



16 December 2019

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 Monday, 16 December 2019 at 19:00 to
transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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18. Development Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 4th December 2019
19. Policy and Resources Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2019

Matters for Information

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 28 November 2019 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair Councillor Kearney

Members Present Councillors Ashton, Bell, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Corry, Cuddy, Cuthbertson (7.15pm), Doris, Elattar, Graham, Hughes, Kerr, Mallaghan, McAleer, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, D McPeake, S McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, O'Neill, Quinn, Robinson, Totten and Wilson

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

Others in Attendance **Deputation: Northern Health & Social Services Trust & Southern Health & Social Services Trust**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

C225/19 Apologies

Councillors Forde, Glasgow, Gildernew and Milne

C226/19 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Molloy declared an interest D203/19 Mid Ulster Town & Village Business Spruce-Up Scheme

C227/19 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Kearney commended Council staff on the recent fireworks displays and the Christmas lights switch on events which had taken place. He also commended economic development staff on the Enterprise Week events which had taken place in 27 locations.

Councillor Kerr spoke of the selfless act of former Coalisland resident Peter McMahon who now residing in Australia had organised a convoy of lorries to transport water during recent bushfires.

Resolved That the Chair write to Peter McMahon who organised a convoy of trucks to transport water from Sydney to Armidale in New South Wales to assist with tackling bushfires.

Councillor McAleer spoke of the motion carried by Council in June 2018 appealing to the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Health to make the drug Orkambi available to cystic fibrosis patients in Northern Ireland. Councillor McAleer stated that this had now happened and thanked Members for supporting the motion.

Resolved That Council to write to Mr Richard Pengelly, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health to express appreciation of the recent decision that people with Cystic Fibrosis in Northern Ireland will have access to drug Orkambi

Councillor Oneill condemned the recent robbery at the Mace shop in Newtownkelly and appealed to anyone with information to come forward and help bring those who had stolen thousands of pounds of produce from hardworking people before the courts. He appealed to the community to check on elderly neighbours and to leave a light on when going out to help deter further robberies.

Councillor Monteith drew attention to an email received advising that Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) had postponed the planned workshop with Council for the second time. He stated that he disputed the reason for the postponement cited as purdah due to the forthcoming elections and highlighted that the date of 29 November has been agreed after the announcement of the election. He further advised that the workshop had been requested at the September Council meeting and it now seems unlikely that the revised date would be prior to Christmas yet the housing crisis continued to escalate.

Councillor Elattar stated that as Council's representative on the Housing Council she would also highlight the matter at the meeting scheduled for early December.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That

- (i) Council to write to the NIHE to advise that 'Purdah' was not a valid reason for postponing the workshop scheduled to take place on Friday 29 November 2019
- (ii) Councillor Elattar raise the matter at the Housing Council meeting on 5 December 2019

C228/19 Deputation: Northern Health & Social Services Trust & Southern Health & Social Services Trust

The Chair, Councillor Kearney welcomed representatives of the Northern and Southern Health & Social Care Trusts to the meeting.

The Chief Executive of the NHSCT, Dr Stevens spoke of current issues such as the industrial action and the issues over the past year being conscious of the Greenvale tragedy, the improved roads between Antrim, Magherafelt and Cookstown, the difficulties in primary care which the SHSCT had found particularly challenging and although not directly responsible for impacted their respective services. Dr Stevens spoke of a new way of working and delivered a presentation entitled 'A Prototype for an Integrated Care System'.

Councillor Cuthbertson entered the meeting at 7.17 pm

Councillor Monteith left the meeting at 7.25 pm returning at 7.27 pm

Dr Stevens concluded the presentation emphasising that the pilot programme of anticipatory care service trialled in the Causeway locality which had proved successful would now be rolled out across the province and again highlighted that partnership at all levels was the way forward.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney acknowledged Dr Stevens enthusiasm for the scheme and sought Members comments.

Councillor McLean commended Dr Stevens on the presentation, his honesty and integrity in delivering facts whether or not they will be liked. He stated that there was a clear line of questioning appearing such as how does NIHE and other agencies to play their part. He commended Dr Stevens on thinking outside the box and carrying out the pilot scheme within his trust area. He stated there was many issues in relation to health such as the strike action and waiting lists.

Councillor Wilson thanked Dr Stevens for the informative presentation and asked where the general practitioners were sourced to visit the nursing homes. He stated that general practitioners were like hens teeth and that if they were already in a practise how did they get a day out of their daily surgeries to attend.

Dr Stevens drew attention to the statistics in relation to the pilot scheme and stated there had been agreement amongst practises as GP visits to homes are time consuming thus the scheme had been attractive to them. He highlighted that the number of home visits had been halved, hospital bed times had been reduced and it would be hoped in the future to lessen the time of the GP and have a team to deliver the service to include for example district nurses, pharmacists and podiatrist but he did accept the point it currently added to the resilience of practices.

Councillor Molloy welcomed the presentation but stated that whilst good it was not a new way of thinking. He spoke of the frustration of GPs who end up like managers and stated that whilst there was talk of 'buying' the NHS it was already happening as

some doctors were both paid more and doing more private work on NHS properties than actual NHS work. He stated that the whole service needed review.

Councillor Mallaghan reiterated that it was not the first time such projects had been mentioned but it was the first pilot. He highlighted the need for effective community planning and commented on the success of the pilot and the significant savings highlighted. He also mentioned other services such as a vulnerable persons' hub, community pharmacist and primary care services and wished the Trust well with the roll out of further schemes.

Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 7.45 pm

Mr Devlin stated that as a group of Trust Chief Executives they had agreed the pilot and clearly seen it as a way forward of planning for the population stating that the Chief Executives and Permanent Secretary were committed to it. He further stated that NIHE together with the Education Authority for Northern Ireland were involved in community planning and the pilot scheme placed health and social care in the one place.

Councillor McAleer extended her thanks for the presentation and stated that she welcomed anything which addresses the needs of an ever growing population emphasising that without good healthcare all would fall apart.

Councillor McLean asked how the schemes could be progressed, what the next steps were and was there a process in place.

Dr Stevens stated that there had been conversations involving the Council Chief Executive to join an area network, he highlighted the need to build a movement to create momentum and that if effective all agencies would want to be on board highlighting the community plan and schemes such as ageing well initiative and delivering for 0-4 year olds.

Councillor Quinn returned to the meeting at 7.50pm

Dr Stevens spoke of how council could actively engage and flex the community and voluntary sector to think afresh and plan measureable objectives. He highlighted statistics of one half of older people dying in acute hospital beds rather than at home and how a strain in services meant they were dying in open wards as no side-rooms were available. He spoke of one case where an elderly lady passed away in an accident and emergency department and the grief felt by staff who were unable to give her a dignified death. Dr Stevens encouraged fresh thinking encouraging better outcomes, better education and spoke of a recent event which had showcased a great arts performance by people suffering a range of problems for example a choir for people with dementia, that is doing something to keep people out of hospital.

He said they had a target for reducing bed days and less people dying in hospital but they needed to promote dementia support, by adding more events, bringing rural community together, respectful dying and good home care.

Dr Stevens stated the Trusts would provide resource for open discussion and stated that what they wanted was for the community to highlight what was important to help frame the objectives and that a collective view would lead to potential change.

Councillor McFlynn commended the report and hoped that the whole plan would be taken on board. Councillor McFlynn also extended thanks to the staff who deliver current services.

Councillor Monteith welcomed the presentation and the integrated approach to care. He spoke of two issues raised the previous year the GP hub for Dungannon which last year was reported to be the top of the list and a new build for Oakridge which was a priority and asked what had changed and when would the projects come to fruition.

Councillor Black thanked the Trust for the presentation and asked if the project was a testing of the Bengoa Report or did it sit outside its remit.

Councillor S McPeake welcomed the announcement for improved services in Magherafelt, the Accident and Emergency and hub for minor injuries. He welcomed the presentation and stated that he sat on community planning and could see dividends beginning to emerge and highlighted social care as critical in particular care packages and the pressures associated with them.

Dr Stevens stated that the current scheme piloted was part of the Bengoa Report and that the project had been a community and population approach based on understanding health needs. He stressed the need for all departments to work together and be strategically consistent.

Mr Devlin in response to Councillor Monteith's query on GP Hub and Oakridge new build stated that the projects were still priority. He advised that the Department had asked individual trusts for their requirements for the next ten years and he had highlighted both projects. He acknowledged that Oakridge had been promised for a long time and advised that it was part of the conversations in relation to capital projects. Mr Devlin stated that he would share the outcomes widely once they were known and advised that he had had Members of Parliament and the Department visiting Oakridge site to highlight the need.

Councillor Monteith stated that Council should write in support of both projects highlighting in particular that Oakridge was a disgrace in 1994 and had been a disgrace 25 years ago.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved Council to write to the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Health to support Capital Investment bid for Oakridge SEC and a GP Hub in Dungannon

Mr Devlin stated that he would value this support and in response to Councillor Cuddy's question he stated that whenever he received the report back from the

Department he would advise the Council on the outcome but stressed that the reality was there was not much capital in the budget but the Southern Trust was fighting hard to get its fair share.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney thanked the representatives of the two Trusts for their attendance following which they left the meeting at 8.05pm

Councillor Wilson asked why the Southern Trust had not made a presentation.

In response the Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that they had agreed to have the one.

Councillor Monteith stated it was disappointing that the Southern Trust had not provided an update on its work over the last twelve months and stated the council had an overview and scrutiny role. He requested that Council write to the Southern Trust to request a workshop or presentation with all Councillors.

Resolved That Council seek a workshop/presentation with the Southern Health & Social Care Trust

Matters for Decision

C229/19 Council Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2019

Councillor McGinley requested an amendment to minute C209/19 Notice of Motion 2nd paragraph page 14 *Sinn Féin* be amended to read *Council*

Councillor Kerr drew attention to the Mid Ulster Business Awards and commended the Mid Ulster Mail in response to responding positively to the request that the Mid Ulster Business Awards disassociate from Dalradian Company.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

That Council write to the Mid Ulster Mail and commend them in disassociating the Mid Ulster Business Awards from the Dalradian Company.

Councillor Monteith referred to minute reference C239/17 when it was resolved that '*Council investigate events and their sponsors prior to agreeing contributions of either support or sponsorship*'. He stated if this had been carried through Council would not have found itself in the situation and that this should not happen in the future.

Councillor McGinley concurred with the proposal but stated that he was disappointed that the Mid Ulster Mail had not made a public announcement of the decision.

Councillor Kerr agreed and stated that perhaps the letter should include the point that they should not have relied on Councillors to spread the word.

In response the Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that Council should just 'cross the first bridge' and send a letter commending the decision.

Councillor Kerr stated it was constructive input.

Resolved That Council write to the Mid Ulster Mail and commend them in disassociating the Mid Ulster Business Awards from the Dalradian Company.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 24 October 2019 (C194/19 – C224/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted, subject to the forgoing amendment

C230/19 Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5 November 2019

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 November 2019 (P131/19 – P142/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C231/19 Policy and Resources Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7 November 2019

Councillor Wilson drew attention to *PR190/19 Member Support on Member IT Allocation*.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That the update on Member Support on Member IT Allocation be forwarded to all Members

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That the Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 November 2019 (PR186/19 – PR212/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C232/19 Environment Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2019

Councillor McLean drew attention to E265/19 and sought clarity as to whether the policy was still draft as there was some slight changes in relation to time.

In response the Chief Executive clarified that the recommendation of the Environment Committee to Council was to approve the policy thus any amendments would need to be made.

Councillor McLean referred to opening times stating that many protestant church services were at 12 noon and thus if there was a funeral with a service in the home, then in the Church at 2 pm would be too restrictive and following consultation with funeral Undertakers they felt 3 pm would be a better. He stated he understood further consultation may be needed with trade unions with reference to the winter months when it would be dark earlier but sought an amendment to 3pm.

The Director of Environment and Property stated if it was the wish of Council the times could be changed.

Councillor Wilson stated that the full Council had not had sight of the proposed policy although included in the Environment Committee papers there had been amendments and said that there had been discussion around who lowers the coffin into the grave. He also added that he had received a number of complaints about dog fouling in Cookstown Cemetery and he was aware that there were similar issues in other cemeteries stating that dogs should be kept on lead and gravediggers should have the power to issue 'on the spot' fines for dog fouling.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney sought agreement for the amendment to opening hours.

Councillor McLean stated that he had been advised it was a draft document which would not be approved until February.

Councillor Wilson referred back to the issue of amendments to draft policies at committee level and Members approving at Council without having seen the final version of the document.

Councillor McGinley suggested that the Cemetery Administration and Management Update be referred back to committee.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that Members all have sight of the document at Committee. Councillor Wilson concurred but clarified that is the first version non committee Members do not see the final version and suggested that it should be an appendix to the minute.

Resolved That item *E265/19 Cemetery Administration and Management Update* – to be referred back to the Environment Committee for further discussions

Councillor Kerr drew attention to E269/14 bus shelters and expressed concern regarding the length of time it takes to process applications highlighting in particular the relocation of Cappagh bus shelter.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

That a meeting be set up with Translink regarding the bus shelter application process.

Councillor Mallaghan sought clarity on the new rules from the Department of Infrastructure stating that some are so stringent it is almost impossible to find a suitable location for a bus shelter.

