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Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 15 December 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Wilson, Chair

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

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

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C259/16 Apologies

Councillors Forde, McKinney, Molloy, Mulligan and J Shiels

C260/16 Declarations of Interest

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

C261/16 Chair's Business

The Chair Councillor Wilson highlighted the undernoted achievements in the District and requested that the achievements be recognised as appropriate:

- Cookstown-based construction material manufacturers Keystone Group scooped the prize for Company of the Year;
- Brendan McGurgan of CDE Global awarded Young Director of the Year and Overall Director of the year;
- Mr J McGuckin, Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development Success at the DMS Awards 2016;
- Mid Ulster Bowling Team won the British Isles Top Team competition; and
- Councillor G Shiels Volunteer of the Year Award;

Councillor Ashton requested that the Chair forward an email to staff at Dungannon Leisure Centre to commend them for raising in excess of £1900 for Niamh Louise Foundation.

Councillor Reid declared an interest in the Niamh Louise Foundation

The Vice Chair, Councillor McAleer highlighted that Molly Curran from Ballygawley was Champion in both the Ulster and N Ireland under 13's Pentathlon and requested civic recognition.

Councillor McEldowney requested civic recognition for Slaughtneil Football, Hurling and Camogie in winning the senior Ulster championship.

Councillor Cuthbertson requested that congratulations be extended to the Planning Department for 'Movember' campaign which raised over £3k for Marie Curie

The Chair, Councillor Wilson clarified that following the adoption of the Policy and Resources committee minutes civic recognition requests would be submitted one week in advance of the meeting.

C262/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2016

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Council held on Thursday 17 November 2016 (SC29/16 – SC32/16), transacted in "Open Business" having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C263/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Council meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2016

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 23 November 2016 (C238/16 – C251/16 and C258/16), transacted in "Open Business" having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C264/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 1 December 2016

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Council held on Thursday 1 December 2016 (SC33/16 – SC38/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C265/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Monday 5 November 2016

Councillor McNamee drew attention to E301/16 Provision of Road Signage and stated that he wished to propose option one which was detailed at the meeting that is the Road Name with upper and lower case to both Road name and townland in transport medium.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the matter had been debated and agreed at the committee and thus he did not understand why it had to be raised again. He also made mention that the cream background to aid visually impaired was to be investigated to provide clarification.

Councillor Reid stated that he had done his own investigations and that those with impaired sight were not permitted to drive and by changing the background colour of the signs would be against the highway-code.

Councillor Kearney stated that within the minute he had not proposed option two, his understanding was that it was proposed by Councillor Buchanan and seconded by Councillor Glasgow but that there appeared to be confusion but his party preferred option one.

Councillor Glasgow concurred with Councillor Kearney stated that the committee had discussed at length that heavy black lettering would be more prominent as there was little broadband coverage in rural areas and thus satellite navigation was not always possible. He also clarified that there had been discussions in relation to road users with impaired sight but officers were to investigate.

Councillor Bell stated that although people with impaired sight were not permitted to drive they would walk and cycle along routes discussed.

Councillor McNamee reiterated his proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated it was petty and if members could not turn up at committee then decisions should not be overturned. He further stated that it appeared that democracy suits at times.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson called for a vote on the proposal

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AGAINST	10

Amendment carried

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Monday 5 November 2016 (E296/16 – E312//16 and E323/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C266/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 December 2016

Councillor Mallaghan requested that item P190/16 ‘Report on wind turbine at Broughderg’ be referred back to committee pending further information.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the matter had been ‘thrashed out’ at committee and officers had stated there was nothing could be done. The Councillor also requested that it be put on record that the manner in which LA09/2016/1437/F Electricity sub-station at Ballygawley had been presented to the committee at the meeting on Tuesday 6 December was unacceptable and he felt the committee had been misled. He stated that he had written to the Planning Manager and in his absence had received a response from the Head of Development Management.

Councillor McLean requested that his objection to planning application LA09/2016/1474/F Public Art piece as part of Magherafelt Public Realm and town improvement scheme at 3 Spires Roundabout, Magherafelt be recorded. The Chair, Councillor Wilson recorded his objection also.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2016 (P186/16 and P191//16 and P196/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C267/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2016

Proposed by Councillor T Quinn
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2016, (D262/16 – D279/16 and D284/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C268/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 December 2016

Councillor Ashton requested that the minute be amended at PR223/16 to include her name to the objectors.

Councillor Monteith in relation to PR225/16 acknowledged that the response was generic and proposed that it include that people should be able to register to vote and make application for identity cards at their local Council offices. The Councillor stated that not everyone was on line and he felt the service especially in rural areas should be made available. In response the Chief Executive stated that the provision of training for Council staff in relation to checking documents for proof of identification should be included.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 December 2016, (PR219/16 – PR229/16 and PR242/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

C269/16 Conferences and Seminars

The Chief Executive referred to details of the undernoted conferences and sought approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) Policy Forum for NI: Planning Reform in Northern Ireland
 - Thursday 23 March 2017, Belfast
- (ii) Officer Approvals

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Planning for Places	23 rd Nov	2	Belfast	Yes
Annual Local Authority VAT Conference	1 st Mar 17	1	London	Yes

Retrospective Approval Sought

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee
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Building Community Flood Resilience	6 Dec 16	1	Belfast	No
Environmental Crime Seminar	18 Nov 16	3	Belfast	No

In response to Councillor Reid's query it was confirmed that the recent conference organised by NILGA at Antrim Civic Centre at which some Members had been unable to attend had no conference fee.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

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 or officers

Matters for Information

C270/16 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

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

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

C271/16 Correspondence to Council

The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the response received from The Department of Infrastructure in relation to the cause of flooding at the Linen Green was pathetic.

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

C272/16 Consideration of Motions

C272.1/16 Councillor Glasgow to move

Councillor Glasgow requested that Council unite to oppose the decision made by the Minister for Communities not to transfer regeneration and community development powers to local Councils. He reminded the meeting that when Local Government reform was undertaken Council were given the powers of planning, which has been a huge success and has provided positive steps towards building the council area and assisting and enriching the lives of the people of the district. The Councillor posed the question as to why powers should be held back when it is clear that

council is achieving and asked if the Minister was afraid that Council may deliver more effective projects.

Councillor Glasgow stated that in April 2015 it was expected that regeneration and community development powers too would be transferred when the super councils went live and stated that three Ministers and a year later, the Council and the people of the district had been pushed to the side once again. The Councillor referred to Lord Morrow who was the Social Development Minister in January 2016 when he had advocated the importance of developing strong local government and the need to maintain the "very good relations developed between local government & DSD officials", reaffirming that regeneration powers transferring "will happen". The Councillor posed the question as to "what had changed?"

The recent Public Realm Schemes are a prime of example of Council understanding the work that is required to regenerate towns and villages stated Councillor Glasgow and made reference to the officer and Councillor teams who had engaged with people locally. The Councillor also made reference to the ongoing village plans and stated if regeneration powers were passed over Council could forge ahead with its community plan and stated that the longer the Executive held the powers the longer communities throughout Mid Ulster would be disadvantaged.

In conclusion, Councillor Glasgow stated that the whole purpose of local government reform had been for such powers as regeneration to be transferred to Councils. He quoted Minister Givan when he stated that, "There were numerous attempts to bring forward legislation and there wasn't consensus to do that and I'm clear now in this new mandate that I don't want to be involved in tinkering around who gets what, where the budget should be divided, it's about getting things done." Councillor Glasgow read the undernoted motion and sought support of Members.

"This council deeply regrets the decision of the Minister for Communities to refuse to devolve regeneration powers to local government. With planning responsibility, community planning and the power of competence, regeneration powers are the final element of a truly joined up and effective suite of powers designed to enhance and drive forward social, economic, environmental and community development to the benefit of all our citizens. Failure to devolve this power will severely limit the potential rewards arising from the reform of local government. This council calls upon the Minister to reconsider his position in the best interests of our citizens."

Councillor Cuddy seconded the motion.

Councillor McLean stated that firstly the motion needed put into context as at face value it was plausible as people would want additional powers. He stated that his issue as DUP group leader was that the motion was sent out by the UUP Executive as a 'one shoe fits all' approach. The Councillor also referred to a lack of maturity with power which unionists were witnessing in seeing their culture being eroded and declared that he was miffed that the UUP wanted to give Sinn Féin more powers and as such this was against the unionist people.

Councillor Kearney stated the powers should have already been transferred to Councils over 20 years ago and the decision to delay further undermines local government reform. He also added that Council had launched an excellent Economic Development Plan, had recently published the Community Plan for consultation and stated that regeneration powers would go hand in hand. The Councillor also made reference to the potential loss of European Funding and emphasised there was a pressing need for powers to be transferred. Councillor Kearney stated that his party supported the motion.

Councillor McPeake stated that Sinn Féin supported the motion and that powers should have been transferred prior to this as it would greatly assist Council in developing rural and urban areas. He referred to recent happenings at the Northern Ireland Assembly and stated that it was foolish of Councils not to seek more power and emphasised that Sinn Féin supported the motion.

Councillor Ashton stated that the motion did not focus on the lack of funding which accompanies the transfer of powers and stated that Council would be left strained endeavouring to deliver under pressurised budgets. The Councillor also emphasised that the Community Plan was a work in progress and Council had a 'lot on its plate'. Councillor Ashton concluded that the Minister wanted to work in partnership, that Council had plenty of powers and that the motion focused on party politics as opposed to delivery.

Councillor Monteith stated that the reality is that for the last 5 years when boundaries were being agreed the regeneration strategy approach and neighbourhood renewal was in total limbo and people were still waiting on a poverty strategy. With the promise of increased local powers in relation to regeneration people had been excited feeling that change would happen and now 2016 it had been announced this wasn't to be and rents continued to rise and people were living in deprivation.

Councillor Monteith was emphatic that he did not care about party politics if the powers transferred the budgets were to come as well and community expectation had been built up. He stated that Council would have done a better job than the DSD 'one size fits all' approach but deprivation continues and thus he would support the motion.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson called for a vote

FOR 29

AGAINST 6

The Chair, Councillor Wilson declared the motion carried.

C272.2/16 Councillor Mallaghan to move

Councillor Mallaghan read the undernoted motion and stated that it was a sensational achievement for clubs in the area and no slight on Councils investment into sports. He requested that Council staff contact the clubs to offer assistance

That this council sends its warmest congratulations to Slaughtneil Robert Emmet's GAC Ulster Senior Football Champions (3 in a row), Pomeroy Plunkett's GAC Ulster Intermediate Football Champions and Rock St Patricks GAC Ulster Junior Football Champions and seeks to recognise their significant achievement in the most appropriate way.

