posts which can no longer be used and asked for more detailed costings to date including staffing.

The Director of Environment and Property agreed to provide the requested report.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with a Street Naming Survey for the streets noted below in accordance with Council policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage –
(I) Central Avenue, Cookstown
(II) Beltonanean Road, Cookstown

E277/17 Dual Language Signage Survey

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken with all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.

Councillor McNamee proposed the erection of Dual Language Signage.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Council do not proceed with erection of dual language signage as he did not believe it was value for money. The Councillor also stated that 50% return of surveys had not been achieved.

Councillor Mulligan also referred to percentage of completed surveys returned and asked if this would be made clear in the press. Councillor Mulligan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson requested a recorded vote.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 5 (Councillors Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Mulligan and Reid)
Against – 7 (Councillors Gillespie, Kearney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee and Totten)

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 7 (Councillors Gillespie, Kearney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee and Totten)
Against – 5 (Councillors Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Mulligan and Reid)

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the erection of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish in accordance with the Street Naming and Dual Language Signage – Section 6.0: Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy as adopted for each street as more than 51% of surveys returned in each of the following –
(I) Burnbank, Cookstown
(II) Castlevue Heights, Dungannon
(III) The Milestone, Dungannon

E278/17 Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and E.P.B Team

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the signing of a Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and the Energy Performance of Building (EPB) Team for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the signing of the Service Level Agreement with the EPB Team for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

E279/17 Department for Infrastructure Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council

Members considered previously circulated reports which sought agreement in relation to proposals from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Hillcrest, Aughnacloy and Parkview, Pomeroy.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposals submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Hillcrest, Aughnacloy and Parkview, Pomeroy.

E280/17 Sustainable Northern Ireland SLA Funding Request

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to support Sustainable NI from 2017 to 2020 in the form of £5,000 annual membership funding.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the annual subscription of £5,000 with Sustainable NI for the period April 2017 to March 2020. Council to adopt Service Level Agreement with Sustainable NI for the period April 2017 to March 2020 subject to review every 12 months.

E281/17 The Consultation on Regulations to restrict the age of sale for nicotine inhaling products to over eighteens

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised on Department of Health consultation regarding Regulations to restrict the age of sale for nicotine inhaling products (NIPs) to over eighteens and sought approval for Council response to same to be forwarded.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to respond to the consultation as set out in appendix to report.

In response to Councillor Reid's question regarding underage persons being served alcohol at premises in Dungannon the Head of Environmental Health advised that this would be a Police matter.

E282/17 Brown Bin Food Waste Scheme Project/Funding Update

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the relaunch of the brown bin scheme and sought approval for expenditure of funding on a second phase of Food Waste Communications. The following typographical errors were also highlighted throughout the report –

Point 3.3 in report – Food Waste (NI) Regulations should read 2015 instead of 2005. Also incorrect use of word complaint which should read compliant.

Point 3.4 in report – Brown bin tonnage variance should be +255 tonnes instead of +55 tonnes.

Point 4.3 in report – Complaint should read compliant.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the acceptance and expenditure of funding (£5,300) for the second phase of Food Waste Communications as outlined in report.

Councillor Burton highlighted the good work of recycling officers who visit schools, community groups etc and provide advice on what goes in each bin. The Councillor felt that the officer's presentations are engaging and portray the message better than stickers. Councillor Burton felt that Council should work closely with rural community groups in seeking to get the recycling message across.

Councillor B McGuigan stated the report was a good news story which should be highlighted in the press.

The Director of Environment and Property advised he would liaise with communications section regarding press coverage.

Councillor Burton left the meeting at 8.13 pm.

E283/17 Installation of an entrance feature on Council Property at Mill Park, Innishrush

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the installation of an entrance feature at Mill Park, Innishrush by the local regeneration group in conjunction with NIHE.

Councillor B McGuigan felt the proposal would be a positive and welcoming feature to the area.

Councillor Glasgow referred to flagpole currently on site of the proposal and asked who owned the flagpole and what flag was on the pole.

The Head of Property Services advised that Council own the ground where the feature is proposed however he was not aware of who owned the flagpole or what flag was on the pole.

Councillor Glasgow stated there was a need for everyone to be on board with the proposal and this should include whoever owns the flagpole.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to grant permission for installation of the entrance feature on the Council owned land at Mill Park, Innishrush.

Matters for Information

E284/17 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 October 2017

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 October 2017.

Referring to item E243/17 – Winter Maintenance – Footpath Snow/Ice Clearance, Councillor Cuthbertson requested that an updated map be brought to next Environment committee meeting.

E285/17 Building Control Workload

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

E286/17 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across the Mid Ulster District.

E287/17 Online Property Certificate Applications

Members noted previously circulated report on the introduction of the online property certificate application portal for Mid Ulster District Council.

E288/17 Dual Language Signage Legislative Requirements

Members noted previously circulated report on the legislative requirements on Dual Language Signage requests in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11.

E289/17 DfI Proposals for Abandonment and Disposal of land, Tamnamore Roundabout, Dungannon

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the Department for Infrastructure's intention to carry out an abandonment and disposal of land at Tamnamore Roundabout, Dungannon.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's question the Director of Environment and Property advised that in most cases of abandonment land reverts back to the landowner.

E290/17 Recycle Week 2017

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the activities carried out for Recycle Week 2017.

E291/17 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for April to June 2017

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for the (quarter one) period of April to June 2017.

The Director of Environment and Property highlighted a further good news story in that Council had maintained its position for the ninth consecutive quarter for the highest household waste recycling rate.

E292/17 Removal of horses from Glassmullagh former landfill site

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of actions taken to deal with the removal, impounding and stabling of horse belonging to members of the travelling community from Council owned lands.

Councillor Glasgow referred to recent incident involving goats and thanked the Head of Environmental Health for her assistance on the matter. The Councillor advised

that he had contacted DAERA regarding the issue but that they did not want to intervene. Councillor Glasgow stated that for any future cases Council's jurisdiction and responsibilities needed to be highlighted.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that animal welfare concerns itself with whether animals have food, water and shelter and stated that if animals are on the road it may be an issue for the Police. If animals are located on someone's property then an Abandonment Notice can be served.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's question the Head of Environmental Health advised that in this case regarding removal of horses the legislative process had been followed and that as not all horses were removed within timeframe Council was able to sell the remaining horses and keep proceeds.

Councillor Glasgow stated that there was no proof whether the goats had been vaccinated and referred to difficulties that can arise with disease control of other farm animals.

Councillor Reid asked if there was a role for RSPCA.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that RSPCA are a charity however if animals are brought to them they will accept in most cases.

E293/17 NI Climate Change Adaptation Programme Consultation

Members noted previously circulated report which provided consultation response to the second Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (2019-2024).

E294/17 Risk Assessment initiative in Childcare Settings

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of a risk assessment initiative delivered to childcare settings across the district for which Council is the health and safety enforcing authority.

E295/17 Specialist advice received for Ageing Well tender process

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the process to obtain external expertise to support the delivery of the Ageing Well Framework tendering process.

E296/17 Draft consultation on 'The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017'

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the proposed changes to 'The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015' and outlined the likely effect on Council.

E297/17 Invasive Species Control and Maintenance on Council Property

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Invasive Species control and maintenance on Council property.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the Invasive Species Register was getting longer and if any headway was being made in treatment of areas where invasive species are located.

The Head of Property Services advised that the register had increased slightly and that this was down to staff training who were now more aware of invasive species. It was advised that treatment of invasive species this year had been effective and that further staff training would take place next year meaning that the register may lengthen further.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E298/17 to E306/17.

Matters for Decision

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| E298/17 | Entertainment Licensing – Tropicana Inns |
| E299/17 | Tender for the supply and delivery of telescopic loader/handler |
| E300/17 | Contract for construction of Drumcoo Waste Transfer Station |
| E301/17 | Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Development of Waste Management Infrastructure for Kerbside Collected Recyclates |
| E302/17 | Tender report for the appointment of a PPE / Work Wear Supplier |
| E303/17 | Ballygawley Villages Scheme – Capital Project |

Matters for Information

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| E304/17 | Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 October 2017 |
| E305/17 | Capital Projects Update |
| E306/17 | Off Street Car Parking; Quarter 2 2017/2018 |

E307/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 10.00 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 16 November 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, G Shiels, J Shiels

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Oliver McShane, Acting Head of Leisure
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Agenda Item 4 – Craobh Uí Neill CCÉ re Tyrone Fleadh 2018

Meeting commenced at 7 pm.

D216/17 Apologies

None

D217/17 Declaration of Interests

The following members declared an interest in items presented in the Sports Development Grant November 2017:

Councillor Monteith - item 4 - BC Wolves Basketball Club, item 12 - Cumann uí Neill, Tulach óg and item 21 – Dungannon Thomas Clarke
Councillor Molloy - item 45 – Square Wheels Cycling Club

Councillor Elattar - item 10 – Milltown Play Park Funding as member of Housing Executive

Councillor McNamee – item 9 - Cookstown Fr Rock's GAA

Councillor G Shiels advised that he had resigned from Community Transport

Councillor McAleer advised that she had attended a Community Meeting in Clogher on Wednesday night on issues concerning poor internet speeds in the area, with up to 70 households, local primary schools and businesses being affected. She said that a Wireless Internet Group called Airfiber Broadband were in attendance and were a special internet provider, using wireless technology as an alternative to fibre-based traditional lines. She said that BT were willing to provide households with internet access at an extortionate cost and felt that the Council should be lobbying

BT to set a more reasonable rate so businesses and households can avail of an adequate internet facility as most businesses in the area were buying data from their mobile service providers.

