

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 8 October 2019 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present

Councillor Buchanan, Chair

Councillors Brown, Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow,
Graham, McAleer, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan,
McNamee, Milne, O'Neill, Totten, Wilson

**Officers in
Attendance**

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

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E217/19 Apologies

None.

E218/19 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors Burton, Graham and McAleer declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 – Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme 2019 – Caledon in Bloom.

Councillor McAleer also declared an interest in Knockmany Runners.

Councillor Brown declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 – Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme 2019 – Leckagh Neighbourhood Group.

E219/19 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan stated that following discussion at last month's meeting Members would now be in receipt of an invitation from Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) inviting them to an Open Day on 26 October at NIFRS Learning and Development Centre, Cookstown.

Councillor Wilson felt the invitation was a poor consolation to not being invited to the opening of the Learning and Development Centre, he highlighted that the invitation was for an event on a Saturday which may not be suitable for all Members.

Councillor Wilson felt that the overall response from NIFRS was very poor and that Council should keep the pressure on NIFRS.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan highlighted that the DUP conference was on the same day.

The Chair also referred to email received from the Royal College of Occupational Therapists which stated how pleased they had been to present to last month's Environment Committee and the interaction with Members.

Councillor Burton felt that the NIFRS facility was something which Members should be able to see and that an alternative date should be sought. The Councillor stated that Members were unhappy that they had not been invited to the opening of the facility in the first instance.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that if Members wanted an alternative date then this could be reflected back to NIFRS.

Councillor McGinley felt the invitation was too little too late, he stated his understanding was that Saturday was not suitable for Members and that Members should discuss and suggest an alternative date at the Council meeting.

Members were in agreement.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to seek an alternative date for Members to visit the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Learning and Development Centre as 26 October was unsuitable.

Councillor McGinley referred to the recent success of Donaghmore Horticultural Society in horticultural competitions and referred to an awards ceremony taking place on 25 October which the Society had been invited to. The Councillor asked that Council make contact with the group with a view to providing some financial support towards the cost of attending the awards ceremony.

Councillor Burton also referred to Castlecaulfield which was entered in the Champion of Champions category this year. The Councillor stated that local horticultural groups work night and day and that Council could not pay volunteers for the work that is done. Councillor Burton stated that there were now other villages coming on board and it would be some encouragement to these groups if financial support could be provided.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan stated that the recent successes were a credit to both Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore Horticultural Societies.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that Council have supported groups attending awards ceremonies in the past and it would not be inappropriate to provide financial assistance the same as what had been done before.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to provide the same amount of financial support to Donaghmore Horticultural Society and Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society for their attendance at upcoming awards ceremonies as what had been done in the past.

Matters for Decision

E220/19 DfI Roads Proposal – Proposed 40mph Extension – Tobermore Road, Draperstown

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed 40mph speed limit extension on Tobermore Road, Draperstown.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed 40mph speed limit extension on Tobermore Road, Draperstown.

E221/19 DfI Roads Proposal – Disabled Parking Bay at Rainey Street, Magherafelt

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Rainey Street, Magherafelt.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Rainey Street, Magherafelt.

E222/19 DfI Roads Proposal – 30mph Speed Limit – Moor Road, Clonoe

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed 30mph speed limit on Moor Road, Clonoe, Coalisland.

Councillor O'Neill stated that he would welcome the proposal which had been a long time coming.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed 30mph speed limit on Moor Road, Clonoe, Coalisland.

E223/19 Funding for Tree Planting Scheme at Magheraglass Landfill Site

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which detailed an application for grant funding from the Forest Expansion Scheme to establish a new native broadleaf woodland at the closed landfill site at Magheraglass.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse delivery of the tree planting project at Magheraglass, subject to the funding application being successful.

E224/19 Street Renaming

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which considered the renaming of a street in a new residential housing development within Mid Ulster.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to rename site off Killyliss Road, Eglish, Dungannon as Red Hill Manor.

E225/19 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster.

Site off Sixtowns Road, Straw, Draperstown

Councillor B McGuigan stated that the developer had put no thought into the naming of the development and had not contacted the local historical society in relation to same. The Councillor stated that the policy allowed for the use of place names and that the policy should be used to bring place names back to life. Councillor B McGuigan proposed that the naming of this development be deferred for a month to allow for discussions with the developer and the historical society and further name options to be brought forward.

Councillor Milne seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to defer naming of development off Sixtowns Road, Straw, Draperstown for one month to allow for further discussions with the developer and the historical society and further name options to be brought forward.