That this council looks to its rolling Sports Team Representative grant and assist these teams with their All Ireland Campaign.

Councillor Doris seconded the motion

Councillor M Quinn extended congratulations to the clubs and stated that hurling and camogie should also be included.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson said he would like hockey included and suggested Council inform all teams. In response Councillor Mallaghan stated he would amend the last sentence to read

"That this council engages with clubs to make them aware of the funding programmes"

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that all funding programmes were widely advertised. In response to Councillor Ashton's query with regard to maintenance grants the Chair stated they should have been issued first week of December.

Councillor McLean stated that the DUP did not agree with the motion.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson sought agreement for the motion and declared it carried.

Motion carried

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That items C273/16- C282/16 be taken as confidential business.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson extended Seasons Greetings to the press following which they withdrew from the meeting at 7.27pm

C283/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.25pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 9 January 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present Councillor Clarke, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Mullen, Reid, Robinson and J Shiels

Officers in Attendance Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer
Mr McCrystal, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McEvoy, Head of Development Plan & Enforcement
Karen Doyle, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Applicant Speakers

M/2014/0512/O	John Warke
LA09/2015/0091/F	Gavin McGill – Clyde Shanks
LA09/2015/0536/F	Thomas Bell – Clyde Shanks
LA09/2015/0536/F	Ryan Dougan – Vision Design
LA09/2015/1085/F	Kevin Loughran – Applicant
LA09/2015/1085/F	Gavin Rolston – Clyde Shanks
LA09/2015/1085/F	Mr Loughrey, (for Objector-Mr Connolly)
LA09/2016/0549/F	Hayley Dallas – Ross Planning
LA09/2016/0769/F	Andy Stephens – Matrix Planning
LA09/2016/1437/F	Andrew Heasley – JUNO Planning
Wind Farm Corlacky Rd, Swatragh	– Fiona Stevens, RES
Wind Farm Corlacky Rd, Swatragh	– Garth McGimpsey, RES
Wind Farm Corlacky Rd, Swatragh	– Shanti McAllister, Design

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

P001/17 Apologies

Dr Chris Boomer, Planning Manager.

P002/17 Declarations of Interest

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

P003/17 Chair's Business

None.

P004/17 Confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6 December 2016

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 December 2016, (P185/16 – P191/16 & P196/16), were considered and, subject to the foregoing, signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

P005/17 Planning Applications for Determination

The Chair drew Members attention to the undernoted planning applications for determination.

M/2014/0039/F Expansion to existing general engineering works to include additional workshop offices, toilets and storage and associated site works at 170m NW of 185 Killadroy Road, Eskra for Mr David Gill

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application M/2014/0039/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

M/2014/0512/O Service station to include fuel provision, café, shop, tourist information, toilets, picnic area, parking, car wash and provision for park and share at lands bounded by the A4 Annaghilla Road, A5 Tullyvar Road and Tullybryan Road, Ballygawley for Alison Warke

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application M/2014/0512/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0036/F Filling Station, shop with off-licence, canopy, car wash, valet store and associated site works 40m S of Grange Park, Ballygawley for PDDC Developments

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Gildernew enquired if this application and the one previous were linked as it was his understanding that there should be a 12 mile radius between filling stations and rest stops.

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that this is usually the case but as this was a green field site area with urban development these applications were submitted by two different applicants and approved. The location and the proximity of the site is also outside the settlement limits.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0036/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0091/F Part retrospective and part additional peat extraction at Moybog, Cavanoneill Road, Pomeroy for McDon Peat

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0091/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0241/F 20 two storey dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping at Killymeal House and adjacent lands at Killymeal Road, Dungannon for J & V Construction

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0241/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0536/F Mixed use scheme comprising 11 apartments, 4 retail units (including retention with minor alterations to 39 Rainey Street façade and extension/alteration of existing rear return), amenity space, pedestrian link/pend and ancillary site works at lands at 39-41 Rainey Street, Magherafelt for Genmark Developments Ltd

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McKinney

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0536/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0782/F Change of use to storage and distribution unit (Class B4) at site 60m N of 52 Ballymoghnan Road, Magherafelt for Cloane Properties Ltd

Councillor McPeake declared an interest in this application.

Mr McGarvey (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2015/0782/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Reid enquired if there was any way of getting an entrance onto the site as it was a shame to see such a huge building going to waste. He said that in his opinion there would have been a number of cars entering the premises anyway.

Mr McGarvey (SPO) advised that in the past there would have only been a collection of private cars only.

Councillor McPeake advised that the Architect had contacted him today asking for the application to be deferred for an office meeting until visibility splays are resolved and felt that through negotiations progress could be made.

The Head of Development Management advised that it was clear that this shed, despite its size, was only granted permission for domestic use, and the key Policy conflict would be the intended use of the site. He said that access could be investigated again.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that there was a culture of erecting buildings without planning permission and their factual use.

Councillor Bell said that consideration should be given to deferring the application for an office meeting due to economic possibilities within the area.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

To defer the application for an office meeting

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

To accept the officer's recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor Reid asked for clarification on how clear Council Policy was on the different type of uses and if the application was deferred, would the Council be legally obligated to pass or go against.

The Head of Development Management said that going down the way of distribution would be going against PPS4 for a shed of this size and for this use for only 2

employees. The fact that the potential employment being created here in only 2 jobs reinforces the presumption against storage and distribution uses in the open countryside.

Councillor Bateson felt that each application should be considered on their own merit and not blamed for illegality.

Councillor Mallaghan's proposal was put to the vote:

FOR: 9
AGAINST: 6

Councillor Cuthbertson's recommendation was put to the vote:

FOR: 6
AGAINST 9

Resolved: That application LA09/2015/0782/F be deferred for an office meeting until a valid nature of use comes forward and to investigate issues surrounding access.

LA09/2015/0864/RM Dwelling adjacent to 19 Crawfordsburn Drive, Maghera for Mr and Mrs T McFalone

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0864/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0875/F Dwelling and garage on a farm at 15m S of 82 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt for Bernadette Mulholland

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0875/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1085/F Single wind turbine, hub height 24m, rotor diameter 17m with new access track at approx.107m N of 155 Drum Road, Cookstown for JJ Loughran

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report to members on single turbine with hub height 24m, rotor diameter 17m and a maximum blade height of 32.5m, new access track from

existing factory yard to turbine and other ancillary works (reduced scheme, revised plans, shadowflicker report, Noise Impact Scheme).

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that a request to speak on this application had been received and invited Mr Loughry, on behalf of the objector (Mr Connolly) to address the committee.

Mr McLoughrey, advised that the objector had a number of issues which were outlined in the case officer's report, especially with regards to the visual amenity from 156 Drum Road, Cookstown. He felt that the Objector has the right to stress and clarify the points which they do not agree with and their reasons to do so before the Planning Committee make a decision.

Mr Loughrey advised that there was a similar application for a wind turbine at this exact site, it was refused and this was upheld by the PAC and that the decision for this turbine has not been given enough consideration by the case officer. If approved, this turbine would be harmful to the Connolly family, as the turbine blade would be visible to the family home on a daily basis which was totally unacceptable. The Connolly family would face the turbine each way they would turn, from opening the curtains in the morning, to playing in the garden, to going and coming from school. The PAC has suggested relocating the turbine and this has not been given enough consideration by the applicant as the turbine would still be visible to the Connolly family on a daily basis which would have a detrimental effect on their everyday life. Mr Loughrey stated that the objector stressed that it wasn't about the height of the turbine but about the visibility of it from their family home.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that a request to speak on this application had been received and invited Mr Loughran (applicant) to address the committee.

Mr Loughran advised that his company had fully addressed the objector's claims and abided by any restrictions which were placed upon them. He said that his family ran a successful business which was established by his father in 1967 and employ well over 60 people. He said that when they previously applied for the wind turbine in 2015 it had been refused and now a new application has been made with a turbine height of just 24m. He said that sustainability in efficiency would be crucial to the successful running of the business.

Councillor Mallaghan advised that he had a number of concerns regarding this application. He referred to the legislation which was in place for applying for a similar application within a 2 year timeframe. He said that he acknowledged that there was a difference in height from the previous application, but felt the consistency would need to be kept as last month the Planning Department approved a 10m change in Broughderg wind turbine and this month it was totally different. He said that he would like a legal opinion on whether this application would be valid or not.

The Council Solicitor confirmed that as she understood Councillor Mallaghan's query, it wasn't a question of the validity of the application, but rather there was a power within the legislation for the Council to decline to determine a subsequent application and referred to the letter within Appendix 1 of the Report within the papers.

Councillor Mallaghan advised that this was not a decision made by the Council rather than an opinion by a Case Officer.

The Head of Development Plan said that the need to assess the amended noise reports for subsequent alterations to win turbines and to carry out consultations had increasingly led to a view that such changes should normally be dealt with via a revised planning application.

Councillor Mallaghan said that a NNC was carried out in September 2016 and nowhere in the report does it say that it's the decision of the officers.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that this document states that it's the decision of the Council and it seems that it wasn't the remit of Councillors to be given that power.

The Council Solicitor advised that due to this type of situation it would appear to be reasonable for an officer to take a view on whether a subsequent application was the same or subsequently the same.

Councillor Mallaghan stressed that the decision was the professional opinion of an officer not the opinion of the Council.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke said that members were concerned whether this was a valid application or not and clarification was needed.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that each week a list of valid applications are emailed to members which indicated which have been accepted by officers and it's an opportunity for members to make any comments before consideration. He advised that two members spoke against the application previously asked for a legal opinion on whether this should not be the case tonight.

Councillor Mallaghan felt if the point was clarified properly then this would answer Councillor Cuthbertson's question and if this is the same application then declaration would need to be made.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that declaration wouldn't be needed if it was a different application.

The Council Solicitor said that advice and guidance could be offered in relation to whether there might be an actual or perceived conflict of interest but ultimately it was up to each member to take their own view on declarations of interest and the extent of such interest that might exist.

Councillor McKinney said that in his opinion this was a new application and as the two or three members who declared an interest in the previous application didn't do so this time they must be of the same opinion.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

To approve the application subject to the conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Glasgow advised that he knew the area quite well and that JJ Loughran was a high employer and would welcome renewable energy in the area and would be more than happy to support the application.

Councillor Robinson felt that if the application meets all criteria then the application should be approved.

