

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 13 February 2018 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present

Councillor McGinley, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Gillespie,
Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan,
McNamee, Mulligan, M Quinn, Reid, Totten

**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
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Agenda Item 4 – Aware NI
Ms McCrossan and Ms O’Kane

The meeting commenced at 7.01 pm

E031/18 Apologies

Councillor O’Neill.

E032/18 Declarations of Interest

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

E033/18 Chair’s Business

The Chair, Councillor McGinley referred to the recent meeting Special Council meeting held in relation to rate setting in which potential savings of £161k were identified. The Chair requested that a report be brought back to committee in relation to these savings and options for its use, stating that the monies should stay within the Environment and Property Directorate.

Councillor Burton asked that a business case be provided on the proposed cuts to public toilet and civic amenity site provision and a rationale provided as to how sites were identified.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Councillor Burton’s request was a matter for the P&R Committee and agreed to reference the request to officers which this related to.

Councillor Glasgow referred to letter received from Orritor Presbyterian Church in relation to naming of road along the front of the Church and advised that the road name currently displayed is Church Road. The Councillor advised that the name used by the people of the area for this road is Meetinghouse Road and that this has been the case for almost 200 years since Orritor Presbyterian Church was planted in 1824. Councillor Glasgow stated that the Church were making a request that the name of the road be changed from Church Road to Meetinghouse Road.

Councillor Glasgow advised that there were no other residential dwellings along this road which gave rise to a unique set of circumstances, he felt that the policy should be looked at again in relation to this request.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that the issues raised by Councillor Glasgow would be considered and a report brought back to committee on the matter.

E034/18 Aware NI

The Chair, Councillor McGinley welcomed Ms McCrossan and Ms O’Kane to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Ms McCrossan provided some background information on Aware NI stating that it is the depression charity for Northern Ireland. Aware NI have two offices and an established network of support groups across the country including Magherafelt. These support groups welcome those who suffer from depression along with their family members and/or carers.

Aware NI deliver a number of health and wellbeing programmes to communities, schools and workplaces and attend community events to provide information about their services.

Ms McCrossan also referred to the fundraising events held to raise funds for Aware NI and highlighted that currently the Northern Health Trust does not provide any financial support to Aware NI. Ms McCrossan asked for Council to support the activities of Aware NI.

Ms McCrossan stated that 1 in 4 adults suffer from a mental health illness and that this figure drops to 1 in 3 in the 8-12 year old age range. Ms McCrossan advised that a programme for 16-24 year olds would be starting in Omagh in May.

In response to Councillor B McGuigan’s question Ms McCrossan advised that Aware NI have visited all schools in the Magherafelt area.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the difficulty in getting young people into a room to discuss their problems.

Ms McCrossan stated that this can be an issue and highlighted the programme for 16-24 year olds commencing in May. Ms McCrossan stated that if all the people in the room are of a similar age then discussion tends to be more open.

Ms O’Kane stated that part of the problem was the stigma surrounding mental health and referred to the need to educate people.

Councillor McFlynn stated she had not been aware of the organisation until tonight and was disappointed that the Northern Health Trust provided no funding and hoped this would change in the future. The Councillor stated that Ms McCrossan and Ms O’Kane were clearly very passionate about mental health issues and wished Aware NI well in the future.

Councillor Burton stated she would support what had been said stating that anyone who has or has had depression can feel vulnerable. The Councillor asked if Aware NI work in rural areas and referred to Post Natal Depression and asked if the charity also work with groups dealing with that type of depression.

Ms McCrossan advised that Aware NI also work across the Southern and Western Health Board areas and work with other mental health groups. Ms McCrossan stated that Aware NI deliver programmes and attend events held in rural areas.

Ms O’Kane stated that Aware NI was in its early infancy in the Mid Ulster area and that the purpose of the presentation tonight was to raise awareness. Ms O’Kane advised that Aware NI would be happy to accommodate programmes across the district and highlighted that these programmes are provided free.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley thanked the representatives for their presentation following which they left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

In response to Councillor Kearney’s comments the Chair advised that the Northern Trust are invited on an annual basis to meet with Council. A meeting took place with representatives of the Trust in November.

Councillor Reid stated that the presentation had been very interesting and that the work of Aware NI would be beneficial for those suffering from mental health and a support for their families. Councillor Reid stated that often in cases of mental health the support does not come from Health Trusts but rather organisations such as Aware NI.

Matters for Decision

E035/18 DfI Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster Council – Proposed Part Time 20mph Speed Limit – Ballyronan Road and Oaklea Road, Magherafelt

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed part time 20mph speed limit at Ballyronan Road and Oaklea Road, Magherafelt.

