

**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 26 May 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Chair:** Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

**Members Present:** Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean (7.45pm), McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, Totten and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities  
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services  
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer  
Ms McGinn, Internal Auditor

The meeting commenced at 7pm

**C102/16 Apologies**

Councillors Burton, McFlynn, Mullen, G Shiels and J Shiels

**C103/16 Declarations of Interest**

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

**C104/16 Chair's Business**

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Ashton advised that the former Councillor Dillon had been elected as an MLA to the Northern Ireland Assembly and welcomed her replacement Councillor Niamh Doris to the meeting.

Councillor McGinley as nominating officer for Sinn Féin sought permission retrospectively for Councillor Mallaghan to take over the position of Chair from 8 May 2016.

Councillor Mallaghan took the Chair.

Councillor Mallaghan welcomed Ms Dillon MLA and invited her to address the meeting.

Ms Dillon MLA thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the chamber and to express her thanks for the support she had received during her time as Chair and emphasised that she had enjoyed the opportunity and hoped that everyone appreciated that she had tried to do a good job and had been fair.

In particular, Ms Dillon MLA thanked her party colleagues for their invaluable support and stated that being a new Member of Council in 2014, had presented its difficulties but had the advantage of carrying 'no baggage' from the legacy councils.

Expressing thanks to the Chief Executive and his team, Ms Dillon stated that it had been a challenging year as the Council had 'bedded in' and acknowledged that all that had been achieved was down to everyone in the Chamber progressing and that whilst everyone did not agree on every issue each tried to be respectful of the other. Reflecting on engagements attended, Ms Dillon stated that whilst it was impossible to attend every event she had represented the District in a fair and equitable way.

Ms Dillon MLA stated that as she moved to the Assembly she was glad of the 'grounding' she had received in Council and that now working in Stormont she would continue with the same 'open door' policy and would hope that everyone would feel they could approach her. Ms Dillon emphasised that she was sorry to leave the Council on which it had been an honour to serve and stated that she would continue to serve the constituency as an MLA.

In conclusion Ms Dillon MLA stated that she was delighted that Councillor Doris had joined the Council and that although she had a steep learning curve ahead of her she would do a good job. Ms Dillon MLA expressed her thanks to everyone and stated that she had genuinely enjoyed her time as a Councillor and would have liked to have gained a few more years' experience in the role.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan bid farewell to Ms Dillon MLA and stated that Council would most definitely be in contact. The Chair welcomed Councillor Doris to the meeting.

Councillor Kearney expressed good wishes to Ms Dillon MLA. Councillor Kearney made reference to the civic recognition event proposed for Power Screen and requested that recognition also be given to Heron Brothers in Draperstown who were celebrating 60 years in business and had provided much employment in the district. Councillor B McGuigan seconded the proposal stating that the company provided work both in the District and outside of the North.

Councillor T Quinn requested that a letter of gratitude be forwarded to three citizens of Cookstown who had come to the aid of some tourists on 8 May 2016. Councillor T Quinn advised that the citizens had been great ambassadors for the Mid Ulster District when they had looked after French tourists for a period of 24 hours when their car had broken down. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan agreed.

Councillor Gillespie expressed concern regarding the 'Blue box' internet connections provided by North West Electronics stating that they had been funded by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment and the boxes were not working, that constituents across Mid Ulster District but especially Galbally, Donaghmore and Dungannon were unable to

make contact with the company via either email or telephone. Councillor Gillespie requested that the Chief Executive make contact with Mr Scot McGlenaghan representative of the company.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that he had read about the situation and stated that it was an absolute scandal and that Council needed to work with the new Stormont Departments to seek a way forward. The Chair also stated that Councils Economic Development section together with ICBAN were endeavouring to improve broad band provision.

**Resolved** That Council engage with the new NI Government Departments and North West Electronics – Blue Box Broadband regarding the failure in service provision in the Mid Ulster region.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan thanked the Sinn Féin party for nominating him to the post of Chair in the interim period to the Annual General Meeting and stated that it was a huge honour to represent Council especially at the Launch for the Seamus Heaney Centre in Bellaghy and the Launch in Dublin at which the President of Ireland had been in attendance. The Chair stated that both launches had been overwhelming and expressed thanks to the Heaney Family and the communication which existed between them and Council. The Chair further acknowledged other events he had attended in particular the excellent training initiative with regard to attracting visitors to the Seamus Heaney Centre.

## **Matters for Decision**

**C105/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2016**

Councillor Cuthbertson made reference to C85/16 and requested an update.