Site off Mullaghmore Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to –
- Name Street 1 (sites 15-17) in development off Mullaghmore Road, Dungannon as Millrace Close.
 - Name Street 2 (sites 18, 77-83) in development off Mullaghmore Road, Dungannon as Millrace View.
 - Name Street 3 (sites 43-66) in development off Mullaghmore Road, Dungannon as Millrace Avenue.
 - Name Street 4 (sites 68-76) in development off Mullaghmore Road, Dungannon as Millrace Lane.

E226/19 Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme 2019

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the successful applications awarded funding across the Mid Ulster area under the Live Here Love Here (LHLH) Small Grants Scheme and considered a request from Live Here Love Here to present to a future committee meeting.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the successful projects across Mid Ulster District Council area under the 2019 Small Grants Scheme and to invite a Live Here Love Here representative to a future meeting of the Environment Committee to provide update on the Live Here Love Here programme.

E227/19 Quality Schemes (Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs) Regulations 2018 – Authorised Officers

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which advised of designation of Mid Ulster District Council as the competent authority for the Quality Schemes (Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs) Regulations 2018.

Councillor McGinley referred to reference to Lough Neagh Pollan within report and previous discussions regarding Lough Neagh Eel and Pollan and the concerns that this produce will not have designated status after EU Exit. The Councillor stated that this was a matter for discussion at the next Brexit Working Group however he sought clarity in what the report was saying in that produce such as Lough Neagh Pollan could be protected.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated the report outlined the legislative process for the protection of the specific trading names such as Lough Neagh Pollan or Comber Potatoes. He advised that the issues surrounding Lough Neagh fishing and EU Exit and it's designated status for export purposes were entirely different from that referenced in the report. The Director advised that DAERA Fishery Services planned to be in attendance at tomorrow night's Brexit Working Group to discuss fishing issues for Lough Neagh.

Councillor McGinley stated that the Director had provided some clarification and that the legislative process will protect local produce names for the future however he still had concern in relation to Lough Neagh fishing following EU Exit.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note Mid Ulster District Council's appointment as the competent authority for the Quality Schemes (Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs) Regulations 2018 and the authorisation of Environmental Health officers for this purpose.

E228/19 Response to the Food Standards Agency's Consultation on the Implementation of the Official Controls Regulations

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the Food Standards Agency's Consultation on the Implementation of the Official Controls Regulations and provided draft Council response to same. The officer advised that the consultation closes on 11 October and if Members were in agreement the response outlined at appendix to report would be forwarded with the proviso that it still had to be ratified by Council.

Councillor McGinley sought clarity around the process and asked if the response could be issued prior to being ratified by Council.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that, as with any consultation, a response can be returned from any business or individual. In this case a response can be forwarded from the Environmental Health department prior to the deadline and if the response is then ratified by Council it can be resent as a corporate response. The officer highlighted that a number of consultations only have 4-6 weeks to make a response and that officers spend a lot of time and put a lot of work into commenting on consultations.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure confirmed that a corporate response to a consultation cannot go back without Council ratification however a draft response can be submitted outlining Council's thoughts on the consultation.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to respond to the Food Standards Agency's Consultation on the Implementation of the Official Controls Regulations as set out at Appendix 2 of report. Draft response to be submitted prior to deadline of 11 October and confirmed after Council ratification.

E229/19 The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 – Road Closures

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought determination on two road closure applications in connection with special events that are being held in October and November 2019.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked as these were Council events if Members had to declare an interest. The Councillor also asked who enforces a road closure.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that Council only has an administrative role in the process and that enforcement lies with PSNI.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked that if PSNI do not turn up at an event who enforces the road closure.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that at Civic Events an Event Management plan would be in place which would include road diversions and relevant safety measures, the Director further stated that there would be an Event Manager and officer team on the ground to ensure their safe delivery.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that for community events, event management would be undertaken by members of the community group.

With regards to the Member's query the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised he did not feel there was a need for Members to declare an interest in this item.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to agree to the issue of a Road Closure Order as specified under the Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 for –
- (I) Dungannon Halloween Event – The Order is to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads on Wednesday 30 October 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 20:30:
 - Market Square, Dungannon and
 - Thomas Street, Dungannon from its junction with Greers Road to Market Square
 - (II) Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On – The Order is to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads on Friday 22 November 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 21:15:
 - William Street, Cookstown from its junction with Orritor Street/Old Coagh Road to the Burn Road/James Street junction.
 - (III) Magherafelt Christmas Event – The Order is to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads as set out:
 - Magherafelt Christmas Market – Market Street, Magherafelt from its junction with Broad Street to the entrance of the Diamond Centre Car Park between the hours of 18:00 on Friday 22 November 2019 and 22:00 on Sunday 24 November 2019.
 - Magherafelt Christmas Lights Switch On – Broad Street, Magherafelt between the hours of 16:00 and 21:30 on Saturday 23 November 2019.