Councillor Quinn concurred stating that he had encountered situations when 50 meters of road was required for a bus shelter to be considered. He stated that the Department for Infrastructure should be in attendance at the meeting proposed.

Councillor McGinley concurred and stated that perhaps a delegation could be invited to the Environment Committee which any Member could attend to discuss the issue.

Councillor Monteith stated that the Education Authority should also be involved and stated a workshop may be a better approach but all agencies needed to be at the table.

Resolved That Council to set up a meeting and invite Translink, Education Authority and Department for Infrastructure to discuss bus shelter applications

Councillor Graham left the meeting at 8.25 pm

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That the Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 12 November 2019 (E253/19 – E291/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C233/19 Development Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2019

Councillor McAleer drew attention to the Play Strategy and although pleased with achievements at Knockmany Forest to date she expressed her disappointment that it was outside the proposed five year plan for play areas. She stated that she was aware if more funding became available it may happen earlier but stated it would be better to complete what had been started.

Councillor Clarke left the meeting at 8.26 pm

Councillor Burton concurred that Council should be endeavouring to identify funding and stated that she had lobbied for years for development of Knockmany Forest. Councillor Burton also said that facilities at US President Grants location should be upgraded as visitors from outside the district and even from America would be

visiting and given Council did not have a seaside location they needed to develop locations of interest thus all sources of funding should be explored.

Councillor Clarke returned to the meeting at 8.27 pm

The Chair Councillor Kearney stated that Knockmany Forest although listed as five years plus may be done sooner if money became available.

Councillor Burton commended staff on the work completed delivering village parks and play facilities through the rural development programme.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved That the Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 14 November 2019 (D182/19 – D210/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C234/19 Conferences, Seminars & Training Report

Approval was sought for the undernoted for attendance of Councillors and Council Officers as outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

(i) Member Approvals

- NILGA Conference, Exhibit & Gala Awards Dinner

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast – 20th February 2020

Two Free Places

Day Delegate, Conference Only - £99 (per person)

Day Delegate Including Awards Dinner - £145 (per person)

Local Government Awards Dinner Only £60

(ii) Officer Approvals

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/No)
Planning for Change: <i>Planning in Times of Change</i>	6 th Nov 2019	1	Derry	Yes
Changes & Trends in International VAT	11 th Nov 2019	1	London	Flights
Power of Walking Conference	14 th Nov 2019	1	Belfast	No

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan

Resolved That the attendance of Members and Officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required for attendees.

C235/19 Requests for Civic Recognition

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval for the previously circulated report on civic recognition requests from Members, in line with the stated Council Policy, as detailed within the report.

Councillors requested amendments and additions as undernoted:

- Include Councillor Monteith and Quinn to Edendork Ladies Ulster Club Junior Championship
- N Nugent recommendation request amend to S McPeake to read D McPeake
- Cllr McGinley requested name to be added to two requests for Loughshore ABC, and that his name be added to letter requested for Moortown GAA and also his name be included in the letter forwarded to Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC
- Councillor McKinney's name be added to Knockloughrim Primary School request

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

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

Matters for Information

C236/19 Correspondence

Members noted previously circulated report providing correspondence received for the attention of Council as outlined:

- The Director, Royal College of Nursing Northern Ireland
- Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down DC
- Honours Secretariat, Department for Communities
- Private Secretary of the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Irish Government
- Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office (NIO)
- Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down DC
- Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health

Councillor Mallaghan requested that Council respond to correspondence regarding welfare appeals.

Councillor Monteith concurred but in relation to the Appeals Service NI stated that Council should seek a meeting with the service to discuss suitable locations as the Court house in any town was not suitable.

Councillor Kerr concurred.

Resolved That Council

- (i) Correspondence from Royal College of Nursing NI that Council write to the RCN acknowledging comments
- (ii) Correspondence from Newry, Mourne & Down DC on early diagnosis of bowel and breast cancer – Council support the motion as requested
- (iii) Correspondence from Newry, Mourne & Down DC on Location of Welfare Appeals – council support the motion as requested and also seek a meeting with the Appeals Service NI to discuss.

In response to Councillor McGinley's enquiry the Head of Democratic Services confirmed that the date for the meeting with Dr Michael McBride was scheduled for Wednesday 8 January at 2.00pm.

Councillor Ashton drew attention to Correspondence from the Honours Secretariat, Department for Communities and suggested that an awareness session be arranged jointly with another Council. Councillor Burton concurred. Councillor Cuddy suggested a presentation for interested parties on same.

Resolved That Council to arrange awareness raising seminar for Councillors on the Honours Process

Councillor Black returned to the meeting at 8.37 pm

C237/19 Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Members noted the previously circulated report on Consultation notified to Mid Ulster District Council.

C238/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor Mallaghan stated he had had the opportunity to read how the block grant had been cut by the Tory government by £1billion since coming to power and then in recent years propped up by the DUP and with inflation factored in it would be nearer to £2billion. He stated that the value of the health service goes without saying and the commitment and ethos of staff speaks for itself and he would publicly extend his thanks to them.

Councillor Mallaghan highlighted that nurses pay across the Islands varies considerably stating that in the South it averages at £34K, £24.5k in Scotland, £24.2 k in England and Wales whilst here in the North it was £22.8 k thus the lowest and no mechanism to approach parity. Councillor Mallaghan spoke of a recent family experience in hospital when the level of care given had been amazing but he was

also struck by the high volume of agency nurses being used on wards. He applauded the media in the coverage of the week's activities highlighting the difficulties in the system, the plight of the nurses and stated that important conversations were required.

Councillor Mallaghan moved motion as undernoted:

"This Council supports the overwhelming response from Royal College of Nurses' (RCN) ballot in favour of industrial action; and the decision of other Health and Social Care (HSC) Trade Unions-including UNISON and NIPSA – decision to ballot members for industrial action.

Health and Social Care workers are the systems greatest assets and they are entitled to fair pay and conditions. Over 7,000 non-medical vacancies – including 3,000 nursing posts vacancies – that currently exist within the HSC system are having a detrimental impact upon patient care and adding enormous pressure to the existing HSC workforce, who are doing everything they can to care for patients. Health and Social Care workers are taking action as they are no longer willing to see patients being denied the care to which they are entitled.

We call on the Permanent Secretary for Health to engage respectfully and meaningfully with Trade Union representatives on a pay deal.

Furthermore we call on this Council to convene an all-party meeting with the Trade Unions representing Health and Social Care Staff to hear directly the challenges they are facing and take such action therein to support staff and patient care at this time".

Councillor Elattar seconded the motion.

Councillor Kerr supported the motion stating that it was in Council's interest to do all in its power to help medical staff and expressed concern on how the situation had got to this point stating that the strike action was an indictment to the misery staff feel. He emphasised that they were under resourced and working in a particularly stressful environment. He sent solidarity to the hospital staff, wished them well in their plight and stated he would do all he could to assist.

Councillor McAleer stated that nurses were so over stretched that they are simply unable to provide the level of care to patients and their families that they would want to provide. She highlighted that the RCN constantly raised concerns at all levels within the Health and Social Care System about inadequate workforce planning and its impact upon recruitment and retention. Councillor McAleer stated that there was no doubt this crisis had been entirely predictable as nurses have continually reported their concerns of inadequate staff levels in order to provide safe and effective care for patients. Speaking on the issue of pay the Councillor stated it was a central factor in the recruitment and retention of nurses and has directly helped to create the current nursing staffing crisis in Northern Ireland. Councillor McAleer stated that nurses in Northern Ireland were the lowest paid in the United Kingdom and was emphatic that the Health and Social Care Trusts and the Department for Health had

failed to address the pay inequality that exists due to their lack of progress in the pay discussions with the Health Trade Unions. Councillor McAleer stated that a Registered Nurse at the top of Band 5 in NI earns £797 a year less than their equivalents in England and Wales and £1427 a year less than their equivalent in Scotland. A Health Care Assistant at the top of Band 2 in NI earns £711 a year less than in England and Wales and £1706 a year less than their equivalent in Scotland. Councillor McAleer concluded that the SDLP would support the motion.

Councillor Ashton stated that the DUP supported the nurses stressing that there is a continual call to restore the NI Assembly and that her party would support fair pay for all health professionals.

Councillor Quinn stated that he had spent three years working in a health trust and thus saw at first-hand the level of vacancies and the number of agency staff required to fill wards to an acceptable level. He stated that it was 'scary' the number of nurses coming in from an agency not being familiar with practices and procedures. He further highlighted that employed nurses were working additional shifts for an agency.

Councillor Monteith supported the motion stating that the health service was at a point of collapse and any experience he had of the system was that it was crumbling and crumbling fast. He welcomed the change of policy by both Sinn Féin and the DUP and mentioned a letter written by Michelle O'Neill in August 2016 which endorsed the pay cap on public sector pay policy.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the Trusts presentations in recent years which focused on funding and the high number of vacant nurses posts. He also made mention of the fact that agencies sign up nurses at the end of their training and are then holding the trust to ransom to supply same. Councillor Cuddy highlighted statistics that there is a one in sixteen chance of a person in Northern Ireland being on a waiting list for over 12 months in comparison to one in forty-eight thousand in England. He stated that the fact that the Royal College of Nurses voted for strike action said it all and given that medical staff are signed up to wider NHS UK conditions is unfair highlighting that the decision had been opposed by the UUP at the time. He stressed that the UUP wanted to see the responsibility for health back to Westminster and for nurses pay to rise. He stated that Sinn Féin in opposing a Direct Rule Minister who could make decisions on things such as pay and conditions were treating people as pawns whilst waiting lists were increasing and the whole system was falling apart. Councillor Cuddy stated that the UUP would support the motion

Councillor Colvin added his support and emphasised that nurses do a lot of work they don't get paid for sometimes starting shifts at 8am and working to midnight and maybe back in again the next morning. He highlighted that often there was no lunch or relief breaks and emphasised that it was not just the money but the whole situation in its entirety was a disgrace.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney acknowledged comments and mentioned the length of current waiting lists.

Councillor Mallaghan thanked all members who spoke on the motion and keeping snide political remarks to a minimum. He stated that Council must be brave and get behind the Bengoa Report.

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

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C239/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor Kerr stated that the motion was self-explanatory and in speaking to blood donation staff he had attained some statistics in that there was 800 donations sessions per year, a fixed location in the City hospital and two teams who travel. He stated that only 6% of the actual population give blood meaning 94% did not. He stated that one person donating blood could save three lives and approximately 150 new blood donors were required on a weekly basis.

Councillor Kerr moved motion:

That this Council, in the interests of all our residents resolves:
To promote blood donation
To set up a meeting with the Blood Donation Service to consult on how this vital service can be better promoted
To encourage employees and the wider public to donate
To offer the use of Council facilities for donation sessions
To write to sporting and community organisations to promote blood donation

Councillor Monteith seconded the motion and told of the support campaign Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council had conducted in 2007 and thus another support campaign was long overdue. He suggested that Council pick a month each year to highlight support.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that the use of social media would also help.

Councillor Wilson supported the motion and stated that blood donation both saves and enhances lives and was used in the treatment of some cancers. He stated that he was one of the 6% who did give blood and not only did the action help the recipient but also assisted the donor.

Councillor Quinn stated that it was a vital service and that the Blood Donation Service goes regularly to Coalisland, Ardboe and Donaghmore and said Council should do all they could to support.

Councillor Molloy stated that he had donated blood that morning through his workplace and said that the service should be brought to where people where.

Councillor Quinn left the meeting at 8.52 pm

Councillor Burton speaking on behalf of the DUP said they would support the motion stating that no one knew when they themselves would need blood and highlighted that sometimes donors discovered they were for example anaemic themselves thus detecting health issues early. Councillor Burton stated that if Council facilities could be used for promotion it would be a positive action and Council could also partnership with agencies it worked with.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney also highlighted that the action would sit well with the community plan.

Councillor Kerr thanked all for their support and stated that the Blood Donation Service would be happy to present at a meeting and would be particularly interest in donors with rare blood groups such as 0 negative. He also stated that it was welcome that there was some donors within the chamber.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney called for a vote.

FOR 35

AGAINST 0

The Chair, Councillor Kearney declared the motion carried.

C240/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor Corry moved motion as undernoted:

This Council will support the introduction of soft opt-out organ donation legislation here in the North which will follow the example led by the introduction of the same legislation in Wales (2015), Scotland and England (2020) and the calls from the Minister of Health in the South of Ireland, Simon Harris TD, for the same to be introduced here

Speaking on the motion Councillor Corry stated “As you can see, we here in the North are the only area across the Island of Ireland and Britain that isn’t working towards the introduction of soft opt out organ donation legislation. Soft opt out organ donation is a system where it is assumed everyone has given their consent to be an organ donor, unless otherwise stated. Currently, we only have the ‘opt in’ system. In the event of death with the soft opt out system, next of kin do have the final say whether or not organs are donated but I do believe it’s a conversation that we need to be having with our loved ones in terms of what our wishes are. Research shows that countries with a soft opt out system in place leads to a higher number of organ donations. I think now is the time for us as council to call for the introduction of this legislation here in the North.