The Planning Manager stated that as it was a Major Application it was mandatory that the Department of Environment be notified which affords them the opportunity to ‘call in’ the application. The Planning Manager advised that the DoE had not ‘called in’ the application but had requested a pre-determination hearing to which Transport NI, the Objectors and the Applicant would each have the opportunity to present their case. Acknowledging Councillor Cuthbertson’s concern regarding access, the Planning Manager advised that he had had discussions with Transport NI and they were stating that the application should be refused. The Planning Manager stated that it would be unfair to ask the applicant to carry out works until the aforementioned hearing had taken place.

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked the Planning Manager for the update but stated that he had been seeking clarity as to why the application had been included in a press statement for approvals when as such it had not been approved. In response the Head of Marketing and Communications advised that a statement had been issued following the meeting and had been corrected on the website. It was noted that any draft now being issued would be double proofed.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Council needed to be careful.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28 April 2016 (C80/16 – C94/16 and C101/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

**C106/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 May 2016.**

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2016 (P91/16 – P100/16 and P104/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C107/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 May 2016**

Proposed by Councillor J O'Neill  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 3 May 2016 (E116/16 – E139/16 and E1147/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

**C108/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016**

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016, (PR089/16 – PR105/16 and PR117/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C109/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016.**

Councillor Cuddy referred to D127/16, the Economic Development report, and stated that he was not a Member of the Committee but highlighted that there was insufficient industrial development space in the Dungannon area and asked that it be an item on the agenda for the June meeting of Development.

Councillor Molloy referred to D123/16, the Seamus Heaney Home Place, and stated that he had listened to a radio programme earlier in the evening and the Heaney family had been very complimentary about Council's progress. Councillor Molloy stated that in relation to the 'trails' Council needed to ensure they were accurate in order for them to be relevant and meaningful. In response the Director of Culture and Leisure stated that the trails were being formed following an option appraisal and terms of reference and that they were still not definitive as there was much work still to be done to confirm that the correct poem was linked to the relevant trail and that the project was still with the Consultants.

In relation to Councillor Cuddy's point regarding industrial development space Councillor Molloy advised that the Dungannon Enterprise Centre were hosting an event to discuss same and encouraged invitees to attend. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan confirmed that he had received an invitation and planned to attend.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that the legacy Council in Dungannon had been pursuing the development of an enterprise centre in the Ballygawley area and this too needed to be kept on the agenda.

**Resolved** That the provision of industrial development space in the district to be an item on the agenda for June Development committee.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan and  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

**Resolved** That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016, (D116/16 – D140/16 and D148/16) transacted in "Open Business", having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

## **C110/16 Conferences and Seminars**

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval from the meeting for the undernoted approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) All Ireland Forum Spring Seminar: "Future Irish energy policy and the ongoing impact of UK new nuclear on Ireland"
  - Friday 10 June 2016, Final County Hall, Swords, Ireland
- (ii) UUBS Entrepreneurship Conference
  - Thursday 16 June 2016 9.30am – 4.30pm at
- (iii) Infrastructure Investment Conference

- Wednesday 22 June 2016 at Baby Grand, Belfast
- (iv) National Association of Councillors -Transport Networks/Access for Communities
  - Friday 24- Sunday 26 June 2016, Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport.
- (v) NILGA 2016 Annual Conference & Exhibition
  - Wednesday 5th Networking event (two guests to attend) & Thursday 6 October 2016 Annual Conference at Hastings Everglades Hotel, Derry
  - Chief Executive to attend

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew 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

#### **C111/16 NILGA – Making Planning Work**

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing NILGA's Planning Training Programme for Elected Members and sought approval for recommendation that Council engage in the proposed programme. The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the series of events and in response to the Chair's question advised that there was no time frame with regard to feedback as it was an ongoing piece of work by NILGA.

*Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 7.28 pm*

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved** That Council engage in NILGA's Planning Training for Elected Members.

#### **C112/16 Standing Orders for Regulation of Council Business**

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing proposed amendments to the Standing Orders for the transaction of Mid Ulster District Council business.

The Chief Executive outlined the amendments to the Planning Protocol and drew attention to 3.4 of the report with regard to 'Quality Majority Voting and the General Power' highlighting that at Section 39(1) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 ("the 2014 Act") states that subject to the 2014 Act and any other statutory provision, every decision of a council must be taken by simple majority. The 2014 Act does not require or provide for QMV in respect of the exercise of the General Power. The Chief Executive advised that the draft Regulations were never passed and therefore, in the absence of legislation expressly requiring QMV for a decision based on the

exercise of the General Power, the Council does not have the vires to require QMV in such circumstances. The purpose of this report is to correct this inconsistency in the Council's Standing Orders and therefore remove the reference in Standing Order 20.3(d) to QMV being required when exercising the General Power.