- (IV) Dungannon Christmas Event – The Order is to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following road on Friday 22 November 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 20:00:
- Market Square, Dungannon

E230/19 The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 – Streamlining Road Closure Process

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which outlined options for streamlining the road closure process for special events within the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendation and further proposed that the fee remain the same for large/commercial events and that the fee should be waived for community and not for profit groups with a review after one year. The Councillor stated that some community groups are struggling and that events have been cancelled due to cost.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that there was still a difficulty in relation to the variance of advice being given to groups by PSNI and insurance authorities. The Councillor also referred to the number of queries received compared to the number of applications received and asked if a small advertisement or press article was sufficient.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that it was within legislation that an advertisement needed to be placed however if a template can be agreed then a group can go to the press themselves and should be able to secure a reduced rate for an advertisement compared to Council. The Director stated that enforcement lies with PSNI and DfI and that Council can only work within the framework given, the Director further stated that the letter attached at Appendix 4 of the report is the advice PSNI were now giving to groups and that this would have to be taken as read.

Councillor Wilson stated that in relation to delegated authority this could be left at the Head of Service level instead of the Director. The Councillor stated that Council should be lobbying for changes to the legislation as there were some events not covered which should be included. Councillor Wilson also felt that community/not for profit groups should be charged a nominal fee ie. £100 for their application however he would go with the feeling of the Committee.

Councillor McAleer stated that if advertisement costs are high for community groups then waiving the fee may not be of much benefit.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that community groups may be able to get financial assistance through Council's community grants.

Councillor McNamee stated that some groups don't get any community funding. The Councillor stated he would amend his earlier proposal to state that delegated authority be given to the Head of Service for the issue of road closure permits and confirmed that the fee should be waived for community/not for profit groups.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised he did not foresee an issue with delegated authority going to the Head of Service for the issue of permits and confirmed that although the fee could be waived for community/not for profit groups these groups would have to pay the advertisement fee themselves.

Councillor McAleer asked if advertisements for large/commercial events would still go through Council.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that the £415 fee for large/commercial events is to cover costs plus cost of advertisement and would be dealt with by Council.

Councillor McGinley seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal on the basis that Council would prepare the advertisement which the community group would then publish at their expense.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- (I) To agree the delegation of the administration and issue of Temporary Road Closure Permits to the Head of Service, unless and in the event of specific objections being received from statutory consultees and/or complaints which may render the holding of the 'Special Event' to be unsafe. In such instances the application will be heard at the next available meeting of the Environment Committee.
- (II) To set the fee structure as set out below with review after one year:
 - £415 for large/commercial/filming events
 - Waive fee for community/not for profit groups – Such groups to agree template for advertisement and place the advert at their own cost.

E231/19 Enabling Legislation – Delegated Powers

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update on enabling legislation and set out arrangements for legislative provision going forward in the event of this jurisdiction leaving the European Union.

Councillor Wilson proposed the report recommendation.

In response to Councillor McGinley's question the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that delegated authority was being sought to ensure Council has a smooth transition and streamlined regulatory processes in order for businesses to be able to continue trading seamlessly following EU Exit.

Councillor McGinley asked if there was a process of bringing delegated authority matters back to Committee.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that update reports can be brought if delegated authority needs to be used to facilitate daily business continuing.

Councillor McGinley stated that he seconded Councillor Wilson's proposal but felt that the more delegated authority is given then Councillors can lose their role and that such matters should be brought back to Committee for full scrutiny.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to authorise the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure to exercise Delegated Authority for the authorisation and administration of staff and relevant functions under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 as amended and any Statutory Instrument for this purpose.

Matters for Information

E232/19 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 10 September 2019

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 10 September 2019.

In response to Councillor McNamee's question the Director of Environment and Property advised that a meeting was arranged with PSNI to discuss damage to dual language signage for 12 November at 5.30 pm prior to the next Environment Committee.

Some discussion ensued regarding the time of the meeting following which it was agreed that the meeting with PSNI take place on 12 November 2019 at 5.00 pm in Cookstown offices.

Councillor McGinley referred to discussion at last month's meeting regarding provision of water bottles to staff and asked if there was an update on the matter.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that he expected the provision of water bottles to be complete before the November meeting of Environment Committee.

Councillor McGinley stated that the bottles being provided should be of a good standard.