Councillor Mallaghan said that he acknowledged that this was a successful business in the district and in the past 4 turbines were passed in the vicinity of their business. He said that the issue here is that a family home is located here and it was important for planning members who live in country to make a decision on how they would feel if their family life was disrupted by having this wind turbine at their front door and would propose to refuse the application on that basis.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Bell

To refuse the application

Councillor Mallaghan's proposal was put to the vote:

FOR: 6 – Councillors Bateson, Bell, Gildernew, Mallaghan, McEldowney, and McPeake
AGAINST: 9 – Councillors Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McKinney, Mullen, Reid, Robinson and J Shiels

Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal was put to the vote:

FOR: 9 – Councillors Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McKinney, Mullen, Reid, Robinson and J Shiels
AGAINST: 6 – Councillors Bateson, Bell, Gildernew, Mallaghan, McEldowney, and McPeake

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1085/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0549/F 20m high telecommunications mast carrying 3 antennae and 2 radio dishes and associated works including 3 equipment cabinets and site compound, at land 78m SE of 6 Main Street, Bellaghy for Telefonica UK Ltd

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0549/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0769/F Ancillary car parking for existing retail unit and petrol filling station, (with proposed access from Highfield Crescent) adjacent to and immediately SW of 3 Highfield Crescent, Magherafelt for Mr Kenny Bradley

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0769/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Bateson enquired about access at Highfield Crescent and said that he would be concerned about how this may impact on the residents as it was within distance of the residential area and wondered why this wasn't taken into consideration.

Ms Doyle (SPO) said that this shouldn't have an impact on the residential area of Highfield Crescent as the proposed parking conditions are for deliveries, customer and staff parking only.

LA09/2016/0829/O Replacement dwelling and detached garage (existing building to be retained and incorporated as garage/store) at 86 Moneyneaney Road, Draperstown for Michael McGlone

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McElDowney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0829/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0860/F Retention of part change of use of 2 rooms in existing dwelling to provide child care facilities at 30 Dixon Court, Coalisland for Grainne Scullion

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0860/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1078/F Change of use from class A1 shops to gymnasium to include replacement of side entrance door, small café area and associated internal plan alterations at 77 -79 Chapel Street, Cookstown for Wilko Ltd

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1078/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1168/F Alteration and extension to dwelling at 45 Keerin Road, Broughderg for Sean Clarke

The Chair, Councillor Clarke declared an interest in the above application and vacated the Chair.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor J Shiels took the Chair.

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1168/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke returned to the Chair.

LA09/2016/1188/F Double garage and store at 77 Cooke Crescent, Cookstown for Darren Patterson

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1188/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/1203/O Dwelling and garage adjacent to 47 Mullaghnemoyah Road, Portglenone for Mr Sean Convery

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1203/O advising that it recommended for refusal.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that a request to speak on the application had been received by Mr Cassidy but he wasn't in attendance to address the committee.

Councillor Kearney enquired if there was ever an office meeting held in the past on this application.

The Head of Development Plan said that there wasn't but that the importance here was the visual breaks, many breaks are in the countryside and it's important to retain visible breaks between dwellings.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1203/O be refused.

LA09/2016/1291/A Free standing sign with LED electronic display at 58-66 Church Street, Cookstown for Dun Leisure Ltd

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1203/O advising that it recommended for refusal.

Councillor McKinney left the meeting at 8.17 and returned at 8.20 pm.

Councillor Bell asked that this application be deferred for an office meeting to try and negotiate a way around concerns and relocation. He said that in order to clarify matters, further discussion was needed as an issue with a similar sign which was 500m down the road was resolved.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) advised that she has been made aware that the applicant would like to see a way forward and find a resolution.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Bateson

To defer for an office meeting.

Councillor McKinney stated his opposition to this application as he said a similar scenario was raised regarding a sign in Tobermore last month.

Councillor Bell said that this was a totally different scenario as there were many other concerns regarding Tobermore as it was on a roundabout.

Councillor McEldowney left the meeting at left at 8.21 pm.

Councillor McPeake's proposal was put to the vote:

FOR: 8
AGAINST: 6

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1291/A be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor McEldowney returned to the meeting at 8.24 pm.

**LA09/2016/1437/F 33kv electricity sub-station with entrance via existing laneway
at site 740m NE of 18 Shantavny Scotch, Ballygawley for Tyrone
Wind Energy**

The Chair, Councillor Clarke declared an interest in the above application and vacated the Chair.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor J Shiels took chair.

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that this application was due to be put on the agenda last month but was put back until this month and was updated due to a typo error in the address.

Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest in this application.

Councillor Cuthbertson raised concern about the whole situation and how conflicting information was being received as the committee were previously advised that no development had taken place on the site and now the case officer has indicated that work had taken place two days after the application was received. He further raised concern that it was now most evident that work was ongoing from June or July as foundations had already been made. When consultation was submitted on 12 December, 7 days later approval was granted. He said he was concerned as this was a very quick turnaround for all agencies to make a decision.

Councillor Cuthbertson withdrew to the public gallery while discussions took place.

Councillor Clarke also raised concern as he too was unaware of the situation. He said that when he first enquired about the commencement of work he was told it hadn't started yet and now it was apparent that it had. He said that there was a need for clear and transparent information to be relayed back to members as the committee wouldn't be comfortable making a decision to proceed before an application for permission was sought.

He said that the developer had decided to build in a different place before applying for permission, with no standard entrance. He stated that there was a need to follow the same procedures for all.

The Head of Development Management said that there was a misunderstanding regarding this application in relation to whether a site visit had taken place. A decision had been made that it wasn't necessary to have revisited the site a matter of months after the first site visit and due to the minor relocation of the building within the red line. He said the site has now been revisited by the SPTO and that TransportNI and Environmental Health were asked to comment and these have now been returned and there was no other reason to hold it for another month as all information has been received.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor J Shiels advised that a request to speak on the application had been received by Mr Heasley and asked him to address the committee.

Mr Heasley advised that the substation had to be relocated and that work had commenced on the 12 October as there was a deadline date of December 2016 so there was an onus to push along.

Councillor Gildernew said that although taking Councillor Clarke's comments into account, he didn't see anything to really hold the application up.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McPeake

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1437/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Reid said that taking everything into account he felt that it was unfair to hold this particular case to ransom as there were other numerous buildings being built before planning permission was sought.

Councillor Cuthbertson returned to the meeting.

THE Chair, Councillor Clarke returned to the Chair.

LA09/2015/0512/F Reconfiguration of internal layout within existing shed; extension of existing service centre for agricultural vehicles/machinery and new access at 149c Drumbolg Road, Upperlands for Andrew Armstrong

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0512/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0620/F Extension, alteration and change of use from residential dwelling house to 4 self-contained apartments at 25 Charlemont Street, Moy for Seyloran Properties Ltd

Application listed for approval subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Proposed by Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0620/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0100/F Retrospective application for change of use of part of domestic garage to store and display for home based catalogue sales business, to the rear of 11A Strawmore Road, Draperstown for Mrs D Boyle.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that application LA09/2016/0100/F had now been withdrawn.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0100/F be withdrawn.

P006/17 Consultation response on application for a Wind Farm at Corlackey Road, Swatragh

The Head of Development Management presented report on Mid Ulster Council's response to a consultation request from DFI for a second windfarm at lands approx. 3km west of Swatragh accessed off the Corlackey Road - Ref LA09/2016/0232/F

He advised that the report was to provide the basis of a consultation response to the Department of Infrastructure on the proposed windfarm application.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that a request to speak on this consultation had been received and invited Fiona Stevens to address the committee.

Ms Stevens advised the committee that they were disappointed that the Department for Infrastructure's opinion to refuse the application had been received just before Christmas and felt that it was a very hasty decision as there was no consultation. She said that no letters of objection were received and would now have to approach PAC for appeal. She said that the Windfarm meets all the requirements and that there was a very limited visual appearance and that the site is further surrounded by vegetation.

Councillor McPeake said that he would find it difficult to make a decision tonight given the amount of information and photographs that was circulated. He said that it would be very important for the committee to come to the right decision as there were a terrible blight of wrongly sighted turbines across the country and members are always arguing for a community benefit policy to be achieved. He said that a site visit may be beneficial and that it was encouraging that no objections were received but that there was still a lot of questions to be answered.

Councillor McEldowney raised concern about the Department of Infrastructure issuing a refusal letter before consultation taking place.

The Head of Development Management said that it wasn't possible to get a response in time, so the Department took the decision to refuse the application themselves. He said that the Council was only being asked for its opinion in the capacity of being a consultee in the process and that the Department or PAC would have the final decision on this regionally significant application.

Councillor Glasgow said that it may be worth considering writing to the Department of Infrastructure highlighting the disappointment held by the Council at their lack of input and that in future to make sure that decisions are given to members beforehand.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that there was an opportunity to ask the PAC to investigate. He said that although this wasn't normal procedure, it's what's regionally significant and what usually takes place.

Councillor McPeake felt that the Council should not accept the recommendation of refusing the application as he wasn't confident enough given the fact that there were no objections and that it was too big of a decision to have a negative opinion.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke feels that there will be an opportunity at a later stage to make representation after PAC.

Councillor Reid suggested deferring the application for a month until after a site meeting takes place.

Councillor Bateson said that no decision should be taken tonight as the consultation process hasn't been adhered to properly by the Department of Infrastructure as they have made a decision without the input of the Council.

The Council Solicitor said that the report which came to committee was very detailed especially considering the Council was a consultee and not decision maker in the application and that any documentation that the Department for Infrastructure considers is usually available for viewing by appointment or online. She added that there was secondary legislation which dealt with a consultee's duty to respond and the timeframe, however, she could not recall the detail.

Ms Stevens asked the Committee if it would be possible to write to the Minister for Infrastructure asking to overturn his decision.

Councillor Bell said that he would be unsure how plausible that would be.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised that the committee needs to make a decision.

Councillor Reid said that he was disappointed and felt that it was unreasonable that no consultation was made by the Council before the Department of Infrastructure issued a letter of refusal.

Councillor Bateson proposed that the Council send a letter to the Minister of Infrastructure requesting that he defer the decision.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That the Council write to the Minister of Infrastructure asking that he defer the decision of refusal.

Councillor McPeake said as this was a major application the Committees decision for a site meeting should be sought.

P007/17 Consultation response on underground gas pipeline application from DoE – LA8/2016/1328/F

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report to provide members with a report which will provide the basis of a consultation response to Department of Infrastructure.

Councillor Glasgow asked that TransportNI be asked to leave the road back to its original standard as it's usually after a month the road begins to sink. He said that it would be an ideal opportunity to have it properly overseen by an engineer.

The Council Solicitor said that this is usually related to the Public Realm Scheme and may be hard to justify and feels it should be raised through another forum.

Ms McCullagh said that she would liaise with the Department of Infrastructure to seek a four week extension.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That Mid Ulster District Council ask the Department of Infrastructure for a four week extension for their response.