Councillor Gillespie welcomed the proposal put forward stating that this reduced speed limit should be in place outside all schools.

Councillor McFlynn also welcomed the proposal on what is a busy stretch of road.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed part time 20mph speed limit at Ballyronan Road and Oaklea Road, Magherafelt.

E036/18 Dfi Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster Council – Proposed Provision of a One Way System – Drumglass Way, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of a one way system at Drumglass Way, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed provision of a one way system at Drumglass Way, Dungannon.

Councillor Reid referred to placing of double yellow lines on Smith Street in Moneymore and that this was causing some annoyance to residents and business owners in the area.

Councillor McFlynn advised she had recently attended a community meeting in which this matter had been discussed and that those attending were content with the proposal for double yellow lines.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley advised that the comments could be noted but that Members should lobby Transport NI in relation to the matter.

E037/18 Dfi Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster Council – Proposed Revocation of One Way System – Ranaghan Road, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed revocation of a one way system at Ranaghan Road, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed revocation of a one way system at Ranaghan Road, Dungannon.

E038/18 Mixed Dry Recycling (Blue Bin) Scheme Communications and Funding

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on mixed dry recycling (blue bin) scheme communications and to seek approval for expenditure of funding on mixed dry recycling (blue bin) focused communications.

Councillor McNamee asked why the Irish Language was not being included in the “Your Guide to Recycling” publication.

The Head of Environmental Services stated that the advice from STEP was that the seven languages listed were the most popular spoken as an alternative to English but that the guide could also be translated to Irish if it was the wish of the Committee.

Councillor McNamee proposed that the “Your Guide to Recycling” also be translated to Irish.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee’s proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that the advice provided to the officer was correct and that the most popular languages were being targeted. Councillor Cuthbertson asked what the extra cost and benefit would be of including an Irish Language translation to the publication.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the publication was being produced to deal with particular issues, he stated that Council has an Irish Language Policy and that the matter of publications could be dealt with through that.

Councillor Cuthbertson questioned how many other languages were used within the District and were being missed out in this publication.

The Head of Environmental Services referred again to the advice from STEP on what the most popular languages used in the District were.

Councillor McNamee did not feel in inclusion of the Irish Language to the publication should add to its cost.

Councillor Burton did not feel that leaflets were the best way of communicating the recycling message and felt that greater emphasis should be put into attending events and engaging with the public on recycling matters.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley stated that the translated guide was an attempt to target those who do not use their blue bin correctly.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that some education on what goes into the three bins was still required.

Councillor Burton felt that at this stage most people should be aware of what goes in each bin and asked if there was a way of checking who was not using bins correctly.

The Head of Environmental Services advised that some in some areas where languages other than English are spoken collection loads have been rejected due to contamination. The purpose of the guide is to target those areas.

Councillor McFlynn stated that some people felt that the brown bin was too large and enquired if a smaller bin was available.

The Head of Environmental Services advised that a smaller brown bin was available.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to –
- Endorse the expenditure of £10,383 funding on mixed dry recycling (blue bin) scheme related communications as set out in report.
 - Include an Irish Language translation in the “Your Guide to Recycling” publication.

E039/18 Procurement Framework for Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Installations and Equipment

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council to avail of fire safety products and services from an established public procurement framework (ESPO).

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to use the ESPO Framework for Testing, Inspection, Repair and Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment.

E040/18 Grounds Maintenance – Seasonal Planting Display requests

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which considered requests for seasonal planting displays.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley reminded Members that Council did mark the request of the Rotary Club and stated that he thought a policy was to be brought forward on seasonal planting requests at that time. The Chair suggested that Council support the requests made and enter into discussions with Transport NI. A policy on such requests should also be brought forward for consideration.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson’s question the Head of Property Services advised that the Rotary Club provided the livery for the tarpaulin but was unsure if any payment came from Rotary Club for provision of tarpaulin and its installation.

Councillor Reid stated there were a few grey areas in relation to these type of requests but felt it was good for Council to be able to support them. Councillor Reid proposed that Council tentatively agree to the requests received and incur costs in relation to same with further discussion to take place with Transport NI. Council to also bring forward policy in relation to seasonal planting requests with no further requests being accepted until such a policy is in place.

Councillor Glasgow also referred to vandalism of floral displays and felt that a policy would help to set out responsibility in relation to same.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor Reid's proposal.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To tentatively agree to the requests made by The Girls Brigade (NI) and Tobermore Boys Brigade for seasonal planting displays to mark their respective anniversaries. Council to incur costs for these requests and discuss arrangements with Transport NI.
 - That no further requests are accepted in relation to seasonal planting until a Council policy is in place.

