

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 25 May 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Wilson, Chair

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan (7.03pm), McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels and Totten

Officers in Attendance: Mr Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C96/17 Apologies

None

C97/17 Declarations of Interest

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

C98/17 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Wilson read the undernoted statement on behalf of both himself and the Ulster Unionist Party in relation to the terror attack on Manchester;

"I extend our condolences and our support to the families of the victims and to those injured in the Manchester terror attack. Especially to the family and friends of Tommy McCollum, a native of Cookstown who was caught up in the bomb. He was there to collect his daughter and suffered abdominal injuries which required surgery. I wish Tommy a speedy recovery.

It was truly shocking to learn of the attack that killed 22 people, including children, who had been out enjoying a concert. The attack on Monday evening was barbaric. Seeking out the softest of targets – children. Targeting those who had set out on Monday evening to simply enjoy a pop concert is breathtakingly wicked. It has been deeply moving to hear the accounts of the survivors and of those who rushed to help. Taxi drivers who helped those who needed to go to hospital or get home, residents who offered up their own homes to those concert goers left stranded. Even in their darkest hour, the humanity of the people of Manchester shone through.

The people of Northern Ireland know only too well the effect terrorism has on communities and on individuals. We stand in solidarity with the people of Manchester in these darkest of times and we support them in facing down those who seek to bring terror on the population. Those who seek to destroy our way of life need to know they will not succeed. We must always condemn and resist terrorism. We must not allow our people to be frightened or allow perpetrators to succeed in changing the way we live.

It is clear from the reaction of the people of Manchester that they are a people who will not be broken. I hope their strength will hold firm in the difficult days ahead. They have borne the brunt of terrorism before after an IRA bomb in 1996 caused devastation. I know they will show the same resilience in recovering from this attack.

I cannot imagine the pain those bereaved families are going through at this time. I can only hope they will be able to draw some comfort and support from the huge outpouring of public support.

These are truly dreadful times for the community of Manchester. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all through the difficult days ahead.”

Councillor Mallaghan entered the meeting at 7.03pm

Matters for Decision

C99/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 (P043/17 – P047/17 and P053/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered as accurate and adopted.

Councillor Doris entered the meeting at 7.03pm

C100/17 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to item C73/17 regarding St Anne’s Church Clock, Dungannon advising that there was great public interest following the news story last month that Council were investigating how it could assist. Councillor Cuthbertson recalled that the legacy Council had fixed the Church clock on a number of occasions and sought an update on progress.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that Officers had researched and collated legacy minutes as far back as 1996 which made reference to the Church clock. He stated that at present Council was not in a position to make a recommendation and was currently considering the rationale on previous investment, how assistance could be provided being mindful of setting precedents that Council could stand over and legally varies to implement Councils decision. He acknowledged the Environment and Property department were endeavouring to progress the matter and it was hoped a report would be presented in the near future.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 27 April 2017(C71/17 – C84/17 and C95/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C101/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That the

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017 (P054/17 – P062/17 and P069/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C102/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 May 2017

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 May 2017 (PR081/17 –

PR092/17 and PR100/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C103/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 May 2017

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 (E114/17 – E137/17 and E142/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C104/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee held on Thursday 11 May 2017

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 11 May 2017 (D095/17– D0113/17 and D118/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C105/17 Conferences and Seminars

Approval was sought for the undernoted conferences for the attendance of Members and Council officers outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred. The Head of Democratic Services drew Members attention to the Somme Association Messines Battlefield Tour and advised that the invitation received from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland was for a single event as detailed but Members attending the Somme Association tour may wish to represent Council at the aforementioned event.

(i) Member Approvals

- **Somme Association Messines Battlefield Tour 2017**
 - Tuesday 6 June to Friday 9 June 2017
- **Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland - Battle of Messines Ridge: Centenary Event**
 - Wednesday 7 June 2017, Messines
- **Greystones La Touche Legacy Seminar – Creating a New State**
 - Launch Monday 29 May 2017, conference Friday 29 September to Saturday 30 September 2017 Greystones Golf Club, Greystones

(ii) Officer Retrospective Approval

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fees
Jaipur Literary Festival	20-21 May	1	London	yes

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 and officers.

C106/17 Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition

The Chair, Councillor Wilson referenced the previously circulated report and sought approval for civic recognition requests for those groups and individuals listed in line with council Receptions Policy.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised he had nominated Cookstown Hockey Club and Rainey Hockey Club as detailed in the report and sought approval for the Rainey Under 15s to be included if they won the forthcoming Ulster Cup, scheduled to be played in the coming weeks.

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

Resolved That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition including the Rainey Hockey Club Under 15s should they win the Ulster Cup scheduled to be played in the coming weeks.

Councillor Mullen left the meeting at 7.10pm

The Chief Executive tabled a letter received on 24 May 2017 from the Tyrone Committee of the Super Cup NI requesting that Council host the launch of the Tyrone Junior and Premier teams early in July. He advised that Derry and Strabane had hosted the launch last year and like the former Milk Cup this would rotate between Councils. Councillor Cuddy suggested that Officers explore hosting the event in Dungannon Swifts Football Club as it was the only Premier team in the District and the location had been used for a similar event by the legacy Council.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That Council host a Chair's reception for the launch of the Tyrone teams participating in the Super Cup NI tournament.

C107/17 Invitation to attend Irish Government Seanad Special Select Committee on UK withdrawal from EU: Wednesday 7 June 2017

The Chair, Councillor Wilson drew attention to the previously circulated report inviting Council representation at the Irish Government Seanad Special Select Committee on the UK withdrawal from EU scheduled to take place on Wednesday 7 June 2017.

In response to Councillor McPeake's suggestion that the Chief Executive attend with one Member the Chief Executive advised that it was his intention to attend but the invitation would permit both himself and two Members. As per protocol it was suggested that the Chair and Deputy Chair attend and if they are unavailable subsequent committee Chairs be requested to attend. Councillor McPeake requested that the process to confirm attendees be embarked upon as soon as possible given that the invitation is for 7 June.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That Council accept the Invitation to attend Irish Government Seanad Special Select Committee on the UK withdrawal from EU on Wednesday 7 June 2017.

Councillor Mullen returned to the meeting at 7.14pm

Matters for Information

C108/17 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

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

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in the 'Restatement of the Area of Natural Constraint Scheme'

C109/17 Correspondence

The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted.

Councillor Clarke drew attention to the letter received from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council seeking support for their motion on the 'Restatement of the Area of Natural Constraint Scheme.' He stated that given the effect the removal of the scheme had on farms Council should bring same motion. The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised that a motion would have to be brought to Council next month and sought clarity on Councillor Clarke's request. Councillor McPeake suggested Council support the motion as requested to write to Party Political Leaders, Farming Unions (UFU, NIAPA), NILGA and the Secretary of State advising that the Council support the motion moved by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council to reinstate the scheme to at least 2016 levels.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That Council writes to Party Political Leaders, Farming Unions (UFU, NIAPA), NILGA and the Secretary of State advising that they support the motion to reinstate the ANC scheme to at least 2016 levels.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved: That items C110/17 – C114.1/17 be taken as confidential business.

- (i) Minutes taken as confidential business at Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2017
- (ii) Minutes taken as confidential business at Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 May 2017
- (iii) Minutes taken as confidential business at Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 4 May 2017
- (iv) Minutes taken as confidential business at Environment Committee held on Tuesday 9 May 2017
- (v) Minutes taken as confidential business at Development Committee held on Thursday 11 May 2017
- (vi) Greenvale Leisure Centre Management Contract Review

The press left the meeting at 7.17pm

C115/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.50pm

CHAIR _____

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