P008/17 Consultation response on review of Permitted Development rights for mineral exploration

The Head of Development Plan & Enforcement presented report to provide members with a response to the Department of Infrastructure consultation regarding proposed amendments to Part 16 of the Schedule to the Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 which deals with the Permitted Development rights associated with mineral exploration.

The Head of Development Management left the meeting at 9.16 pm.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved: That approval be given to response being issued to the Department for Infrastructure in line with the contents of the paper.

P009/17 Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order at Mullagh Road, Maghera

The Head of Development Plan & Enforcement presented report recommending the confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on a Tree (horse chestnut) at 5 Mullagh Road, Maghera which is the subject of a current provisional TPO.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That approval be given to the provisional TPO being confirmed without modification and noting the contents of the report.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That items P010/17 to P0112/17 be taken as confidential business.

P0113/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 9.40 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

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**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present

Councillor Cuthbertson (Chair)

Councillors Burton, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, McGinley (7.08 pm), B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid (7.03 pm), Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services
Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E001/17 Apologies

Councillor Buchanan.

E002/17 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor S McGuigan declared an interest in item E014/17 – Entertainment Licensing Applications – as a member of the board of governors at St Ciaran's College, Ballygawley.

E003/17 Chair's Business

None.

E004/17 Receive and confirm minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 5 December 2016

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Monday 5 December 2016 (E296/16 – E312/16 and E323/16) were considered and, signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

E005/17 Transport NI proposals to Mid Ulster Council

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Transport NI with regard to provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Northland Row, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Transport NI in relation to provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Northland Row, Dungannon.

E006/17 Transport NI proposals to Mid Ulster Council

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Transport NI with regard to proposed Traffic Calming Measures at Sixtowns Road, Straw.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Transport NI in relation to introduction of Traffic Calming Measures at Sixtowns Road, Straw.

E007/17 Annual NIEA Waste Management Statistics and NILAS Reports

Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 7.03 pm.

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided detail on the content of the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics 2015/16 Annual Report and the Annual Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme 2015/16 Annual Report. It was highlighted that Mid Ulster Council was the top performing local authority in Northern Ireland over the course of the year with respect to the amount of household waste recycled and composted and this was recognised nationally by various articles/references eg. Lets Recycle website.

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the content of the above report.

E008/17 Building Control Northern Ireland

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the structure of Building Control Northern Ireland (BCNI).

Councillor McGinley entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to agree –
- (I) That a financial contribution of £500 per annum be made to Building Control Northern Ireland.
 - (II) That two officers attend the Fire Safety Conference on 8 and 9 February 2017 in Enniskillen at a cost of £250 exc vat per delegate.

E009/17 Street Naming and Property Numbering

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster as follows –

- 1 Site off Ballinderry Bridge Road, Coagh

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Ballinderry Bridge Road, Coagh as Lifford Way.

- 2 Site off Oldtown Road, Bellaghy

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Oldtown Road, Bellaghy as Poet Walk.

E010/17 Clean Neighbourhood Update

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which provided update on the development of a Clean Neighbourhood Action Plan for Mid Ulster and to consider correspondence received from Keep NI Beautiful in relation to joining the Live Here Love Here programme for 2017/18.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson asked if Council decided to join the Keep NI Beautiful Live Here Love Here programme whether the £10,500 return would come specifically to Mid Ulster.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that if Council decided to join the programme the cost would be £21,000 of which £10,500 would return specifically for grants in the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor McNamee stated that Council had decided to opt out of this scheme last year and asked what had changed. The Councillor expressed concern at joining the programme for one year and then taking possible funding avenues away from communities.

The Head of Environmental Health felt that the Live Here Love Here programme would help to supplement the introduction of Council's Clean Neighbourhood Programme and that it would be a decision for Councillors on how it wanted Council to proceed in the future.

Councillor Reid felt that Live Here Love Here was a good initiative and asked if there would be a cap on grants available.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the £10,500 available would be split into a number of smaller grants.

Councillor Reid proposed that the Council support the Live Here Love Here programme for 2017/18 with a review after a year.

Councillor Glasgow asked how the action plan would help to deal with dog fouling, the Councillor felt that stricter enforcement was needed and that press articles in relation to this issue were not working.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that by joining the Live Here Love Here Programme Council would have access to other campaigns but agreed with the Councillor's comments that a more proactive campaign was needed in relation to dog fouling. The Head of Environmental highlighted that availability of grants would not be specifically for dog fouling.

Councillor McFlynn felt that Council should support the Live Here Love Here programme which would help to allow communities to become involved in the upkeep of their local areas.

Councillor Burton felt that the Live Here Love Here programme would help to give local communities ownership of an area, she felt that dog fouling would always be a problem which needs enforcement and referred to Caledon as being a dog fouling hotspot. Councillor Burton seconded Councillor Reid's proposal to join the Live Here Love Here programme for 2017/18 with a review after a year and that any new initiatives in relation to enforcement of dog fouling should be piloted in the Caledon area.

Councillor Reid felt the 5p charge on bags had been a success and asked if a complaint can be made without disclosing the name of the complainant.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that if a complainant provides a statement then officers can target a specific area at a certain time but that anonymous complaints cannot be relied upon.

Councillor Gillespie stated that there were numerous other areas in the district where dog fouling was an issue.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that officers can look at hot spot areas with regard to the number of complaints received in relation to dog fouling.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –
(I) To support Tidy NI – Live Here Love Here Programme for 17/18 year at a cost of £21,000 to help embed the Clean

- Neighbourhoods programme for the first year. A review on further support to this programme to take place after one year.
- (II) That officers consider dog fouling hot spot areas with regard to the pilot of any new initiatives on this issue.

E011/17 Provision of Road Signage

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on new Mid Ulster District Council template for new or replacement road signs.

Councillor McNamee stated that the report advises that font used would be Transport Heavy and felt that the font Transport Medium had been previously agreed.

The Head of Technical Services advised that this was a typographical error on his report and confirmed that it should read Transport Medium font.

Councillor Reid felt that lettering for road name should be bigger.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson referred to road signage in legacy Dungannon area in which townlands appeared in blue font. The Councillor advised that road signage in other areas appeared with townlands in other colours but he stated the majority of road signage was in the legacy Dungannon area.

Councillor Mulligan felt that signage should be black font with white background as those with colour blindness would find reading coloured font difficult.

Councillor Glasgow expressed some concern at the sizing of the lower case townland naming on road signage and the visibility of same. The Councillor asked where responsibility lay if there were road accidents caused by people who were trying to read Council road signage.

The Head of Technical Services referred to Transport NI guidelines enclosed as appendix to report in relation to road signage.

Councillor Kearney felt that a decision had been taken at December Council meeting that townland naming would appear in red on road signage.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure reminded members that the decision taken at December Council meeting was to go with Option 1 of Appendix 1 to report.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council approve the new template for design of road signage as detailed in appendix 1 of report - (Road name with upper/lower case to both Road Name and Townland using Transport Medium Font and presented in Black text with white background).

E012/17 Draft Policy on Street Naming and Dual Language Signage

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report regarding Draft Policy on Street Naming and Dual Language Signage.

Councillor McNamee proposed that options for dual language signage be brought back to committee in Transport Medium font with dual language to appear in a sample of colours, these being red, blue and green.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson asked did this not contradict the decision just taken in relation to road signage.

Councillor McNamee stated that a different language should appear in a different colour on signage.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that options could be brought back to committee but highlighted that English may need to be in a slightly bolder font to satisfy the legislative requirements.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the previous decision taken in which all typescript was to be in black, the Councillor felt that attention would be drawn to colour font and again asked who would carry responsibility if accidents were caused because of road signage.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that dual language road signage in Ireland and Scotland is in a different colour. Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor McGinley referred to the Chair's earlier comment in relation to those who were not in attendance at last month's Environment Committee meeting. Councillor McGinley advised he had a valid reason for not attending last month's meeting and did not appreciate the misrepresentation given by the Chair that he had simply not bothered to turn up.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he had made a general comment and that there had been more Councillors than just Councillor McGinley who had missed last month's meeting.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that further options be brought back to committee for dual language signage. Signage to be in Transport Medium font with options for red, blue and green colouring.

Matters for Information

E013/17 Building Control Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

E014/17 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across the Mid Ulster District.

E015/17 The Water Meters Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the introduction of The Water Meters Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

E016/17 Test Purchasing Activity August 2016-October 2016

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update in relation to test purchasing activities for tobacco products carried out between August and October 2016.

Councillor McFlynn asked what happened to the two retailers who sold tobacco products to an underage person.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that an enforcement policy was in place for such breaches which incorporates a graduated approach.

E017/17 Animal Welfare

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the levels of activity in the Animal Welfare function within the Mid Ulster District Council area and beyond.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the content of report items E013/17 to E017/17.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That items E018/17 – E024/17 be taken as confidential business.

E025/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.25 pm

CHAIR _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 11 January 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Gildernew, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy, Elattar, Forde, S McGuigan, McKinney, McPeake, Mallaghan, Molloy, M Quinn, T Quinn and Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
M O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

PR001/17 Apologies

Councillor McLean

PR002/17 Declaration of Interest

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

PR003/17 Chair's Business

None.

PR004/17 Receive and confirm minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 December 2016

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 December 2016 (PR219/16 – PR229/16 and PR242/16) were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

PR004/17 Transfer of Lands at Old Eglish Road, Dungannon

The Council Solicitor drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek members' approval to progress the transfer of lands at Old Eglish Road, Dungannon to owners of Cottagequinn Lodge ("the Transferees") for the purposes of rectification of boundaries.

In reply to Councillor Mallaghan's query about when the land was first purchased, the Council Solicitor advised that she would bring back the relevant information to the next committee meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the transfer of lands to the Transferees relating to lands at Old Eglish Road, Dungannon for boundary rectification purposes be progressed to conclusion.

Matters for Information

PR005/17 Statutory Performance Indicators & Standards Six Month Update

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with monitoring information at the end of Quarters 1 and 2 (April-Sept) for review of performance against the council's 7 Statutory Performance Indicators and Standards.

Resolved: That Members note the contents of the report on Statutory Performance Indicators & Standards Six Month Update.

PR006/17 NI Audit Office – Audit & Assessment Report 2016-17

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to, provide Members with the report from the Local Government Auditor on how the Auditor believes the Council has discharged its duties in relation to, (i) improvement planning; (ii) publication of improvement information; (iii) extent to which the council has acted in accordance with Department Guidance; and (iv) whether the Council is likely to meet the required arrangements to secure continuous improvement.