And it’s not just a call for legislation to be introduced but for a high profiled communication and awareness raising strategy to begin pre and post introduction. It would also be a call for further investment in our health system to bring about the recruitment of specialist organ donation nurses and for further investment in our

intensive care units. Whilst this is a legislative issue which needs to be addressed if and when the institutions get up and running again, I'm asking that we, across all our parties encourage our members, support base and wider society to register themselves as organ donors in the absence of soft opt out legislation and begin to have those sensitive conversations. The significance of organ donation is that one organ donor could potentially save up to 9 lives. Here in the North, 45% of the population are registered organ donors. Figures also show that there are approximately 133 people waiting on the transplant list at this present time. Last year, unfortunately; 14 people died before they could get a transplant, including a young girl from Magherafelt, Aimee Brady who was 11 years old and tragically died waiting for a heart transplant. I hope that we here tonight can work to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

Today my colleagues and I had the pleasure to meet a young lad called Daithi Mac Gabhann and his parents; Mairtin and Sef who spoke about their organ donation campaign in the hope of getting young Daithi, who is on the transplant list, and like Aimee is also waiting on a heart transplant. Daithi is one of 15 people awaiting a heart transplant here in the North. Let's as a council work towards increasing the number of people who are registered as organ donors and increase the chances of the likes of young Daithi and others to get the much needed organ donation that they need. This is a very emotive and sensitive topic and it is unfortunate that it needs to result in the death of someone for an organ donation to come forward but when there is an organ donor, life springs from death, sorrow turns to hope and a terrible loss becomes a gift."

Councillor Brown seconded the motion and stated that the DUP were happy to support the legislation in Northern Ireland. He stated that most Members would know of someone or even have a family member who was in need of a donor and if it improved life even for a short time it would be welcomed.

Councillor McAleer stated that the SDLP would welcome the motion and also advised that donors for stem cell bone marrow transplants were required and although the Anthony Nolan campaign stipulates 16-30 year, donors over 30 could register.

Councillor Monteith commended Councillor Corry and stated it was a 'no brainer' and that it was only but right that Council lends its support to something that would make such a dramatic impact to someone's life. He also referred to the people whose lives were in limbo whilst waiting on a transplant saying that they could not make plans just in case they got that all important phone call and if Council could increase the number of phone calls it should go for it.

Councillor Cuddy stated that organ donation saves lives and the UUP would support the motion. He stated that Northern Ireland had the most out of date option in the United Kingdom and spoke of how Joanne Dobson former MLA had had a bill blocked by the DUP and Sinn Féin in Stormont in an endeavour to introduce similar legislation as that of Wales, England, Scotland and Eire. He referred to statistics which highlight that fourteen people pass away whilst on waiting lists for a suitable donor. Councillor Cuddy stated that the UUP had called on the Westminster to include Northern Ireland in the legislation for an 'opt out' system.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that his late sister had been taken by air ambulance to have an organ transplant but unfortunately it had not worked out.

Councillor Corry thanked the Members for supporting the motion and stated it takes two seconds to change a life and no one ever knows when they might need a transplant. Councillor Corry highlighted the Daithi campaign and that it was her greatest hope that he receives a heart.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney called for a vote on the motion

For 35

Against 0

The Chair, Councillor Kearney declared the motion carried

C241/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor Doris spoke on the motion and said,

Go raibh mile maith agat Chair At last month's Council I highlighted the shocking statistics of victims of domestic abuse who were unable to find suitable accommodation in Mid Ulster. Last month I along with Francie Molloy MP and Linda Dillon MLA attended a meeting with the Housing Executive and I raised this issue with them. I was sickened to find that while victims of racial or sectarian abuse are able to receive 'intimidation points' victims of domestic abuse are unable to do so.

This is an equality issue where it re-enforces a stigma around domestic violence that it is the victims fault and that it is more acceptable to be abused by a stranger on the street than a family member or a partner. If a victim is brave enough to seek help we as a council have an obligation to support them to move on with their lives. No one should be forced to make the decision between staying within an abusive household or become homeless, especially when there are children involved.

Councillor Doris then moved the motion as undernoted:

The Council writes to the Housing Executive and Permanent Secretary for Department for Communities to ensure that victims of domestic abuse will have access to the same 'intimidation points' that are awarded to victims of sectarian, racial or disability abuse to ensure that they are prioritised and have the best possible chance of receiving enough housing points to be reallocated to a safe home. Further to that the Council liaise with groups such as Mid Ulster Women's Aid, Mid Ulster Association of Psychotherapy and any relative groups to ensure that victims are supported in being awarded a safe space to live free from intimidation.

Councillor Bell seconded the motion.

Councillor Black stated that it was clear that a deficit exists in relation to rehousing as a result of domestic abuse especially when victims of other types of abuse such as racial or sectarian receive maximum points. He stated that the level of support should be the same and that the DUP would support the motion.

Councillor Colvin stated that between July 2018 and June 2019 the highest level of domestic abuse had been recorded and accounted for 16% of all crimes. He said there was a growing confidence to report and that he welcomed the UK Domestic Abuse bill which unfortunately had fell with parliament but that the UUP would be happy to work with the Department of Communities to sort out the point differentials.

Councillor Kerr supported the motion and stated that Women's Aid do a great work and Council should do its utmost to support this cause and not permit the NIHE to create a hierarchy of needs.

Councillor Monteith supported the motion and commended Councillor Doris on seeing it through. He said on a daily basis he has to deal with the nonsense of the point policy which resulted in people being unable to get out of life threatening situations. He stated that an overhaul of the point allocation system was long overdue. Councillor Monteith emphasised that coercive control was a scourge on society and the figures for it was not improving. He commended the organisations which support people through such times and commended Councillor Doris and also highlighted that sometimes the problems were intergenerational or between siblings.

Councillor McFlynn stated that the SDLP would also support the motion and commended Councillor Doris on bringing it forward.

The Chair, councillor Kearney called for a vote on the motion.

FOR 35

AGAINST 0

The Chair, Councillor Kearney declared the motion carried and commended Members on all motions carried this evening which had all focused on health.

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Black AND

Resolved That items (C242/19 - C251/19) be taken as confidential business

Councillor Oneill left the meeting at 9.12 pm

Matters for Decision

- (i) Council Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 24 October 2019
- (ii) Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) Confidential Minutes of Meeting held 30 October 2019
- (iii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held 5 November 2019
- (iv) Policy and Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held 7 November 2019
- (v) Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held 12 November 2019
- (vi) Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held 14 November 2019
- (vii) Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) Confidential Minutes of Meeting held 19 November 2019
- (viii) Document for Sealing – Catering Agreement for Premises at Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House, Dungannon between Mid Ulster District Council and Caterer (S Brown)
- (ix) Document for Sealing – Appointment of McAdam Design, Castlereagh Business Park, Belfast as ICT for RDP – Additional Projects – Davagh Trails, Ballyronan Marina, Washingbay and Portglenone Trails/Stands
- (x) Document for Sealing – Appointment of McAdam Design, Castlereagh Business Park, Belfast as ICT for Village Extension Programme – Maghera, Fivemiletown and Moydamlaght

C252/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 9.15 pm

Chair _____

Date _____

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Monday 2 December 2019 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present

Councillor Buchanan, Chair

Councillors Brown, Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow,
Graham, McAleer (7.08 pm), McFlynn (7.13 pm),
McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, Milne,
Totten, Wilson

**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
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Agenda Item 4 – Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Ms Stephanie Leckey – Community Resuscitation Lead

The meeting commenced at 7.01 pm

E292/19 Deputation – Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan welcomed Ms Leckey from the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service to the committee and invited her to present her overhead presentation entitled “Building a Community of Lifesavers in Mid Ulster Council Area (Appendix).

Ms Leckey thanked the committee for allowing her to present to the meeting tonight and referred to stats the team attended in 2017. She said that there were 9 fatalities from fire incidents and 63 road deaths and within Mid Ulster cardiac arrest were 28 female, 42 male and 1 not stated. The number of OHCA (*Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest*) were on average 4 per day (38% women and 62% men). It has been recognised that the national trend identifies a greater risk of cardiac arrest for patients greater than 65 years, with 65 years being the mean age. A small number of children and infants are also recorded as an infrequent occurrence and the cause of arrest varies and is usually due to a trauma or another issue.

Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.

Ms Leckey highlighted the chance of survival from Cardiac Arrest ranging from 1 minute 90% to 9 minutes 10%. She said that there is continuous education taking

place with schools and other groups to make them aware of how to deal with a situation regarding choking and trauma situations.

She said that people could sign up to the GoodSAM app which is an "Instant-On-Scene" which enables emergency services to open any caller's mobile phone camera (without the need for Apps such as Skype / FaceTime) and instantly locate and visualise the scene/patient. This enables better resource deployment and earlier care.

Councillor McFlynn entered the meeting at 7.13 pm.

The Chair thanked Ms Leckey for her impressive presentation and asked for any members comments.

Councillor McGinley said that it was a great presentation and knows first-hand the good work being carried out by Northern Ireland Ambulance Service as his father was one of the statistics which went into cardiac arrest but unfortunately it wasn't a good outcome for him but wanted to say that he was impressed by the quick response.

He referred to the GoodSam app and enquired if there was any particular regulation for signing up like completing a first aid course or can any member of the public get involved for media purposes.

Ms Leckey said that it was quite a rigorous process to register with GoodSam as there is a request to provide photographic ID and the latest certificate for CPR and basic life support which training being done within a 2-year timeframe.

Councillor McAleer said that it was a very valuable service to the area and enquired about how areas are monitored especially community groups within rural areas and how far apart the radius was.

Ms Leckey said that in the rural areas the radius has been opened up to one mile if a defibrillator is within that range and within urban areas it was a 500m radius as there could be a number of defibrillators available. She said they do not monitor the defibrillators as when people advertise their information on the website, this is taken as confirmation that all information is correct. She advised that a National Defibrillator Network event is anticipated to be held in February or March of next year and the purpose of this is to combine a national network across the UK as a way of integration as a way of progressing.

Ms Leckey referring to the maintenance of the defibrillators advised that every 90 days there is a message issued alerting people to check their batteries to keep the kit emergency ready.

Councillor Milne agreed that it was an informative presentation and enquired about the lifespan of the defibrillators.

Ms Leckey stated that when defibrillators are purchased some come with an 8-year warranty and no need for maintenance depending on what brand it is. She said that

some batteries and pads has an expiry date of 2 years, but others provided by Spar Group lasts 4 years and Zoll can last up to 5 years. She said that a Lithium battery is beneficial as there was no need for charging and only when the apparatus beeps a new battery is needed.

Councillor Milne enquired about becoming a first responder and signing up for GoodSam.

Ms Leckey advised that responders are trained and referred to a co-ordinator after a 2-day process. She said that there was a process to go through including an AccessNI check before anyone can become involved. She advised that no scheme would be taken on until after June 2021 as best practice needed to be adhered too and all current training done before that but if people wished for public meetings that this could be completed through a co-ordinator appointed initiative.

Councillor McGinley said that it would be important for the Council to have this marked in their calendar when it goes live and once reopened, he asked that the Council give consideration to this initiative. He also referred to his comment earlier regarding the media and said he may have been a bit harsh but felt that only negative things arose through people calling wishing to sell things during his father's passing.

E293/19 Apologies

Councillor O' Neill.

E295/19 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Burton declared an interest in to Extension of the Agewell Contract.

E295/19 Chair's Business

Director of Public Health and Infrastructure referred to item raised at October meeting regarding Streamlining Road Closure Process and advised that the committee agreed that the fee should be waived for community/not for profit groups and that such groups to agree template for advertisement and place the advert at their own cost.

He said that after liaising with the legal team regarding the recommendation, they have come back to advise robustly that the Council must have responsibility for placing the ads and not the community.

Councillor S McGuigan advised that although that this was an unfortunate situation we have to adhere to legal opinion.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the situation be reviewed after one year.

Councillor Glasgow referred to report presented last month on Refuse Collection Route Optimisation and said that he has received numerous complaints from residents in the Cookstown area but wanted to put it on record that he wished to thank the staff for their hard work but also wanted to raise concerns tonight regarding refuse collection.

He said that it was advised that information regarding bin collections/presented would be distributed to residents which has never been done, with his home included, no communication has been issued to residents on how bins are to be presented for collection. He said that the vehicle was down to one operator, resulting that the driver having to jump in and out of the lorry numerous times and that he had requested that information be issued to the driver and residents to make things easier which never was done.

Councillor Glasgow said that this was tested in October and has been operational for the last three weeks and there are still ongoing problems relating to it and was clear to see that there were huge differences between rural and urban areas. He said that a senior citizen lady contacted him complaining that her bin lid was left open resulting it being filled with rain water and unable to empty the contents herself she had to get her grandson to try and empty it and as it was a recycling bin all the contents had stuck to the bottom and had to be turned upside down for 3 days before she could use it again. He said that he felt that the quality of service was not up to scratch and this was causing a knock-on effect as bins are left on their sides, lids hanging off and some bins are left on the outside of the white line of the road.

Councillor Glasgow stated that rural needs are not being catered for and over the weeks more and more complaints are being raised by residents regarding the lack of information and communication. He said that when communication was issued by facebook and twitter, it was distributed at 7.30 pm the night before bin collection which was totally unacceptable as he was aware of a lady being away to work and the bin was sitting out for over a week and stressed the need for adequate communication to be delivered to residents on bin collection service.