E041/18 Maintenance Activities on Roundabouts and Carriageways within the District

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which advised of the Health and Safety issues relating to the provision of grounds maintenance and other Council services frequently undertaken on dual carriageways, rural and trunk roads (including roundabouts) in the Council area. The report put forward recommendations to ensure compliance with these requirements for staff and contractors.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he couldn't recall Tamnamore Roundabout being removed from the Grounds Maintenance Delivery Outcome Standards but felt that as it was a gateway to Mid Ulster the decision needed to be reconsidered.

The Head of Property Services advised that Tamnamore was below the threshold for where maintenance would take place.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley suggested that a report be brought back to committee in relation to including Tamnamore Roundabout to the Grounds Maintenance Delivery Outcome Standards.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To continue maintaining the areas detailed in the report to the same standard as the 17/18 season through a third party contractor to

manage safety compliance at an approximate cost of £6,772, subject to a cost saving in another area.

- To bring report back to committee regarding including Tamnamore Roundabout to Council's Grounds Maintenance Delivery Outcome Standards.
- To approve to enter into discussions with Transport NI to more fully consider maintenance responsibilities associated with the installation of the Public Art Gateway feature at Castledawson roundabout.

E042/18 Off Street Car Park Winter Maintenance

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which considered treatment of Off Street Car Parks in Mid Ulster District following heavy snowfall or prolonged freezing.

Councillor Reid left the meeting at 8.10 pm during presentation of the above report.

Councillor McNamee referred to problems in car parks before Christmas in which people could not park due to the condition of same. The Councillor felt there was merit in Council extending their agreement with Transport NI and that further to this grit bins could be provided in car parks. Councillor McNamee proposed that report on Winter Maintenance Policy be brought back to September Environment Committee prior to winter season.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the most critical time in relation to snow/ice clearance was first thing in the morning to make car parks passable and felt that staff could be redeployed for this task. The Councillor also referred to his request that a revised map be brought in relation to including entrance to Perry Street car park within schedule for footpath snow/ice clearance.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the revised map was on Council website. The Director also urged caution in that if Council has a policy in place it needs to be applied consistently not just at one time of the day.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Burton referred to car parks at Castledawson, Clogher and Fivemiletown remaining untreated and asked if there had been rural proofing in that regard.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the report highlights that as a winter maintenance service is not provided to all car parks there could be issues with the Rural Needs Act. The Director advised that any policy being brought forward would have to be Equality Impact assessed and comply with the Rural Needs Act.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to develop a Winter Maintenance Policy to cover the entire Council Estate (including Off Street Car Parks) with a view to reporting back to the September Environment Committee.

E043/18 Dual Language Signage Survey

The Head of Building Control presented 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.

Councillor McNamee proposed the officer recommendation for the application of Dual Language Nameplates and asked how long it took from approval to get signage erected.

The Head of Building Control advised that signage will be erected 6-8 weeks after Council approval.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked what the budget allocation was for Dual Language Signage.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question it was advised that work in relation to Dual Language signage surveys comes from Public Health and Infrastructure budget. Work in relation to installation of signage is from Environment and Property budget.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Dual Language signage does not be erected in order to protect Council budgets.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 3

Against – 8

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 8

Against – 3

The Chair declared Councillor McNamee's proposal carried.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for –

- Central Avenue, Cookstown
- Beltonanean Road, Cookstown
- Willow Close, Dungannon
- Corlea Road, Dungannon
- Orritor Street, Cookstown

E044/18 Dual Language Signage Request

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed to survey the following roads on which a request for Dual Language Signage has been received –

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| • Ballyneil Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Loup Road, Moneymore |
| • Scotts Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Dunronan Road, Magherafelt |
| • Birchwood Park, Loup, Magherafelt | • Rogully Road, Loup, Magherafelt |
| • Ballyriff Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Ballyeglish Road, Loup, Magherafelt |
| • Eglishe Close, Loup, Magherafelt | • Ballygruby Lane, Moneymore |
| • Kilreish, Loup, Magherafelt | • Rock Road, Loup, Moneymore |
| • Ballymaguigan Road, Loup, Magherafelt | • Anneeter Road, Cookstown |

E045/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster as follows –

Site off Favour Royal Road, Augher

Councillor S McGuigan proposed the name Forest Mews as he stated this was the preferred name of the developer.

Councillor Mulligan proposed the name Stonebridge Manor as the site is located close to a stone bridge.

Councillor Burton seconded Councillor Mulligan's proposal.

