

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 23 July 2015 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Dillon, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Burton, Clarke ,
Cuthbertson, Dillon, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Glasgow,
Kearney, McAleer, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S
McGuigan, McLean, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen
(7.03pm), Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Robinson,
G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mrs Canavan, Lead HR Officer
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mrs Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

C130/15 Apologies

Councillors Buchanan, Mallaghan, McEldowney, McNamee, C O'Neill, Reid and J Shiels

C131/15 Declarations of Interest

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

Matters for Decision

C132/15 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at Council meeting held on Thursday 25 June 2015

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 25 June 2015 (C107/15 – C120/15 and C129/15), transacted in "Open Business" having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C133/15 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at Special Council meeting held on Thursday 2 July 2015

Councillor Burton stated that on further consideration of the Transport NI annual report it was listed that resurfacing of the footway at Castle Grove, Castlecaulfield was complete but this was not the case as the footpath outside numbers 13-19 Castle Grove had not been resurfaced. Continuing, Councillor Burton stated that the surface was uneven and a hazard for those using it noting that the pathway was the main route for walkers going to the castle. She added that local residents were unhappy that this stretch of the pathway had not been included within resurfacing works.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That Council write to Transport NI requesting that resurfacing of the footway adjacent to 13-19 Castle Grove, Castlecaulfield be completed.

Councillor T Quinn requested that his comment on page three of the minute be amended to read £500k

Attendance list to be amended to include Councillors Burton, Glasgow, McKinney, McPeake, Mulligan and Totten

Proposed by B McGuigan
Proposed by T Quinn and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Special Council held on Thursday 2 July 2015 (SC1/15 – SC5/15), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered, subject to the foregoing, signed as accurate and correct

C134/15 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 6 July 2015

Councillor McGinley referred to E118/15 stating that shortly after the meeting date the carcass of a horse had been dumped in Ardboe and thanked the Head of Environmental Health and her team for promptly dealing with the matter. Councillor Mulligan expressed his thanks for issues addressed promptly by the Head of Property Services following the meeting of same.

Councillor T Quinn requested that signage at the roundabout in Cookstown be updated to reflect the Best Kept Town Award 2015. He also advised that a Cookstown business owner had contacted him to state how impressed he was with the clean-up service in Cookstown town centre following the recent continental market and also praised the Council and the Cookstown Town Centre Manager, Mary McCullough on their efforts.

Councillor McGinley referred to the updating of signs in Cookstown stating that the matter had been discussed at the Environment Committee, where Councillor Cuddy had also requested updating signs in Dungannon and that his understanding was that signage updates had been deferred for both towns.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure confirmed that the matter had been discussed at the Environment Committee and it had been decided to wait until policies were agreed which would provide guidance for same. Councillor T Quinn stated that he understood the point but emphasised that his request was to update the current signage by adding an additional date.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was his understanding that the Best Kept Large Town Certificate would be displayed in the Council Offices at Cookstown and that it would be a short time scale for updating of existing signs. Councillor T Quinn stated that the public would quickly bring the updating of the signage to the council's attention but was happy that the certificate would be displayed at the Council offices.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor J O'Neill and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 6 July 2015, (E107/15 – E125/15 and E134/15), transacted in "Open Business", having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C135/15 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2015**

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Bell

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2015 (P74/15 – P79/15 and P81/15 – P82/15) transacted in "Open Business", having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

Councillor Bell referred to technical problems with ICT and internet access incurred at the planning committee meeting and requested that an ICT technician be present at future meetings. Councillor Glasgow concurred and stated that he had been unable to access the internet to access reports. Councillor Clarke emphasised that due to technical problems Councillors had been unable to view maps and drawings tabled at the committee.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That a member of staff from ICT be present at future planning committee meetings

C136/15 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2015**

Councillor T Quinn referred to Mid Ulster Hidden Heritage Events and advised that on a recent radio programme the enthusiasm, passion and professionalism of staff members Mary McKeown and Ann Patterson when discussing events were wonderful for promoting the Council products.

Proposed by Councillor T Quinn
Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2015, (D122/15 – D144/15 and D148/15) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C137/15 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2015

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2015, (PR105/15 – PR111/15 and P120/15) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C138/15 Conferences and Seminars

The Head of Democratic Services referred to details of the undernoted conferences and sought approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) 27th La Touche Legacy Seminar: Reflections on Great War & Easter Rising 1916, Greystones Golf Club, Greystones, Co Wicklow 25th September – 27th September.
- (ii) Planning Reform in Northern Ireland: Progress, Priorities & Next Steps, Belfast, Tuesday 1 December 9am – 1pm,

Councillor McAleer to attend.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That the attendance of Members and officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required

Matter for Information

C139/15 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster Council

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

In response to a query from Councillor S McGuigan the Chief Executive informed the meeting that Members should advise if they wish a corporate response to be made to any consultation as listed within the report, thus Council decides if it wishes to respond.

Resolved That the consultations contained within the previously circulated report be noted

Confidential Business

Resolved That items C140/15 to C146/15 be taken as confidential business.

The press left the meeting at 7.20pm

C147/15 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.45pm.

CHAIR _____

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