The Chair agreed that this should be taken on board.

D219/17 Deputation – Craobh Uí Neill CCÉ re Tyrone Fleadh 2018

The Chair welcomed Ms Yvonne O'Donnell from Craobh Uí Neill CCÉ re Tyrone Fleadh 2018 and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms O'Donnell said that the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was the largest group involved in the preservation and promotion of Irish traditional music, which were non-profit cultural movement with hundreds of local branches around the world. She said that the group had been working for the cause of Irish music since the middle of the last century (1951) and has now over 400 branches at home and abroad.

Ms O'Donnell advised that the aims and objectives of CCÉ were:

- To promote Irish Traditional Music in all its forms
- To restore the playing of the Harp and Uilleann Pipes in the National Life of Ireland
- To promote Irish Traditional Dancing
- To promote and foster traditional singing in both Irish and English
- To foster and promote the Irish Language
- To create a closer bond among all lovers of Irish Music
- To co-operate with all bodies working for the restoration of Irish Culture
- To establish Branches throughout the country and abroad to achieve the foregoing aims and objectives. There are currently 12 Branches within Tyrone and Dungannon's Branch (Craobh Uí Néill) is the youngest branch, which meet each Tuesday at Gaelscoil Aodha Rua, Dungannon where a low cost/high quality music and singing lessons are provided to approx. 200 students.

She said that the first stage of this competition was the County Fleadh which was allocated to Dungannon in June 2018, with the event taking place from 20th – 24th June 2018 and it is expected that within a region of 10,000 visitors will attend the event. She stated that this would bring in a significant demand to businesses and services in the town.

Ms O'Neill concluded that the group needed to raise in the region of £25,000 to host the Fleadh and said that the Comhaltas was an inclusive organisation and welcomed membership from every religious, political and ethnic background and hoped that the festival would provide a positive experience for the whole of Dungannon and Tyrone.

The Chair thanked Ms O'Donnell for her presentation and asked for members comments.

Councillor McNamee thanked Ms O'Donnell for her impressive presentation and said that Dungannon were very fortunate to be hosting the Fleadh and advised that the Council had a lot of festive grants which could be availed off to help with the financial

impact and asked that Officers and Councillors be active in keeping Ms O'Donnell up to date.

Councillor Molloy thanked Ms O'Donnell for attending the meeting and said that he remembered the last Fleadh being hosted in Dungannon which brought a lot of joy as it demonstrated a lot of culture and vibrancies in the area and asked that this be supported.

Councillor McAleer said that she was fortunate enough to be Deputy Chair when the Fleadh came to Ballygawley and was very happy to be part of it as it was a major success.

Ms O'Donnell advised that a Gig Rig would be put together in event of bad weather and a marquee in the event of good weather.

Councillor G Shiels said that he wished the organisers of the Fleadh well in hosting the event and said that there was nothing wrong in nurturing the language.

Councillor Monteith congratulated Ms O'Donnell on the success of bringing the Fleadh to Dungannon as it was along time coming. He advised that all the local GAA clubs were talking about it already. He said that he had liaised with the Head of Community Development regarding grant support and hoped that financial assistance could be provided.

The Chair thanked Ms O'Donnell for her impressive presentation to the Committee tonight and wished her well in her efforts and said that the Council would support the event in any way they could.

Ms O'Donnell left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

Matters for Decision

D220/17 Improvement Works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on proposals for improvement works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy and to seek permission to complete a Tender Exercise.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to proceed with the proposed improvement works to St Mary's and Bonn Cultural Association pitches and complete a Tender Exercise. Request to be made to Policy and Resources Committee for the release of the funds to undertake these works.

D221/17 Greenvale Leisure Centre – Concession Pricing

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider a recommendation that Greenvale Leisure Centre concession charges include a category for those with a disability in line with other MUDC facilities.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Greenvale Leisure Centre admission charges for those with a Disability are set at 50% for those with a disability as described in the Disability Discrimination Act and that free use is provided to those carers accompanying the person with a disability.

D222/17 Leisure Centre Christmas Opening

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek permission regarding Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Opening in Council operated leisure facilities.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the leisure facilities not to open on either Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

D223/17 Backrow Recreation Centre

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Members of the request by Workspace (Draperstown) Ltd to consider selling the land that the Backrow Recreation Centre sits on and to seek direction on how to progress this request.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Officers to carry out investigatory work as outlined and report further to Council.

D224/17 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Service Level Agreement

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report and sought members consideration of a request from Department of Agriculture, Environment

and Rural Affairs (DAERA) to review Service Level Agreements associated to water recreation facilities.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to engage with Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and undertake a review of the Services Level Agreement proposal prior to bringing to committee for consideration.

D225/17 Milltown Play Park Funding

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform members of Northern Ireland Housing Executive funding opportunity for Milltown Play Park, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to accept the BRIC2 Funding Offer and progress the project. In partnership with Milltown Community Association.

D226/17 Motorsport Task Force

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek consideration of a request from Motorsport Taskforce to Mid Ulster District Council for a financial contribution towards commissioning of a Motorsport economic research impact report for Northern Ireland. The decision was deferred from August Committee meeting in order to review the membership and scope of representation of the Motor Sport Task Force group.

The Chair said that he was struggling with this request as there was no mention of local events like the Cookstown 100 which brought thousands of people to the area, when others like the Ulster Grand Prix, Armoy Road Races and North West 200 were all mentioned.

Councillor Monteith said that he would have no issue in supporting the request if local events were promoted but would have major concerns if nothing was mentioned for our local council areas and felt that a precedent has been set that these types of organisations just go around all Councils seeking funding.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the proposed new racetrack in Coalisland and felt that there could be an opportunity for this to be promoted in the future.

Councillor Doris said that she would support allocating the £1,000 sought this year and ask the group to take into consideration Cookstown 100 and other local events next year ie. Davagh.

Councillor McNamee said that he agreed with Councillor Doris' suggestion of allocating the £1,000 requested.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation said that the request was to support a research study.

The Chair said that this could be seen as a damning report as only 3 road racing events has been mentioned and not the Cookstown 100.

Councillor Monteith stated that we wouldn't accept this type of scheme from a community organisation and why would we put ourselves in a position to accept this. In response to a query, the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the criteria for the sports revenue and capital grants scheme didn't fit this type of request and stated that nothing was going to be lost or gained as the Council doesn't have to support the request.

Councillor Clarke said that unless there was more to this that it doesn't do much for the area. He said that unless you reside to the east of the Bann and the North West there was no mention of elsewhere and said that he anticipated Coalisland as being one of the most major projects to grace this country.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

To proceed with the recommendation of allocating £1,000 towards Motorsport Task Force.

Councillor Doris' proposal was put to the vote;

In favour – 8
Against – 7

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that a contribution of £1,000 be made on behalf of MUDC towards the Motorsport Task Force report as requested by the Motorsport Task Force. A report to be brought to a future meeting on issues raised.

Councillor Monteith said that there was a need for clarification on precedent for funding for such events.

D227/17 TABBDA Service Level Agreement

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for amended proposal on Service Level Agreement (SLA) for Traad, Ballyronan & Ballinderry Development Association (TABBDA) for the financial year 2017/18.

Councillor McNamee enquired if the Council were still carrying out things which weren't part of the Service Level Agreement.

The Head of Parks said that things like the booking system and work on sites were still being carried out.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the terms of the amended Service Level Agreement with TABBDA doe 2017/18.

D228/17 Community Development

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- 1) Seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations
- 2) Agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations
- 3) Approve professional support to assist with a new Poverty Initiative for Council
- 4) Update on Community Development

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

1) Good Relations and Community Festivals Rolling Grant Award

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: Grant award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grant as per Appendix 1.

2) Peace IV Partnership – Peace Grant Awards

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: Peace IV Partnership – Peace Grant Awards, with update of headings of the grant awards alternating, and Craic to a maximum of £15,000 as per tier 2 award.

3) Poverty Initiative

Councillor Monteith said that he would be reluctant to support the proposed appointment of specialist groups when there were adequate charities who provide magnificent advice on poverty in the locality. He said that he would rather see a charity like St Vincent de Paul or the Salvation Army being brought on board and that they should be given the opportunity of doing so.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: Poverty Initiative and support up to £10,000 (from existing budget).
Consideration to be given to utilising the expertise of charities to undertake this support work.

4) Community Development Update

Resolved: Community Development Update.

D229/17 Sports Development Grant (Incorporating the Every Body Active Programme)

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide grant assessments for the Sports Small Development Small Grant in partnership with Every Body Active Programme through Sport NI.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McElDowney and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to allocating £53,240 in grant awards to the 59 successful sports organisation as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

D230/17 Tourism Mentor Programme

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval from Council to deliver an IT Mentor Programme to initially 10 Mid Ulster tourism businesses, commencing January 2018. This will build on the current Business Engagement Programme being delivered to businesses including packaging, sales and communications workshops and a networking event in February 2018. There is scope to add to the number of businesses completing this post evaluation and in the next financial year if deemed successful.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to support this programme of business development to be delivered before the end of this financial year.

D231/17 The Loan of Council Equipment to External Groups

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to agree a process for the loan of equipment to non-profit groups or organisations within the Mid Ulster Council District.

The Chair said that a few things needed to be looked at when equipment is issued to the community. He said that when gazebos are returned, they have to be erected and checked to see if they were returned in the same condition they were issued. He continued to say that there was a need to be consistent as one school was charged for the use of a gazebo, whilst another was not.