Councillor S McGuigan withdrew his proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Favour Royal Road, Augher as Stonebridge Manor.

Site off Kilmascully Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Kilmascally Road, Dungannon as Kiltagh Manor.

Site off Ranfurly Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Ranfurly Road, Dungannon as Castle Glen.

Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 8.25 pm

E046/18 Organ Donation

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council response to public consultation on a draft policy for Promoting Organ Donation and Transplantation in Northern Ireland. The report also sought approval for comments on draft document "Promoting Organ Donation: A Local Government Code of Practice".

Councillor Glasgow declared an interest in this item and stated that through his work he had seen the benefits of organ donation.

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- To submit the proposed response to the Public Consultation Document Promoting Human Organ Donation and Transplantation in Northern Ireland as set out in appendix to report.
- To agree the proposed comment in respect of the Draft Code of Practice "Promoting Organ Donation: A Local Government Code of Practice" as set out in appendix to report.

E047/18 Department for Communities Stakeholder Questionnaire on Safety at Sports Grounds Guidance in Northern Ireland

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought agreement for Council response to the Department for Communities' questionnaire on safety at sports ground guidance.

Councillor B McGuigan asked if Council work with sports grounds was still ongoing.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that visits to sports grounds was ongoing and that officers were providing advice and guidance.

Councillor S McGuigan asked if it was possible that a club would have to operate under two different systems if a new ground was built.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that if a club builds a new ground then it would be assessed under new guidance.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to support the adoption of the revised SGSA Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds in Northern Ireland and forward response to the Department for Communities consultation as set out in appendix to report.

E048/18 Guide to the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland: Guidance for Local Government – Consultation

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought agreement for Council response to Department for Communities consultation on “Guide to the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland: Guidance for Local Government.”

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to forward response to consultation on “Guide to the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in Northern Ireland: Guidance for Local Government as set out in appendix to report.

E049/18 Mid Ulster Bonfires – Update Report

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update on the work of Council’s Bonfire Working Group and made recommendations to address public safety concerns with regards to Bonfires held on Council property in the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor Burton proposed option 2 within the report as she believed engagement was key and that local solutions were needed for local issues.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Burton’s proposal.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the key objectives of the Bonfire Working Group and proposed that good relations also be included as a key objective. Councillor B McGuigan further referred to the special meeting held in August 2017 and the recommendations arising from this meeting, the Councillor proposed that reference to waiting until the findings of the Flags and Emblems Committee have been made known should be removed. Councillor B McGuigan proposed that the Bonfire Working Group still continue to meet and further proposed options 2, 3 and 4 as set out in the report as he did not feel option 2 was enough on its own. Councillor B McGuigan also proposed the establishment of an Inter Agency Bonfire Management Group.

Councillor McNamee seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposals stating that options 3 and 4 were also important.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that there was no difficulty in including good relations as a key objective of the working group. In relation to proposal to remove reference to Flags and Emblems Committee, the Director advised that this formed part of a resolution which had been ratified by Council and as such could not be amended at this point.

Councillor B McGuigan understood the comments of the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure but felt that the working group should not be held back due to a lack of progress by the Flags and Emblems Committee.

Councillor McFlynn stated she had sat on the working group and expressed the need for options and a strategy for the future.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he agreed with Councillor Burton and referred to bonfire at Eastvale Avenue in which NI Housing Executive have worked with the community. The Councillor stated that this bonfire is probably located the closest to residential property and through work with the Fire Brigade no damage has been caused to windows of property.

With regard to bonfire at Killymerron Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Council had been contacted in relation to the removal of tyres. The Councillor advised that those responsible for building the bonfire have consulted with local residents and proposed steps which will prevent any future damage to property. The Councillor advised that the height of the bonfire will be reduced and fencing would be erected to help secure the site, contact has also been made with Police and Fire Brigade. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that this was a major step forward which needed to be treated with respect as to step in at this stage could do harm.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he did not sit on the working group but he had received feedback from Police and NI Housing Executive who were frustrated by how they were treated by the working group.

Councillor S McGuigan left the meeting at 9.03 pm.

Councillor Glasgow proposed option 3 as he felt working with community representatives to implement solutions had more appeal.

Councillor Buchanan stated that the number of complaints received in relation to Killymoon bonfire are reducing, he advised that those responsible for building of this bonfire were happy to have no tyres on it and that its height would be reduced. Materials would only be collected 1 week prior to the lighting of the bonfire. Councillor Buchanan stated that this stage had not been got to before and should be welcomed.

Councillor Kearney felt there was little option but to go with a combination of options as set out in report.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised Council continued to work closely with all the statutory agencies on this matter.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that there had been no restriction put on the input of statutory agencies.

