

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE OF  
DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR  
ROAD, DUNGANNON**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Cavanagh (Chair)

Councillors F Burton (7.53 pm), R Burton (7.40 pm), Daly, Gillespie, Greenaway, O'Neill (7.33 pm), Reid (7.40 pm)

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** A Burke, Director of Environmental Health (DEH)  
J Eagleson, Recycling Officer (RO)  
I Frazer, Acting Chief Executive (ACE)  
J McClelland, Director of Building Control (DBC)  
B McMinn, Director of Technical Services (DTS)  
L Marshall (Secretariat)  
Y Zellmann, Agenda 21 Co-Ordinator (A21)

**OTHERS:** Councillor Molloy (7.31 pm)

**APOLOGY:** Councillor McGuigan

The meeting started at 7.30 pm

**1 CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON NORTHLAND ROW**

ACE referred to reports previously circulated relating to the condition of 24 Northland Row, Dungannon, currently used as office space to accommodate the Human Resources department.

Various technical reports have identified that the building is in need of major repair. However, in order to retain the building as fit for purpose for the next 3-5 years remedial repairs have been estimated to cost approximately 20k. Other options for consideration include doing nothing, disposal and demolition or extension.

Members felt that the best option to ensure the continued use of the building is to make immediate remedial repairs (option 2 as listed in report).

DBC advised that 35% funding from NIEA is available for repairs to listed buildings.

Proposed by Councillor Daly  
Seconded by Councillor Greenaway and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to approve option 2 as per report – to make remedial repairs to 24 Northland Row which will cost approximately £20,000. Access to funding to also be explored.

(I Frazer left the meeting at 7.38 pm)

## **2 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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

### **2.1 Welfare of Animals Bill**

DEH and Member updated meeting on the above Bill which is currently progressing through the Assembly.

Members were advised that the Bill is still going through however further consultation is to take place with all Councils on the Bill particularly in relation to the significant resource and financial implications which are being set to be imposed. Costs to Council will be deferred until after consultation has taken place.

### **2.2 Illegal Waste**

DEH advised that Council has written to Minister seeking meeting. Representatives from Council, PSNI, Customs and NIEA should be present at this meeting.

Council has also written to criminal justice department of the Assembly with regard to assets recovery to provide financial support for cleanup. An application for funding has been made via DPP.

It is hoped that a response to both of the above will be available for next meeting.

Member proposed –

That if situation is not resolved by 1 February 2011 that Council should, when setting rate, make monetary provision for clean up at Derrycorr/Derryhubbert.

Members felt all other avenues must be fully exploited and that the above proposal would be challenged by the Auditor as Council has no statutory powers in relation to any cleanup.

Members also spoke with regard to minutes of recent CPLC meeting and that the content of these minutes are a slight on Council.

Member felt that copy of CPLC minutes should be sent to Minister.

(Councillor R Burton left the meeting at 8.10 pm)

### **2.3 Adoption of Report**

**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.

## **3 AGENDA 21**

The report (appendix 2) of the Agenda 21 Co-ordinator was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

### **3.1 Practical Environmental Project with Health Trust and Alliance Youth Works**

As per report A21 Co-Ordinator advised on the conservation project taking place in Dungannon Park. The project involves around 10-12 adults with learning disabilities who are under the guidance of horticultural staff from the Health Trust and a conservation worker from Alliance Youth Works to undertake some practical work once a week.

Member commended this marvellous project which allows participants to learn new skills and experience practical environmental work.

### **3.2 Coalisland Allotment Scheme**

Member advised that funding has been made available to start the above scheme but referred to difficulties in relation to lease of land to accommodate the allotments from Housing Executive. Member questioned why Council cannot takeover lease of land stating that Housing Executive prefer to handover to another statutory body.

A21 Co-Ordinator advised that in previous months Council decided to offer practical support to groups wishing to start up an allotments scheme and can assist in the negotiation of land transfer but it was felt that in order for an allotment project to be a success then community ownership is needed.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council to facilitate meeting with Housing Executive to discuss land transfer to community groups and investigate what other mechanisms are available.

(Councillor F Burton left the meeting at 8.21 pm)

### **3.3 Goose – Ballysaggart Lough**

Member questioned Council's capabilities in dealing with the recent situation at Ballysaggart Lough, highlighting the welfare issues and in particular the length of time taken to catch the goose.

### **3.4 Arbor Week**

As per report A21 Co-Ordinator highlighted programme of tree planting events and advised that there has been a good response from schools wishing to take part in this years Arbor Week.

Due to the closure of Benburb Primary School, Members suggested that A21 Co-Ordinator contact Blackwater Primary School to invite pupils to event at Benburb Playing Field. Although this school is not within the Borough, pupils attending are largely from the Benburb area.

### **3.5 Adoption of Report**

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill  
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

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

(Y Zellmann left the meeting at 8.30 pm)

## **4 TECHNICAL SERVICES**

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

### **4.1 Extension to Brown Bin Scheme**

DTS advised as per report on the extension of the brown bin scheme – 1000 additional brown bins will be distributed to dwellings within the 40mph speed limit of towns, villages and hamlets throughout the Borough.

Member felt that every dwelling in the Borough is entitled to a brown bin and that Council should not be classing one area above another.

DTS stated that further funding opportunities may arise in the future to enable the provision of further bins, if not, Members may consider making monies available in budget for a further rollout.

## **4.2 Vandalism**

DTS reported no incidents of vandalism to Council maintained property in the past month.

Members felt that press should be informed of this.

## **4.3 Blue Bin Recycling**

RO provided Members with refresher as to what can go into a blue bin, at present this includes –

- All paper and card
- Tins
- Plastic Bottles

RO advised that at present yogurt pots, butter tubs and meat trays cannot go for recycling although a new tender in April should include taking these lesser plastics.

To address the public's confusion as to what can and can't go into a blue bin RO advised that £2,500 funding has been secured for communications, these monies could be used to inform the public as to what to put into their blue bin through advertisement, leaflet or a preferred option of a sticker being put on the bin for easy reference.

## **4.4 Adoption of Report**

Proposed by Councillor Daly  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie 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.

(J Hamilton left the meeting at 8.48 pm)

## **5 TULLYVAR UPDATE**

Members were updated on Tullyvar as per report of Director of Technical Services (appendix 3).

## **6 BUILDING CONTROL**

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

## **6.1 Refusals**

The Director of Building Control advised that as further information required had not been received he recommended refusal of the applications as listed on appendix 5.

## **6.2 Unfinished Housing Developments**

Member referred to problems being experienced by home owners in unfinished housing developments in relation to water and sewerage connections and enquired if Building Control has any role to play in moving this situation forward. Member advised that the bank now owns the development.

DBC stated that there is nothing Building control can do but felt that as the bank is now in ownership of the development they may appoint a contractor to complete such works.

## **6.3 Adoption of Report**

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie  
Seconded by Councillor Reid 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.

## **7 DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 8.55 pm.

MAYOR\_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF EXECUTIVE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acting)