

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE  
OF DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2014 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD,  
DUNGANNON**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Gillespie (Chair)

Councillors Ashton, Brush, F Burton, R Burton, Cavanagh, Cuddy (7.32 pm), Cuthbertson, Daly, Gildernew, McGonnell (7.36 pm), McGuigan, Molloy, Mulligan, Quinn, Robinson, Somerville, Varsani

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** T Law, Waste Operations Manager (WOM)  
R Lowry, Building Services Manager (BSM)  
J McClelland, Director of Building Services (DBS)  
F McClements, Acting Director of Environmental Services (ADES)  
L Thompson (Secretariat)

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Donnelly

The meeting started at 7.30 pm

## **1 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to any declaration of conflict of interest.

## **2 BUILDING SERVICES**

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

### **OPERATIONAL**

#### **2.1 Refusals**

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

(Councillor Cuddy entered the meeting at 7.32 pm)

## **2.2 Street Naming and Numbering**

As per report DBS put forward suggested street name for proposed development at Ballygittle Road, Coalisland. DBS advised that the proposed development is sited in the townland of Killeen.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanagh and

**Resolved** That proposed development at Ballygittle Road, Coalisland be named 'Killeen Row'.

(Councillor McGonnell entered the meeting 7.36 pm)

## **INFORMATION**

### **2.3 Biomass Project**

As per report BSM advised that current tender process has been withdrawn, discussions are ongoing between all parties on how to move this project forward to construction phase.

Members felt this is an important project and needs to be moved forward as soon as possible. Members suggested advertising the tender more widely ie. European Journal.

While DBS recognised that advertising in European Journal would attract a greater response there is a longer mandatory advertising period which would cause a further delay.

### **2.4 Public Realm Scheme**

DBS advised that work is progressing well on Public Realm Scheme. Work has commenced at the top of the Square with terraced area currently being designed. It is hoped that the Scheme will finish on time.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Cuddy declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Public Realm Scheme.

### **2.5 Adoption of Report**

Proposed by Councillor Brush  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

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

(R Lowry and J McClelland left the meeting at 7.42 pm)

### **3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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

#### **STRATEGIC**

##### **3.1 From Fuel Poverty to Achieving Affordable Warmth – Public Consultation**

As per report ADES advised of public consultation document received from DSD in relation to the proposed changes to DSD's Domestic Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme for Vulnerable Households which is presently delivered through the Warm Homes Scheme.

ADES took Members through the draft response to the document and sought their additional comments. ADES advised Members that this work is likely to be given to Councils in the future.

Comments –

##### **Proposal 3 – Private Rented**

Needs to be cap on number of private rented properties benefitting from scheme. Landlords should make 50% contribution towards the cost of the work.

(Councillor McGuigan left the meeting at 7.52 pm)

##### **Proposal 4 – Eligibility**

Annual income level should rise with inflation.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to forward Council response to DSD as circulated including comments above.

##### **3.2 Civic Pride/Litter Report**

###### **3.2.1 Civic Pride**

As per report and in addition to previous discussions ADES advised of correspondence from Keep NI Beautiful (formerly Tidy NI) requesting

commitment including a financial contribution of £8,000 from this Council towards the Civic Pride Programme. ADES advised that DoE have confirmed their funding contribution of £130,000 per year for three years.

The Civic Pride Programme covers two main areas; support for volunteering activity by allocating grants to volunteers and community groups through a small grants scheme and secondly the development of a media campaign.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Brush and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to take part in the Civic Pride Programme and make financial contribution of £8,000 for the 2014/2015 financial year.

(Councillor McGonnell left the meeting at 8.10 pm)

### **3.2.2 Litter Report**

WOM presented report on litter management in the Borough which provided Members with a summary on cleansing operations, hotspot locations for litter and costs of providing the cleansing service.

Member felt it is important to again highlight through the press the problem of littering across the Borough, including hotspots and the financial burden it has.

In addition Member raised concern with regard to how Yellow Pages/Phone Books are delivered throughout the Borough.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to write to BT to raise concern regarding delivery of Yellow Pages/Phone Books.

ADES advised that officers can work on issuing a press release regarding the litter problem in the Borough with the opportunity of tying in with the Civic Pride Programme.

(Councillor Varsani left the meeting at 8.17 pm, Councillors Brush and Gillespie left the meeting at 8.20 pm during the above discussion)

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair Councillor Mulligan took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **3.3 Public Convenience Report**

WOM presented report in relation to existing and proposed potential provision in the Clogher Valley Area. Discussion ensued as follows –

## **Clogher**

Current toilets are in urgent need of replacement, discussions are ongoing with a number of options being considered.

Member also made officers aware of another possible location in the centre of Clogher which should be investigated. WOM agreed to look into this.

## **Aughnacloy**

Again, the toilets in Aughnacloy are in urgent need of replacement however the existing site is very restrictive in nature and does not lend itself to easy access.

Members felt other option under consideration in Aughnacloy is in a good location there are however issues with regard to third party ownership and the condition of the building. As the current structure is too large for toilets in isolation consideration would also have to be given to a partnership arrangement either with another Council department or external organisation in order to ensure that the development is sustainable in the long term.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew

Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to site adequate facilities in both Clogher and Aughnacloy. Current facilities at Aughnacloy to no longer be considered for renovation due to poor access, additional option to be investigated in Clogher along with bringing forward costings for all areas under consideration.

## **Augher**

Members paid tribute to the excellent upkeep of these toilets and felt there is adequate provision in Augher although could look towards refurbishment in the future.

## **Ballygawley**

WOM referred to previous request to consider siting an Automatic Public Convenience (APC) at the Park & Ride facility at Ballygawley Roundabout. WOM highlighted difficulties in relation to this in that Council do not own the land and would have to enter into negotiations with DRD, secondly, in relation to the cost and maintenance of the unit.

It was felt there is already good provision of toilets in Ballygawley however signage could be improved. Council to liaise with DRD in

relation to signage at Ballygawley and also explore options for possible installation of APC with Council taking on a maintenance role.

### **3.4 Adoption of Regional Waste Management Plan**

In addition to report WOM circulated a summary report on the Regional Waste Management Plan (appendix 4)

Proposed by Councillor Daly  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to adopt the revised 2012-2020 SWaMP2008 Waste Management Plan.

(Councillor F Burton left the meeting at 8.57 pm)

## **INFORMATION**

### **3.5 Illegal Dumping**

WOM advised that he had been informed today of a substantial amount of illegal dumping at Favour Royal Road. Police and DARD have been advised of the situation, incident also to be reported to NIEA.

(Councillor Somerville left the meeting at 9.00 pm)

### **3.6 Cats**

Member advised of ongoing problem with stray cats in Coalisland area and enquired whether Council has any legislative powers to deal with this issue.

ADES advised that Council would have no legislative powers with regard to cats. ADES suggested animal charities that may be able to offer assistance.

(Councillor Quinn left the meeting at 9.05 pm)

### **3.7 Adoption of Report**

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor R Burton and

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

#### **4 DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.06 pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF EXECUTIVE \_\_\_\_\_