The Director of Environment & Property said that Councillor Glasgow's points were well made and would take everything on board and didn't take any exceptions made by the Councillor.

Matters for Decision

E296/19 DfI Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed Load Bay – Main Street, Castledawson

The Director of Environment & Property presented previously circulated report which sought approval in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure with regard

to introduction of loading bay, Monday to Saturday, 8.30 am to 6.30 pm on Main Street, Castledawson.

Councillor Milne advised that there was a lot of problems in Castledawson for local parking and stated that there were continuous issues relating to blocking and asked that the Council through their correspondence investigate parking restrictions on both sides of the street.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that correspondence can be sent to DfI Roads seeking a review of parking restrictions at Castledawson.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to:

- (i) Endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to the introduction of loading bay, Monday to Saturday, 8.30 am to 6.30 pm on Main Street, Castledawson.
- (ii) Write to DfI Roads seeking a review of parking restrictions at Castledawson.

E297/19 DfI Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council – Proposed Amendments to Limited Waiting – Oldtown Street, Cookstown

The Director of Environment & Property presented previously circulated report which sought approval in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure with regard to proposed amendments to Limited Waiting – Oldtown Street, Cookstown.

Councillor Wilson advised that the map attached related to Lisnagleer and not Oldtown Street, Cookstown and said that there was a huge difference between the two and enquired if this was a mistake on behalf of DfI.

The Director of Environment & Property apologised and advised that he only became aware of the matter once the papers had been issued to members and asked if committee would be happy to defer this item until the January meeting when the new maps would be circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to defer the matter of Proposed Amendments to Limited Waiting – Oldtown Street, Cookstown until the correct map was circulated to members and to point out to DfI that there is a huge difference between Lisnagleer and Oldtown, Cookstown.

E298/19 Response to the DAERA Consultation on the Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland

The Director of Environment & Property presented previously circulated report to advise Members on the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) consultation on the Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland and to provide a Mid Ulster District Council response to the consultation.

The Chair advised that Mid Ulster was a rural area and we must support our rural communities.

Councillor McGinley said that it was an extremely detailed report and would agree to the contents within it. He referred to page 10, question 4 response on “*Behavioural Change for ‘business’ is crucial; DAERA should review current mechanisms for engaging with business, including Prosperity Agreements*” and said that this was a good point to bring out a bit more and promoting the issue of refunds for bottles and the use of water dispensing and very useful to draw it out.

He referred to page 14/15, question 9 any other comments and said that he wanted to comment to say that anything that helps wildlife and reduces environmental crime should be welcomed and liked the fact that there were measurable ideas which were timebound and would be happy to see the outcome.

Resolved That the next part of the discussion by taken in Confidential Business.

The Chair advised that the remainder of the discussion return to Open Business.

Resolved That the remainder of the discussion return to Open Business.

Councillor Wilson agreed that it was a very detailed report and referred to page 6/7 – other comments for Mid Ulster District Council and felt that the comments should be mandatory and not optional and raised in the main body of the response as it is an important issue. He felt that there should be an all-Ireland treatment as one and needs to be coming from more departmental, local authorities and community levels.

The Director of Environment & Property said that he appreciated members comments and in terms of the “Proximity Principle” would mean dealing with the source of waste as close as possible. He said that the Council was exporting a resource which could be used locally, and this could be incorporated into the response within the main body.

Councillor B McGuigan said that its fitting that we are responding on a piece of work and the fact we need to be strategic for the environment we have listed to pressure groups over the years on natural resources and the impact on the environment relating to mining etc. He said that he has been involved with the work carried out by NIEA and his view would be that they weren’t at the races at all and as they neither had the resources or manpower on the ground but stated that it was good that the pressure is on to protect the environment.

The Director of Environment & Property stated that he wanted to record his appreciation to Sustainable Northern Ireland for their assistance in the preparation of the response to the Consultation.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 8 pm.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the Members comments and approve the Draft Response (as set out in Appendix 2) of the report to the DAERA Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland.

E299/19 Review of Waste Collection Service Policy

The Head of Environment Services presented previously circulated report to update Members on a Review of Waste Collection Policy and sought approval to carry out a consultation exercise on a revised policy.

Councillor Milne enquired if the consultation was going to be issued just to members or was it was it going out to the general public.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that it would be issued to the public.

Councillor Milne asked if there was an opportunity for DEA's to have a meeting beforehand and referred to issues relating to Thorntown Lane as there were approximately 20 houses on the laneway which could be an issue taking the bins out.

The Director of Environment & Property stated if the road was not adopted but was built to a standard which was deemed accessible, considerations could be sought to do so. He said that he would be happy to organise seven DEA meetings with officers to progress the matter.

Councillor Glasgow referred to item 7.5.4 and the overfilling of bins and enquired if there was a weight restriction for one arm bin lifting apparatus.

He also referred to 7.8.1 and said that he supported this approach as this would not be a strain on GPs to sign clarification forms. He said that within the Rural Needs Impact Report, Section 4, bins collections/presentation should be referred within the report as 300 houses in the Cookstown rural area are requested to take their bins to the other side of the road and to keep ourselves covered, this should be recorded and properly examined.

The Head of Environment Services advised that it was a very small number of people which would be asked to bring their bins to the other side of the road.

Councillor Glasgow said that this may be the case, but it only takes one complaint and feels that there should a safeguard to protect the Council.

Councillor Wilson referred to item 7.3.2 and said more should be done to encourage people to use brown bin recycling.

He also referred to item 8.4 regarding requests for collection of bulky household waste and felt that it the option of telephone requests and online payment should be investigated as some people especially the elderly struggle with online methods and writing.

Councillor Wilson referred to item 7.6 – Contaminated Wheelie Bins an felt that there is not enough emphasis being put into combating this especially with the brown bins.

He also raised the issue of opening hours of Recycling Centres during summer months and felt that the opening times should be regulated to set hours for all as this was causing some confusion

Councillor McGinley said that it was an interesting consultation and would look forward to seeing the responses. He said that the size of the response would not interest the ordinary Joe Bloggs and wanted to know how this was going to be achieved. He said that he would be looking forward to seeing how this was going to be done effectively and efficiently and felt there could be an issue relating to schools and their reducing budgets. He said that last month he asked for revised opening times but said that he would be happy to see it being incorporated in the consultation.

The Chair said it may be worthwhile considering deferring the issue until the DEAs were consulted.

The Director of Environment & Property said that there could be implications if this was deferred and stated that all he was doing was making members aware of the situation as there were only a few minor changes to the current Policy..

Councillor Brown said that after taking up what the Director of Environment & Property said, he suggested that an extension to the consultation should be made to get the ball rolling and wouldn't be wise to rail-track this, but to incorporate into a twelve-week consultation period on the revised policy commencing January 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McGinley

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to:

- (i) Note the contents of the Waste Collection Policy and to approve a twelve-week consultation period on the revised policy commencing in January 2020.
- (ii) DEA meetings to be arranged to discuss concerns raised.

Councillor Burton enquired if schools were going to be notified and if there would be engagement with the community as the people of Clogher feels that they didn't have an opportunity to regarding the recycling closure episode.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that this would be relative to commercial customers as schools were now within the remit of the Civil Service. He said that notifications would be issued with invoices to commercial customers in February.

E300/19 Funding Request for the Live Here Love Here Programme to be Supported by Mid Ulster Council for 2020/21

The Head of Environment presented previously circulated report to updated Members on a request received for Mid Ulster Council to continue to support the Live Here Love Here (LHLH) programme which works in conjunction with Keep NI Beautiful, Coca Cola, McDonalds, NIHE and other participating Councils.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to support the Live Here Love Here programme for 2020/21 at a cost to Council of £21,000 with £10,500 coming back into the community through the small grants programme.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 8.23 pm

E301/19 Air Quality Meeting October 2019

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report to provide a further update on the ongoing work in relation to Air Quality across the Mid Ulster District Council area and outlines proposed actions within the current Council Action Plan as a result of a recent meeting with elected Members and representatives from other relevant departments and organisations.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the additional points from the meeting outlined within the report and in Appendix 2 and incorporate into the Council Air Quality Action Plan.

E302/19 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report to ask for consideration regarding the naming of streets within proposed residential development as follows:

- Site off Sixtowns Road, Straw, Draperstown

The proposed following options have been submitted for consideration:

- 1) Stranahinch
- 2) St Columba's Park
- 3) Whitewater Park

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

To go with Option 1 – Stranahinch

Proposed by Councillor Brown

To proceed with option 3 – Whitewater Park as it fitted in better with the area.

Councillor B McGuigan said that the developer would be keen to proceed with Option 1.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with Option 1 – Stranahinch.

Matters for Information

E303/19 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 November 2019

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 November 2019.

The Director of Public Health & Infrastructure referred to item E264/19 – Bus Shelters which was raised last month and said that Policy Officers had confirmed that this item did not need rural proofing.

Councillor McGinley said that he accepted the response if relating to technical but was not convinced. He said that there was a different approach for urban and rural areas and as a rural Councillor he found it unacceptable. He said that the technical designs should be looked again and brought back to committee.

The Director of Public Health & Infrastructure said that a summary update report could be brought back so members can have the opportunity to have it reviewed .

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the Bus Shelter technical design be brought back to committee to give members an opportunity to reconsider the report.

E304/19 Environmental Services – Christmas Working Arrangements

Members noted preciously circulated report which provided update on working arrangements in respect of refuse/recycling collection and operation of Recycling Centres during the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

E305/19 European Week for Waste Reduction 2019

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on European Week for Waste Reduction 2019 activities.

E306/19 Noise Complaint Statistics for Northern Ireland 2017/2018

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Noise Complaint Statistics for Northern Ireland 2017/2018.

E307/19 Building Control Workload

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

E308/19 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E309/19 Dual Language Signage Requests

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

Councillor McNamee advised that a number of signs had been damaged again and asked if these had been reported.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that a number had been reported today.

E310/19 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Burton 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 item E311/19 to E322/19.

Matters for Decision

- E311/19 Response to the DAERA Consultation on the Environment Strategy for Northern Ireland
- E312/19 Entertainment Licensing – Greenvale Hotel
- E313/19 Application for the Renewal of a Mobile Street Trading Licence
- E314/19 Extension of the Agewell Contract
- E315/19 Installation of a Memorial Bench on Council Property
- E316/19 Grounds Maintenance Towns and Villages Awards Feedback
- E317/19 Off Street Car Park Pay on Foot Pilot Scheme Procurement
- E318/19 Tender Report for Purchase of Seasonal Planting
- E319/19 Tender for Collection, Processing and Recycling of Hard Plastics

Matters for Information

- E320/19 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 November 2019
- E321/19 Capital Works Update – Tullyvar Landfill Phase 4 Capping
- E322/19 Cemeteries Administration Costs and the Scale of Charges
- E323/19 Capital Update

E324/19 Christmas Greetings

The Chair wished members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

E325/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.50 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 3 December 2019 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Mallaghan, Chair Councillors Bell, Black, Brown, Clarke, Colvin, Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, McKinney, D McPeake, S McPeake, Quinn, Robinson
Officers in Attendance	Dr Boomer, Planning Manager Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer Ms McNally, Council Solicitor Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Applicant Speakers LA09/2018/0785/F Ms Curtin Mr Grainger LA09/2019/1169/O Mr Bain Ms Curtin LA09/2019/1183/F Mr Gourley LA09/2019/0141/F Mr Warde

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm

P143/19 Apologies

Councillor Gildernew.

P144/19 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor McKinney declared an interest in planning application LA09/2017/1534/F.

Councillor S McPeake declared an interest in planning application LA09/2019/0569/O.

P145/19 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that as this was the last Planning Committee of 2019 he wanted to thank all planning staff for their hard work during the year including those who stay into the evening to service meetings.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to recent comments on Facebook and Twitter relating to the Planning Committee and stated that all applications brought before the Committee are dealt with on merit and in a fair and transparent manner and that those who sit on the Planning Committee would not be swayed by posts and comments on social media.

Councillor Quinn stated he had read some of the comments which were disparaging of the Planning Committee and that he felt were out of line. The Councillor stated that the Planning Committee conducts its affairs in a fair manner.

The Planning Manager stated that in terms of social media, everyone needed to be careful of what comments they posted.

The Planning Manager referred to recently published NISRA Housing Report and advised that the report finds that Mid Ulster is the authority permitting most house builds. The Planning Manager advised that the report is available on the NISRA website.

Matters for Decision

P146/19 Planning Applications for Determination

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination and sought approval to have the following applications deferred from tonight's meeting schedule for an office meeting/submission of further information –

Agenda Item 4.1 – H/2014/0154//F – Additional poultry house and feed bins at 150m NE of 20 Newferry Road, Bellaghy for Alan Mawhinney.

Agenda Item 4.7 – LA09/2018/0943/F – Extension to existing factory premises to provide staff car parking, 70m S of 177 Annagher Road, Coalisland for DMAC Engineering.

Agenda Item 4.14 – LA09/2019/0838/F – Hobby/Storage shed, portacabin to be used as a canteen and recreation room, raised flower beds, polytunnels and car parking at lands 90m S of 177a Annagher Road, Coalisland (DMAC Factory) for Lilac Cancer Support Ltd.