The Head of Democratic Services referred to the report consisting of the outcome of the Local Government Auditor's Improvement Audit and Improvement Assessment in 2016-17

Resolved: That members note the contents of the report on NI Audit Office – Audit and Assessment Report 2016-17.

The Chief Executive provided members with a verbal update on concerns being raised around the performance management regime from across the local government sector which were referenced at the recent preparatory meeting of the next Partnership Panel meeting. He added that he was working towards positioning the council as a high performing council but advised that Local Government Auditor expectations on what the performance improvement regime entailed appeared to be different to that of local

government. The Chief Executive added that contact was being made with the Local Government Auditor to discuss future expectations to ensure appropriate arrangements are put in place and fully understood by both parties.

Councillor McPeake advised that he was aware of this some months ago and that he felt that there wasn't enough involvement with local government to set realistic targets and performance arrangements. He enquired if it was felt that there was much involvement from the Local Government Auditor to help local government reach the set targets.

The Chief Executive advised that there was minimal involvement with local government and the arrangements were replicated from the Welsh performance improvement model. He continued to say that what may be acceptable to Welsh Local Government may not be acceptable locally but he would be making the best possible efforts to obtain positive outcomes for the council from any processes embarked upon.

Councillor Bateson said the situation in Wales may be viewed there as being more of a benefit to its citizens but locally it may be viewed by central government as an opportunity for a cost cutting. He enquired if there was any way of finding out if the Welsh people were benefitting compared to the people of Mid Ulster with regard to arrangements bringing about efficiencies.

The Chief Executive said that he was not aware of the Welsh auditing arrangements but this could be explored. He stated it was about having the best system for citizens but this was difficult when local arrangements required objectives to be set over shorter periods of time.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure entered the meeting at 19.11 pm.

PR007/17 Member Services

Councillor Mallaghan raised concern about members' mobile phones stating that they were unsuitable for the purpose as they did not appear to work well, particularly with council social media outlets and asked if consideration could be given to investigating supply of a different device.

Councillor Forde advised that she would like to see what all members had received to date and asked that this information be made available to all.

Councillor Ashton enquired as to what had been agreed on broadband and telephony costs.

The Director of Finance said that November Council meeting resolved that provision for broadband and mobile telephony costs would increase from £15 to £30 for each item per Member. He added and referred to Departmental guidance permitting payments. Telephony and broadband costs calculated up to £720 per member per annum plus any additional costs for those who are unable to obtain broadband connection through a basic telephone line.

Councillor Ashton advised that she had received a letter from National Association of Councillors advising of different information and asked that an email be forwarded to Members outlining their entitlement to save any confusion.

Councillor McPeake indicated that he recalled the Department making a decision to let the councils pay appropriate costs and enquired if this had changed.

The Director of Finance advised that he had received correspondence guidance dated 10 October and that the correspondence that the Council were working on is of a later date but indicated that he would explore this and full clarification provided to members.

Resolved: That clarification be issued to Members on their broadband and telephony costs entitlement.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That items PR008/17 to PR017/17 be taken as confidential business.

PR018/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 9.51 pm.

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Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 12 January 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, McEldowney, McNamee, T Quinn, G Shiels, J Shiels, Wilson

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm.

D001/17 Apologies

Councillors McAleer and C O'Neill.

D002/17 Declaration of Interests

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

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in item D007/17 – Dark Sky Heritage Park in Northern Ireland – RAS200 Funding - as a member of Broughderg Community Association. Councillor Clarke also declared an interest in item D008/17 – Sperrins Conference Proposal - as Chair of Sperrins Recreation Forum.

D003/17 Chair's Business

The Chair advised Members of the recent death of Christine McGowan's husband. Christine works as Arts and Cultural Development Officer in Ranfurly House and the Chair extended the condolences of the Development Committee to her and her family at this sad time.

D004/17 Confirmation of Development Minutes held on Wednesday 7 December 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 (D262/16 to D279/16 and D283/16 to D284/16), were considered and signed as correct and accurate.

Matters for Decision

D005/17 Economic Development Report

The Director of Business and Communities presented previously circulated report which provided an update on key activities as detailed below –

- **Department for Communities (DfC) Revitalise Scheme 2016/17- Cookstown & Dungannon Town Centres**
- **Magherafelt Public Realm Scheme**
- **Shop Improvement Scheme**

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in this item.

- **Maghera Development Framework**
- **Mid Ulster Town Centre Positioning Study**
- **Ann Street Development Site, Dungannon**

Councillor Cuddy expressed the need for issues relating to the site to be progressed in an appropriate manner.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy agreed with the comments made by Councillor Cuddy.

- **Blackwater Regional Partnership Update**

Councillor Cuddy felt there did not appear to be a lot going on in relation to the Partnership.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that, going forward, the Partnership would need to adopt a more flexible approach and that Partnership councils would also continue to work closely together.

Councillor Burton referred to the previous link Blackwater Regional Partnership had with Caledon Regeneration and felt that those links should continue. Councillor Burton advised that she is unfamiliar of the work of Blackwater Regional Partnership.

- **Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) Update**
- **NI Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP)**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note progress in relation to -
- § Department for Communities (DfC) Revitalise Scheme 2016/17- Cookstown & Dungannon Town Centres;
 - § Magherafelt Public Realm Scheme;
 - § Shop Improvement Scheme;
 - § Maghera Development Framework;
 - § Mid Ulster Town Centre Positioning Study;
 - § Ann Street Development Site, Dungannon;
 - § Blackwater Regional Partnership;
 - § NI Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP); and
 - § That approval be given for the release of the second (and final) 50% payment of £5,000 to ICBAN.

D006/17 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which provided detail on the following –

- **Community grant award recommendations**
- **Peace IV Local Action Plan Letter of Offer**

The Head of Community Development advised that Council had applied for £3.6 million of funding and that a letter of offer was due to be received for £2.8 million based on verbal discussions with SEUPB. It was advised that a number of projects could be resubmitted.

It was proposed to approve the acceptance of the reduced level of Peace IV Local Action Plan Letter of Offer and commence delivery of the agreed projects and in consultation with the Peace Partnership resubmit a further application for the remainder of the funding of approximately £550,000.

The Plan agreed to date is as previous with the exception of the Leadership Programme, Decade of Commemorations Programme, Language Programme, Vulnerable People Programme and Shared Space Project Aughnacloy.

The programmes to be reviewed and a further submission made for this allocation, and further consideration is to be given to Aughnacloy regarding continuing to make the case for the much needed changing facility or to look at the alternative Council pitches and how they could complement the new 4G through moving the changing facility and developing the site. Further discussion will take place through the Peace Partnership re options going forward for resubmission.

- **Allocation of DfC funding to Advice Service**
- **Community Development**
- **Community Planning Mid Ulster**

Councillor Elattar asked if there was any update in relation to request made by Bellaghy Regeneration Group at a previous meeting.

The Head of Community Development advised that negotiations were ongoing with Bellaghy Regeneration Group in relation to use of room(s) in Seamus Heaney HomePlace.

Councillor Wilson stated he was in support of Council assisting the group but felt that this should not be at the disadvantage of anyone else.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council –
- § To approve Community Local Festivals grant award recommendations as listed in appendix to report.
 - § To approve the acceptance of the Peace IV Local Action Plan Letter of Offer and commence delivery of the agreed Plan.
 - § To agree to allocate the additional DfC funding of £12,224 to CAMU as per the letter of offer and required conditions.
 - § To note the Community Development update and PCSP minutes attached in appendix to report.
 - § To note the Community Planning update.

D007/17 Dark Sky Heritage Park in Northern Ireland – RAS200 Funding

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report which sought approval to match fund an application to RAS200 (Royal Astronomical Society) to develop a programme of events and outreach programme for the Dark Sky Heritage Park in Davagh Forest and surrounding heritage sites. The Head of Tourism also sought permission to proceed with stage 2 of the project application.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- § That match funding for an application to RAS200 (Royal Astronomical Society) for the Dark Sky Heritage Park in Davagh Forest and surrounding heritage sites. Match funding will amount to £50,000 over a five year period (£10,000 per year).
 - § To proceed with stage 2 of project application.

In response to Councillor Clarke's question the Head of Tourism advised that a report regarding a Heritage Lottery Fund application would be available in February.

D008/17 Sperrins Conference Proposal: Managing and Developing Outdoor Recreation in Protected Landscapes

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report which sought support for a request from Sport NI and the Sperrins Outdoor Recreation Forum for financial and administrative support in relation to hosting a conference within the Sperrins region on "Managing and Developing Outdoor Recreation in Protected Landscapes."

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the request for financial and administrative support to deliver a conference within the Sperrins on managing and developing outdoor recreation in protected landscapes. Council will contribute a maximum of £1500 ex vat towards conference costs, this cost to be spread evenly between Tourism, Leisure and Parks at a cost of £500 each. This support will be subject to remaining financial and administrative requirements for delivery being resourced through the other identified partners.

D009/17 Culture and Arts Progress Report

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made in Culture and Arts Services and to highlight events that have occurred during the months of November and December and to identify events and activities that will be occurring in the future. Members were also informed of the recent success of Bardic Theatre, Donaghmore at the Martin McDonagh International Drama Festival in Russia.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy commended staff in relation to the wide range of events organised by Council in the lead up to Christmas. The Chair also congratulated Bardic Theatre on their recent achievements.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –
§ To note upcoming activities being undertaken in Culture and Arts Services; and
§ That a letter of congratulations be issued to Bardic Theatre, Donaghmore following their recent success at the Martin McDonagh International Drama Festival in Russia.

D010/17 Arts and Culture Strategy Consultations

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which sought approval for consultation exercise being delivered to enable Council, key partners, stakeholders, participants and the wider arts and cultural community within the Mid Ulster region to have input into the development of Mid Ulster District Council's five year Arts and Cultural Strategy.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the meeting for stat/reg/vol organisations had been rearranged to 27 January 2017.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree community consultations, dates and locations as detailed within report with the exception of meeting for stat/reg/vol organisations being rearranged to 27 January 2017.

D011/17 Sports Strategic Development and Capital Grants

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report which sought approval for grant allocations to the following –

- Strategic Sports Development Grant
- Sports Representative Grant

Councillor Burton referred to the Strategic Sports Grant and asked if one group had received all of the money available.

The Head of Leisure advised that the applicant for the Strategic Sports Grant had applied for a grant amount of £14,479 and it was proposed that they be awarded £12,500. It was advised that this grant would be used to employ a Sports Development Officer. Other organisations had previously received this grant which had been reopened as agreed by Council.

Councillor Burton referred to hockey development in Mid Ulster and asked if an application could have been made to the Strategic Sports Grant to support such development.