Councillor Wilson asked why Council was changing this as it was his understanding whilst there was a petition of concern it could be referred back. In response the Chief Executive stated that the latest advice from the Department was to remove the paragraph as to retain it would be going further than what legislation permits.

Councillor Ashton stated that Causeway Council had sought advice regarding the matter and there was a conflict of opinion and asked if clarity had been sought from the Department. In response the Chief Executive stated that Council had not engaged with the Department but were acting on the advice of the Local Government Policy Division which was now incorporated in the Department of Communities and the advice had been issued as a petition of concern had been lodged.

Councillor Ashton asked if the Standing Orders had been passed to which the Chief Executive advised that they had been through the Northern Ireland Assembly which referred to the use of Qualified Majority Voting but subsequent Standing Order Regulations to permit its use in instances of General Power of Competence were not passed due to a petition of concern being lodged at that time. He emphasised that legislation would not permit Council to use QMV for instances relating to General Power of Competence.

Councillor McPeake stated that Council should accept the proposed changes and if at a later date the Department issued further guidance Council could consider same.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved** That amendments to the standing orders as detailed in the report be approved.

## **C113/16      Consideration of Motion**

### **C113.1/16      Councillor Elattar to move**

*“That this council supports the provision of an improved perinatal mental health service here in the north and will write to the Minister of Health, asking him/her to make this a priority and to ring-fence funding to provide such a service, including a specialist mother and baby unit.*

*We further request that he/she works closely with the Minister of Health in the south, to ensure equality of provision and to improve care and outcomes for all women, babies and families across this island.”*

Councillor Elattar stated that as a midwife she was very privileged to be able to share a very special time in the life of a woman and her family during the pregnancy and birth of a baby.

Councillor Elattar advised that most women have no problems in pregnancy but some do stating that approximately 20% of women are affected by perinatal mental health problems at some time during their pregnancy or in the postnatal period. Highlighting that a woman may have a pre-existing mental health condition or that a mental ill health issue can arise during pregnancy or following the birth the Councillor stated that it was unfortunate that stigma still surrounds mental health issues which needs to be challenged by all. Councillor Elattar emphasised that the stigma is a barrier to women and their families in recognising that they have a mental health problem, disclosing that problem and seeking support. Emphasising that one of the leading causes of death for women during pregnancy and the year after birth was suicide, Councillor Elattar stated that with proper care most women make a complete and lasting recovery. The Councillor further advised that early intervention provided the best outcome and it was unfortunate that women here are being failed as many do not have access to specialist care. It was highlighted that four out of five trusts in the North offer no specialist service and that Belfast has one out-patient clinic with one psychiatrist once a week. Councillor Elattar shared that according to the Maternal Mental Health Alliance 80% of women have no access to specialist services and that those living in rural areas are more likely to have difficulty accessing services. The Councillor stated that while it is appropriate to treat many women in the community setting that a small number of women require treatment in a specialist 'in-patient' unit and that there was currently no mother and baby units in Ireland. This means that if a woman has to be admitted to hospital she has to be separated from her baby at a time when she feels most vulnerable and this may have a long term impact on the developing relationship between mother and baby and have an adverse effect on the baby.

Councillor Elattar declared that this was an important public health issue not only because of the adverse effect-on the mother but also the long term consequences for the child and highlighted that it was clear in terms of research that to ignore the problem will actually cost five times more than putting interventions into place.

Councillor Elattar stated that there needs to be a regional approach to the issue and that increased investment was required and should be ring-fenced. The Councillor stated that two units, one in the North and one in the South, each comprising of 5 or 6 beds would meet the need on an all island basis and that the Health Ministers, North and South need to work towards providing this. In conclusion Councillor Elattar stated that the cost of doing nothing is accepting women's lives cut short and families changed forever and that she was sure that all Members of Council would agree that 'doing nothing' is not an acceptable option and would support the motion.

Councillor Bell, seconding the motion stated that as well as the effects on both mother and baby whole families are impacted as lack of understanding and stigma still surrounds mental ill health. Councillor Bell stated that if women have to receive in-hospital care the father together with the support of wider family have to look after the new baby.



Councillor McAleer stated that the SDLP would support the motion as there was no doubt that the limit of care is unacceptable and it is a women's right to access the appropriate care.