Agenda Item 4.17 – LA09/2019/1137/O – Dwelling and domestic garage on infill site at land between 13 and 19 Dunamony Road, Dungannon for Mr Colm Casey.

Agenda Item 4.20 – LA09/2019/1212/O – Farm dwelling and garage approx. 25m WSW of 71 Killymuck Road, Cookstown for Mr P McCusker.

Agenda Item 5.2 – LA09/2017/1349/F – Animal isolation and farm machinery storage shed approx. 120m SE of 37 Rocktown Lane, Knockloughrim for Mr Robert Edward Scullion.

The Chair also advised that the following application is removed from tonight's schedule and that a decision would be issued under the scheme of delegation –

Agenda Item 4.22 – LA09/2019/1257/F – Small external store at 59 Dergenagh Road, Dergenagh, Dungannon for Winston Duff Sec. Simpson Grant Assoc.

Councillor McKinney asked why agenda item 4.22 was now being removed from tonight's schedule.

The Planning Manager stated that the application had been called in but no planning reason had been given for calling it in. The Planning Manager stated that officers should not have accepted the call in without planning reasons therefore the application should not have been on the agenda in the first place.

Councillor McKinney asked who called in the application.

The Planning Manager stated that Councillor Cuthbertson had requested the call in but that no planning reasons were given to back this up and the application should not have been put on the agenda for Committee.

The Planning Manager stated that this was a common mistake made by Members however officers should be going back to ask for the planning reason for a call in.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That the planning applications listed above for deferral be deferred for an office meeting/submission of further information/removed from schedule.

The Chair drew Members attention to the undernoted planning applications for determination.

H/2014/0154/F Additional poultry house and feed bins at 150m NE of 20 Newferry Road, Bellaghy for Mr Alan Mawhinney

Agreed that application be deferred to allow for submission of further information earlier in meeting.

LA09/2017/1534/F 15 dwellings between 53 and 11 Calmore Road, Tobermore for I McKinney Moyola Farms Ltd

Councillor McKinney withdrew to the public gallery.

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1534/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1534/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor McKinney rejoined the meeting.

LA09/2017/1801/F Rationalisation of existing sand and gravel extraction, lateral extensions to existing approved extraction, deepening of extraction below the current base levels to a level circa 202mAOD, with restoration to agricultural after use at lands at Murnells Sand and Gravel Quarry, N and W of 46 Murnells Road, Pomeroy for Creagh Concrete Products

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1801/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1801/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0073/F 2 no. Poultry Units; 4 meal storage bins, 2 underground wash water storage tanks and associated access lane/turning area at approx. 240m N of 93 Ballagh Road, Ranenly, Fivemiletown for Mr Gary Beacom

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0073/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked if an ammonia consultation was completed and if the applicant was aware that the application is before Committee as a refusal.

Mr Marrion advised that further information has been requested on several occasions and that the applicant was aware the application could be taken to Committee.

Councillor Robinson asked if the only reason for refusal was relating to the provision of an ammonia report.

Mr Marrion stated this was correct, that the information had been requested several times and had not been provided.

Councillor Robinson referred to the cost of getting all assessments completed for such an application.

The Planning Manager stated that anyone who wants to build this type of structure will be aware of the costs and the assessments required and that in this case the applicant has not provided the information.

Mr Marrion advised that the information was requested in July and again in September and that the applicant had not responded.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan suggested that the applicant be given 30 days to submit the necessary information.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0073/F be deferred for 30 days in order to submit necessary information.

LA09/2018/0471/F General industrial building (Use Class B3) with ancillary accommodation at lands at 76 Derrynoid Road, Draperstown for Inova Gates

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0471/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0471/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0785/F Erection of ancillary store building and ancillary store extension to existing workshop at Rogers Business Park, 76 Derrynoyd Road, Draperstown for Sperrin Metal Storage Solutions

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0785/F advising that it was recommended for approval.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Ms Curtin to address the committee in the first instance.

Ms Curtin stated that she represented the occupants at 74 and 74a Derrynoid Road and that whilst they did not object to the proposal in principle they did have a number of concerns. Ms Curtin highlighted that maps do not show no. 74a Derrynoid Road. Ms Curtin stated that the proposed closed board fence would not go far enough to protect against noise and referred to complaint made to Environmental Health in July 2018 by the occupants of 74a Derrynoid Road, Ms Curtin questioned why subsequent noise monitoring was not undertaken from 74a Derrynoid Road. Ms Curtin also expressed concern regarding the noise assessment taken and asked if the stamper which is the main complaint was in use when the assessments were taken and if the roller shutter door was open at the time. Ms Curtin stated that given the history of complaints and that it was felt the acoustic barrier fencing would not go far enough to alleviate concerns she asked that the application be deferred for a site meeting when noise from stamper can be monitored including when the roller shutter door is open.

The Planning Manager asked if the stamp machine is currently there and in use why does this application for an extension make the situation worse.

Ms Curtin advised that there was a fear in terms of intensification and the potential for more machines if the building is extended.

The Planning Manager stated that the permission for the dwelling had been achieved as it was related to neighbouring commercial activity and that the occupiers would have been aware that they were building in an industrial area.

Ms Curtin stated that the use of the stamper had come about since the planning permission was obtained.

The Planning Manager referred to the fear that if the extension is approved then more machinery will be brought in meaning more noise and asked if the approval was conditioned for storage purposes only if this would help.

Ms Curtin referred to the additional concerns of the roller door being left open.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan invited Mr Grainger to address the Committee.

Mr Grainger stated that a joint noise monitoring exercise was conducted with Environmental Health over the course of one week and that further measurements of noise inside the shed when equipment was operational were undertaken which showed the footprint of prospective noise. This impact has been calculated and both houses have been monitored and noise predicted as follows –

74 Derrynoid Road – less than 35db
74a Derrynoid Road – just over 35db

The Planning Manager asked that if the roller door was open if this was attributing to undue noise.

Mr Grainger stated that when assessments were being taken both himself and the officer from Environmental Health commented that the area was quiet, that there was no significant noise and that levels were reasonable for the character of a country area.

Councillor McKinney proposed that officer recommendation to approve the application.

The Planning Manager asked if Councillor McKinney's proposal included the condition of use being added to the approval as he had suggested earlier.

Councillor McKinney stated his proposal was to approve the application without the additional condition.

Councillor S McPeake proposed the approval of the application with the additional condition.

Councillor McKinney asked why the additional condition was needed.

The Planning Manager stated that when a site is approved for general industrial use it does not need to get any further permissions relating to use and referred to the fear that if the extension is approved then more machinery will be moved in which will add to noise levels.

Councillor McKinney stated he would accept this explanation and withdrew his proposal.

Councillor Bell seconded Councillor S McPeake's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0785/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report with additional condition to be added that will restrict use of extension to shed to that of storage.

LA09/2018/0943/F Extension to existing factory premises to provide staff car parking, 70m S of 177 Annagher Road, Coalisland for DMAC Engineering

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2018/1069/F 2 additional broiler poultry sheds with 4 feed bins 2 gas tanks and associated development at land approx. 190m SE of 39 Cornamaddy Road, Pomeroy for Mr Phelim McGee

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1069/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1069/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1094/F Single storey detached with garage (amended site) at Strathmullan House, 56 Killymeal Road, Dungannon for Mr Stephen Boyle

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1094/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1094/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/1566/O Dwelling and garage 500m SE of 101 Branagh Road, Altmore for Mr Sean O'Donnell

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/1566/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/1566/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0007/RM Dwelling and domestic garage 130m E of 9 Creenagh Road, Dungannon for Mr Conor Shields

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0007/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0007/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0282/O Site for housing development, foul sewerage treatment plant and associated works at lands opposite and immediately E of 2, 7 and 9 Aghinduff Park, Aghaginaduff, Dungannon for Mrs Anne McKeever

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0282/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0282/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0704/F Changes of layout to approved (LA09/2017/0293/F) at Church View, Church Street, Ballygawley for Jackay Ltd

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0704/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0704/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0838/F Hobby/Storage shed, portacabin to be used as a canteen and recreation room, raised flower beds, polytunnels and car parking at lands 90m S of 177a Annagher Road, Coalisland (DMAC Factory) for Lilac Cancer Support Ltd

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2019/0980/F Replacement dwelling and detached double garage at 10 Coolnasillagh Road, Maghera for Mr J Grant

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0980/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0980/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/1088/F Extension to curtilage and erection of domestic store and all associated site works at lands immediately between 218 and 220 Ballynakilly Road, Dungannon for Moussa Jaafar

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/1088/F advising that it was recommended for approval, Mr Marrion also referred to addendum which advised of additional informative to be added to decision to state –

This permission does not confer title nor alter or extinguish or otherwise affect any existing or valid right of way crossing, impinging or otherwise pertaining to these lands.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/1088/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report and additional informative as outlined above.

LA09/2019/1137/O Dwelling and domestic garage on infill site at land between 13 and 19 Dunamony Road, Dungannon for Mr Colm Casey

Agreed that application be deferred for submission of further information earlier in meeting.

LA09/2019/1169/O Infill dwelling and garage at lands between 33a and 33b Grange Road, Moy for Mr Andrew Smith

Councillor Colvin declared an interest in this application and withdrew to the public gallery.

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/1169/O advising that it was recommended for approval. Mr Marrion referred to addendum which outlined a further objection however it was advised that this objection did not raise any new issues.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Bain to address the committee in the first instance.

Mr Bain stated that the proposal fails to meet policy CTY8 in that infill will only be allowed in an exception. Mr Bain stated that the site is positioned between 2 houses, not the required 3, as the garage being relied upon is not a standalone building. Mr Bain stated that as there was not a continuous built up frontage the application should be refused as to approve would result in ribboning. Mr Bain stated that to approve this application would be flouting policy and would set a precedent which would expose Council to risk of

legal challenge. Mr Bain stated that the application also contravenes policy CTY14 in that the proposal would change the character of the rural area and a new house would be highly visible and would therefore not integrate. Mr Bain stated that the character of this stretch of the Grange Road had changed over the last 20 years, that when he came to live on the Grange Road there were only 2 houses and there were now 18. Mr Bain stated that the applicant alone had had 10 sites passed. Mr Bain also referred to planning appeal reference 2016/a0160 which supports his objection.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that a further request to speak had been received from Ms Curtin and invited her to address the committee.

Ms Curtin stated she concurred with the points made in the officer reports, that the site sits within a line of 3 buildings on the Grange Road and that determining weight should not be given to planning history as assessment on these was made under a previous policy.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that given the confusion over road frontage and hedging he would propose a site meeting be held to allow Members to assess the proposal.

The Planning Manager stated that he felt this was a sensible proposal, he advised that planning appeals take the view that a garage is a building however the real test is the impact the proposal will have on the character of the area and asked Members to consider this when on site.

The Planning Manager outlined that Policy CTY8 starts out against ribbon development but states that there can be exceptions in that if there is a substantial and built up frontage of 3 or more buildings along a road frontage without accompanying development to the rear.

Councillor S McPeake stated that he would be content with a site meeting but that critical for him was road frontage and what the site looks like from the road. The Councillor felt that photographs taken from along the road would have been helpful.

Mr Marrion advised that there are gateways, pillars, driveways and hedges visible from the road which may be beneficial for Members to see.

Councillor S McPeake seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to defer the application for a site meeting.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/1169/O be deferred for a site meeting.

Councillor Colvin rejoined the meeting.

LA09/2019/1183/F Retention of building to provide communal site canteen, locker room and first aid facilities adjacent to 18 Cookstown Road, Dungannon for Barry O'Neill

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/1183/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Gourley stated that the proposal is for a welfare facility for the employees on site and is ancillary to the use of the site. The proposal will not generate additional traffic movement to and from the site and in fact should help to reduce traffic movements at lunchtime as employees will have a facility on site. Mr Gourley stated that the applicant can provide visibility splays of 2.4m by 120m and that as there are less than 60 vehicles per day accessing the site it was unfair to ask for set back of 4.5m as this would only be required if there were over 60 vehicles per day, as set out in DCAN15. Mr Gourley requested that the application be deferred to allow for provision of visibility splays of 2.4m by 120m, Mr Gourley also stated the applicant would accept the conditioning of an approval for use as canteen/welfare facility of employees.

The Planning Manager referred to previous applications at this site and previous planning appeals taken however none of these have provided a proposal on how the necessary visibility splays can be achieved. The Planning Manager referred to the unauthorised development on the site and felt that the applicant had no intention of resolving the issues in relation to visibility splays otherwise he would have done so before now. The Planning Manager stated that access into/out of this site was dangerous for road users.

Mr Gourley stated that there was a lot of development throughout the countryside which is unauthorised and stated that there were some elements within the proposal site which were lawful. Mr Gourley stated that the facility was existing and was asking for time in order to resolve issues in relation to visibility splays.

Councillor McKinney proposed that the application be deferred for 60 days to allow for submission of detail on how visibility splays can be provided.

The Planning Manager stated that he felt the application was challenging the credibility of the Planning Committee and that the site curtilage outlined on map can only provide 110m to the North.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked what comments DfI Roads had made in relation to the proposal.

Mr Marrion stated that DfI Roads were requesting visibility splays of 4.5m by 120m in both directions.