The Head of Leisure advised that an application could have been made but none was received, he went on to advise of another grant which is currently open which could assist with hockey development.

Councillor Burton stated that any support Council could give to hockey development would be beneficial.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve sports grant allocations as detailed in appendix to report.

D012/17 Sports Facility Strategy Consultations

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report which sought approval for timetable in relation to community consultations on Mid Ulster District Council's Sports Facility Strategy.

Councillor Wilson commented that there was not enough time for Members to consider the draft plan if they were to only receive it tomorrow and then attend a meeting on Monday.

The Head of Leisure accepted Councillor Wilson's comments and advised that if Members were unable to attend meeting on Monday that they could forward any comments up until Tuesday 24 January 2017.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree timetable for community consultations as detailed within report.

D013/17 Northern Ireland Forest Schools Awards

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which sought approval to register and engage with Northern Ireland Forest Schools Association (NIFSA) to develop a schools programme in Mid Ulster District Council area.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question it was confirmed that the cost of the programme would come from within the Parks budget.

Councillor Burton asked if a partnership between Parkanaur and schools in Castlecaulfield could be facilitated under this programme.

The Head of Parks advised that an invitation would be issued to schools in the district to register their interest in the programme.

In relation to Councillor Cuddy's comment with regard to provision of signage to recognise recent achievements of Castlecaulfield in horticultural competitions it was advised that signage was being progressed.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Mid Ulster District Council register with Northern Ireland Forest Schools Association and initiate a programme to engage local schools and youth groups to embrace local parks and greenspace where feasible across the district. Cost of programme to be £6000.

Matters for Information

D014/17 Parks and Countryside Strategy Consultations

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update and schedule of consultations in relation to Mid Ulster District Council's Parks and Play and Countryside and Water Recreation Strategies.

D015/17 Parks Service Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities associated to Parks Service and to highlight events or consultations that will be occurring in the future.

D016/17 Leisure Services Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and to highlight events that will be occurring in the future.

D017/17 Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014/2020

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

D018/17 Tourism Development Group

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail on the establishment of the new Tourism Development Group in Mid Ulster region.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That item D019/17 be taken as confidential business.

D020/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 7.47 pm.

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Subject	Conferences & Seminars – January 2017
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred.

2	Background
2.1	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
2.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members
2.1.1	Social Enterprise NI: Social Value Conference ‘Shaping the Future-Making your Mark’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 26 January 2017, 8.30am-1.30pm Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast
2.1.2	Volunteer Now: Viewing Supporting Delivery of Public Service Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 8 February 2017, 9.30am – 3.30pm Crumlin Road Goal, Belfast
2.1.3	28 th Colmcille Winter School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
2.1.4	Northern Ireland Housing conference 2017- Delivering effective housing solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 22 March 2017, 8.30am – 1pm Titanic Centre Belfast
2.1.5	Northern Ireland’s Futures – Scenarios for leaving the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 30th 2017, Baby Grand, Grand Opera House, Belfast
2.1.6	PFNI – Economic Development in NI: key challenges and future opportunities post Brexit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 25 April 2017, 8.30 am – 1pm, Belfast
2.2	<u>Officer Approvals</u>
2.2.1	There are occasions when it is beneficial to the organisation for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.

3	Key Issues
3.1	N/A

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u>
4.1.1	Social Enterprise NI: Social Value Conference 'Shaping the Future-Making your Mark' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference fee £65, travel and subsistence
4.1.2	Volunteer Now: Viewing Supporting Delivery of Public Service Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference Fee £75, travel and subsistence.
4.1.3	28 th Colmcille Winter School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> €150 per delegate (reduced fee of €130 if 3 or more attend), accommodation, travel and subsistence
4.1.4	Northern Ireland Housing conference 2017- Delivering effective housing solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £195 plus VAT, travel and subsistence
4.1.5	Northern Ireland's Futures – Scenarios for leaving the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £220 plus VAT, travel and subsistence
4.1.6	PFNI – Economic Development in NI: key challenges and future opportunities post Brexit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £210 plus VAT, travel and subsistence

5	Other Considerations
5.1	Costs associated will be set against 2016-17 member Conference and Seminar allocations.

6	Recommendations
6.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Officer Approvals



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Susan Harkins


Colin McCabrey


Anne Lythgoe

<p>10:15 Dragons' Den</p> <p>10:45 Social refreshment break / Marketplace Hub</p> <p>11:15 Sponsor address - 4C Third Sector</p> <p>11:25 1 Billion "Buy Social" Challenge by 2020</p>	
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Mark Parsons


David Adair


Hugh Chamberlain


Rachel Wooliscroft

<p>12:25 Dragons' Den results</p> <p>12:30 Social Enterprises Shaping the Future across the Country</p> <p>13:00 Keynote speaker - Ben Carpenter, Social Value UK</p> <p>13:25 Closing remarks - Colin Jess, Director, Social Enterprise NI</p>
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Social Enterprise Conference...



Phil

December 2016

Dear Mr Tohill



Volunteers Supporting Delivery of Public Service Conference

On behalf of Volunteer Now I am pleased to invite you to our conference to be held on **Wednesday 8 February 2017** in the iconic Crumlin Road Gaol, 9.30am start, finish at 3.30pm.

We see this an important event recognising that a range of public services in Northern Ireland already involve volunteers in providing valuable services such as Health & Social Care Trusts, schools and criminal justice organisations. The conference seeks to challenge public sector organisations to boost citizen participation and volunteer involvement and to highlight that involving volunteers is a great way of enabling the citizen to be not only a customer but a co-producer of our public services.

The conference follows on from Volunteer Now's launch of a toolkit for local councils in April 2016 entitled 'Supporting Civic Engagement 10 Tips for Councils in providing Civic Leadership for Volunteering'. The publication highlights the contribution volunteers can make and the good practice that underpins their effective involvement. As civic and public representatives within our communities we would be delighted to have you present at this conference to hear about and share the impact volunteering can have on the delivery of our public services.

A number of keynote speakers have already been confirmed including, Paul Givan MLA, Minister, Department for Communities, Mairtin O Muilleoir MLA, Minister, Department for Finance, Peter O'Reilly, Chief Executive, Manchester Fire & Rescue Service and Dr. Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland.

As well as hearing from our keynote speakers and the opportunity to engage in a panel question and answer session there will be a number of bite-sized workshops to inform and explain best practice in volunteer management, topical subjects such as innovative role descriptions, policy development, safeguarding and job substitution.

As we move towards a population focused and outcome based programme for government it is timely to look at options to engage citizens more proactively and to consider adding value through volunteer involvement. We anticipate interest in the conference will be high so please follow this link, <http://bit.ly/2fChD9W> or call **028 9023 2020** to confirm a place(s). The cost per person attending is £75.00; tea, coffee, lunch and delegate packs are included.

Thank you and we look forward to confirming your participation.

Regards,

Wendy Osborne OBE, Chief Executive



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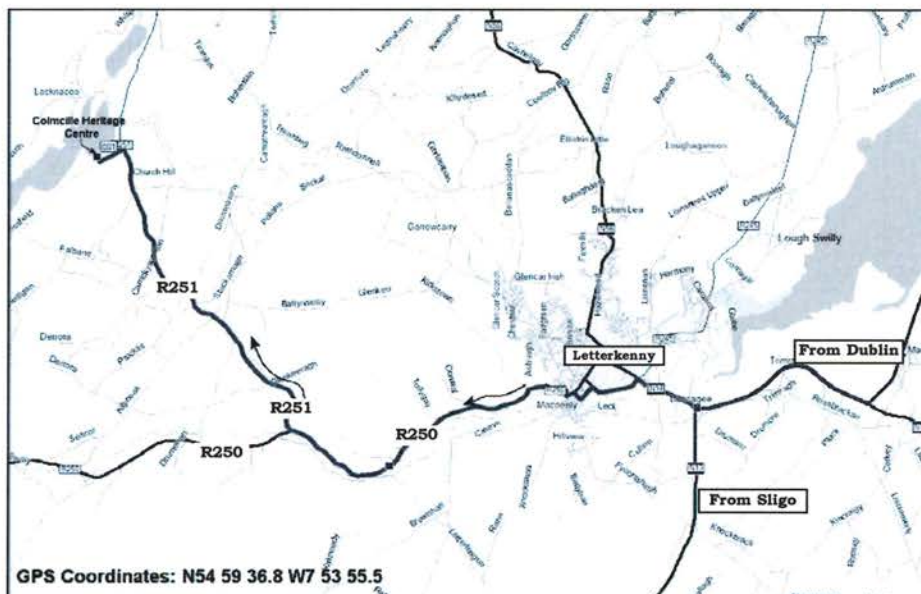
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28th Colmcille Winter School 28^ú Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille

24th & 25th February 2017



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28th Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille

Clár an Deiridh Seachtaine

Venue: Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Friday, 24th February 2017

Dé hAoine 24^ú Feabhra 2017

Oíche Ghaelach

Seisiún 1

5.00 p.m. Clárú – Registration Tac/Café

7.00 p.m. Fáiltiú – Reception Ceol Ghaelach

7.30 p.m. Cathaoirleach: **Criostóir Mac Giolla Easbuig Uas.**
Oide Scoile, Údar

Oscail Oifigiúil

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Cathaoirleach oidhreacht cholmcille

Téama: 'Cos amuigh cos istigh, an bhfuil na dúshláin roimh an ghaeilge dosháraithe?'

Seán Ó Coinn Uas.,
Príomhfhéidhmeannach Foras na Gaeilge

8.40 p.m. Béile

Saturday, 25th February 2017

Session 2:

9.00 a.m. Registration Tea/Coffee

9.30 a.m. Chair: **Cllr. Terence Slowey**
Chairman Donegal Co. Co.

Topic: 'Economic Prospects for Ireland post Brexit'

Prof. Edgar Morgenroth, FAcSS FeRSA
Associate Research Professor, ESRI

Discussion

10:45 a.m. Tea/Coffee

Session 3:

11.15 a.m. Chair: **Cllr. Liam Blaney** Member Donegal Co. Council

Topic: 'What Model of the EU best suits Ireland after Brexit?'

Dr. Paul Gillespie, Irish Times Columnist & Senior Research Fellow at School of Politics and International Relations UCD

Ireland and the EU post British withdrawal

28th Colmcille Winter School

Weekend Programme

Contd. Saturday, 25th February 2017

12:00 p.m. Topic: *Achieving Economic Growth in a North West that is 'In and Out'*

Mr. Michael Gallagher, Strategy Manager Derry City and Strabane District Council

Discussion

1:00 p.m. Lunch

Session 4

2:00 p.m. Chair: **Margaret Alcorn**
Member Colmcille Heritage Trust

Topic: 'The EU-post Brexit – stronger or weaker?'
Ms. Mairéad McGuinness MEP, Vice Chair European Parliament.