Councillor Burton stated that as work was ongoing at the moment with bonfire organisers she implored Members to give one more chance and again proposed option 2 as options 3 and 4 would cause a setback.

As there was no seconder for Councillor Glasgow's proposal Members voted on Councillor B McGuigan's proposal –

For – 7

Against – 4

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if adding to the key objectives of the working group was a change in policy.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the working group objectives could be amended if that was agreed by Committee.

Members voted on Councillor Burton's proposal –

For – 4

Against – 7

The Chair declared Councillor B McGuigan's proposal carried.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- That a combination of options 2, 3 and 4 as set out in the report would be most effective (with a focus on options 3 and 4) in addressing the primary issues over forthcoming months.
- That an Inter Agency Bonfire Management Group be established which is linked with the Policing and Community Safety Partnership to assist with practical implementation.
- That the Bonfire Working Group continue to meet and that good relations be added to the key objectives of the working group.

E050/18 Bus Shelters

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the progress of bus shelter applications at various locations throughout the District following scheduled meeting with Department for Infrastructure Roads.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley stated that the process in relation to bus shelters was complicated and he shared the frustrations of Members.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that it was alarming to see the additional costs against bus shelters, he stated that some have been waiting for so long he questioned whether they were still needed.

The Chair felt that a lot of work had been done on getting bus shelters to this stage and that, if anything, the number of bus shelters probably needed to be increased.

The Head of Technical Services advised that he had data which provided the numbers being lifted at each bus stop, he stated that whilst there may be some variation in numbers all were well above the minimum number required.

In response to Councillor B McGuigan's question the Head of Technical Services advised that there appeared to be no additional cost related to Tirkane Road, Maghera as it was probably within the £2.5k standard provision cost.

Councillor Burton referred to previous discussions in relation to bus shelter provision at Tullybleey Road, Aughnacoy. The Councillor stated that this bus shelter was not included within the list on the report and asked that this be investigated.

In response to Councillor M Quinn's questions the Head of Technical Services advised that costs outlined in report were calculated by officers. The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that if the required number of passengers are being lifted from a designated bus stop then Council can erect a bus shelter within the legislation and associated guidance.

Councillor M Quinn referred to dangerous situation at Killeen Crossroads, he expressed his frustration at the process of putting a bus shelter in place and stated that if there was an accident at this location he did not want blame coming back to Council.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Council should proceed in accordance with the guidance laid down for this purpose.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To review each of the sites identified at section 3.1 of the report against the Bus Stop Design Guide criteria for installation of Bus Shelters at 'existing bus stops' and check for compliance with these requirements.
If the current bus stop site is no longer suitable and a new bus stop has to be identified . Further meetings to be arranged with DfI Roads/Translink to determine when they plan to carry out the necessary infrastructure work required to facilitate the new bus stop arrangements and enable a bus shelter provision by Council.

Matters for Information

E051/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Monday 4 December 2017

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Monday 4 December 2017.

Councillor Burton referred to discussion at this meeting in relation to condition of Legaroe Road, Ballygawley. The Councillor commented that Knockmany Road, Augher was also now in a terrible state and expressed the need to write to Roads Service in relation to these roads with a view to having them repaired.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the Councillor's concerns could be passed to DfI Roads / relevant Utility and request that they liaise with the Member on these issues.

E052/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

E053/18 Tullyvar Joint Committee Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the business of Tullyvar Joint Committee.

E054/18 Refuse Collection Route Optimisation Project Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the changes to refuse collection arrangements in the Magherafelt area.

E055/18 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E056/18 Building Control Workload

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

E057/18 Fire Safety in Housing Executive Tower Blocks

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail of the findings of a report on Fire Safety in Housing Executive Tower Blocks.

E058/18 The Food Standards Agency's Consultation on The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the Food Standards Agency's Consultation on Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018.

E059/18 Food Standards Agency Audit

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of a recent Food Standards Agency audit on Mid Ulster District Council's Organisation and Management systems for the delivery of Official Controls with respect to Food Control.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn
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 items E060/18 to E067/18.

Matters for Decision

- E060/18 Outline Business Case: Crematorium: Joint Council Working
- E061/18 Replacement cardboard baler for Cookstown Recycling Centre
- E062/18 Public Artpiece – Castledawson Roundabout – Capital Project
- E063/18 Davagh Interpretive Scheme – Capital Project
- E064/18 Tender Report – Residual Waste Tender

Matters for Information

- E065/18 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2018
- E066/18 Off Street Car Parking; Quarter 3 2017/2018
- E067/18 Capital Projects Update

E068/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.55 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____