

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a **STATUTORY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 9 May 2006.

Present:	P McGlone, Esq. Chairman
Councillors:	Baker, Cassidy, Clarke, Glasgow MBE, Greer, Lees, McAleer, McCartney, McCrea, McGarvey, McIvor, McNamee Molloy, Quinn and Wilson
Officers:	Clerk/Chief Executive Director of Corporate Services PA To Chief Executive
Other Representatives	Planning Services Ms A McNee, Senior Planning Officer Ms M Walker, Planning Officer

1 MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 11 APRIL 2006

The Minutes of the STATUTORY meeting held on 11 APRIL 2006, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor Clarke.

2 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Mid Ulster Hospital Joint Steering Group Committee

The Chairman referred to the recent press release issued by Magherafelt District Council on behalf of the Joint Steering Group and read the following statement:

'I wish to clarify a number of points around the statement which appeared in some of last week's local media alleging to come from the Joint Steering Group set up to defend the Mid Ulster Hospital:-

The statement itself was weak and poor in its defence of services at the Mid Ulster Hospital and did not represent either the view of the Joint Steering Group or of this Council.

For that reason, when the draft form (the exact form it appeared in some of the papers) was shown to me in both my capacity as a member of the Joint Steering Group and Chairman of the Council I refused to agree the statement instead requesting that a more valuable draft be presented for agreement. I know other members of the Joint Steering Group expressed similar reservations about the significant shortcomings in the statement.

Those views were formally conveyed to Magherafelt District Council with the clear instruction that the statement should not issue in its presented form.

Others, along with myself, were therefore astonished to see such an inadequate statement appear in last week's local press.

I therefore propose that this Council writes to the Chief Executive of Magherafelt District Council to establish how and by whom such a statement was issued to the local press and to clarify that it does not in fact represent the corporate view of Magherafelt District Council and all its members.!

Council AGREED to write to the Chief Executive of Magherafelt District Council.

3 MINUTES OF POLICY RESOURCES SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – 25APRIL 2006

3.1 Matters Considered

Item 2.3 – Housing Development off Dunnamore Road, Cookstown

The Director of Building Control tabled a note on the proposed housing development off Dunnamore Road, Cookstown. The applicant had proposed 'Dunmor Court' which the Policy Resources & Services Committee had recommended that an 'e' be added making it 'Dunmore Court'.

On further consideration by members it was proposed that the name be Dunnamore Court, which Council considered reflected the development's location more appropriately.

3.2 Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the above amendment the Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting held on 25 April 2006, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McNamee and seconded by Councillor McCrea.

4 TOURISM

The Director of Development tabled a paper on the Regional Tourism Partnership/Destination North West Opportunity outlining the various options available to Council over the next 2/3 years prior to the implementation of Review of Public Administration. He further identified investment opportunities which may be available through INTERREG funding.

Council having considered the various options it was AGREED to contribute £12,000 from each Tyrone Council to Destination North West to enable Council to become a full partner in the €2.8 million programme over the next two years.

Council also AGREED that Councillors Clarke, Greer, McGarvey and Molloy be appointed to the Tourism Committee for the next two years.

5 MINUTES OF TOURISM SUB GROUP – 6 APRIL 2006

The Minutes of the TOURISM SUB GROUP meeting held on 6 April 2006, a copy of which was tabled at the meeting, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor Clarke.

6 MINUTES OF TOURISM SUB GROUP – 19 APRIL 2006

The Minutes of the TOURISM SUB GROUP meeting held on 19 April 2006, a copy of which was tabled at the meeting, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor Clarke.

7 MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF MAGHERAFELT AND COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING – 21 APRIL 2006

The Clerk/Chief Executive circulated copies of the above minutes.

7.1 Matters Considered

Attendance

Councillor McCrea stated that he had not been notified of the above meeting.

Councillor Wilson advised the meeting that although he had been officially appointed to this Joint Steering Group he was unable to make the meetings due to the time they were held and that Councillor Glasgow would now be representing his party.