Mr Gourley stated that the setback of 4.5m was only required in instances where there were more than 60 vehicles per day as set out in DCAN15 and in this case there will be less than 60 vehicles meaning that 2.4m by 120m should be adequate.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the Planning Committee would take its road safety advice from DfI Roads.

Councillor Quinn stated he had been at this site recently and that it is difficult to get out of given the speed of the traffic and additional nearby junction at Coal Pit Road.

The Planning Manager asked why a setback of 4.5m could not be provided.

Councillor McKinney stated he was not happy at how the conversation between the Planning Manager and Mr Gourley was being conducted across the Chamber and that the protocol in relation to those speaking was that they should speak from the microphone at the front of the Chamber. Councillor McKinney also stated that his earlier proposal was to defer the application to resolve issues in relation to visibility splays for the proposed canteen and welfare facilities and not for a café.

The Planning Manager stated that he was trying to establish what could be provided, that the Committee had been told a visibility splay of 4.5m setback could not be provided and when asked why had not received an answer.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that although additional questions may need to be asked from time to time he felt that way the conversation was conducted tonight was above what was necessary.

Councillor Brown seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/1183/F be deferred for 60 days to allow for information in relation to provision of visibility splays to be submitted.

LA09/2019/1212/O Farm dwelling and garage approx. 25m WSW of 71 Killymuck Road, Cookstown for Mr P McCusker

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in meeting.

LA09/2019/1213/O Renewal of outline planning approval at Westland Road South and lands to the rear of 9 Adair Gardens, Cookstown for R and F Developments

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/1213/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/1213/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/1257/F Small external store at 59 Dergenagh Road, Dergenagh, Dungannon for Winston Duff Sec. Simpson Grant Association

Agreed that application be removed from schedule and decision will be issued under the scheme of delegation.

**LA09/2019/1309/F Removal of Condition No.2 to planning application
H/2000/0323/F, with change of use of existing storage building
to dwelling, front and rear extension and detached garage at 75
Lisnagrot Road, Kilrea for Mr Michael Boyle**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/1309/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/1309/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/1004/O Replacement dwelling and domestic garage at land approx.
320m NW of 180 Caledon Road, Aughnacloy for Mr Adrian
Robinson**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/1004/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he had been at the site meeting for this application and it was his understanding that a lane had been found during this meeting.

Councillor Colvin concurred with Councillor Cuthbertson and stated that he also believed that a lane had been located during this meeting and that the main difficulty was that it accessed onto a protected route.

Councillor Robinson stated that he felt the building would have been a dwelling at one time and that there would have been a route from the site onto the road before the upgrade of the Caledon Road.

The Planning Manager stated that the policy was clear in that all external walls should be intact and there should be the characteristics of a dwelling such as fireplace, windows, doorways etc. In this case the buildings did not have any features that would identify them as a dwelling.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to previous documentation submitted which showed a rent paid on a dwelling.

The Planning Manager stated that the information submitted was inconclusive.

In response to the Planning Manager, Mr Marrion advised that a farm case had been made at the outset however there was a difficulty in relation to policy PPS3 and using a field gate as access. Mr Marrion stated that other potential sites had been identified on the farm but the problem of using a field gate off a protected route remained.

The Council Solicitor asked Members to identify the characteristics of a dwelling which had been found on site.

Councillor Colvin stated that the building on site would not tick all the boxes of a dwelling as outlined by policy.

The Planning Manager stated that if the application was refused the applicant could submit an appeal or consider other potential sites on the farm.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1004/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

Councillor Colvin left the meeting at 8.36 pm.

LA09/2017/1349/F Animal isolation and farm machinery storage shed approx. 120m SE of 37 Rocktown Lane, Knockloughrim for Mr Robert Edward Scullion

Agreed that application be deferred for submission of further information earlier in meeting.

LA09/2017/1452/F Storage extension to the rear of building (amended plans) at 12 William Street, Cookstown for Andrew McConnell

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1452/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/1452/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0371/F Subdivision of replacement dwelling into two dwellings incorporating a proposed dwelling on a farm at 89 Moneysallion Road, Kilrea for David Gordon

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0371/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0371/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2018/0454/F Retention of a mobile home for residential use approx. 170m N of 5 Doon Avenue, Aughamullan, Dungannon for Martin McCaliskey

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0454/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2018/0454/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0141/F Agricultural shed with steel box profile façade at 65m SE of 21 School Lane, Gulladuff for Mr Eugene Bradley

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0141/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Colvin returned to the meeting at 8.39 pm during presentation of the above report.

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

Mr Warde stated that the proposal was seeking permission to replace a large shed with a smaller shed and that there was no particular policy that deals with this. Mr Warde stated that the proposal was approximately the size of a double garage and that by replacing the current shed amenity would be improved and curtilage reduced. Mr Warde stated that the applicant was a hobby farmer and had no other farm buildings. Mr Warde referred to policy CTY8 and advised that the proposal was not for a new building, Mr Warde also referred to policy CTY12 which refers to exceptions providing they are essential and demonstrate health and safety benefits.

The Planning Manager asked why the small shed could not be located further up the laneway meaning that the larger shed could be retained. The Planning Manager outlined the officer's concerns regarding the tendency towards ribboning and the possible infill opportunity if this application be approved. The Planning Manager stated that the application has also not met the test regarding buildings on a farm.

Mr Warde stated that the applicant's farm is about 2^{1/2} acres. He further stated that the applicant lived about 10 miles away from the proposal site.

In response to the Planning Manager Mr Warde advised that the current shed did not have planning permission and that a CLUD had not been determined.

The Planning Manager stated that if the application was refused the applicant would still have the opportunity of going to planning appeal.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0141/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0186/F Retention of mobile home for temporary accommodation at 98a Gortlenaghan Road, Dungannon for Tony McElduff

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0186/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor D McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0186/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0470/O Site for dwelling and garage 25m SE of 27a Garrison Road, Toberhead for Mr Liam O'Kane

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0470/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Councillor B McGuigan stated that Mr Cassidy had made a request to speak but had to leave the meeting earlier.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0470/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0569/O Site for farm dwelling and domestic garage 35m ENE of 22 Dirnan Road, Dirnan, Cookstown for Mr Noel Conway

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0569/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0569/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Matters for Information

P147/19 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 5 November 2019

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 5 November 2019.

P148/19 Receive Report on Non-Determination Appeal Decision

The Head of Development Management presented previously circulated report which advised of an Appeal decision dated 8 November 2019 (2019/E0008) relating to the non-determination of a CLUD (Certificate of Lawful Use/Development) at the Jungle NI, Desertmartin Road, Moneymore.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 8.56 pm.

The Planning Manager stated that he did not feel this decision sorted anything out.

The Council Solicitor stated that any discussion would be best left until an application is brought forward to the Committee for determination.

P149/19 Receive Update on Ammonia – UFU

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report which provided an update in relation to correspondence between Council and Ulster Farmer's Union with regard to Ammonia emissions.

The Planning Manager referred to the two different definitions on what is significant impact and advised that officers would be considering such applications on a case by case basis.

Councillor Kearney stated that if a meeting can be set up then NIAPA should also be invited.

Councillor McKinney thanked officers for their efforts in trying to set up a meeting and stated that relevant applications already in the system should not be held back.

The Planning Manager stated that common sense needs to come into the equation and that the situation ultimately needs to be addressed.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Robinson 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 P150/19 to P155/19.

Matters for Decision

P150/19 Receive Report on Consultation from Mid and East Antrim Borough Council on their Draft Plan Strategy

Matters for Information

P151/19 Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) Confidential Minutes held on 30 October 2019

P152/19 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 5 November 2019

P153/19 Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) Confidential Minutes held on 19 November 2019

P154/19 Enforcement Cases Opened

P155/19 Enforcement Cases Closed

P156/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 9.10 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Wednesday 4 December 2019 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton, Clarke, Corry, Cuddy (7.09 pm), Doris, Elattar, Hughes, Kearney (7.31 pm), Kerr (7.07 pm), McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith (7.07 pm)

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Agenda Item 4 – Deputations
Mid Ulster Women's Aid –
Ms Martina Watson - Manager
Ms Maggie Bryson – Chair

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D211/19 Apologies

None.

D212/19 Declaration of Interests

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

D213/19 Chair's Business

None.

D214/19 Mid Ulster Women's Aid

The Chair, Councillor Wilson welcomed representatives from Mid Ulster Women's Aid to the committee and invited them to make their presentation (appendix 1).

Ms Watson advised that domestic violence was an intentional persistent physical or emotional abuse of a woman or a woman and her children in such a way that causes pain, distress or injury.

PSNI statistics for 2018-19 indicate that the total number of domestic related incidents reported to police in Northern Ireland was 31,682 and within Mid Ulster is was 1912

incidents which resulted in an increase overall of 239. The statistics also show that domestic abuse crime increased by 99 = 16% of all police recorded crime, with them responding to a domestic incident every 16 minutes of every day of the year.

Ms Watson said that Women's Aid Offer:

- S – Safety
- E - Emotional Support
- L - Listen & Believe
- F - Family – Women, Children & Young People

- H - Housing – Emergency Accommodation
- E - Education
- L - Long Term Support – *can be up to 2 years*
- P - Practical Assistance

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.07 pm.

Councillor Kerr entered the meeting at 7.07 pm.

Mid-Ulster Women's Aid:

- Refuge Accommodation – 44 women/31 children
- Unable to Accommodate – 82 women/54 children
- Floating Support Service - 388 Referrals
- Child and Family Support – 69 Children
- Domestic Violence Awareness Raising
- Inter-agency Working with PSNI, NIHE, Health and Social Care Trusts etc

Councillor Cuddy entered the meeting at 7.09 pm

Programmes:

- Journey to Freedom
- My Life, My Choices
- You and Me, Mum
- Healthy Relationships and Positive Relationships –
 - Post Primary Schools Programmes (16 schools)

Funded by Mid Ulster District Council and PCSP

- Social Guardian Training – Train Teachers to deliver Helping Hands (protective behaviour programme) – Funded by Department of Education

The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation and said that he was aware of the great work that was being done and very lucky to have such a good group of dedicated staff and volunteers. He said that unfortunately domestic violence was a growing industry and statistics indicate that it was on the increase, maybe this was because there were more incidents being reported to the PSNI.

Councillor McNamee comm

ended the work the group does and said that it was shocking to hear that there was an increase in reported cases of domestic abuse and enquired if there was any specific reason why this might be.

Ms Watson said that this was an historic issue but can look at this as something positive because more people were reporting domestic abuse incidents to the PSNI and they are now recognising the fact that this was a serious crime.

Councillor Elattar also commended the work the group does and said that as a midwife she was very aware how beneficial they are. She enquired what happens the women and children which cannot be accommodated at the refuge.

Ms Watson advised that accommodation is sourced regularly outside the area which can be an issue as some women do not wish to unroot their children from schools and the area they reside in and frequently the women return to the abusive relationship. She advised that every effort is put into supporting these women.

Councillor Elattar enquired how the Council could help address the shortage.

Ms Bryson said that she wanted to praise the Council as they have been very generous and had donated some land to the group. She said that the group have been working very closely with Officers to see where funding can be sourced, but more than likely the group may have to go down the route of approaching a Housing Association for assistance and if this was the way of proceeding it would result in freeing up more properties for other vulnerable people like the homeless.

The Chair said that although it was in the early stages, but when completed it would be a terrific project.

Councillor Burton said that it was really shocking the increase in domestic violence incidents and as a PCSP member, they have been advised that the peak time of the year for incidents was around Christmas, but it's dreadful to see it has already risen by 16%. She advised that when people are abused, they usually return to the abusive relationship and commended the work the group are doing working with the women and children.

Councillor Burton enquired about teachers completing the workshop on the Healthy Relationships Programme and asked who monitors this and whether the children are being taught in schools about healthy relationships.

Ms Watson advised that teachers can gain a qualification and an I11 certificate to teach children about healthy relationships, with each child receives a workbook to complete which is monitored and evaluated. She said that there may be an issue with so many teachers going through the system and was important to keep this programme active.

Councillor Kerr also commended the very positive contribution Women's Aid provides to the Mid Ulster area and hoped this would continue as it was an invaluable service.

Councillor Hughes thanked the group for their very impressive presentation and advised that she had taken part in the Domestic Violence Workshop last August which was a very informative and very worthy.

Councillor Doris praised the group on their invaluable work which is being carried out and said that it may be worthwhile organising a workshop for Councillors before a committee meeting some evening.

Councillor McNamee said that it was mentioned earlier about approaching Housing Associations for help and felt that sometimes these organisations seek a high rental fee.

Ms Bryson agreed that a rental arrangement may not be cheap but that detailed negotiations would be taking place before any commitment was made on the way forward.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that demand was exceeding supply at the moment but there was a requirement to provide good quality affordable houses and that there would be a proposition brought to committee in the New Year.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Women's Aid, and they withdrew from the meeting at 7.22 pm.

Matters for Decision

D215/19 Community Development Report

Members considered previously circulated report and provided an update on the following:

Councillor McNamee declared an interest in Orritor Street Crescent Community Association.

Councillor Monteith referred to Peace IV projects and advised that some members have raised concerns at DEA meetings regarding the aftermath of the implementation of projects and said that maintenance afterwards needed to be included. He stated that maintenance needs to be built and people needs to be made aware of the happenings and not passed to each different department on concerns regarding street cleaning etc. He said that going forward all capital projects need built in to their remit the item of recurring costs for maintenance afterwards as the Council has a duty of care to ratepayers.