The Head of Tourism agreed that these were issues that needed to be formally dealt with and that there would be an onus on the person collecting the gazebo to return it the way they found it. He said that the base in Cookstown was an unmanned site, and there was an expectation for a member of staff to be at the site to provide equipment for collection, with person not turning up until hours later and this results in a lot of lost time in manpower for other duties.

Councillor Cuddy and Burton said that it would be important that gazebos are still provided to the Farmers Market, as they indicated that they couldn't afford to do it otherwise.

Councillor Forde agreed that a small fee be charged at the time of collection and then refunded when items are returned in a satisfactory condition.

In response to Councillor G Shiels query regarding insurance implications on returned faulty equipment, the Head of Tourism said that up until now it was an informal agreement but if agreed would be a formal agreement and the person's insurance details being sought at the time of collection in the event of damage being done to equipment.

Councillor Clarke suggested that a formal form be signed at the time of collection, making a person liable for damage if the equipment is returned in a faulty state.

Councillor McFlynn agreed that this would formalise things and make groups more responsible.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Council continuing to take a risk based approach to the loaning out of specific equipment to non-profit making groups and/or organisations within the Mid Ulster District Council area
- 2) No equipment shall be lent to any group or organisation unless and until Council is satisfied that the group or organisation is aware of all relevant health and safety risks associated with the operation of the equipment and have been adequately trained in the carriage, installation, operation and dismantling of the equipment
- 3) Equipment will only be lent to a group or an organisations on receipt of the approved 'Equipment Loan Agreement' being signed by a competent person with authority to sign on behalf of the group and returned to the Council in advance of the event accompanied, where

appropriate, with the appropriate insurance that will indemnify Council from all risks associated with the borrowing of the Equipment.

- 4) Deposit of £50 to be charged at the time of collection, which will be refunded when equipment is returned in the same condition

D232/17 The Hearts of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULPS) – Governance Arrangements

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Council of the Governance Arrangements for the structure of the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme.

In response to Councillor J Shiels query on how Councillors were appointed to the Board, the Head of Tourism advised that they are appointed onto the partnership board by the Grantee Board.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn

Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) The Grantee and Landscape Partnership Boards as shown in the Governance Structure
- 2) The Terms of Reference of the two boards
- 3) The Terms of Reference of the Delivery Working Groups

D233/17 Economic Development

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- Translink Cookstown Depot Weekend Opening Consultation
- Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes
- Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' Evaluation Report
- Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions: Consultation Response
- World Butchers Challenge
- Joint Delegation Visit (with South West College) to Catapult Centres in UK
- New Project Proposals (*from Existing Economic Development Budget*)

Proposed by Councillor Burton

Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that approval be given to:

- 1) **Translink Cookstown Depot Weekend Opening Consultation**

Resolved: Note Translink Cookstown Depot – Weekend Opening Consultation.

- 2) **Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes**

Resolved: Note Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on 30 August 2017.

3) Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' Evaluation Report

Resolved: Note Evaluation Report on Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' in Magherafelt.

4) Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions – Consultation Response

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved: Consultation Response on the Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions.

5) World Butchers Challenge

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved: Sponsorship of £10,000 towards the World Butchers Challenge – Mid Ulster event and tour in March 2018. Sponsorship to be provided from Council's Economic Development budget 2017/18.

Councillor Burton stated that there was a need for the World Butchers Challenge to be streamed so the best possible promotion can be achieved for Mid Ulster.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query about Council's involvement in the event, the Chair advised that Mid Ulster would be very actively involved and featured quite a bit and would very much like it to be showcased.

Councillor Clarke agreed that Mid Ulster be showcased to its full potential as there were a lot of key activities taking place at Loughry and on the tour of local butchers and producers across Mid Ulster.

6) Joint Delegation Visit (with South West College) to Catapult Centres in the UK

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That places are booked on the Catapult visit for Councillors McPeake, Molloy and McFlynn with associated costs for flights, accommodation etc, being paid from Members own individual budgets. Up to two Officers to attend the visit with costs being met from the Economic Development Budget 2017/18.

7) New Project Proposals (*From Existing Economic Development Budget at no additional cost to Council*)

a) ESF Programme

Resolved: Additional budget of £15,000 to match fund the delivery of the 4 ESF Programmes for year 2 of 3 (ie April 2016 – March 2017). This adjustment is needed due to the timing of Dept for the Economy match funding payments being released, but this will be offset in future years and not exceed the 3 year allocation Council previously approved.

b) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme

Additional funding of £46,954 to be allocated to a further 15 schemes on the village spruce up scheme reserve list of applicants whose applications were approved, but held on a waiting list until funding became available.

Councillor McAleer advised that she had been approached by a local business who was disappointed that they weren't successful in getting funding and asked if there were any further opportunities to do so.

The Head of Economic Development said that to date of the 118 successful applications, 55 schemes had received an offer of funding, with the remaining 63 schemes being held on a reserve list should further funding become available. The request to the meeting this evening seeks approval to fund a further 15 schemes from the waiting list and if approved would result in a total of 70 schemes being awarded funding, with 48 schemes remaining on the waiting list. Council officers continue to seek funding opportunities to take forward the remaining schemes on the waiting list, and if no other funder can be identified, then officers will bid for the funding within Council's economic development budget next year.

c) LED Outdoor Mobile Screen

In response to Councillor J Shiels concerns on planning issues relating to the LED Outdoor Mobile Screen, the Head of Economic Development stated that the screen would be used mainly for promotional purposes at events and will provide a good platform for Council to visually display live footage and data in an eye-catching way. It has also the benefit of being portable, but will not be used along the roadside for advertising purposes.

Councillor Monteith said that although he took on board concerns around planning, he felt that technology is moving forward and if things were going to be transformed over time, then this has to be progressed and through meetings with Traders, LED is the way forward.

The Chair advised that sometimes the Planners were not all to blame and that it could be Road Service who raises the concerns.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: Provision of £50,000 for the procurement and purchase of a large LED Mobile Screen for outdoor use which will be used widely at events across the Council area to play any type of media from images to videos.

d) Drone/Laptop/Training

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: Provision of £12,000 for the procurement and purchase of a drone and dedicated laptop to operate it. Training for 3 staff is also included in the budget for the operators to obtain a pilot's licence to use it.

e) Subscription to Grant FINDER UK

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved: Subscription to Grant FINDER UK of £11,305 (unlimited user licence for a 2 year term).

D234/17 Culture & Arts Facility Christmas Opening

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek permission from Members regarding Christmas and New Year Opening at Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Burnavon and Hill of the O'Neill & Ranfurly House.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that permission be granted for the Burnavon, Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Hill of the O'Neill & Ranfurly House to amend their opening times over the Christmas and New Year period as proposed in appendix 1 of the report with amendment to opening time for Burnavon on Christmas Eve.

Matters for Information

D235/17 Minutes of Development Committee Thursday 12 October 2017

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 12 October 2017.

D236/17 Leisure Summer 2017 Review

Members noted previously circulated report to update Members on the Leisure Summer 2017 programme and recommendations for improvement.

D237/17 Railway Park and Ballysaggart Lough Project

Members noted previously circulated report to update Members on progress on draft development proposals opportunities for Railway Park and Ballysaggart Lough, Dungannon.

Councillor Monteith enquired if there was any update on this project or was it going to be put on hold until the next financial year.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the capital programme was being considered by SMT. The Council's Capital Programme is quite extensive and funding has to be sourced from other areas. She said that this project was still being progressed but that there were other things to consider before work can start and funding had to be sought from other sources.

Councillor Monteith said that it may not have been feasible to link the two projects together and could have been done through a phased approach. He said that the local community were approached twice and are very disheartened.

The Head of Parks said that it would be important that this work was carried out. The projects could be developed separately. However the amalgamation of these two products could work well and the concepts are currently at the research and development stage.

Councillor Molloy said that it would be more beneficial if there was an increase of DEA Councillors coming on board as nothing was coming back through the lack of engagement.

The Head of Parks said that when there was something more tangible, members would be updated.

D238/17 Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group Minutes of Meeting of 2nd October 2017

Members noted previously circulated report to receive and consider for approval the Minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 2nd October 2017.

D239/17 Seamus Heaney HomePlace Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report to provide Members with a review of Seamus Heaney HomePlace following the first year of operations and to highlight some of the events, activities and key achievements that have taken place over the first 12 months of the facility.

Local Government (NI) 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D240/17 to D245/17

Matters for Decision

D240/17 Brookmount Road and Spring Road, Coagh Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Legal Council
D241/17 Purchasing Books for Resale at Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Matters for Information

D242/17 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 October 2017
D243/17 Community Transport
D244/17 Update on Ann Street Project
D245/17 Davagh Forest Park

D246/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Committee: Development Committee

Date: 16 November 2017

Matters Resolved by Committee

The following provides those matters resolved by the above named Committee as decisions to be considered for approval at the next meeting of Mid Ulster District Council.