3:00pm Open Forum

4:00 p.m. Close of Conference
Tea/Coffee

Programme available to download from: www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie

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Conference programme

0830	Registration and morning coffee	1115	
0900	Chairman's welcome and introduction: Jamie Delargy , Business Broadcaster	UNIVERSAL CREDIT	<i>The impact of Universal Credit: How will it work in practice?</i> Tommy O'Reilly , Deputy Secretary Department for Communities
POLICY	<i>The future of housing policy in Northern Ireland</i> Ian Snowden , Head of Housing Policy and Performance Division Department for Communities	Digital	<i>Delivering housing services digitally</i> Nick Atkin , Group Chief Executive Halton Housing Trust
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			Questions & answers / Panel discussion
MENTAL HEALTH	<i>Design for Mental Health Plan: Integrating health and housing</i> Isoilde Dillon , Architect Housing Agency (Republic of Ireland)	1315	Chairman's summary and conference close followed by networking lunch
	Questions & answers / Panel discussion		
1045	Morning coffee / networking break		

Networking opportunity

The conference is structured in a way to provide a high level of interaction between speakers and delegates.

There will be plentiful opportunities for questions as well as discussion in each of the sessions. In the breaks and margins of the event there will also be ample scope for business development.



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Northern Ireland's Futures

Three Scenarios for leaving the European Union



Thursday 30th March 2017

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Preparing for Brexit: An in-depth examination of three possible scenarios

As the UK moves towards the triggering of Article 50, organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors need to start preparing for the possible outcomes of the UK/EU negotiations. Whilst the final detail of any deal will not be known for some time, the main variables of the UK leaving the European Union are now known. This event will look at **three key scenarios** that will help organisations look to possible futures for Northern Ireland.

Scenario 1

Customs Union

Continued participation in the Customs Union

- Non-agricultural goods could continue to be exported to and imported from the EU-27 – so including Ireland – tariff and quota-free.
- Would not entail participation in the Common Agricultural Policy, so access to the EU-27 market for agricultural goods would need to be negotiated separately.
- Would require the UK to align itself with the EU's common commercial policy. While this should allow the same access as the EU-27 to the markets of states with which the EU has established trade agreements, the UK would not be able to conclude any free trade agreements with EU non-member states that did not align with those of the EU.
- The customs union does not cover trade in services. It does not cover either the free movement of people, so there would need to be immigration controls of some sort as well as customs controls for agricultural goods.



Scenario 2

Single Market

Continued participation in the Single Market

- The free movement of goods, services, capital and people, including the right of establishment.
- No tariffs or quotas on trade in goods, albeit with the exception of agricultural products.
- Covers free movement well beyond goods; there would be no restrictions on the movement of EU citizens, or on capital.
- Would not entail participation in the Common Agricultural Policy, so access for agricultural goods negotiated separately. Assuming non-participation in the customs union, there would also need to be customs controls to monitor agricultural trade.
- US goods imported into the UK could not automatically be sold on into the EU market. Being outside the customs union, the UK would, however, be able to conclude its own preferential trade agreements with EU non-member states.



Scenario 3

WTO Option

Leaving Customs Union and Single Market

- UK could conclude free trade agreements compliant with WTO rules with EU non-member states, its access to the EU-27 market would be subject to tariffs and quotas.
- Non-tariff barriers would also be applicable. Moreover any trade agreement with the EU would have to be with the EU-27; the UK would not be able to conclude preferential trade agreements with individual EU member states, e.g. Ireland.
- No free movement of services, capital or people. Access to the EU in each case would need to be negotiated.



Conference programme

09.00 Chairman's welcome and introduction:
Glenn Roberts, Partner, **Deloitte**

Options for leaving the European Union: consequences for Northern Ireland

Professor David Phinnemore, Dean of Education
Queen's University Belfast

Scenario 1: Customs Union

An overview of the Customs Union for Northern Ireland

David Carson, Partner, **Deloitte**

The practical aspects of the Customs Union

Seamus Leheny, Policy Manager, **Northern Ireland
Freight Transport Association**

Scenario 2: Access to Single Market

Northern Ireland and the Single Market

Michael Smyth, Vice President, **European Economic
and Social Committee**

Agri-food sector and the Single Market

Declan Billington, Chair, **Northern Ireland Food &
Drink Association** and CEO, **Thompsons**

Questions and answers

11.00 Tea/coffee networking break

11.30

VISITING SPEAKER

The Norwegian model

Marte Gerhardsen, National Director
Agenda think-tank, Oslo



Scenario 3: WTO Option

WTO option and the Northern Ireland economy

Eoin Magennis, Senior Economist, **Economic Policy
Centre at Ulster University**

The implications of leaving the Customs Union and the Single Market for Northern Ireland business

David Gavaghan, Chair, **CBI Northern Ireland**

Questions and answers

Open forum discussion on Northern Ireland's Futures

Professor David Phinnemore, Dean of Education
Queen's University Belfast

Brian McGrath, Chief Executive and Harbour Commissioner
Foyle Port

Owen Reidy, Assistant General Secretary, **ICTU**

Martina Lawless, Associate Research Professor, **Economic
and Social Research Institute (ESRI)**

Brian Irwin, Vice Chair, **NIFDA** and Chair, **Irwin's Bakery**

13.15

Chairman's summary and conference close followed by
networking lunch

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**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: Economic development in Northern Ireland:
key challenges and future opportunities post-Brexit**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday 25th April 2017

Venue: Belfast

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Challenges and opportunities for the Northern Ireland economy post-Brexit**
Professor Neil Gibson, Director, Ulster University Economic Policy Centre
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.30 **Tackling the key challenges for businesses in a new economic environment**

Priorities for manufacturing in Northern Ireland post-Brexit: trading, exports and manufacturing strategy
Stephen Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, Manufacturing NI

Cross-border trade: future border arrangements and trade relationships
Senior representative, cross-border trade

Key challenges for small and medium enterprises: the influence of Brexit on tax, trade and the workforce
Wilfred Mitchell, Policy Chair, FSB Northern Ireland

The role of councils in developing local economies: re-examining strategies for growth and regeneration
Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mervyn Storey MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.10 - 11.30 **The future of Corporation Tax and examining alternative economic mechanisms to support economic growth**
Senior representative, analyst
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 - 11.50 **Infrastructural development - challenges for long-term, strategic investment**
Senior representative, infrastructure investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.30 **Universities, colleges and research and development - investment and development in training, skills and innovation to support industry and the economy**

The role of further education colleges in economic development: building partnerships and priorities for skills and training
Gerard Campbell, Chief Executive, Colleges Northern Ireland

Key challenges for universities post-Brexit: investment, workforce and priorities for training
Professor David Phinnemore, Professor of European Politics, Dean of Education, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Queen's University Belfast

Partnerships in businesses and education: skills, apprenticeships and training an adaptable workforce
John Healy, Managing Director, Allstate Northern Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future of economic policy in Northern Ireland post-Brexit**
Senior speaker to be announced

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00

Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks

Mervyn Storey MLA, Member, Committee for the Economy, Northern Ireland Assembly

Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland

Appendix B Approval Sought

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Freight Transport Association Conference	15 th March 17	2	Culloden Hotel Cultra	£265 + vat + £225 + vat + mileage
CIPD NI Employment Law Conference	30 th January 17	4	Hilton Hotel Templepatrick	£75 + vat each (early bird rate) X4 = £300 + mileage
Cleaner Neighbourhoods Conference	7 th March 17	1	QUB Belfast	£85 + travel
Scottish Food Enforcement Partnership Event - (Implementation of Mandatory FHRS)	26 TH January 17	1	Cumbernauld Scotland	No cost Travel only
Implementing the Strategic Planning Policy Statement	1 st February 17	4	Belfast	£40 each + travel
Fire Safety Conference	9 th & 10 th February 17	2	Enniskillen	£250 + vat per delegate
Health & Safety Conference	22 nd February 17	Up to 5	Belfast	No cost Travel only

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Subject Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition

Reporting Officer P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council Receptions Policy.

2	Background
2.1	The Receptions Policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at the December 2016 council meeting. All requests for civic recognition are to be now forwarded to Democratic Services to appear on a report for presentation to council for consideration and approval.
2.2	The policy confirms 3 categories of reception offered by the Council: (1) Civic Receptions (2) Chair and Deputy Chair Reception (3) Civic Awards
2.3	Appendix A to this report details those request(s) received for notification to and approval by council. The request(s) have been categorised in line with established conditions/ criteria required to be met to receive a Civic Reception, Chair & Deputy Chair Reception or Civic Award.

3	Key Issues
3.1	Implementation of the Receptions Policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.
3.2	One request for recognition was received since the last meeting of council. This request has been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial – N/A</u>
4.2	<u>Human – N/A</u>
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support – N/A</u>

4.4	<u>Other – N/A</u>
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5	Other Considerations
5.1	Not Applicable

6	Recommendations
6.1	That consideration be given to approving request(s) for civic recognition.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A Submitted Requests

Appendix A Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Reception

Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/ Criteria Met
None to report			

Category: Civic Award

Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/ Criteria Met
Mr Caolan Devlin	Recipient of Ulster Schools' Football All Star (GAA) Award, as student at St Pius X, Magherafelt	Cllr McFlynn	· "Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level"

Category: Chair & Deputy Chair Reception

Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/ Criteria Met
Nil			

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Subject: LAMA Community and Council Awards.

