

## **Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 24 March 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Members Present:** Councillor Dillon, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels Totten and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Dr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure  
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services  
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7pm

### **C58/16 Apologies**

Councillors Bateson, Mallaghan and C O'Neill

### **C59/16 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **C60/16 Chair's Business**

Councillor Wilson proposed that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Mr Gary Chambers the golf pro at Killymoon Golf Club, Cookstown who has been appointed Captain of the PGA Ireland which is a tremendous achievement. The Chair, Councillor Dillon agreed to forward letter.

Councillor Molloy expressed concern that an issue which had been discussed in confidential business at the Development Committee had been reported in the local press. The Councillor stated that both Members and Officers should not be discussing issues of confidential business with the press.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon emphasised that Members should be mindful of matters discussed in confidential business in the future.

Councillor McAleer requested that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Maureen Kernaghan, a HomeStart volunteer based in the Clogher Valley who

achieved runner up in the Volunteer of the Year Awards in the United Kingdom. The Chair, Councillor Dillon agreed to forward a letter.

Councillor McLean referred to the issue raised by Councillor Molloy and sought further details.

Councillor Molloy said he did not wish to state the issue but emphasised that the danger of items of confidential business being discussed in the public arena, especially before being ratified could for example lead to Council losing funding. Councillor McLean concurred.

### **Matters for Decision**

**C61/16      Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 25 February 2016**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 25 February 2015 (C30/16 – C48/16 and C57/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

In response to Councillor McLean’s request the Head of Democratic Services stated that the first civic recognition event would be held on 15 April 2016 and that the programme for all planned receptions would be issued in due course.

**C62/16      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 1 March 2016.**

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2016 (P45/16 – P52/16 and P57/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C63/16      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2016**

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 3 March 2016, (PR047/16 –

PR054/16 and PR065/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C64/16      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 8 March 2016**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 (E57/16 – E75/16 and E90/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Councillor McNamee expressed concern regarding the decision to permit a tarpaulin display highlighting Dungannon Rotary Club 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Councillor emphasised he had no issue with the organisation but Council should not be granting such permissions without a policy in place.

**C65/16      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 10 March 2016.**

Councillor McAleer requested that page 19 of the minute be amended to read that she had returned to the meeting. Councillor Elattar requested that her return to the meeting be recorded prior to D69/16.

Councillor Molloy referred to item D75/16 regarding Service Level Agreements and stated that he had been approached by groups who were concerned with the communication on service level agreements. The Councillor proposed that how the decisions were arrived at should be communicated to the groups.

The Chair Councillor Dillon seconded the proposal for further communication with groups and stated that it had been discussed at a recent Party Leaders meeting.

Councillor Ashton concurred with the remarks and stated that Directors should set up meetings to progress the communication and suggested that the Development Committee in April be designated delegated powers to approve the outcome. Councillor Molloy concurred with this suggestion.

The Chair Councillor Dillon clarified that the decision regarding Service Level Agreements would be deferred, that meetings would be held with the groups and that it had been suggested that the development committee in April be granted delegated powers to forward the issue.

Councillor Burton emphasised the importance of communicating with community groups and stated that although Council is in a new era it needed to be conscious and engage with the people delivering sports and projects on the ground.

Councillor Burton also requested that at item D59/16 that Fivemiletown traders be amended to read Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor McGinley stated that in regard to the deferral of item D75/16 on Service Level Agreements, the matter should be discussed at Development Committee but brought back to Council for decision. There was consensus shown in the room by members.

**Resolved** That item D75/16 be deferred and meetings be organised with organisations to communicate decision making process.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 10 March 2016, (D055/16 – D83/16 and D89/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

### ***Declaration of Interest***

*Councillor Mulligan made reference to a recent letter circulated regarding Dungannon Hockey Club and stated that David Mulligan Secretary of the Club was his son.*

### **C66/16 Conferences and Seminars**

Approval was sought from the meeting for the undernoted conferences and sought approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) AOIFE Conference (Association of Irish Festivals and Events)
  - Friday 1 & Saturday 2 April 2016 at Ballinasloe, Galway
  - Events Officer to attend.
- (ii) Award Public Contracts Lawfully and Skilfully within NI's Procurement Rules
  - Tuesday 1 May 2016 at Hilton Waterfront, Belfast
  - Council Solicitor and principal Procurement and Insurance Officer to attend.
- (iii) Housing in NI: meeting market demand and reforming social housing sector
  - Wednesday 14 September 2016 Central Belfast

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

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

**C67/16 Timetable for the production of Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan**

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing the proposed timetable, key stages, actions and timescales for the production of the new Local Development Plan.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That Council approve the timetable and submit same to the Department of the Environment for approval.

**C68/16 Mid Ulster District Council Statement of Community involvement for the new Local Development Plan and Development Management Functions**

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing the Statement of Community Involvement for the new Local Development Plan and Development Management function for Mid Ulster.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved** That council approve the statement of community involvement and submit same to the Department of the Environment for approval.

**C69/16 Revised Council and Committee Meeting Schedule 2016-2017**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing proposed changes to the 2016-17 meeting schedule and sought approval for the undernoted:

- Council AGM take place on Tuesday 7 June 2016;
- Planning meeting to take place on Monday 13 June 2016; and
- Development committee take place on Wednesday 15 March 2017

Councillor Wilson stated he recently attended a meeting of Cookstown Town Centre Forum and noted that the Council meeting in November would clash with the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Cookstown. He requested that the Council meeting be moved to Wednesday 23 November. Councillor McNamee concurred with this request advising that for the past two years they had fallen on the one evening.

The Chair, Councillor Dillon stated that she had been unable to attend the event in November 2015 and members of the public had commented on her absence. The Chair stated that Council arranged events should not occur on the same night and stated that the matter could be discussed at Party Representative Group.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

**Resolved** That Council approves the amendments to the 2016-2017 meeting schedule.

Councillor Cuddy stated that the EU Referendum was scheduled for Thursday 23 June 2016 and would coincide with the Council meeting. The Chief Executive stated that the matter could be discussed at Party Representative Group.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **C70/16 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved** That the consultations contained within the previously circulated report be noted

### **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

**Resolved** That items C71/16 – C79/16 be taken as confidential business.

*The press left the meeting at 7.35pm*

#### **C79/16 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.09pm

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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