Minute Ref	Matters Resolved by Committee
D220/17	Improvement Works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to proceed with the proposed improvement works to St Mary's and Bonn Cultural Association pitches and complete a Tender Exercise. Request to be made to Policy and Resources Committee for the release of the funds to undertake these works.
D221/17	Greenvale Leisure Centre – Concession Pricing Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Greenvale Leisure Centre admission charges for those with a Disability are set at 50% for those with a disability as described in the Disability Discrimination Act and that free use is provided to those carers accompanying the person with a disability.
D222/17	Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the leisure facilities not to open on either Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

D223/17	Backrow Recreation Centre Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Officers to carry out investigatory work as outlined and report further to Council.
D224/17	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Service Level Agreement Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to engage with Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and undertake a review of the Services Level Agreement proposal prior to bringing to committee for consideration.
D225/17	Milltown Play Park Funding Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to accept the BRIC2 Funding Offer and progress the project. In partnership with Milltown Community Association.
D226/17	Motorsport Task Force Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that a contribution of £1,000 be made on behalf of MUDC towards the Motorsport Task Force report as requested by the Motorsport Task Force. A report to be brought to a future meeting on issues raised.
D227/17	TABBDA Service Level Agreement Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for the terms of the amended Service Level Agreement with TABBDA doe 2017/18.
D228/17	Community Development Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to: 1) Good Relations and Community Festivals Rolling Grant Award

	<p>Resolved: Grant award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grant as per Appendix 1.</p> <p>2) Peace IV Partnership – Peace Grant Awards</p> <p>Resolved: Peace IV Partnership – Peace Grant Awards, with update of headings of the grant awards alternating, and Craic to a maximum of £15,000 as per tier 2 award.</p> <p>3) Poverty Initiative</p> <p>Resolved: Poverty Initiative and support up to £10,000 (from existing budget). Consideration to be given to utilising the expertise of charities to undertake this support work.</p> <p>4) Community Development Update</p> <p>Resolved: Community Development Update.</p>
	<p>Sports Development Grant (Incorporating the Every Body Active Programme)</p> <p>Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to allocating £53,240 in grant awards to the 59 successful sports organisation as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.</p>
D230/17	<p>Tourism Mentor Programme</p> <p>Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to support this programme of business development to be delivered before the end of this financial year.</p>
D231/17	The Loan of Council Equipment to External Groups

	<p>Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Council continuing to take a risk based approach to the loaning out of specific equipment to non-profit making groups and/or organisations within the Mid Ulster District Council area 2) No equipment shall be lent to any group or organisation unless and until Council is satisfied that the group or organisation is aware of all relevant health and safety risks associated with the operation of the equipment and have been adequately trained in the carriage, installation, operation and dismantling of the equipment 3) Equipment will only be lent to a group or an organisations on receipt of the approved 'Equipment Loan Agreement' being signed by a competent person with authority to sign on behalf of the group and returned to the Council in advance of the event accompanied, where appropriate, with the appropriate insurance that will indemnify Council from all risks associated with the borrowing of the Equipment. 4) Deposit of £50 to be charged at the time of collection, which will be refunded when equipment is returned in the same condition.
D232/17	<p>The Hearts of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULPS) – Governance Arrangements</p> <p>Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Grantee and Landscape Partnership Boards as shown in the Governance Structure 2) The Terms of Reference of the two boards 3) The Terms of Reference of the Delivery Working Groups
D233/17	<p>Economic Development</p> <p>Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that approval be given to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1) Translink Cookstown Depot Weekend Opening Consultation</p> <p>Resolved: Note Translink Cookstown Depot – Weekend Opening Consultation.</p>

	<p>2) Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes</p> <p>Resolved: Note Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on 30 August 2017.</p> <p>3) Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' Evaluation Report</p> <p>Resolved: Note Evaluation Report on Magherafelt Never Felt Better Days' in Magherafelt.</p> <p>4) Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions – Consultation Response</p> <p>Resolved: Consultation Response on the Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions.</p> <p>5) World Butchers Challenge</p> <p>Resolved: Sponsorship of £10,000 towards the World Butchers Challenge – Mid Ulster event and tour in March 2018. Sponsorship to be provided from Council's Economic Development budget 2017/18. Importance of Mid Ulster being showcased at such events to raise profile of the area.</p> <p>6) Joint Delegation Visit (with South West College) to Catapult Centres in the UK</p> <p>Resolved: That places are booked on the Catapult visit for Councillors McPeake, Molloy and McFlynn with associated costs for flights, accommodation etc, being paid from their own individual budgets. Up to two Officers to attend the visit with costs being met from the Economic Development Budget 2017/18.</p> <p>7) New Projects Proposals (from Existing Economic Development Budget)</p> <p>Resolved: That approval be granted to fund the following projects and subsequently procure same at no additional cost to Council with funds being available from Council's economic development budget;</p>
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	<p>a) ESF Programme Additional budget of £15,300 to match fund the delivery of the 4 ESF Programmes for year 2 of 3 (ie. April 2016 – March 2017. This adjustment is needed due to the timing of Dept for the Economy match funding payments being released, but this will offset in future years and not exceed the 3 year allocation Council previously approved.</p> <p>b) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Schemed Additional funding of £46,954 to be allocated to a further 15 schemes on the village spruce up scheme reserve list of applicants whose applications were approved, but held on a waiting list until further funding became available.</p> <p>c) LED Outdoor Mobile Screen Provision of £50,000 for the procurement of a large LED Mobile Screen for outdoor use which will be used widely at events across the Council area to play any type of media from images and videos.</p> <p>d) Drone Provision of £12,000 for the procurement and of a drone and dedicated laptop to operate it. Training for 3 staff is also included in the budget for the operators to obtain a pilot's licence to use it.</p> <p>e) Subscription to Grant FINDER UK Subscription to Grant FINDER UK of £11,305 (unlimited use licence for a 2 year term).</p>
D234/17	<p>Culture & Arts Facility Christmas Opening</p> <p>Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to Direct Award Contract for the purchase of Seamus Heaney book stock from Grantham Books Services.</p>

Report on	Conferences & Seminar – November 2017
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2017-18 member Conference and Seminar allocations.
3.0	Main Report
	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members
3.1.1	Digital Government 2017 The Guildhall, Derry ~Londonderry Theme Towards Smarter Public Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 5th December 2017 Cost £195+vat = E234, accommodation, travel and subsistence
3.1.2	
	<u>Officer Approvals</u>
3.2	There are occasions when it is beneficial to the organisation for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>

	Financial:
	Human:
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Officer Approvals

DIGITAL GOVERNMENT 2017

Towards smarter public services

The Guildhall, Derry~Londonderry • Tuesday 5th December 2017

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Conference plenary: The City Hotel

08.30 REGISTRATION & MORNING COFFEE AT **THE GUILDHALL**

09.00 Chairman's welcome and introduction: **Bill McCluggage**
Managing Director, **Laganview Associates**

09.05 *Why digital matters*
Paul Wickens, Chief Executive, **NICS Enterprise Shared Services**

The SuperConnected city
John Kelpie, Chief Executive, **Derry City and Strabane District Council**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Driving digital innovation: Delivering better services
Kevin Cunningham, Director General, **Government Digital Service**

Digital transformation through delivery
Presented by **Microsoft**

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

10.45 NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITION VIEWING AT **THE GUILDHALL**

11.15 *How GDPR will affect your organisation*
Ignatius O'Doherty, Chief Strategy Officer
Strategy Information Assurance and Management, **NICS Enterprise Shared Services**

Towards a digital probation service
Brian McCutcheon, Head of IT, **Probation Board for Northern Ireland**

Supporting digital innovation to drive growth
Lorraine Acheson, Manager for Northern Ireland, **Innovate UK**

Transforming the delivery of healthcare through technology
Stephen Stewart, Assistant Director, Technology and Telecommunications
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Digital inclusion: Engaging with all citizens
Linda Robinson, Chief Executive, **Age NI** (invited)

Question & answer session / Panel discussion

13.15 CONFERENCE LUNCH AT **THE GUILDHALL**

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Parallel sessions: The City Hotel



14.00 SESSION 1: INTERNET OF THINGS

Revolutionising healthcare through IoT

Dr Philip Catherwood, NIBEC Research Centre, **Ulster University**

Emerging trends in IoT

Speaker to be confirmed

Case study: Making Dublin a smart city

Jamie Cudden, Smart City Program Manager, **Dublin City Council** (invited)

The WiSAR Technology Gateway: Providing solutions with IoT technology

Dr Nick Timmons, Director, WiSAR Lab **Letterkenny Institute of Technology**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

16.00 Conference close

SESSION 2: DATA ANALYTICS

Unlocking the power of data for more effective policing

Gurchand Singh, Head of Analysis Service, **An Garda Síochána**

Using data to deliver better healthcare

Dr Brendan O'Brien, Consultant Clinical Informatics Specialist **Health and Social Care Board**

Data sharing v. data security?

Speaker to be confirmed

Informing better decision making with data analytics

Peter Devine, Director, Cognitive Analytics Research Lab, **Ulster University**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

16.00 Conference close

Sponsorship opportunities



There are still a number of sponsorship opportunities available at this conference. For further information on the sponsorship packages remaining and speaking opportunities at the event call **Lynda Millar** on +44 (0)28 9261 9933.

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- ☐ Public sector delegate fee
Delegate fee £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234
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Job title: _____

Organisation: _____

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Terms and conditions

* For those unable to attend, a substitute participant may be sent at any time for no additional charge. Alternatively for cancellations received in writing, by fax or email, the following charges will apply:

- More than 14 days before the conference: 25% fee
- Less than 14 days before the conference: 100% fee
- Failure to attend: 100% fee.