Reporting Officer: Anne-Marie Campbell, Director of Culture & Leisure

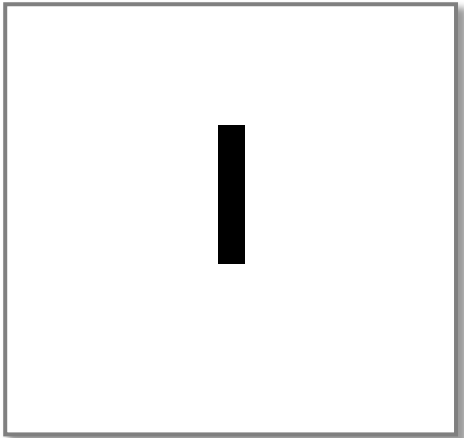
1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Members' approval to attend the award ceremony of the LAMA Community and Council Awards to be held on the 4 th February 2017.
2	Background
2.1	The Community and Council Awards presented by IPB Insurance and LAMA highlight and recognise community and councils working together, bringing national recognition to projects and developments that may otherwise go unrecognised. Town, Borough, City and County councillors nominate projects across 20 categories that demonstrate the work implemented through unique projects that enhance their local area for the good of the community.
3	Key Issues
3.1	Seamus Heaney HomePlace has been nominated as a finalist in the category Best Heritage Project . The category winners for 2017 will be announced at a gala Awards ceremony on 4 th February 2017 in the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport. The evening commences with a drinks reception followed by a 3 course dinner, the awards presentations and finally music and dancing to finish off the night.
3.2	The awards are broken up throughout the evening, and are presented to the winners by sponsoring companies and LAMA representatives. All winners will be presented with a beautiful bespoke, engraved crystal trophy and will also have a photo opportunity with one of the VIP presenters. Winners of these prestigious awards will also receive an Awards logo for use on their website and for all printed corporate materials
3.3	Members are asked to approve attendance at the award ceremony for the LAMA Community and Council Awards 2017 by the Council Chair, Vice Chair, two nominating Councillors and one officer.
4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u> Tickets costing €175 each plus overnight accommodation and travel.

	<u>Human</u>
	N/A
4.2	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u>
	N/A
4.3	<u>Other</u>
	N/A

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members are asked to approve attendance at the award ceremony for the LAMA Community and Council Awards 2017 by the Council Chair, Vice Chair, two nominating Councillors and one officer.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	None



Subject Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Reporting Officer Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment, since the last meeting of Council.

2	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues which may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.

3	Key Issues																														
3.1	<p>The following outlines the open consultations of which Council has been notified:</p> <table><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Issue</th><th>Closing Date</th></tr><tr><td>Department for Infrastructure</td><td>Consultation paper on proposals to amend permitted development rights in respect of mineral exploration.</td><td>03 Feb 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Department for Communities</td><td>Consultation paper on a proposed Pension Schemes Bill to be introduced in the Northern Ireland Assembly.</td><td>09 Feb 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Department for Education</td><td>Consultation on Executive Strategy to support the improvement of well-being of Children and Young People in N Ireland.</td><td>27 Feb 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Department for Communities</td><td>Consultation on proposed changes to the Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors (the Councillors' Code)</td><td>28 Feb 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Department of Health</td><td>Consultation on draft regulations to introduce restrictions on smoking in private vehicles when children are present</td><td>3 Mar 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Planning Appeals Comm.</td><td>Consultation on draft procedures for independent examination of local dev plans</td><td>27 Mar 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Department for Transport</td><td>Consultation on options for amending domestic law on motor insurance in light of judgment - Court of Justice of the European Union in the case of Damijan Vnuk v Zavarovalnica Triglav d.d. (case C-162/13).</td><td>31 Mar 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Department for Communities</td><td>Consultation on proposals for change in the Private Rented Sector in Northern Ireland</td><td>3 April 2017</td></tr><tr><td>Department of Health</td><td>Consultation on Department of Health Equality Scheme</td><td>10 April 2017</td></tr></table>	Organisation	Issue	Closing Date	Department for Infrastructure	Consultation paper on proposals to amend permitted development rights in respect of mineral exploration.	03 Feb 2017	Department for Communities	Consultation paper on a proposed Pension Schemes Bill to be introduced in the Northern Ireland Assembly.	09 Feb 2017	Department for Education	Consultation on Executive Strategy to support the improvement of well-being of Children and Young People in N Ireland.	27 Feb 2017	Department for Communities	Consultation on proposed changes to the Northern Ireland Local Government Code of Conduct for Councillors (the Councillors' Code)	28 Feb 2017	Department of Health	Consultation on draft regulations to introduce restrictions on smoking in private vehicles when children are present	3 Mar 2017	Planning Appeals Comm.	Consultation on draft procedures for independent examination of local dev plans	27 Mar 2017	Department for Transport	Consultation on options for amending domestic law on motor insurance in light of judgment - Court of Justice of the European Union in the case of Damijan Vnuk v Zavarovalnica Triglav d.d. (case C-162/13).	31 Mar 2017	Department for Communities	Consultation on proposals for change in the Private Rented Sector in Northern Ireland	3 April 2017	Department of Health	Consultation on Department of Health Equality Scheme	10 April 2017
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	Dept of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs	Consultation - Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the Department's Knowledge Framework (Education Strategy)	27 Feb 2017
	Documentation on the aforementioned consultations can be provided on request		

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u> - N/A
4.2	<u>Human</u> - N/A
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> - N/A
4.4	<u>Other</u> - N/A

5	Other Considerations
5.1	Not applicable

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.

7	List of documents attached
7.1	Not applicable.

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Subject	Correspondence to Council – January 2017
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.

2	Background
2.1	This paper makes reference to correspondence received to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.

3	Key Issues
3.1	Correspondence from Office of the Taoiseach
3.1.1	<p>The council carried a motion at its November meeting concerning a recommendation by the Constitutional Convention on voting in future Irish Presidential elections.</p> <p><i>“This Council supports the call to implement the recommendation by the Constitutional Convention to extend the franchise to include all Irish citizens, regardless of their place of residency, to vote in the next and all future Presidential elections”.</i></p>
3.1.2	The Office of the Taoiseach has acknowledged receipt and has referred council correspondence to Minister Simon Coveney T.D. (Appendix A).
3.2	Correspondence from Dept for Communities
3.2.1	The Council discussed the proposed closure of the Social Security Office and Job Centre in Cookstown at its September 2016 meeting. Correspondence was subsequently sent to Minister P Givan MLA and a response has been received from the Deputy Secretary, Department for Communities (Appendix B).
3.3	Correspondence from Minister for Communities
3.3.1	<p>The Council at its December 2016 meeting carried the following motion on the concerning the Minister for Communities decision not to extend regeneration and community development powers to local government.</p> <p><i>"This council deeply regrets the decision of the Minister for Communities to refuse to devolve regeneration powers to local government. With planning responsibility, community planning and the power of competence, regeneration powers are the final element of a</i></p>

	<i>truly joined up and effective suite of powers designed to enhance and drive forward social, economic, environmental and community development to the benefit of all our citizens. Failure to devolve this power will severely limit the potential rewards arising from the reform of local government. This council calls upon the Minister to reconsider his position in the best interests of our citizens."</i>
3.3.2	The Minister has responded and the response is attached as Appendix C.
3.4	Correspondence Charles Flanagan TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade
3.4.1	<p>The Council at its July 2016 meeting carried the following motion on the outcome of the EU Referendum.</p> <p><i>"That this council recognises the democratic deficit created by the result of the EU referendum. Further recognises that as political leaders we have to work together to give effect to the democratically expressed decision of the people to remain in the EU and to put the needs of all our people and economy across the island of Ireland to the fore. Calls on the executive office to articulate the will of the electorate here in the north who clearly voted to remain.</i></p> <p><i>That this Council calls on the British Government to respect the will of 56% of the people of the North who voted to remain within the EU.</i></p> <p><i>Requests an urgent meeting with representatives of the Irish and British Governments."</i></p>
3.4.2	Charles Flanagan T.D. has responded on behalf of the Irish Government which is attached as Appendix D.

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u> N/A
4.2	<u>Human</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> N/A
4.4	<u>Other</u> N/A

5	Other Considerations
5.1	N/A

6	Recommendations
6.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	<p>Appendix A Letter from Office of the Taoiseach (Constitutional Convention)</p> <p>Appendix B Letter from Dept for Communities (Cookstown SSO & Job Centre)</p> <p>Appendix C Letter from Minister for Communities (Regeneration Powers)</p> <p>Appendix D Letter from Charles Flanagan TD, Minister Foreign Affairs & Trade</p>



Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

8 December 2016

Cllr. Trevor Wilson
Chair
Mid Ulster District Council
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Dear Cllr. Wilson,

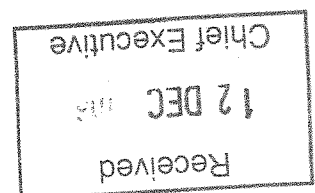
I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your recent correspondence which has been referred to Minister Simon Coveney T.D., for his consideration and direct reply to you.

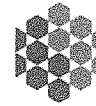
Yours sincerely,

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15 December 2016

Dear Mr Wilson

Thank you for your letter to Minister Givan received on 15 November regarding the proposed closure of the Cookstown Social Security Office and Jobcentre.

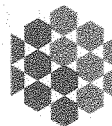
Minister Givan has asked that I respond on his behalf.

As you will be aware the public consultation regarding the proposed office closures ended on 15 November. The consultation has provided everyone, including Mid-Ulster District Council, with the opportunity to provide comment and raise issues and concerns regarding the proposed closures.

Minister's officials are now considering all the responses received and the issues raised and Minister Givan will make his decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

Tommy O'Reilly
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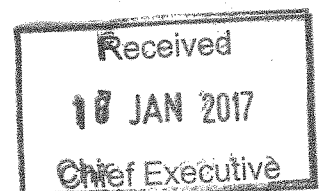
Thank you for your letter of 6 January 2017 about my decision not to extend the Department's regeneration and community development powers to local government.

I accept that some council Members may be disappointed with my decision. However, in my statement to the Assembly I set out very clearly the context on which it was based, and I explained it extensively. Now that I have made my decision I believe we should move on collectively so that we can address the needs that exist in our community. Irrespective of where legislative responsibility lies, Local Government will continue to play a significant role in ensuring the successful implementation of the Department's regeneration programmes.

I hope that the excellent arrangements and relationships that have been established between councils and my Department over the last number of years will continue and be built upon as we work together on delivering for the citizens of Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Communities





Appendix D

Councillor Trevor Wilson
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10 January 2017

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Dear Cllr. Wilson,

I refer to your letter of 3 August 2016 notifying a motion adopted by the members of Mid Ulster District Council in relation to the UK-EU referendum result.

I welcome that the members of Mid Ulster District Council have notified this motion on the result of the EU referendum.

The Irish Government is keenly conscious of the serious implications of the UK referendum result for the island of Ireland. The result of the poll is acutely felt in Northern Ireland, where the outcome was at odds with the UK-wider overall result.

The Irish Government is committed to working with the British Government and the Northern Ireland Executive in the best interests of all of the people on this island. The Taoiseach and I have held a number of discussions with our counterparts in the British Government on the referendum result and this engagement will continue and deepen in the period ahead.

The Government has and will continue to use its influence with our EU partners in the upcoming UK exit negotiations to highlight the unique status of Northern Ireland and the consequences for North-South interactions which must be factored into any new EU relationship with the UK.

The Government is strongly committed to ensuring that the peace, stability and prosperity that has been achieved on the island of Ireland over recent decades is protected and sustained into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Flanagan T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

