

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 8 February 2018 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan Cuddy, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean (7.07 pm), McPeake, Totten

Officers in Attendance Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Ms Kerr, Head of Finance
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others Councillors in Attendance Councillor Burton & McFlynn

The meeting commenced at 7.03 pm.

PR024/18 Apologies

Councillor M Quinn

PR025/18 Declaration of Interest

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

PR026/18 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

PR027/18 External Signage: Play Areas

Item redacted referred back to Committee for clarification on voting figures

PR028/18 Rectification of Boundaries for Lands at Oaks Road, Dungannon

The Council Solicitor drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek members' approval to progress an application to Land Registry for the rectification of boundaries of lands adjacent to the Council's Depot at Oaks Road, Dungannon.

Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.07 pm.

Councillor Gildernew said that it looked like there wasn't much ground to object to the proposal and enquired if this was contested could there be an issue of squatters' rights.

The Council Solicitor advised that from the investigations carried out, it would appear that it was a simple mistake of a wrong map being included when the transfer was being registered. The Council Solicitor also advised that it would appear that the Co-op would have a good case for adverse possession in the circumstances.

Councillor S McGuigan enquired where the blue map came from and if there had of been a situation regarding liability, who would have been liable if the circumstances arose.

The Council Solicitor advised that there was no transfer map on the Council's purchase file, but that there were two maps which both appeared to have been prepared by the former Dungannon District Council, except that the red line on the map attached to the contract was greater than that which was subsequently registered in Land Registry. She further advised that in relation to any query about liability, that a similar type exercise would be carried out and that based on information provided that the Council would be arguing that it had disposed of the land in 1991/92 and therefore would have contested any claim from then.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for an application for rectification of the boundaries to accord with the map attached at Appendix 1 relating to lands at Oaks Road, Dungannon be progressed to completion.

PR029/18 Planning System Replacement Update February 2018

The Head of ICT drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Council on the progress to date in respect of the discovery and development of a business base for the replacement of the existing planning system.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members note the information update.

Matters for Information

PR030/18 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018.

PR031/18 Marketing and Communications Activity Update

Members noted previously circulated report to provide an update on key areas of recent marketing and communications activity.

PR032/18 Member Services

No issues.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved: In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR033/18 to PR042/18.

Matters for Decision

- PR033/18 Rates Estimates 2018/19
- PR034/18 Lands at Ratheen Park: Request from Holy Trinity College, Cookstown
- PR035/18 Proposed Leases – Pomeroy and Davagh Forests
- PR036/18 Staffing Matters
- PR037/18 MPLS Computer Network Improvements
- PR038/18 Cisco IPT Maintenance

Matters for Information

- PR039/18 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 11 January 2018
- PR040/18 Staffing Matters
- PR041/18 Contracts and DAC
- PR042/18 Financial Report for 9 months ended 31 December 2017

PR043/18 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 7.55 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____