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
People and OD Conference: The HR Transformation Challenges	Tuesday 5 December 2017	2	Belfast	No (LGSC run)
NI Public Sector Chairs' Forum	30th November	2	Belfast	Members of NI Public Sector Chairs' Forum and the Chief Executives Forum can book at the discounted price of £145/otherwise £195 each

Retrospective Approvals – Conferences/Seminars

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
None				

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition – November 2017
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council Receptions Policy.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Receptions Policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at the December 2016 council meeting. All requests for civic recognition are to be now forwarded to Democratic Services to appear on a report for presentation to council for consideration and approval.
2.2	The policy confirms 3 categories of reception offered by the Council: (1) Civic Receptions (2) Chair and Deputy Chair Reception (3) Civic Awards
2.3	Appendix A to this report details those request(s) received for notification to and approval by council. The request(s) have been categorised in line with established conditions/ criteria required to be met to receive a Civic Reception, Chair & Deputy Chair Reception or Civic Award.
2.4	Following the July 2017 Council meeting a working group was formed to review the current receptions policy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Implementation of the Receptions Policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.
3.2	Civic Recognition requests received from members since the last meeting of council have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Not Applicable

	Human: Not Applicable
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That consideration be given to approving request(s) for civic recognition.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Submitted Requests

November 2017 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Gerard O'Neill	Convenience Neighbourhood Retail United Kingdom Awards Sales Assistance of the Year & Community Hero Award Also Sport NI Coaching, Officiating & Volunteer awards 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award	Cllr M Quinn Cllr O'Neill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won competition at a United Kingdom Level • Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Clodagh Dunlop	Life After Stroke Adult Courage Award by the Stroke Association	Cllr McLean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won competition at a United Kingdom Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Category: Civic Award

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Andrew Smyth	Irish Junior Motorbike Championship	Cllr Mulligan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
St Patrick's College Maghera	Danske Bank Ulster Colleges' Mageean Cup (Hurling)	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Kayleigh McGee	IABA – Ulster Senior Opens Gold Medal	Cllr McGinley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: Irish Female 52kg champion Date: Approved Feb 2017
Andrew Ryan	IABA – Ulster Senior Novice Gold Medal	Cllr McGinley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Colm Cavanagh	GAA All Star Award - Ulster representative on 2017 All-Star team	Cllr Mullen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Chair's Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
None			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Other: Letter from Council Chair

Where it is deemed that conditions/criteria have not been met for a civic reception, civic award or chair & deputy chair reception a letter from the Council Chair is recommended. This may also be in instances where recipients have previously received a reception or award for the same or similar achievement.

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by
Dungannon Thomas Clarke GAA	<i>Under 14 team won</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Grade 1 Tyrone County Championship;</i> 	Cllr Monteith

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tyrone League;</i> • <i>Tyrone Minor Grade 1 League</i> 	
Erin's Own Lavey GAC	<p><i>Under 12A won:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Derry Hurling Championship</i> <p><i>Under 13A won:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Derry Football Championship</i> <p><i>Under 15A won:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Derry Football Og Sport</i> <p><i>Under 21 won:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Derry Football Championship</i> 	<p>Councillor McPeake</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Letters from Council Chair previously agreed for (i) U16A for Derry Football Championship and (ii) Senior Hurling Derry Intermediate Championship winners</p>

Report on	Consultation by Department for Economy (DFE) on an application by Karelian Diamond Resources for a mineral prospecting licence under section 11 of the Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969
Reporting Officer	Dr Chris Boomer
Contact Officer	Dr Chris Boomer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of the report is to provide members with information on a consultation by the Department for Economy (DFE) on an application by Karelian Diamond Resources for minerals prospecting licences under section 11 of the Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 on land within the Mid Ulster Council jurisdiction. The map of the application area included at Appendix A.
1.2	It is also worth noting a further consultation was sent to us by DfE on an application by Flintridge Resources for mineral prospecting rights in an area entirely outwith this district (close to Castlederg) and therefore it is not proposed to respond to it.
2.0	Background
2.1	The consultation from DfE advises that they have responsibility under the Minerals Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 for prospecting for base/non-precious metals only. They advise that prospecting for precious metals, (gold and silver), is undertaken by option approvals issued by the Crown Estate and DfE has no role in this process.
2.2	The consultation informs us that a prospecting licence does not automatically lead to mining and that it can take many years of exploration to identify a potential target resource. They state that mining would only be considered if a resource is identified and that resource can be extracted economically, subject to environmental and planning regulations. Should extractable resources be found a company must apply to DfE for a mining licence which would be subject to a separate assessment and consultation process in addition to the necessary planning approvals.
2.3	DfE also advise in the consultation documentation that prospecting Licences are normally granted for a period of 6 years. Licensees are required to carry out an agreed scheme of prospecting and to report the results of their Work Programmes to the Department on an annual basis or more frequently.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>In considering the consultation, providing the prospecting is limited to investigations that do not represent development there would be no planning grounds on which to object. However, Council may choose to adopt the same line as for the previous application by Dalradian Gold in the Sperrins and object to the application on the grounds that granting the licence would cause division in the community and conflict amongst neighbours.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A – Consultation papers from DfE

Room 9
Dundonald House
Upper Newtownards Road
Belfast
BT4 3SB
(028) 9038 8462

FAO: Chief Executive

2nd October 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969

The Department has received an application from Karelian Diamond Resources for mineral prospecting rights under section 11 of the above Act in respect of the lands in Counties Fermanagh and Tyrone outlined on the attached map. A brief on the company is enclosed for your information. Consideration is at present being given to the issue of 1 licence over this area for a period of 6 years in respect of all such minerals as are vested in the Department. Part of the land included in the application comes within your Council's jurisdiction.

Under Section 11(3) of the Act, the Department is required to publish notice of its intention to grant prospecting facilities and to consider representations which are made by interested persons. Accordingly, I enclose a copy of the Press Notice which will appear in the following papers for 2 weeks, week beginning 2 October 2017:

Belfast Gazette
Impartial Reporter
Fermanagh Herald
Ulster Herald
Mid-Ulster Mail
Tyrone Courier
Tyrone Constitution

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the map showing the area over which the application has been made and the additional notification information in relation to mineral prospecting licences displayed at your office until Friday 10th November 2017. An additional copy of the map is enclosed for your own use. Anyone seeking further information about the proposed licence should be referred to the Department's website - <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/articles/minerals-licensing> and email address - minerals@economy-ni.gov.uk.

In accordance with subsections 4(b) and 5(b) of section 11 of the Act, the Department is required to take into account any representations which are made to it by your Council by 10th November 2017 before coming to a decision. I should be glad, therefore, to

receive, within the specified period, any comments which your Council may wish to make. You may assume that your representation will be passed to the company.

Grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter via e-mail to minerals@economy-ni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Minerals Branch

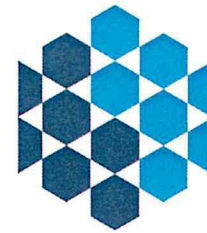
Karelian Diamond Resources plc ("Karelian") is incorporated in Dublin, Ireland (Registration Number 382499).

Karelian is conducting an extensive diamond exploration programme in Finland. This programme has led to the discovery of a kimberlite body in the Kuhmo region of Finland – the first discovery of a kimberlite body in Finland in over 10 years. The programme has also led to the recently announced discovery of a diamond in till, also in the Kuhmo region.

Karelian also holds a mining concession over the Lahtojoki diamond deposit in the Kuopio – Kaavi region of Finland.

Karelian now wishes to extend its diamond exploration programme to Northern Ireland to an area which Karelian considers may have diamondiferous potential and in which the historic Brookborough diamond is reported to have been discovered.

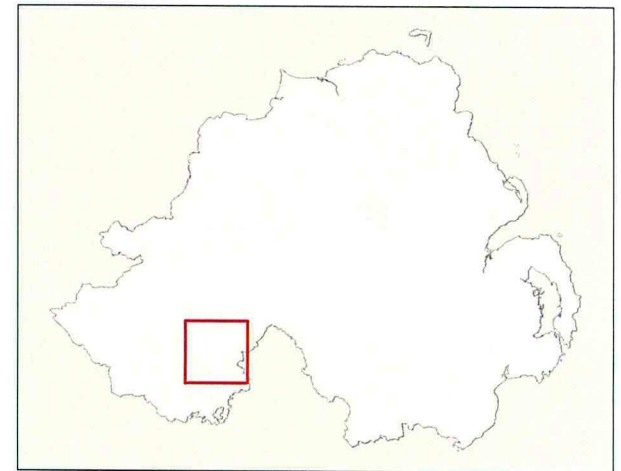
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Karelian Diamond Resources KDR1

