

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE OF
DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2003 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES CIRCULAR ROAD
DUNGANNON**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Hamilton (Chairman)

Councillors Badger, Burton, Canning, Cuddy,
Donnelly, Gildernew, Gillespie, Irwin,
McGonnell, McGuigan, McIlwrath, Monteith,
Mulligan

OFFICERS PRESENT: Messrs Beattie, Brachi, Burke, Ferguson, Gillis,
McClelland and Miss Thompson

APOLOGIES: Councillors Cavanagh, Daly and Mr McMinn

The meeting started at 7.30 pm.

1 BUILDING CONTROL

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

1.1 Refusals

The Director of Building Control advised that as further information required had not been received he recommended refusal of the following applications:

C/789/02 Mr B Girvan
C/40/03 Powerscreen Ltd

1.2 Unapproved Development

The Director of Building Control requested that the following be removed from report as plans had now been submitted:

Mrs D Conlon Alterations at 16 Lisnawery Road, Augher

1.3 Postal Naming

The Director of Building Control advised of notification which had been received regarding suggested postal naming for development in Moy, the suggested name being Dobson's Court. He further reminded members of the policy which Council had adopted not to allow names to be used in postal naming.

It was requested that consideration be given to Dobson's Court given the history of the name in Moy. Other members felt that if this was done a precedent would then be set for future postal naming.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the Director of Building Control inform the architect of Council Policy, that more information be provided to members on the Policy with an option of reviewing it.

1.4 Townland Names

The Director advised that a response had been received from Mr Nigel Hamilton, Head of Civil Service, regarding the above.

Although a direct answer was not received, the Director of Building Control felt it was not unreasonable to assume that townland names will be used by his Department.

Concern being expressed;

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the Director of Building Control research how other areas can erect townland signage and report back.

1.5 Petroleum Training Course

The Director requested permission for three of his officers to attend the above training course on 22-23 May 2003 at a cost of £275 per delegate.

Proposed by Councillor Irwin
Seconded by Councillor Canning and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that three officers attend the training course.

1.6 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor McIlwrath
Seconded by Councillor Badger and

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

(Mr McClelland left the meeting at 7.47 pm)

2 CHANGE TO ORDER OF AGENDA

Resolved That item 5, the report of the Director of Technical Services be taken next.

3 TECHNICAL SERVICES

The report (appendix 2) of the Director of Technical Services was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

3.1 Storage Container

The Client Support Officer requested permission to purchase a suitably designed portable storage container for the storage of such materials as paints and thinners in order to comply with Insurer's recommendations.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to purchase suitable storage container.

3.2 Affiliation Fee – NI Amenity Council

The Client Support Officer advised of annual affiliation fee of £750 to be paid to NI Amenity Council for the Best Kept Awards.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that payment be made.

3.3 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Canning
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

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

(Mr Ferguson left the meeting at 7.55 pm)

4 PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL'S EMERGENCY PLAN

The Director of Environmental Health made presentation on Council's Emergency Plan, the main points being:

- Reasons for an Emergency Plan
- Aim of Council's Emergency Plan
- What constitutes a major emergency
- The structure of the Emergency Plan

The Chief Executive thanked the Director of Environmental Health, the environmental health department, Southern Group and his own PA for the vast amount of work which had gone into producing the Council's Emergency Plan and also highlighted the importance of having it in place.

In response to a query regarding the circulation of the plan members were advised that it was a controlled document as some of the information contained in it was of a confidential nature (such as phone numbers), however they were welcome to view it and consideration would be given to providing members with an executive summary of the plan.

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to adopt the Emergency Plan.

5 LOCAL AGENDA 21

The report (appendix 3) of the Local Agenda 21 Co-Ordinator was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

5.1 South Tyrone Food Links Programme

The Food Links Project Manager advised of meeting which had been held with DARD representatives regarding the future of the Food Links Project. At the meeting the structure and facilities that East Tyrone Rural (ETR) would offer were outlined.

Aid would be made available to properly constituted groups and it was suggested that the farmers currently attending the Food Links Markets would be an ideal core for such a group. Members of a board would be drawn from the current producers from both Dungannon and Cookstown Boroughs, Councillors from both Cookstown and Dungannon, together with representation from DARD and other organisations (ie. Flavour of Tyrone, Health Action Zone etc). This organisation would work through ETR via the consultant appointed to manage it, and the stalls being administered by Cookstown Enterprise Centre would be transferred to the new farmer's organisation. The organisation will include producers from both Council areas, will organise all farmers markets in the ETR area and will access funding for approved aid from the ETR organisation.

The farmer's organisation will not be managed directly by ETR but via a consultant specifically employed for that purpose.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to transfer management of the Food Links Project as illustrated above.

5.2 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Irwin
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the Local Agenda 21 Co-Ordinator be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The report (appendix 4) of the Director of Environmental Health was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

6.1 Housing – Ballygawley Road Estate

The Director advised of the serious dilapidation of 2 derelict properties at Braeside, Dungannon. These properties were purchased many years ago under the Housing Executive 'Homesteading Scheme'.

The Director advised that previous notices have been served on the owner and at that time litter and other deposits were removed from the properties. He further advised that the NI Housing Executive has powers to repossess or use vesting powers to address the issue, however in the interim he recommended that formal notice be served under Article 66 Pollution Control and Local Government Order 1978.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that formal notice be served on the owner of these properties. Director of Environmental Health to write to NI Housing Executive.

6.2 PSI Report on Travellers/Race Equality Strategy Consultation Document

Proposed by Councillor Canning
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that it supports the LGP response paper and advises the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, Mr Des Browne MP accordingly.

(Councillor McGonnell left the meeting at 9.07 pm)

6.3 Street Trading

Award of Licences and Level of Street Trading Licence Fees

Proposed by Councillor Badger
Seconded by Councillor Irwin and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Licences be awarded and fees imposed as per report.

(Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 9.18 pm)

(Councillor McIlwrath left the meeting at 9.19 pm)

(Councillor Burton and Chief Executive left the meeting at 9.20 pm)

Designation of Market Square

Although members were happy to designate Market Square as a trading area there were concerns over what items should be sold and it was felt that consistency was required in line with other areas which have been designated ie. Ann Street.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to designate Market Square subject to further consultation with town Councillors. This item also to be discussed at future meeting of Policy and Performance Monitoring Committee.

(Councillor Canning left the meeting at 9.37 pm)

6.4 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Badger
Seconded by Councillor Donnelly and

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

7 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.55 pm.