7.2 Adoption of Minutes

Subject to the above amendment the Minutes of the MID USLTER JOINT STEERING GROUP meeting held on 21 April 2006, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Baker.

8 PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 Schedule

Submitted schedule dated 9 May 2006, a copy of which had been previously circulated, showing details of the Department's opinion as to how planning applications within the District should be decided.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Ref No	Applicant	Development
I/05/0748/F	N McReynolds 100m S 62 Ballynargan Road, Stewartstown	Holiday homes

An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Baker, McGlone

I/05/1159/F	McKernan Construction 23/37 Church Street	Domestic units
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Cookstown

An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Cassidy, McNamee, Wilson

I/05/1339/O	T Johnston 190m NE 41 Letteran Road Moneymore	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Glasgow, Lees

II/05/1443/F	G McCloskey 200m N/NE 121 Backlower Road Brocagh	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Baker, McGlone

I/06/0016/F	G Loughran 14 Corrycroar Road Pomeroy	Shed
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Clarke, McGarvey, Molloy

I/06/0028/F	M Devlin Adjacent to 9 Keenaghan Road Rock	Industrial units
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material

planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Clarke, Glasgow, McGarvey, McGlone, Molloy

I/06/0036/F	H Campbell 220 Mountjoy Road Stewartstown	Retention of shed
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, Mclvor

I/06/0053/O	P Bradley 80m SE 59 Knockaleary Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors McGarvey, McGlone, Quinn

I/06/0111/O	J McAleer Rear 1 Gortacladdy Cottages	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillor Clarke

I/06/1065/F	D Conway 328 Drum Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Clarke, McGarvey, McGlone

I/06/0166/F	A Conway	Dwelling
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Adjacent to
328 Drum Road
Cookstown

An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Clarke, McGarvey, McGlone

I/06/0178/O	R Turkington 120m W 42A Knockaleery Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Glasgow, McCrea

I/06/0214/F	F Rafferty 160m W Pomeroy Road Junction	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillors Clarke, McGarvey, McGlone, Molloy

I/06/0241/O	JP Gallagher 140m NE 35 Gortreagh Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.

Councillor Clarke

8.2 Draft Planning Policy Statement 14: Sustainable Development in the Countryside

The Clerk/Chief Executive advised members that as agreed at the

Statutory Meeting on 11 April 2006 a joint meeting of the West Rural Regional Councils had taken place on 4 May 2006 to discuss the draft Planning Policy Statement 14.

The representatives of Councils at the meeting agreed, in principle, to prepare a joint sub-regional response to the Consultation to complement individual Council submissions. They also agreed to procure the services of Michael Murray, Queens University Belfast to; facilitate individual consultations with each of the West Rural Regional Councils; prepare an analysis of PPS14 and report to a joint meeting on 24 May 2006; and present a draft submission to a joint meeting on 5 June 2006.

Council AGREED to the above proposals and to contribute towards the cost of the consultation which would amount to approximately £1500.

Council also AGREED that the Clerk/Chief Executive of Omagh District Council would write to Lord Rooker on behalf of the West Rural Regional Councils expressing the concerns of councillors regarding the immediate implementation of the PPS14 proposals and its impact on applications currently in the system and those with outline planning approval.

Councillor Wilson proposed that the meeting with Mr Murray of Queens University should include not only councillors but representatives from estate agents, Rural Development Council, Rural Community Network, NIAPA and UFU to to assist with the development of a response.

9 CONSULTATIONS

9.1 Road Service – Annual Report

A copy of the above report containing Network Development, Local Transport and Safety Schemes, Traffic Management and Parking, Street Lighting and Bridge Management had been previously circulated.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Pat Doherty, Divisional Roads Manager and Mr David Weir to the meeting.

The Officials from the Department noted various road and street

lighting matters raised by the Councillors, which they wished to have undertaken. Mr Doherty agreed to respond in writing to those matters he was unable to reply to at the meeting.