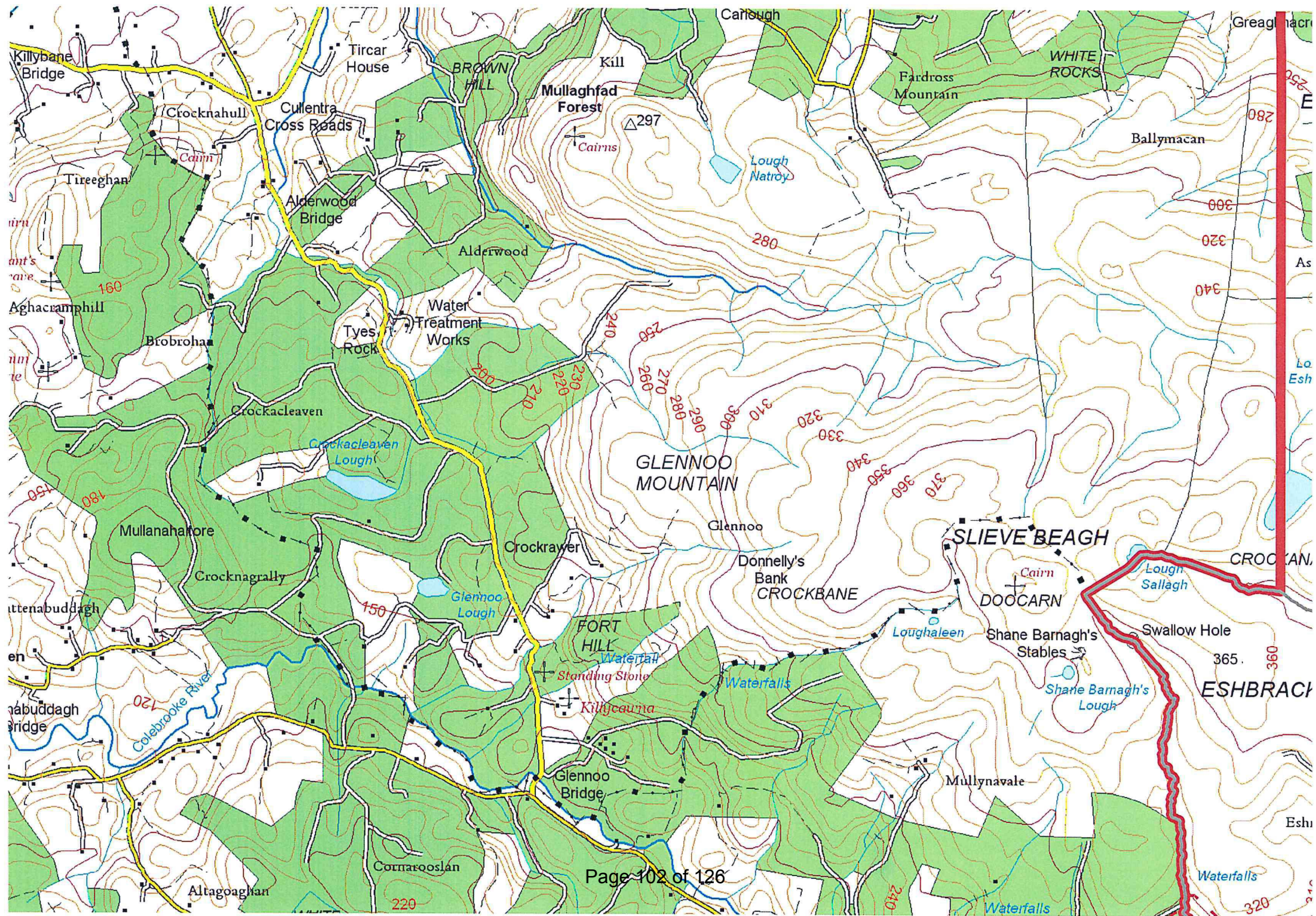


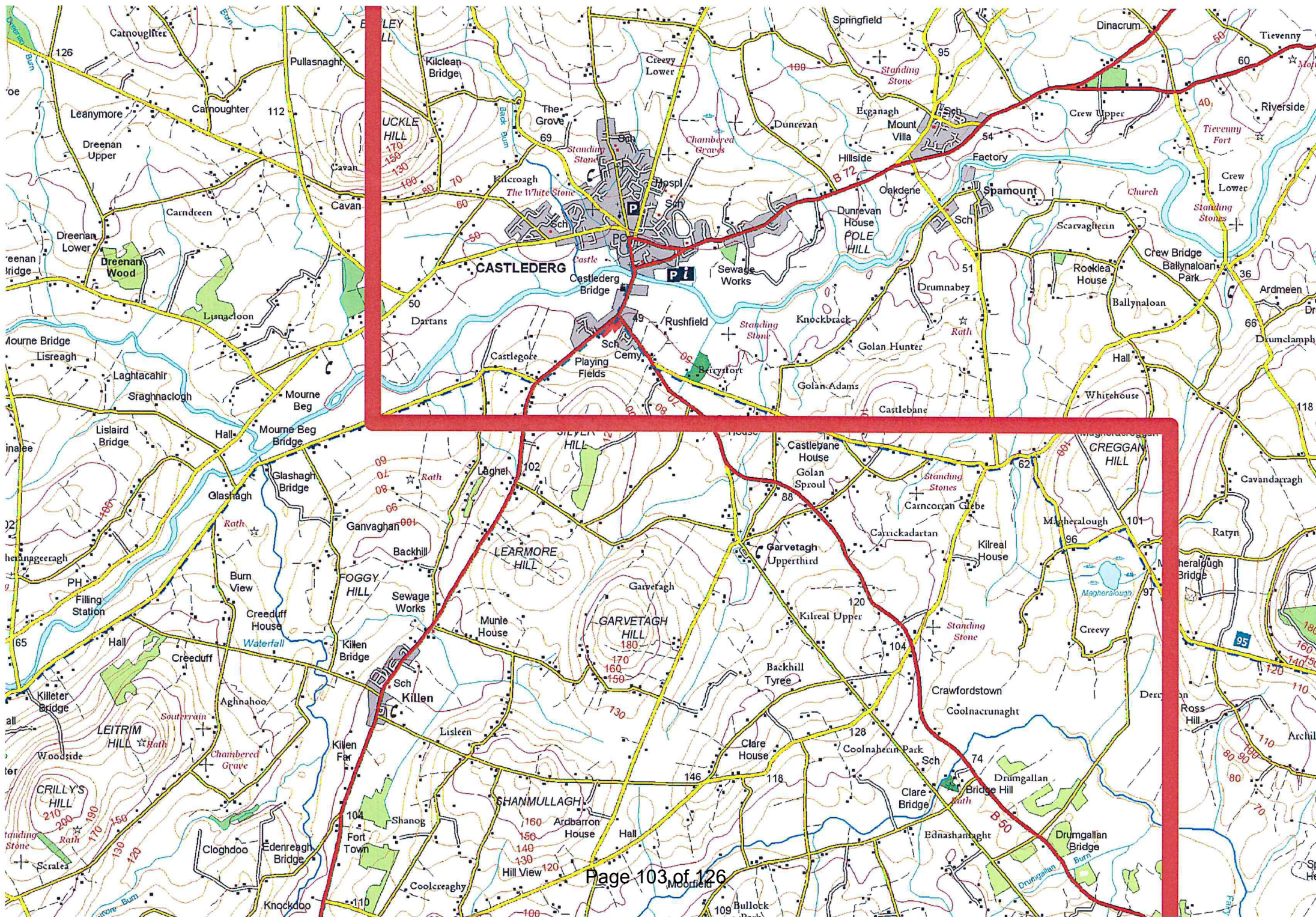
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MPL Application Area









Common Exploration Methods.

The following list contains the most common methods which a company with a mineral prospecting licence in Northern Ireland might use to carry out a mineral prospecting programme. The aim of the license holder is to detect subsurface ore-bodies of economic value by identifying anomalous traces of surface mineralisation, through the use of geochemical and/or geophysical prospecting methods. Methods used will vary depending on the different stages of the exploration. Brief descriptions of the methods are presented for information.

DESK STUDY

An initial period of data review, collation and analysis is usually carried out. All available historic and public data which are freely available or available for licence are collated and studied for potential information on target areas. This initial period is used to highlight areas of interest to the company, if no specific target has already been identified. Desk studies have no environmental impact.

In Northern Ireland, GSNI holds historic prospecting information and archive material which are available under licence along with the regional Tellus datasets. Stream sediment, stream water, soil geochemistry, airborne electromagnetic, airborne magnetic and airborne radiometric geophysical data sets are available.

Geology maps are also used as information sources.

FIELD BASED DATA ACQUISITION

Field Mapping

Additional geological field mapping is used to augment the information presented on geological maps. Rock types, geological structures, rock at surface locations and other notable features are recorded by walk-over surveys, normally by one or two people. Rocks may be sampled with a geological hammer to reveal fresh rock faces for clearer identification. Samples may be collected for laboratory analysis. Sample size may vary depending on analysis, but chips/fist-sized lumps to larger amounts may be collected (especially when looking for precious and base metals). This technique is generally considered low impact, but where necessary restrictions on land access will be imposed to protect areas with environmental designations.

Field Prospecting

Very similar to field mapping, but mineralisation and associated changes in host-rock (alteration) is specifically being sought. Rock units identified in the

mapping process are studied and sampled. The same seasonal restrictions will be applied where necessary.

Geochemistry Methods.

The main aim of carrying out geochemical sampling is to identify areas where there appears to be an anomalous amount of the target mineral being sought, or of minerals which are known to be associated with the target. Large areas can be covered at an initial stage by a regional sampling programme which would then be followed up by a more localised survey over anomalous areas. In all instances where geochemical surveying is proposed, the locations of the samples are supplied to the Geological Survey prior to the survey being carried out. If any of the locations are within a designated area or considered likely to have a detrimental impact on a designated area, restrictions may be placed on the timing of the activity or permission to carry out the activity can be refused.

1. Soil sampling.

Carried out by individual or teams of people. Samples of a few hundred grams up to 5 – 10kg are collected using hand held auger for the small samples and spade for the larger ones. Auger method is low impact and the ground can be left with no visible signs of disturbance. Larger samples are collected from a dug pit. Surveys are usually carried out over a rectangular grid which will vary in density depending on the confidence of the target location, or along a transect. The area covered could be very large for regional work or down to less than a few km² for detailed/follow-up surveys.



Soil sample collected with a hand auger



Soil sample collection

2. Stream sediment sampling

Samples are collected from 1st and/or 2nd order streamsⁱ as near the middle of the stream as possible. Approximately 50 grams of material is normally taken but larger samples may be required dependant on method used and target. Where heavy metalⁱⁱ mineralisation is being targeted, samples are collected as close to the bedrock as possible. This may require digging down through the overlying material. The sediment is wet sieved through mesh screens to the required size and put in paper sample bags for drying. Sample density is low (1 per Km² or less) for regional surveys, increasing in density for reconnaissance and follow-up studies.