Councillor Ashton stated that the DUP would support the motion to provide services in Northern Ireland as it was important that mothers and especially new mothers get support. Councillor Ashton stated that she would take the motion a step further as in hearing from the community and voluntary sector that people are being referred to their services. Councillor Ashton proposed the undernoted amendment to the motion.

*"That this Council supports the provision of an improved perinatal mental health Service here in Northern Ireland and will write to the Minister of Health asking her to make this a priority and to ring fence funding to provide a statutory service including a specialist mother and baby unit."*

*"And calls on the Minister to acknowledge the contribution the Voluntary and Community Sector in Mid Ulster have been making towards Mental Health issues in the community and ensures her Department makes provision to support these organisations financially to continue their work in the future."*

Councillor Forde seconding the amendment stated that it was very important to recognise the role of the community and voluntary sector in this area.

Councillor Wilson stated that the UUP had no problem supporting the motion but suggested that it read, '....works closely with the Minister of Health in Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland to ensure best practice.'

*Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.45pm*

The Chair Councillor Mallaghan asked Councillor Ashton if she would accept that the motion remain and the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the amendment be incorporated within it.

Councillor Ashton agreed but asked that the first paragraph be amended to read '*.....to provide such a statutory service, including a specialist mother and baby unit.*'

Councillor Elattar stated that there is best practice in the Island of Ireland and emphasised that whilst she was not saying that there is not best practice in Great Britain she would prefer to keep the motion to Ireland.

Councillor McAleer stated that they already have such units in England so the motion may not be relevant.

Councillor Wilson stated that he was only asking to share best practise with the Ministers of Health in both Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland but it could be changed to 'learn from best practise'.

Councillor Elattar stated she had no problem about best practise and would have no problem sharing same throughout the world.

Councillor Mallaghan clarified that the discussion would indicate that Members accepted the motion, with paragraph two of the amendment together with Councillor Wilson's proposed amendment.

Councillor McAleer stated that the amendment suggested by Councillor Wilson may not be relevant as there were guidelines in place.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote on the amendment proposed by Councillor Wilson.

For 11

Councillor Wilson stated that as there was general agreement within the Chamber he would bow to greater knowledge and would withdraw the amendment.

Councillor McPeake stated that he understood Councillor McAleer's point but suggested that the wording should read '....best practice in all jurisdictions'.

Councillor Elattar stated that Members were losing sight of the motion as best practice was at the heart of it. Councillor Elattar stated that she would accept the second paragraph of Councillor Ashton's amendment and would be happy to work with groups from the community and voluntary sector highlighting that the new Minister for Health had attended an event at the Niamh Louise Foundation. Councillor Elattar also spoke about STEP and highlighted the forthcoming 'cycle against suicide' and listed the areas it would travel through stating that she was delighted to highlight the event which was promoting positive mental health

Councillor Reid stated that with the slight amendments to the wording he would propose that Council accept the motion.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan clarified the wording of the motion.

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*And calls on the Minister to acknowledge the contribution the voluntary and community sector in Mid Ulster have been making towards Mental Health issues in the community and ensures her department makes provision to support these organisations financially to continue their work in the future.*

*We further request that he/she works closely with the Ministers of Health in other jurisdictions, to ensure equality of provision and to improve care and outcomes for all women, babies and families across this island."*

Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote

For	35
Against	0
Abstain	0

Councillor Mallaghan declared the motion carried.

**C113.2/16 Councillor Cuthbertson to move**

*“That the Mid Ulster Council recognises the historic milestone of Her Majesty The Queen's Official 90th Birthday on 11th of June 2016, and marks the occasion with flying the Union Flag on all Mid Ulster Council Buildings, in line with the Government's Designated Days for Union Flag flying.”*

Councillor McGinley stated that he had read the contents of the next motion and given that Council had an agreed flags policy would propose to go straight to a vote.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that under standing orders there was an option to move straight to a vote.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake

That Council move straight to a vote on the motion to be moved by Councillor Cuthbertson.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked was it not the practise of Council that the person moving the motion speak first.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that Council could move straight to a vote and called for a vote on the proposal of Councillor McGinley.

Councillor Cuthbertson objected stating that he should be permitted to speak on the motion and sought guidance from the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive stated that when Council is in ‘sitting’ the Chair provides a ruling on the interpretation of the standing orders and proceedings, as provided for within Standing Orders.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that this was a bad road to go down as the Chair would change each year.