Councillor Burton said that she had been in discussions with people from Aughnacloy regarding Peace IV funding for their playpark facilities. She said that there were cars going onto the site revving their engines and going around in circles and to be fair the Peace officers had liaised with other officers of the Council regarding ongoing concerns relating to antisocial behaviour and drinking which was causing a nuisance to residents. She said that there was a need for the barrier to be closed at night and especially in the winter months and residents have asked if CCTV could be implemented as the security light which comes on shines directly into a resident's

dwelling and she wanted to ensure that people were not left behind. She suggested that when the 3G pitch was relocated, the person which was locking-up could lock the barrier to the playpark also.

The Chair advised that concerns were raised at the Peace meeting and was currently being dealt with.

Councillor Burton referred to electrical items which may have to be dug up and asked that this be also investigated.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

- **Rolling Grant Awards – Good Relations and Local Community Festivals**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Rolling Grant Awards – Good Relations (£2,480), Decade of Anniversaries (£1,250) and Local Community Festivals (£1,550).

- **Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Peace IV Project and to proceed to ITT for delivery of the 6 village shared space schemes at a value of £600,000 - £700,000 (included OB).

- **Community Development Update**

Members noted Community Development Update.

D216/19 DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grant Pilot Scheme

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on the DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grant Pilot Scheme.

Councillor Burton enquired about the people who applied for funding to the Town & Villages Business Spruce Up Scheme which were successful and asked if this was something they could apply for also.

The Head of Economic Development stated that as long as the business was rural and a micro enterprise employing less than the equivalent of 10 full time employees, and met the remaining project criteria, then they could apply to the scheme for small capital items at a rate of 50%, with maximum grant any business can attain being £4,999. She added however that timescales are extremely tight due to the funding parameters, and the closing date for applications is 18 December 2019 at 12 noon with the overall completion of funding projects by 31st March 2020.

Councillor Ashton referred to the application and the level of detail required and enquired if it was straight forward or do applicants have to go far and beyond.

The Head of Economic Development advised that a standard application form was agreed with the funding body, DAERA, and was being used across the 10 Council areas outside of Belfast. She said that if any applications require help in terms of making an application, then they should contact the Rural Development Programme Manager who would provide guidance.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

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

- (i) Note the update on the Rural Micro Business Small Grant Pilot Scheme and pressure on delivery timescales.
- (ii) Once the project applications are assessed, scored and ranked, that authority be granted to the Director of Business & Communities to approve the issue of letters of offer, up to the maximum grant funding available of £50,000, in order to allow the Rural Micro Business Small Grant Pilot Scheme to progress and be delivered within the timeframe available ie, 31st March 2020. A report to be brought to the Development Committee immediately afterwards to update Members on the outcome of assessment and scoring.

D217/19 Review of Facility Opening Hours within Leisure Services

Members considered previously circulated report and sought approval to change opening hours within Council operated leisure facilities, with an initial evaluation of current practices presented alongside an evaluation of a wide variety of customer-usage and benchmarking information to ascertain to what extent current access reflects customer demand.

Proposed opening hours:

Site	Monday - Friday Opening Hours	Saturday Opening Hours	Sunday Opening Hours
Greenvale LC Cookstown LC Dungannon LC Maghera LC	6.30am – 9pm	8am – 4.30pm	9am – 4pm
Meadowbank MUSA	9am – 10 pm	9am – 5pm	10am – 4pm *Seasonal Variations*

Councillor Kerr referred to item 3.4.3 of the report and enquired if this included individual specialist needs and would they be consulted.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that there was a consultation with some users of leisure facilities, and they wanted the opening hours to move towards mornings. She said that the consultation was with block bookings in the evening that was for other users of football, basketball etc. She said that the Council would be working towards accommodating the bookings in some way.

Councillor McNamee said that he was happy with this and felt that if there were any issues around opening times, that this could be revisited again.

The Chair referred to the extended Sunday opening hours and asked that after three months that a report be brought back on how the new scheme was working.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the leisure centres are currently open on Sundays anyway for swimming lessons, club bookings etc. The extended Sunday opening would not be a huge issue as staff were there anyway.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the new opening times at Leisure Facilities as detailed above. After three months a report to be brought back on findings relating to Sunday opening hours.

In response to a member's query, the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that there was no definitive date for the reopening of Dungannon Leisure Centre but it was likely to be the end of January.

D218/19 Newferry to Toome Blueway Feasibility Study

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report and sought permission to seek quotes for consultants to carry out a feasibility study for development of a proposed Blueway between Newferry and Toome.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to procure a company to carry out a feasibility study for a Blueway from Newferry to Toome.

Matters for Information

D219/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 November 2019

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 November 2019.

Councillor McNamee enquired about the meeting with DfI regarding the Cookstown bypass and stated that it was previously raised at the Environment Committee with members being far from happy with the response. He also enquired if there was any update regarding the situation with Killymoon Golf Club as communication was needed by all parties.

The Director of Business and Communities said that it was anticipated that a meeting would take place in early January and wanted members to know that he understands how important it is.

Councillor Elattar referred to page 3 of minutes and asked that the sentence read –

“Councillor Elattar advised that the DEA meetings had taken place for members where issues had been raised and why had it not been raised then”

Councillor Doris referred to Councillor Milne’s proposal regarding Cappagh Village Regeneration Group and enquired if there was any update and the possibility of looking at a feasibility study.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that they met six members of the group last night and was a very productive meeting. He said that this project would be given priority as the community had been waiting 5 years for something to be done and we need to react accordingly by pulling a plan of sorts together to include consideration of the reservoirs and walkways. He stated that work has commenced at the village and a commitment has been made to work with them over a period of time which was deemed reasonable.

Councillor Cuddy referring to update regarding Cookstown bypass, stated that it was good to keep the pressure on. He said that the Council held a meeting with DfI regarding the plan for the next 15 years and Dungannon bypass was not mentioned at all which was very concerning as it was critical to the survival of our towns. He stated that the Chief Executive was very surprised as he was keen to make sure that Dungannon was being given the consideration it warranted.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that when the meeting was set up for Cookstown, Dungannon would also be investigated as they came as a package.

Councillor Cuddy said that it seems that Dungannon has been overlooked again with no discussion with Dungannon DEA’s or members.

Councillor Cuddy said that other areas like Enniskillen had they bypass moved up from 12th position to 2nd or 3rd position and felt that all towns had demands and there was a need to keep the pressure on DfI as Dungannon needed to get on the drawing board.

Councillor Burton advised that there was a high volume of deputations brought to the Development Committee and a lot of the time there was nothing ever heard about them again. She referred to what the outcome was of Caledon Regeneration

Partnership's proposal for the woolstore in Caledon and felt that members should be kept in the loop to update on the support they are receiving.

The Chair suggested that after a deputation presented to a meeting the following month an update should be brought to committee on progress.

Councillor Burton agreed that it would be beneficial for a report to be brought to the next committee meeting after deputation.

The Director of Business and Communications reassured members that follow ups are carried out with deputations and suggested if members were happy that a reporting mechanism could be provided every three months. Referring to Caledon he advised that the funding initiative was progressing, and an application would be forthcoming and stated that an update would be brought to committee.

D220/19 Stone Mountain Highland Show and World Travel Market (WTM) 2019

Members noted report on Stone Mountain Highland Show and World Travel Market (WTM) 2019.

D221/19 Town Centre Forum Meetings

Members noted report on Town Centre Forum Meetings.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about minutes from Dungannon Regeneration Partnership and if they could be included.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that DRP was a separate body, but if members wished he could liaise with them to see if minutes could be provided for information purposes.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 Schedule of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D222/19 to D227/19.

Matters for Decision

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| D222/19 | Local Economic Development (LED) Measure of the EU Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme (IGJ) 2014-2020 |
| D223/19 | Development of Gymnastics Programme & Implementation of Instructor Development Programme |
| D224/19 | Review of Leisure Membership Packages |

Matters for Information

- D225/19 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on
14 November 2019
- D226/19 Update on Development for Communities Access and
Inclusion Programme 2019/20
- D227/19 Mid-South West Region Growth Deal Report

D228/19 Christmas Greetings

The Chair wished members a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

D229/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 5 December 2019 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Colvin, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Hughes, McFlynn, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, S McPeake

Officers in Attendance

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Head of Environment and Property
Mr O'Hagan, Head of IT
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm.

PR213/19 Apologies

Councillors Gildernew, Quinn and Totten.

PR214/19 Declaration of Interest

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

PR215/19 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Molloy advised that agenda item 19 – 2020/21 Rates Estimates - would be considered as a matter for information and agenda item 23 – Planning System Replacement Update December 2019 - would be taken as a matter for decision.

Matters for Decision

PR216/19 Response to Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation Consultation on Equality and Disability Action Plans

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which provided a draft response to the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation consultation on its Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan.

Councillor S McPeake stated that he was content with the response as detailed but felt that the good relations objective could be strengthened and should include reconciliation and peacebuilding. Councillor S McPeake proposed that the response be submitted with these added comments.

Councillor Doris seconded Councillor S McPeake's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the draft response on the Maze Long Kesh Equality and Disability Action Plan as outlined at Appendix to report with reconciliation and peacebuilding to be added to the objectives.

PR217/19 Appointments to NILGA Policy and Learning Networks

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered the appointment of elected members to represent the Council on NILGA Policy and Learning Networks. Networks requiring representation extend to:

- Reform, Devolution and Improvement
- Local Economic Development, Investment and International Affairs
- Place Shaping and Infrastructure
- Health, Social and Environmental Wellbeing

Councillor S McPeake stated that Councillor Doris had already been nominated and approved to sit on the Elected Member Development Network and that it was only fair to have representation from each political party on the remaining networks.

Councillor Colvin seconded Councillor S McPeake's proposal.

The Head of Democratic Services stated he would follow up on nominations to the networks with party leads.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that nominations be sought from party leaders in respect of representation to NILGA Policy and Learning Networks.

PR218/19 Working Group Meeting Report – Council Representation on Outside Bodies

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered the report of the first meeting of the Working Group on Council Representation on Outside Bodies held on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

Councillor McKinney proposed that D'Hondt should be applied for the filling of outside bodies from the AGM in May 2020 as opposed to May 2023 as set out in report.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that this recommendation would probably have to be taken back to the Outside Bodies Working Group.

The Head of Democratic Services stated that the working group had held a further meeting tonight and that a paper with recommendations would be brought before the Committee in February.

Councillor S McPeake did not feel it was appropriate to cherry pick at the moment as some outside bodies had already been appointed for a four year term.

Councillor McKinney stated that he would stand by his proposal.

Councillor McFlynn seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

Councillor S McPeake stated that the situation had evolved since the paper before Members tonight was written.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated it may be premature to take a hard and fast decision now and that it may be better to wait on the outworkings of the working group and the report which will be brought forward in due course.

Members voted on Councillor McKinney's proposal –

For – 4

Against – 5

Councillor McKinney requested a recorded vote.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that a recorded vote should be requested prior to the vote being taken.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the report of the Working Group on Council Representation on Outside Bodies held on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

PR219/19 Council Performance Improvement Policy (draft)

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which sought Member's approval on the draft Council's Performance Improvement Policy.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the draft Performance Improvement Policy as detailed at appendix to report.

PR220/19 Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the recommendation from Development Committee for capital budget allocation associated with the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.

Councillor Ashton asked what the Parks and Play five year plan would add to the rates each year.

The Director of Finance advised that going forward, £500,000 would be added to loans year on year which will fund a cyclical programme.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that maintenance and renewal should also be built into the plan and associated budget.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the recommendation from Development Committee for the allocation of £1,250,000 funding from Council Capital Budget, over a five year period from April 2020, for the delivery of the Parks and Play Five Year action plan subject to inclusion in the rates estimates.

PR221/19 Members Services

No issues.

Matters for Information

PR222/19 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 November 2019

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 November 2019.

PR223/19 Marketing and Communications Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on key areas of recent marketing and communications activity.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Doris 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 PR224/19 to PR237/19.