Sediment sample collection

Site selection for stream sediment sampling has the potential to be disruptive. Access is required to the stream bed and the sediment must be disturbed to collect the samples. However sampling is very short term and generally only carried out in low order streams. Sampling is not permitted in streams where it is considered that it will have a significant detrimental effect on protected species.

3. Water sampling.

Less commonly used. Approximately 100ml of stream water is collected in plastic bottles with three or four bottles per site.

4. Panning.

The concentrated heavy mineral residue from a stream sediment sample is panned (in a plastic, steel or wooden shallow dish) using water from the stream where the sediment sample is collected.



Stream sediment panning

The size of the concentrate sample may vary in size from a few grams to one or two hundred grams.

5. Deep overburdenⁱⁱⁱ sampling.

A petrol driven hand held device is used to dig deeper (up to a few metres) into the overburden (the soil and gravel deposits which sit on the rocks underneath) where spade digging and hand auguring will not get to the bedrock to collect soil samples.



Pioneer deep overburden sampling device

Generally operated by a small team walking to sites this process can be noisy and cause surface disruption at the site.

Geophysical Methods

1. Magnetism
2. Electromagnetic Methods including VLF^{iv}
3. Gravity
4. Radiometrics^v

Magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric and gravity methods can all be carried out rapidly by teams of one or two people as a walk over survey using hand-held instruments.

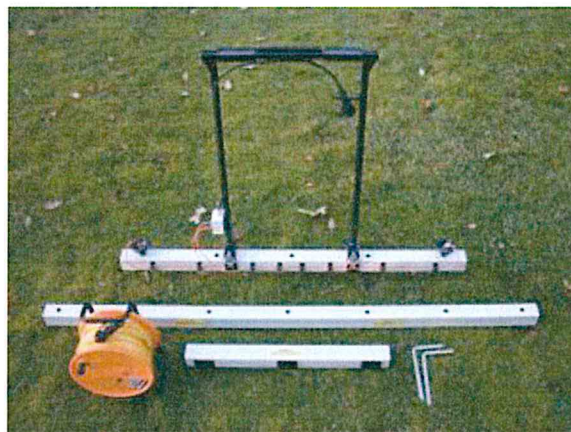


One example of hand held magnetometer equipment

The measurements are recorded without the need to disturb the ground other than by foot fall. In some cases a grid may be marked out with pegs driven into the ground. These are used as survey points at which measurements are taken.

5. Induced Polarisation.
6. Resistivity.

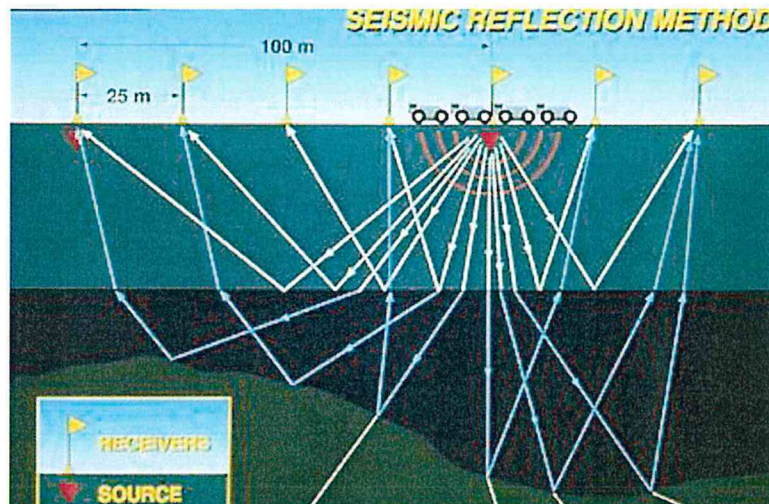
Both these methods require passing an electrical current into the earth through ground electrodes, pushed into the soils, laid out along a single line traverse. The process is carried out by hand, electrodes are metallic, thin and up to 30cm long. Little other ground disturbance is required other than foot fall and possibly survey pegs marking out line positions. However these methods may use high currents, which can cause a potential risk to livestock.



Two probe resistivity survey equipment

7. Seismic

Seismic surveys record energy waves reflected from different rock layers in the earth. An input energy source is required. This may be from a series of controlled explosions creating a single frequency source or from a vibrating source onboard a truck (Vibroseis) which sweeps a range of frequencies. Long lines of cables with recording devices (geophones) are laid out and a series of energy bursts are provided either through explosions or vibration.



Schematic of seismic reflection survey theory



Vibroseis Survey at Larne

In the case of explosions, these will be set off in sequence at a series of surveyed locations. The charges are set at depth and cause little disturbance outside the immediate vicinity. A Vibroseis truck will drive along a road stopping at surveyed location marks and vibrate at each



location. The energy which is reflected from the underground rock formations is recorded as ground movements at the surface by the geophones. In land surveys carried out in Northern Ireland, lines of geophones have been laid along road verges, rather than in straight lines across fields. Where water is in the way, the lines of geophones can be anchored to the bed of the water body. Seismic surveying is more common in petroleum exploration.

Drilling

Mineral exploration drilling operations require a drill rig to carry out the process, which aims to recover cores of rock from depths of up to 1000m. Typically drill holes will be of the order of less than 200m (for reconnaissance drilling, though specific targets may be deeper) with rock core collected and placed in prefabricated core boxes. The drill core comprises cylinders of solid rock with a diameter normally in the range 5-10 cm. A drill rig will typically have a footprint of less than 10 x 10 metres and a height of 4 metres, though some rigs, which can acquire greater depths, will occupy a larger area. Associated with the rig are a stable drill platform (wooden boards used to level the operating area and storage area) fuel stores, drill fluid management systems, equipment stores etc.

All rigs require some sort of lubrication at the drill bit with water being most commonly used. The water is circulated from the surface to flush the area of the drill bit and carry the pulverised rocks and chips back to the surface. Settling sumps may be used to improve the water for re-use or reintroduction to the local water system.



Exploration drill rig

In environmentally sensitive areas, or close to them, it is possible for all drill fluids to be captured in a closed system with no discharge to the local environment. Closed drill systems are used in some areas of Northern Ireland. Exploration drilling operations will generally be over a matter of days or weeks, depending on the type of rock being drilled (harder rock takes longer to drill through) and the target depth of the hole. Where permitted, operations may take place over extended time periods, occasionally up to 24 hours a day.

Additional emissions from rigs include noise and fumes. Exploration drilling for metallic and industrial minerals does not use hydraulic fracturing as a technique.



Trenching

Mineral exploration trenching is carried out by mechanical excavator with a back hoe, with the aim of exposing a section of mineralised bedrock. Trenches can be over 100 metres long and a few metres wide. Depth is controlled by the depth of the overburden in the area being worked. A geologist would require access to the trench in order to log and sample the soil and bedrock profile exposed. Such activities are governed by Health and Safety regulations.

AIRBORNE SURVEYS

Magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric and gravity measurements can all be made from an aircraft. The lower the flight height of the aircraft, the stronger the signal. Data are collected along parallel flight lines with the aircraft maintaining as level an altitude as possible.



Tellus survey plane at rural survey height

In Northern Ireland the Civil Aviation Authority authorised the Tellus survey to fly at 56m in rural areas, rising to 250m over population centres. Planes can operate at any time of the year provided flying conditions are suitable. Airborne surveys are inevitably associated with short lived noise disturbance that may affect humans, livestock and wildlife.



MARINE ACQUISITION

Marine Seismic Surveying

This is similar to land base seismic but uses a series of airgun explosions as the energy source and floating hydrophones as the recording device.

Operations can be carried out from one vessel setting the charges and towing the hydrophone stringers, or two separate vessels, one towing the energy source and the other the recording devices.

ⁱ A first order stream is a stream which does not have any other streams feeding into it. When two first order streams come together they form a second order stream.

ⁱⁱ The term heavy metal is used to loosely define a subset of elements which exhibit metallic properties.

ⁱⁱⁱ Overburden is the rock or soil overlying the underground target.

^{iv} Very Low Frequency electromagnetic radiation.

^v Radiometrics surveys target the naturally occurring radioactive elements found in rocks. The gamma radiation resulting from the decay of the elements is recorded.

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FAO: Chief Executive

2nd October 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969

The Department has received an application from Flintridge Resources for mineral prospecting rights under section 11 of the above Act in respect of the lands in County Tyrone outlined on the attached map. A brief on the company is enclosed for your information. Consideration is at present being given to the issue of 1 licence over this area for a period of 6 years in respect of all such minerals as are vested in the Department. Part of the land included in the application comes within your Council's jurisdiction.

Under Section 11(3) of the Act, the Department is required to publish notice of its intention to grant prospecting facilities and to consider representations which are made by interested persons. Accordingly, I enclose a copy of the Press Notice which will appear in the following papers for 2 weeks, week beginning 2 October 2017:

Belfast Gazette
Strabane Chronicle
Londonderry Sentinel
Derry Journal
Impartial Reporter
Fermanagh Herald
Ulster Herald
Tyrone Constitution

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the map showing the area over which the application has been made and the additional notification information in relation to mineral prospecting licences displayed at your office until Friday 10th November 2017. An additional copy of the map is enclosed for your own use. Anyone seeking further information about the proposed licence should be referred to the Department's website - <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/articles/minerals-licensing> and email address - minerals@economy-ni.gov.uk.

In accordance with subsections 4(b) and 5(b) of section 11 of the Act, the Department is required to take into account any representations which are made to it by your council

| by 10th November 2017- before coming to a decision. I should be glad, therefore, to receive, within the specified period, any comments which your Council may wish to make. You may assume that your representation will be passed to the company.

Grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter via e-mail to minerals@economy-ni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Minerals Branch

Report on	Correspondence to Council – November 2017
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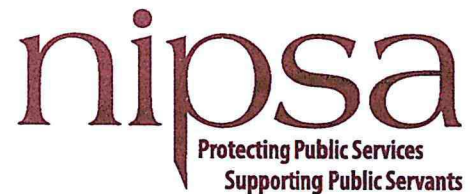
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If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	This paper makes reference to correspondence received to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Correspondence from NIPSA – Closure of Omagh Electoral Office</p> <p>Council has received correspondence from NIPSA on the “.....<i>the likely closure of Omagh Electoral Office</i>.....” and is attached as appendix A to this report.</p> <p>The Northern Ireland Office and Electoral Office undertook a consultation in 2016 on future delivery of electoral services, part of which related to the future of Offices. The below is an extract from the council's response to this consultation, relevant to this matter, which was submitted in December 2016. For completeness council's full response to this consultation is also included in appendix A.</p> <p>Extract</p> <p><i>“Q.3 With EONI's routine work more focussed on maintaining the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the electoral register, and district councils providing advice to the public at local level, would you see a role for regional electoral offices?”</i></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>On the basis of the specialised nature of maintaining the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the electoral register the Council believes that, in the first instance, Regional Offices of the EONI should be established as self-contained units to provide specialised advice with expertise on electoral matters. Given the democratic link to councils and the role they play in providing local services to local people the Council agrees that regional offices be co-located within district councils. Should the NIO opt to locate regional offices the Council request that consideration be given to an office in Mid Ulster given its central location with a population of some 141,000 and a high demographic of young people coming onto the register compared to the rest of N Ireland. Mid Ulster is also within</p>

	reach for electors of 5 constituencies (West Tyrone, East Londonderry, Fermanagh & South Tyrone Mid Ulster and Upper Bann)”
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Not applicable Human: Not applicable
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> Not applicable
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A Correspondence from NIPSA Response previously submitted to NIO consultation on future of electoral services

Your ref:

Our ref:



Ms Kim Ashton
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13 November 2017

Dear Ms Ashton

CLOSURE OF OMAGH ELECTORAL OFFICE

I am writing to bring to your attention the likely closure of Omagh Electoral Office and plans to move staff and services to Derry/Londonderry.

NIPSA is the trade union that represents staff employed by the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland and we have been involved in a long running campaign to protect electoral services across Northern Ireland. Last year, Minister Kris Hopkins MP released a public consultation on the future delivery of electoral services but no decisions have been published from this consultation despite it closing some 9 months ago. We also understand that a decision on this public consultation may be pending but any implementation, especially if elections are passed to councils, would take at least 12 months to implement.

At a recent meeting with the Chief Electoral Officer, she stated that EONI have as yet been unable to agree an extension to the current lease for the building on Kelvin Avenue, Omagh with the current agreement due to end at the end of December. Given this, it was likely that the office would close with all staff and services moving to Derry/Londonderry. With the absence of online services and an assembly election in the near future a possibility, this would leave your constituents at a significant disadvantage and may seriously impact on any election result.

I would therefore ask that you contact the Chief Electoral Officer, the Northern Ireland Office and the recently appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Lord Duncan, to have the necessary funds provided to obtain new premises in Omagh for electoral services. NIPSA understands that the main prohibiting factor to obtaining new premises in Omagh is the cost of funding new secure IT and building security but this would likely be in the region of £12-15k and we consider this would be a small cost to retain electoral services for such a large geographical area and to ensure your constituents are treated equally.

NIPSA are happy to meet with you on this matter and I would ask you to contact Elizabeth Buchanan at NIPSA Headquarters on 02890 661831 to organise a time and date. However given the timeframes, there is an urgent need to register concerns on these plans and I would ask that you correspond immediately seeking a

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postponement of any decision and demand that electoral services are retained in Omagh.

I look forward to your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dooley Harte', written in a cursive style.

DOOLEY HARTE
Higher Executive Officer

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Appendix A:
Response previously submitted to NIO/ Electoral Office Consultation (Dec 2016)

**FUTURE DELIVERY OF ELECTORAL SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND
RESPONSE TEMPLATE**

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately.

1. Name / Organisation

Organisation Name (If applicable):

Mid Ulster District Council

Title: Mr ☒ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Dr ☐ **Please tick as appropriate**

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Mid Ulster District Council - RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Please provide below any comments you may have on the consultation options, as outlined above in chapter 2.3 of the consultation document. Please use additional pages as necessary.

Q.1 Do you see benefit in having all district councils providing advice and support to local residents on electoral matters, particularly those who do not wish to use online registration?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Mid Ulster District Council (the Council) welcomes this consultation as an opportunity to open discussion on the role of councils in the administration of electoral services in N Ireland. The Council believes that local authorities are well positioned both geographically and in terms of their democratic connection with the wider public to offer advice and assistance on electoral matters. The Council believes a 'high street' presence to provide advice and support on electoral matters offers opportunities to furthering access to public services and in generating a local interest in the democratic process, particularly by those identified as hard to reach and all Section 75 groups within our district. It notes that particular mention is made to councils providing advice on registration, electoral ID applications and verifying documentation but acknowledges that whilst it agrees in principle to a role for the Council given the clear benefits to opening access to electoral services and to those not wishing to avail of on-line registration expectations need to be managed in terms of what the Council can deliver across its civic offices. Council acknowledges that not everyone would be in a position to register on-line as an elector and that arrangements in local district council offices would be necessary to meet the needs of such people, with outreach available to rural areas.

Q.2 Are there other electoral services that you would like to see district councils providing locally?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council believes that they could be undertaken but this would be subject to required budget being allocated by the NIO and passing of expertise, learning and capacity to provide same. Any other electoral services being considered should be fully documented and communicated to councils and not be more than what is already being undertaken by EONI which may currently not be resourced for by the NIO. Council stresses that services could only be undertaken with allocation of resource and capacity to undertake same.

Please provide below any comments you may have on the consultation options, as outlined above in chapter 2.4 of the consultation document. Please use additional pages as necessary.

Q.3 With EONI's routine work more focussed on maintaining the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the electoral register, and district councils providing advice to the public at local level, would you see a role for regional electoral offices?

Yes ☒ No ☐

On the basis of the specialised nature of maintaining the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the electoral register the Council believes that, in the first instance, Regional Offices of the EONI should be established as self-contained units to provide specialised advice with expertise on electoral matters. Given the democratic link to councils and the role they play in providing local services to local people the Council agrees that regional offices be co-located within district councils. Should the NIO opt to locate regional offices the Council request that consideration be given to an office in Mid Ulster given its central location with a population of some 141,000 and a high demographic of young people coming onto the register compared to the rest of N Ireland. Mid Ulster is also within reach for electors of 5 constituencies (West Tyrone, East Londonderry, Fermanagh & South Tyrone Mid Ulster and Upper Bann).

Appendix A:
Response previously submitted to NIO/ Electoral Office Consultation (Dec 2016)

Please provide below any comments you may have on the consultation options, as outlined above in chapter 2.5 of the consultation document. Please use additional pages as necessary.

Q.4 *Should district councils have a role in delivering all elections and referendums in Northern Ireland, including Parliamentary and NI Assembly elections and referendums?*

Yes ☒ No ☐

The Council is supportive of district councils having a role in elections and referendums however what that role is and how it would work would require further discussion with local government as a sector. Councils are well placed and positioned to provide support on such matters but would add that careful consideration and co-ordination should be given by the NIO and EONI on how this could be undertaken. For example, whilst the councils are made up of electoral wards which in turn make up parliamentary constituencies their boundaries are not co-terminus with local government boundaries meaning councils could be working on an election to a constituency where some of the electoral wards are from another council.

The role could only be adequately fulfilled and accepted with the required transfer of financial resource, learning and capacity to undertake the required activities, which should be more than merely providing one off training sessions but rather on-going support. The Council would welcome a clear definition on what is meant by ‘...a role...’.

Q.5 *Should councils take on the functions set out in paragraph 2.5.3 (and Annex C) at all elections and referendums?*

Yes ☒ No ☐

The Council feels that this question and implied proposal suggests that it would be taking on more than ‘...a role...’ in delivering all elections as referred to in Question 4. The Council however feels that it is well placed and positioned to take on and deliver functions at a local level but this could only be successfully undertaken with the transfer of learning, capacity and ongoing support from EONI to undertake same as referred to in Question 4. It would move towards bringing the provision/availability of electoral services into line with the rest of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Should the NIO be minded to seek councils to undertake functions in 2.5.3 they should be introduced in a phased and controlled manner with co-ordination still undertaken by EONI for consistency.

Q.6 *Are the safeguards set out in paragraph 2.5.5 & 2.5.6 sufficient to protect council employees undertaking electoral functions from the risk of political interference?*

Yes ☒ No ☐

Whilst the Council has selected yes, it would encourage the NIO to consider all options available to it to ensure council employees are able to undertake election duties conferred upon in an environment which is free from political interference. The Council believes that all options should be considered, to include the practices in other jurisdictions (UK and Republic of Ireland) to enshrine the principle of independence when facilitating and administering any election. Existing codes of conduct and protocols will provide safeguards and assurance - the Code of Conduct for Local Govt Employees, Local Govt Employee and Councillor Working Relationship Protocol and the Local Govt Code of Conduct for Councillors. These codes should be consulted by the NIO for their robustness to support safeguards from the risk of political interference.

