

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICE DELIVERY COMMITTEE
OF DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2013 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD,
DUNGANNON**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Gillespie (Chair)
- Councillors Ashton, Brush, F Burton, R Burton, Cavanagh, Daly, Donnelly, Gildernew, McGonnell, McGuigan, McLarnon, Mulligan, Quinn, Reid (7.54 pm), Robinson
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** M Edgar, Biodiversity Officer (BO)
R Gillis, Senior Licensing Officer (SLO)
T Law, Waste Operations Manager (WOM)
R Lowry, Building Services Manager (BSM)
F McClements, Acting Director of Environmental Services (ADES)
J McClelland, Director of Building Services (DBS)
L Thompson (Secretariat)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Ian Humphreys, Chief Executive, Tidy Northern Ireland

The meeting started at 7.30 pm

1 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to any declaration of conflict of interest.

2 TIDY NORTHERN IRELAND – CIVIC PRIDE PROGRAMME

Mr Humphreys updated Members on the progress of launching a Civic Pride Programme across Northern Ireland.

Mr Humphreys advised that Tidy NI is finalising its business case with a commitment coming from the Minister for the Environment in getting the Civic Pride Programme off the ground. Discussions are also ongoing with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board to determine their possible involvement in the programme.

Mr Humphreys advised that DoE will commit funding of £130,000 per year for three years but that this funding will need to be matched by participating Councils.

Mr Humphreys advised that he felt the Civic Pride Programme will deliver benefits over and above those gained through current individual Council spend on education and campaigning and even if current spend is only displaced there will be the additional benefit to all those involved through creating a consistent approach to reducing litter across Northern Ireland.

In response to Members questions, Mr Humphreys advised that Council's required match funding is worked out by population of each Council area, 50% of the funding will then come back to each Council with the other half contributing towards television/radio advertisements etc.

Mr Humphreys was thanked for his update following which he left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

3 BUILDING SERVICES

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

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3.1 Building Control Computer Software

DBS advised Members of proposed change to Building Control software supplier as per report. Council's current software provider (Northgate) has advised they will no longer provide support for the current programme and have asked Council to move to a new programme at a cost of £7,000 plus support costs of £4,500 per year. There is however another software provider (Tascomi) who are more widely used by other Councils, this software costs £8,600 plus a support cost of £3,650 in year one. DBS advised that he felt the additional £1,600 spend with Tascomi will bring this Council into line with Cookstown and Magherafelt and therefore make all systems in the Mid Ulster Cluster compatible.

Members also enquired as to possibility of being supplied with iPads as numerous other Councils are now using them.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to proceed with changing Building Control software supplier to Tascomi at a cost of £8,600 plus support cost of £3,650 in year one.

3.2 Bus Shelters

DBS advised of two types of bus shelters located throughout the Borough, the green ridged type which are owned and erected by Council and do not permit any advertising and the transparent type,

some of which do display advertising, being owned and maintained by Clearchannel.

DBS advised that he has brought Members concerns regarding the types of advertising on the transparent shelters to the Clearchannel's attention and although they agreed to consider the Council's request they could not give any assurances that alcohol advertising will be removed.

In response to Member's query, DBS advised that Clearchannel work on behalf of DRD to erect shelters and that Council could also raise their concerns with them.

Member also spoke of need for toilets at Ballygawley Park and Ride, DBS agreed to investigate.

Member raised concern at condition of some the Council owned shelters, DBS advised that a maintenance programme is in place.

(Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 7.54 pm)

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3.3 Refusals

DBS advised that as further information required had not been received he recommended refusal of the applications as listed on appendix 2.

3.4 Street Naming

As per report DBS put forward suggested street name for development at Old Omagh Road, Richmond, Ballygawley.

Proposed by Councillor F Burton
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That development at Old Omagh Road, Richmond, Ballygawley be named 'Richmond Hill'.

3.5 Graffiti Removal

As per report DBS summarised findings of policy of other Councils in relation to graffiti removal, in addition DBS advised that Cookstown and Magherafelt Councils both remove graffiti from their own property with Cookstown Council also removing some from private property.

Members felt that, in moving towards RPA, there needs to be a joint policy throughout the three Councils in relation to graffiti removal.

Member also spoke with regard to previous PCSP initiative in which graffiti offenders were tasked with cleaning up graffiti and felt that this type of initiative could be re-established.

DBS advised that he would liaise with PCSP in relation to this matter.

3.6 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Daly
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That the report of the Director of Building Services be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

(R Lowry left the meeting at 8.00 pm)

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Member declared an interest in the following but did not leave the room –

Building Services Report –
Councillor McGonnell – Item B1 – Building Services Approvals – F/2013/0144.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

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5.1 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 – Breach of Closing Order

As per report, SLO advised Members of continued breaches to a Closing Order that is in force in respect of a hot food premises. A number of PSNI statements have also been received in relation to such breaches.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to instruct Council Solicitor to seek an injunction against the proprietor of the hot food premises as a means of preventing the continued breaches to Council's Closing Order.

5.2 Review of Civic Amenity Site Provision

As previously circulated to Members WOM presented report on review of civic amenity site provision throughout the Borough. A summary of the key findings and key recommendations were also presented (appendix 4).

Proposed by Councillor F Burton
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to arrange public meeting in Clogher to discuss with the community and businesses issues regarding current civic amenity site provision and options for the future.

In relation to redevelopment of Drumcoo site, WOM advised that there will be a further round of Rethink Waste funding available next year in which Council can make application. Members felt there may also be other sources of funding to which Council could apply.

Proposed by Councillor Brush
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to prepare a grant application for future round of Rethink Waste funding as the means of progressing the redevelopment of Drumcoo Civic Amenity Site.

(Councillor F Burton left the meeting at 8.27 pm)

5.3 Waste Management

WOM advised of correspondence received from solicitors representing a number of private clients who have expressed concerns in relation to SWaMP2008 Councils committing tonnage to the North West Contract.

In light of this correspondence and legal advice which was sought thereafter WOM recommended that this Council, as part of SWaMP2008, should withdraw their interest in sending waste to the North West Contract.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council, as part of SWaMP2008, withdraw their interest in committing tonnage to the North West Contract.

(Councillor Brush left the meeting at 8.43 pm)

5.4 Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) for the Mid Ulster Council Cluster

ADES presented the above plan, already circulated, for Council approval.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to adopt the Local Biodiversity Action Plan for the Mid Ulster Council Cluster.

(Councillor Cavanagh left the meeting at 9.05 pm)

5.5 Pocket Demonstration Gardens Project

As per report, ADES advised that the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCG) is currently working on a funding application to the Big Lottery's Space and Place Fund for the creation of 11 'pocket' demonstration vegetable gardens in public areas across Northern Ireland. Each garden will comprise of 1-3 raised beds and FCFCG will arrange for the beds to be cared for by 3 local groups, for example, a school, an older person's group or employees of a local business. FCFCG has invited Council to get involved as a partner in the project in finding a suitable location for one of these small gardens in a public park/area within the Borough. The proposed project is to run for 3 years and during that time it is anticipated that the maintenance of the site will be shared between FCFCG, its community partners and Council.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to support the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens project proposal with a letter of intent and to offer Council support in identifying a suitable site for the creation of a pocket garden on Council land.

5.6 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That the report of the Acting Director of Environmental Services be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

6 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.10 pm.

MAYOR _____ CHIEF EXECUTIVE _____