Matters for Decision

- PR224/19 To consider a Council and Social Housing Association partnership approach across Mid Ulster towards the provision of social and affordable housing
- PR225/19 Land Acquisitions and Disposals
- PR226/19 Lands at Railway Park, Ballysaggart
- PR227/19 Staff Matters for Decision
- PR228/19 Staff Matters for Decision – Policies
- PR229/19 Server and Storage Infrastructure Review
- PR230/19 Broadband Connection Procurement
- PR231/19 Procurement of Valuation Services

Matters for Information

- PR232/19 2020/21 Rate Estimates
- PR233/19 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 November 2019
- PR234/19 Staff Matters for Information
- PR235/19 Planning System Replacement Update December 2019
- PR236/19 Contracts and DAC
- PR237/19 Financial Report for 7 months ended 31 October 2019

PR238/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and concluded at 8.30 pm.
The Chair, Councillor Molloy wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

Chair _____

Date _____

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	16 December 2019
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Eileen 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 (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2019-20 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members There are occasions when it is beneficial to Members to attend training, conferences and seminars to better equip them in their role as elected representatives. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix A to this report is sought.
3.2	Officer Approvals There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2019/20 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member

	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Officers Approvals

Appendix A

Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests

Conferences

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
NILGA Councils Driving the Local Economy Event	23 rd January 2020	Canal Court Hotel, Newry	Travel	



COUNCILS DRIVING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

**23RD JANUARY 2019
CANAL COURT, NEWRY**

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Time	Topic	Speaker
9.45	Registration & Networking	
10.15	Welcome	<i>Cllr Charlie Casey Chair of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</i>
10.20	The Economic Reality	<i>FSB Representative</i>
10.45	Councils mean business	<i>Marie Ward Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</i>
11.10	Supporting indigenous business growth	<i>Business Representatives</i>
11.50	Panel debate: How prepared are we for the challenges ahead?	<i>Ald Stephen Moutray, NILGA Michael McQuillan, Enterprise NI Deirdre Maguire, InterTradeIreland</i>
12.20	Q&A	
12.30	Lunch and Networking	
1.30	Key Note	<i>Irish Department for Foreign Affairs</i>
2.00	Panel debate: Infrastructure & skills for business growth	<i>Jim Conway, Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly John Greer, Belfast City Council Brian Doran, Southern Regional College</i>
2.40	Go international – seizing opportunities	<i>Alan Wilson, Invest NI</i>
3.00	Next steps	<i>NILGA</i>

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Councils Driving the Local Economy Event

23rd January 2020, Canal Court Hotel, Newry

As part of the work of the Economy and International Affairs Policy and Learning Network, NILGA are holding an event around local economy (agenda attached).

Each council is invited to send up to eight representatives (Elected Members and Officers) NILGA Full Members should be given priority to attend this **free event**, following their responses places can then be offered to other Elected Members and Council Officers, it may be of more interest to those members and officers with an interest in the Economy or working within Economic Development.

Please ensure that any NILGA Full Members who wish to attend have registered by **Wednesday 18th December 2019**, and please return the final booking form by **Friday 13th January 2020** to: Events, NILGA, Bradford Court, Upper Galwally, Castlereagh, BT8 6RB or via email to events@nilga.org

Contact name of person responsible for bookings: _____

Council: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Tel:** _____

I would like to register for _____ places as detailed.

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	DIETARY/ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Appendix Approval Sought – DECEMBER COUNCIL**Retrospective Approval**

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Changes & Trends in International VAT	11/11/19	1	London	Flights only
Planning in Times of Change	6/11/19	1	L/Derry	Yes

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
Date of Meeting	Thursday 16 December 2019
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's <i>Civic Honour and Receptions Policy</i> .				
2.0	Background				
2.1	The policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at April 2018 Council. All requests for recognition are to be submitted with Democratic Services using the pro-forma, <i>Request for Civic Recognition: Civic Honour & Civic Reception</i> . Requests for recognition are reviewed against the categories and associated criteria contained within the policy as detailed at 2.2.				
2.2	<p><u>Recognition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civic Honour: recognition will be permissible when the following has been achieved at an All-Ireland, European, International, or National level:<table><tr><td>Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table>Civic Reception: will be permissible for individual, groups or organisations when:<table><tr><td>Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level</td></tr><tr><td>Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr></table>	Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition	Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition	Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level	Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition
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Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition					

	<div> <p>Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</p> </div>
2.3	<p><u>Processing the Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed against the policy/criteria • Reviewed to identify if recognition provided for similar achievement within 3 years prior to this • Requests meeting criteria will be recommended to Council for Civic Honour or Civic Reception • Requests not meeting criteria will be recommended to Council to receive letter from Council Chair
2.4	<p>Appendix A to this report sets out those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the revised policy.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Implementation of the policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.</p>
3.2	<p>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.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>That consideration be given to approving request for civic recognition requests</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix A – Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval</p>

Appendix A: December 2019 Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Honour

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
None				

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Ruairi McFalone	An Chomhdhail World Irish Dance Championships 2019 Senior Mens Championship	Cllr B McGuigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Katie Rose Lavery	Ulster 9 County Championships 19 Boy / Girl 123 55kg	Cllr D Kerr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Ellen Farquhar Royal School, Dungannon	Top CCEA Candidate in GCSE Art and Design	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
.Eoghan Ruadh Senior Hurlers	Ulster Club Intermediate Hurling Championship final	Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: Under 14s All Ireland Féile - Division 4 Shield Winners Date: 2017
Tri Limits	Triathlon Ireland Awards	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A

	Race of the Year			
St Patrick's College Maghera Under 15	Ulster College Under 15 Football Champions	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: Football & Hurling teams received awards Date: 2017
Saoirse Heaney	Taekwondo NI Open Championship Gold in Special Techniques Cup for Best Performance	Cllr Totten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Eunan Heaney	Represented Country in the WITC ITF World Championships	Cllr Totten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at International Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Conal Heaney	Represented Country in the WITC ITF World Championships	Cllr Totten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at International Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Barry McMenamin	National Learning Disabilities and Autism Awards 2019 Outstanding Contribution Award	Cllr McAleer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Sarah Kelly Coaliland Credit Union	Ninth edition of the annual Edward Filene and Joe Biden awards. (World Awards) Young Credit Union Leader of the Year Young Credit Union Leader aged 17 to 35 years – Sarah Kelly;	Cllr Kerr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field 	For: N/A Date: N/A

	Hosting Young Savers and Young Adults Schemes in places of education and the workplace;			
Jake Sinnamon (Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society)	RHS Britain in Bloom Received a Young Champion Award	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

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
Edendork Senior Ladies	TeamTalk Awards - Team of the Year	Cllr Kerr Received Civic Reception November 2019 for Ulster Club Junior Championship Winners also won Tyrone Ladies Junior Championship & League Winners
Niall Gavin (Derrytresk GFC)	Team Talk Awards – Tyrone Division 3 Top Scorer Gold Boot Award	Cllr Kerr
Orla Mulgrew	Team Talk Awards – Footballer of the Year	Cllr S McGuigan

Grainne Rafferty	Team Talk Awards – Intermediate Footballer of the Year	Cllr S McGuigan
Coalisland Credit Union	Ninth edition of the annual Edward Filene and Joe Biden awards: <i>Serving as a financial incubator for seed, small and medium sized businesses operated by owner-members; Setting up 'pop up' credit union services – outreaching the credit union to new consumers; Engaging in Community Mobilisation and Outreach; The Millennial Award – encouraging involvement of this age group in all aspects of credit unions; Raising funds for good causes (other than the credit union) and the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals</i> (joint winner). The credit union was a runner up in four other categories.	Cllr Kerr Received a civic award in 2018 for the same achievement Letter of Congratulations for winning 2 nd time October 2019
Galbally Pearses Under 13s	County Tyrone Grade 2 League Under 13 boys league Final	Cllr Kerr
Cain Ferguson	Team Talk Awards – Young Hurler of the Year	Cllr Monteith
Tiernan Morgan	Team Talk Awards – Hurler of the Year	Cllr Monteith
Enda McGarrity	Team Talk Awards – All Star	Cllr Kerr
Daniel Kerr	Team Talk Awards – All Star	Cllr Kerr
Ronan Nugent	Team Talk Awards – All Star	Cllr Kerr
Conor Quinn	Team Talk Awards – Young Footballer of the Year	Cllr Kerr

Emma Jane Gervin	Team Talk Awards – Ladies Footballer of the Year	Cllr Monteith
Donaghmore Horticultural Society	Participant in Small Village Awards Britain in Bloom Awards	Cllr Burton Received Civic Award in 2017 for coming 2 nd place Ulster in Bloom Received letter in 2018 for coming first in Ulster in Bloom Received letter November 2019 coming first Place Village Category Ulster in Bloom 2019 also commended for youth and community team
Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society	Participant in Champion of Champion Britain in Bloom Awards	Cllr Burton Received Civic Award in 2017 for both Ulster in Bloom and Britain in Bloom Achievements and also for Queen's Voluntary Service Award

Report on	Correspondence to Council - December 2019
Date of Meeting	Mon 16 th December, 2019
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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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 refers to correspondence 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 the Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities</p> <p>The Permanent Secretary of the Department for Communities has corresponded with the Council providing an update on the future of the welfare mitigation schemes beyond 2020. It was agreed to write to the Head of the NI Civil Service at its October Council meeting and the response from the permanent secretary is the response received. Refer to Appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Projects Officer, Muintir Na Mointeach Ltd.</p> <p>The Projects Officer of Muintir Na Mointeach Ltd has corresponded with the Council with an offer of inviting members to view works completed as part of the wider Washingbay Development Proposals. Correspondence refers specifically to Development Committee members and the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Council. Refer to Appendix B.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments

	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities Appendix B: Projects Officer, Munitar Na Mointeach Ltd



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Our Ref: PSC 1288.19
Date: 18 November 2019

Cllr Martin Kearney
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Via e-mail info@midulstercouncil.org

Dear Cllr Kearney

FUTURE OF THE WELFARE MITIGATION SCHEMES BEYOND MARCH 2020

Thank you for your letter of 4 November 2019 to David Sterling, Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service, in which you ask for an update on the future of the welfare mitigation schemes beyond March 2020. As it is the Department for Communities that has responsibility for these schemes your correspondence has been passed to me for reply.

Mitigation schemes post 31 March 2020

As you may be aware, the legislation made following the Fresh Start Agreement which provides authority to make welfare supplementary mitigation payments will end from 31 March 2020. In the continued absence of the Assembly the Department is not able to make amendments to the existing legislation to extend the schemes beyond this date as regulations would be subject to Affirmative Resolution, which means there must be a confirmatory vote in the Assembly.

You refer to the Westminster Joint Inquiry into welfare policy in Northern Ireland which acknowledged the fact that - *"The Department for Communities cannot change the legislation to extend the payments as it would need to be approved by the Assembly"* (page 4).

It was on this basis that the Joint Inquiry recommended that the UK Government bring forward appropriate legislation for specific welfare mitigation schemes to be continued for a period of four years. It will be a decision for the Secretary of State whether the required legislation will be taken forward at Westminster in the absence of an Assembly.

The Department is aware of the challenges likely to arise from the termination of the welfare mitigation package and continues to assess all available evidence of the potential impact from the schemes ending to ensure that appropriate advice is available for an incoming Minister.

I would also highlight that officials are taking the necessary steps to prepare for a possible extension of the existing welfare mitigation schemes should appropriate legislation be made either by the Assembly or at Westminster. Simultaneously, the Department is working with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive on preparatory work to broaden the eligibility criteria for the Discretionary Housing Payment scheme should that become necessary (i.e. should an extension of the existing schemes not be feasible). This alternative would ensure that if the Social Sector Size Criteria mitigation scheme ends on 31 March 2020 then affected claimants will be able to apply for financial support.

Any change to the Discretionary Housing Payment scheme would be made using the authority of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018 on the basis that such a change would be in the public interest. This is potentially possible as the relevant legislation is subject to Negative Resolution, that is, any legislative amendments can be passed without an Assembly vote.

However, I must stress that Discretionary Housing Payment provision would not be an extension of the existing welfare mitigation scheme. It requires an application from the claimant and it is a discretionary scheme therefore a payment cannot be legally guaranteed. These issues were also highlighted in the Westminster Joint Inquiry report.

Finally, it should be stressed that no decision has yet been made on the issue, and that officials continue to work on exploring all options.

I trust you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Meharg', written in a cursive style.

TRACY MEHARG
PERMANENT SECRETARY

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7th Nov 2019

Dear Mr Tohill,

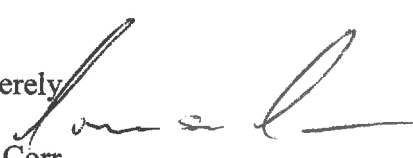
Re: Washingbay Development Proposals

As you are aware Muintir na Mointeach, the local community group in the Washingbay ward, has been working closely with Council, the Mid Ulster RDP, the Lough Neagh Partnership and with Sport NI to establish a number capital development programme at the Washingbay that would facilitate a range of heritage, access and recreational focused activities. We recently completed phase one of our site Masterplan programme and are on target to complete the remaining projects by March 2020. Phase one included the creation of a 1km, £250k Walking route which Council maintains and which transverses over both Council and local GAC property and which was officially launched earlier this year with the Council Chairperson Mr Kearney in attendance.

As the Council Development Committee were instrumental in providing match funds and permissions for this project to go ahead last year, we would be delighted to invite some of the former Committee officers down to the site to witness at first hand the remarkable success the project is having in the community. It would be great if the Chair and Vice Chairperson or indeed any Council member were able to visit as without your assistance, the Walking route project would not have been possible nor the incredible user numbers achieved.

We wish again to thank Council for its support and look forward hopefully to hosting a visit in the near future .

Yours Sincerely


Conor S.P. Corr,
Projects Officer, Muintir na Mointeach

cc. Adrian McCreesh (MUDC)

Report on	Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Monday 16 December 2019
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Corporate Policy and Equality 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 update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

Appendix A: Details of Notified Consultations

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
The Executive Office, (Northern Ireland Assembly)	Draft Disability Action Plan 2020-2025	The Executive Office is consulting on its draft Disability Action Plan 2020-2025. The Plan sets out how the TEO will meet its obligations to comply with the DDA Disability Duties – to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people and encourage their participation in public life.	14 Feb 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/executive-office-disability-action-plan		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	