For	23
Against	11
Abstain	0

**Resolved** That Council move straight to a vote on the motion to be moved by Councillor Cuthbertson.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote on the motion submitted by Councillor Cuthbertson.

For	11
Against	23
Abstain	0

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan declared the motion had fallen.

**C113.3/16 Councillor J O'Neill to move**

Councillor J O'Neill stated that he was bringing the undernoted motion as he had been contacted by both parents and schools complaining about the speed of cars in both housing estates and at schools mentioning Edendork and Aghamullan in particular. Councillor J O'Neill stated that contractors had to share the blame in some of the housing developments as no space had been left for children to play. Councillor J O'Neill proposed the undernoted motion.

*"That this council requests that Transport NI improve the safety of both road users and pedestrians by reducing the speed in all housing estates to 20mph and the speed past all schools to 20mph. That progress towards this is done a harmonised way across all section offices in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt."*

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the motion stating that there were a number of housing estates with a 20mph speed limit and this should be rolled out across other areas and that he too had received a number of complaints especially in relation to primary schools on busy roads when young children had to cross roads and the speed of traffic caused major concerns.

Councillor M Quinn concurred with the motion but questioned the logistics and suggested that Council should write a letter to the Minister for Infrastructure for a blanket approach as it was a painful process for all trying to attain agreement with Transport NI. In response Councillor J O'Neill stated that this was what the motion was proposing.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he thought it may be better to consider each estate as some had 20mph whilst others had 30mph and to reduce all to 20mph may be a serious issue as schools were only open 9-4pm and closed all summer. Councillor Cuddy stated that each case should be looked at individually and accident history considered but emphasised that he did understand there was issues.

Councillor Robinson concurred with Councillor Cuddy and stated that speed does kill but asked how a 20mph speed limits at schools and housing estates would be enforced. Councillor Robinson asked if there would have to be a call to have more traffic branch police in the areas and stated that the matter required more thought.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that schools were opening longer and in rural areas Members had been endeavouring to get schools open more and stated that other things had changed highlighting 'smoking in public places'.

Councillor Gillespie stated that he had been campaigning for 20mph speed limits at school for the past twenty years and stated that there could be flashing lights at school times to restrict speed limits. With regard to housing developments Councillor Gillespie highlighted that there were extremely bad corners in some developments which were dangerous and concurred with Councillor J O'Neill highlighting that heavy goods vehicles passing schools at 40mph were treacherous.

Councillor McGinley reiterated the point that schools no longer just open between 9am -4pm and referring to earlier comments regarding looking at accident history stated that 'prevention is better than cure'.

Councillor Cuddy sought clarity on comments of Councillor Gillespie to which the Chair Councillor Mallaghan stated that Councillor Gillespie had merely expressed an opinion and had not proposed an amendment. Councillor Cuddy stated that if a 20mph speed restriction was enforced in every development area he would await comments when the speeding tickets started coming in. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated most would rather receive a speeding ticket than have a child killed.

Councillor Monteith stated that it was his understanding that all estates had a 20mph speed limit but only some had signs. Councillor Monteith said that his perception is that Transport NI pitch developments against each other and perhaps the way forward should be 20mph speed limit in housing developments and at schools and let parents come and lobby to get the speed increased. Councillor Monteith stated that society was moving back to the 40s and 50s when children had to kick ball in the street due to lack of space. Councillor Monteith stated that a better approach would be to have traffic calming at every school appropriate to the area it was situated in.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked Councillor M Quinn if he wished to propose an amendment for policy in the North. Councillor M Quinn declined.

Councillor Bell stated with all due respect that Mid Ulster Council could only take care of its own area.

The Chair Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote.

For	23
Against	0
Abstained	11

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan declared the motion carried.

Councillor J O'Neill thanked Members for supporting the motion.

## **C114/16 Council's Scheme of Delegation on Planning Matters**

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing the revised 'Scheme of Delegation' as agreed with the Department of the Environment.

*Councillor C O'Neill left the meeting at 8.12 pm*

*Councillor Ashton requested that an apology be recorded for Councillor J Shiels.*

The Planning Manager outlined the proposed changes highlighted in the key issues of the report and advised that agents he had met with were highly complimentary of the working of the planning committee.

*Councillor Gillespie left the meeting at 8.14 pm*

Proposed by Councillor Reid  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That Council approves the revised 'Scheme of Delegation' for implementation and same is placed on Council's website.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **C115/16 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

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

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

### **Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved** That items C116/16- C125/16 be taken as confidential business.

*The press left the meeting at 8.15 pm*

#### **C126/16 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.25 pm

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