Mr Doherty also noted the request for copies of the plans for the proposal at Westland Road and also a copy of the report on the Public Inquiry regarding the scheme.

Various Councillors complimented Mr Weir on the courteous and efficient manner in which road matters were dealt with at the Cookstown Section Office.

The Chairman thanked the officials for their attendance.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 9.05 pm.

9.2 Coastal Zone Management Strategy

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated April 2006 and response to consultation paper 'Towards an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy for Northern Ireland received from Coast SOS.

9.3 The Bamford Review of Mental Health & Learning Disability – Forensic Services Report

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 31 March 2006 and 6th Draft Report on Forensic Services issued by The Bamford Review of Mental Health & Learning Disability.

9.4 New Nutritional Standards for School Meals and Other Food in Schools -

A letter and consultation document New Nutritional Standards for School Meals and Other Food in Schools issued by the Department of Education was considered.

It was AGREED to refer the consultation to the Director of Environmental Health for consideration.

9.5 Departmental Guidance to District Councils in Relation to Emergencies

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 3 April 2006 issued by the Local Government Division regarding the above.

9.6 Warm Home Scheme

Council NOTED receipt of the quarterly update of the Warm Homes Scheme Local Authority Report issued by Eaga Partnership.

9.7 Review of Public Administration

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 21 April 2006 from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive regarding the above.

9.8 Health & Social Services Councils

An email dated 28 April 2006 from the Health & Social Services Councils regarding patient and client advocacy in the new Health & Personal Social Services was considered.

Council AGREED that comments by members should be forwarded to the Clerk/Chief Executive for collation.

9.9 Protect Life, A Shared Vision – The Northern Ireland Suicide Prevention Strategy

A letter dated 7 April 2006 and consultation document Protect Life, A Shared Vision – The Northern Ireland Suicide Prevention Strategy 7 April 2006 from the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety as considered.

Council AGREED to invite the PIPS Project to a future meeting of Council to consider their views.

9.10 Council Meetings 2006/07

Members AGREED to the dates for Council meetings in 2006/07 as circulated at the meeting.

Members also AGREED that future meetings would commence at 7 pm commencing with the Annual General Meeting on 13 June 2006

with the exception of the 4 July meeting which would commence at 6 pm.

The Vice Chairman requested that a copy of the dates of the meeting will be circulated to all Councillors and Directors.

10 RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCILS AND OTHER BODIES

Council NOTED receipt of the following Resolutions:-

- 10.1** North Down Borough Council – Water Charges
- 10.2** Coleraine Borough Council – PPS14
- 10.3** Newry & Mourne District Council – Nuclear Free Forum

11 NOTICE OF MOTION

- 11.1** To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor Baker, Cassidy, McGarvey, McGlone and Quinn

“That this Council notes the planned withdrawal by the Department of Works and Pensions of Post Office Card Accounts from Post Offices. That this Council strongly opposes this action which will adversely affect those in receipt of benefits and pensions who currently use these accounts to access their money at their local Post Offices. That this Council resolves to write to Sir John Semple, of the Royal Mail Group Advisory Board for Northern Ireland, and to the NIO Minister with responsibility to express that strong opposition.”

On the proposal of Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor McGarvey Council AGREED unanimously to adopt the Notice of Motion.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1** Sperrins Tourism Conference

Councillor Greer reported his attendance at the Sperrins Tourism Conference in Scotland from 20 to 24 March 2006.

Council retrospectively APPROVED the attendance.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date

TABLED FOR INFORMATION

Minutes

Southern Education & Library Board
20 April 2006

REPORTS

Quarry Products Association
Sustainable Development Report
Annual Report 2005

Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Strategic Plan 2006-2011

Northern Health & Social Services Board
Annual Report 2004-2005

Electoral Commission
Corporate Plan 2006/07 to 2010/11

Invest NI
Corporate Magazine Issue No 7

Rural Community Network
Low Community Infrastructure

Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Review and Perspectives 2006/09

International Fund for Ireland
Annual Report 2005

CAWT
Annual Report 2005