

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE
OF DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2012 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD,
DUNGANNON**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mulligan (Chair)

Councillors Ashton, Brush, F Burton, R Burton, Cavanagh, Cuddy, Donnelly, Gildernew, Gillespie, McGuigan, McLarnon (7.35 pm), Monteith, O'Neill, Quinn, Reid, Robinson

OFFICERS PRESENT: A Burke, Acting Chief Executive (ACE)
K Barrett, Leisure Services Manager (LSM)
J Eagleson, Recycling Officer (RO)
N Hill, Amenities and Tourism Manager (ATM)
J McClelland, Director of Building Control (DBC)
F McClements, Deputy Director of Environmental Health (DDEH)
B McMinn, Director of Technical Services (DTS)
L Marshall (Secretariat)

APOLOGY: Councillors McGahan and McGonnell

The meeting started at 7.30 pm

1 BUILDING CONTROL

The report (appendix 1) of the Director of Building Control was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

OPERATIONAL

1.1 Refusals

The Director of Building Control advised that as further information required had not been received he recommended refusal of the applications as listed on appendix 2.

1.2 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Brush and

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

2 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The report (appendix 3) of the Deputy Director of Environmental Health was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

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2.1 Warmer Homes Scheme

DDEH advised Members of proposal from DSD to extend the Warmer Homes Scheme. This additional pilot project would focus on homes in deprivation areas with the aim of carrying out works to make homes more heat efficient.

DDEH advised that expressions of interests have been called for Councils to participate in this pilot project. Resources for the project have not yet been indicated.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to offer its expression of interest in the project with the proviso that resources become available for the delivery of the project.

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2.2 Purchase of Sound Level Meter

As per report DDEH advised of need to purchase a sound level meter which is capable of meeting the department's statutory requirements, cost of equipment being in the region of £6000-£9000.

Due to the expensiveness of this equipment Member enquired if it would be possible to share the cost, and in turn the equipment, between the three Councils in Mid Ulster Cluster – Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That Deputy Director of Environmental Health explore the potential for sharing cost of equipment between Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt Councils.

2.3 High Hedges Act (NI) 2011

As per report DDEH provided update in relation to the role of Council in dealing with complaints about high hedges.

Member expressed concern in relation to the fee being proposed for Council to deal with such complaints, it was felt that the charge will prohibit a lot of people from the option of making a complaint.

DDEH advised that Council can examine the fees being proposed by neighbouring Councils for dealing with such complaints including options for reduced fees.

(Councillor R Burton left the meeting at 8.00 pm)

2.4 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

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

3 AMENITIES AND TOURISM

The report (appendix 4) of the Amenities and Tourism Manager was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

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3.1 Northern Ireland Overseas Activation Programme

ATM advised that Flavour of Tyrone has been invited, along with other tourism businesses, to participate on the Tourism Ireland Overseas Roadshows 2012. Flavour of Tyrone has the opportunity to promote at three roadshows – London 8-11 March £900, Glasgow 15-18 March £550 and Manchester 22-25 March £550, accommodation and flight costs will be 100% funded by Tourism Ireland.

Resolved That Flavour of Tyrone and Dungannon Park participate in the Roadshows as listed above.

3.2 Balmoral Show 2012

ATM advised that Flavour of Tyrone also have an opportunity to promote in the Good Food NI marquee at the Balmoral Show 16-18 May. Stand £1650, marketing/PR £400, staff/subsistence £450. All expenditure will be 50% DETI funded.

Resolved That Flavour of Tyrone attend Balmoral Show.

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3.3 Pod Camping, Roundlake Fivemiletown

ATM spoke in relation to proposal to introduce pod camping at Roundlake, Fivemiletown. The plan would be to allocate six existing caravan pitches for the introduction of the pod units in a move to attract a different sector of camping visitor and generate greater visitor volume.

The project can be funded through the reallocation of ring fenced capital spend (£10,000) for Roundlake to this scheme with an additional £25,000 of funding to be sought.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to reallocate £10,000 within the capital spend for Roundlake on the proviso that match funding can be obtained to complete the proposed project.

INFORMATION

3.4 Newmills Play Park

ATM advised that official opening of the play park will take place on Wednesday 14 March at 10.30 am.

3.5 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor F Burton
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That the report of the Amenities and Tourism Manager be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

4 TECHNICAL SERVICES

The report (appendix 5) of the Director of Technical Services was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

STRATEGIC

4.1 MDR Contract

DTS provided update on outcome of tender process for mixed dry recyclables contract as per report. Executive powers were given by Council at Council meeting on 13 February 2012 for this committee to deal with this issue.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That Council award MDR contract to Recyco, 102 Barony Road, Mountfield, Omagh subject to the Alcatel standstill period.

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4.2 Recycling Update

RO updated Members on recycling issues as follows –

- Educational activities with schools ongoing
- PR ongoing
- New materials that can now be accepted in blue bin include – mixed plastics, aerosols and glass. Leaflets will be delivered to all households advising of this.
- Applications for Round 4 of Rethink Waste funding are now open – potential for joint funding application between Cookstown and Omagh Councils for preparing and issuing of leaflets to advise of new materials for blue bin.
- Increased participation in cardboard collection and blue/brown schemes.
- Landfill allowance – still awaiting results for last quarter of this year but 50% of allowance used so far compared with 77% used in total last year.

To further increase recycling, Members enquired as to the possibility of households obtaining an extra blue bin at no cost.

DTS advised that such a scheme would have to be carefully managed and households would have to demonstrate a need for an extra bin.

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4.3 Recycling in Schools – Pilot Scheme

Member tabled request from local school seeking Councils support in providing a number of additional bins for classrooms in order to encourage recycling. It was felt that Council could purchase the additional bins (approximate cost £11 each) for the school as part of a pilot scheme which would involve monitoring recycling levels at the school over period of time.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to provide a number of additional bins for the school as part of a pilot scheme to encourage recycling.

4.4 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

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

5 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

5.1 Corporate Response – M/2011/0126/F

Members were provided with amended corporate response and additional information relating to the above planning application (appendix 6).

Members expressed concern in relation to the planning application as well as previous enforcement notices not being complied with. Member also advised that court proceedings in relation to enforcement notices not being complied with will be heard in early March. Another Member asked that this comment be investigated.

Sentiment was expressed that Council is unanimously in favour of economic development but that such development should take place in an appropriate location. Members felt that Council should try to assist the applicant with finding alternative local sites. Members also raised concern with regard to legal issues for the Council if it makes a response prior to court hearing for enforcement notices.

(Councillor Monteith left the meeting at 8.45 pm)

ACE advised that the response to planning application before them tonight and enforcement notices are two separate issues.

Proposed by Councillor Brush
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

That corporate response regarding this planning application be withheld pending outcome of court proceedings in early March.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Donnelly

That Council submit corporate response for planning application as circulated at tonight's meeting.

The amendment was put to the meeting and 6 Members voted in favour and 8 against. The proposal was carried.

Following further discussion and due to considerable concerns the Chair recommended that this item be held until Council meeting next month. The proposal was then amended -

8 voted in favour and 6 voted against. The amended proposal was carried.

6 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.05 pm.

MAYOR_____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE _____
(Acting)