E233/19 KNIB Cleaner Neighbourhoods Survey/Report 2018/19

Members noted previously circulated report which detailed the annual KNIB Cleaner Neighbourhoods Survey/Report.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the survey which outlined that Mid Ulster District Council had issued the lowest number of fixed penalty notices of the eleven Councils. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that this highlighted the need for more staff to be authorised and that the current system was not working.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that whilst the number of fixed penalties issued was not a high number the survey indicated that cleanliness in the District was fairly high. The officer advised that dash cams have recently been installed on vans Environmental Health staff are using and that footage from these cameras were beginning to show results.

The Head of Environmental Health referred to item E192/19 in minutes from last month's meeting and clarified that there are only two people within Council who are allowed to access information held by DVLA. Additionally, the officer stated that Environmental Health Officers can issue fixed penalty notices on site but cannot detain people.

The Head of Environmental Health again highlighted the use of books for the recording of information and if the evidence is adequate then a fixed penalty can be served.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated it was a positive step to now have an additional method of catching offenders however this would not help to catch offences taking place in parks.

Councillor Wilson referred to the difficulties experienced in getting in contact with the on call dog warden.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that there was a protocol in place for the out of hours dog warden service. The officer stated that the dog warden will only attend where there has been an attack on sheep, cattle or a person and that there is no on call service for stray dogs etc. Members were advised that the access to the on call dog warden service for complaints is through the PSNI.

Councillor Wilson stated that the instances he was aware of involved dog attacks and that the PSNI had advised they did not have the phone number for the on call dog warden.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that the on call phone number and on call protocol would be reinforced with PSNI.

Councillor B McGuigan stated it was good to see Mid Ulster has the highest number of schools that hold an Eco Schools Green Flag.

Councillor Glasgow queried if there is a stray dog over the weekend what can be done with it. The Councillor stated this was the second time concern had been raised regarding the on call dog warden service and that protocol and phone numbers etc needed to be reinforced with the police.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that there is a separate kennel at Council's dog kennelling facility at Drumbonaway for the purposes of strays and that the public can take stray dogs to this facility at the weekend.

Councillor McNamee referred to recent incident in which a number of man holes were stolen around Tullaghoge, the Councillor stated he informed Council officers of the matter due to communication problems between the police and Council.

E234/19 Local Authority Recycling Carbon Index Report

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the findings of the Recycling Carbon Index Report 2017/18.

E235/19 Town Centre Footpath Snow/Ice Clearance Agreement

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the rolling annual agreement with DfI/Transport NI in relation to the treatment of footpaths in the main town centres within Mid Ulster District following heavy snowfall or prolonged freezing.

E236/19 Building Control Workload

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

E237/19 Entertainment Licences

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

E238/19 Dual Language Signage Requests

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

E239/19 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests. Where more than 51% of occupiers that respond indicate that they are in favour of the erection of Dual Language Signage, nameplates will be erected. Where less than 51% of occupiers that responded indicate that they were not in favour of the erection of a Dual Language street nameplate, then the Dual Language nameplate will not be approved or erected.

E240/19 Air Quality in the Mid Ulster District Council Area 2019

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the air quality and associated ongoing monitoring in the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Councillor McGinley extended his thanks to officers for their support of recent event involving schoolchildren, the Councillor stated this was a useful event for the pupils and he would seek to get a copy of the posters created at the event to share with Members.

E241/19 Community Resuscitation

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on community resuscitation across the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the report outlined a good spread of defibrillators sited across Council buildings and proposed that all Council buildings should have a defibrillator installed, in particular, Gardner's Hall in Dungannon and President Grant Homestead at Dergenagh plus any other Council buildings not already included on list.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that defibrillator units cost in the region of £1000 and that it may be useful to liaise with NI Ambulance Service (NIAS) on the number and location of defibrillators already sited.

Councillor Wilson stated that Council should link in with the community group at Dergenagh in relation to the siting of a defibrillator at President Grant Homestead.

Councillor McNamee stated that there should not be overlap in the siting of defibrillators and suggested that a report be brought back indicating areas where defibrillators are needed.

Councillor McAleer stated that Council should link in with NIAS and that further to discussions last month she had spoken with Costa in relation to the siting of a defibrillator at Preseident Grant Homestead to which she was advised that the matter had been talked about in the past but did not progress.

Councillor Glasgow stated that if a report was brought back to Committee gaps could be identified.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Council has a responsibility to take the lead and have defibrillators located at their premises. The Councillor stated there was no need for another report as the report before Members tonight identifies Council buildings that already have a defibrillator installed and includes a link to the NIAS website which shows the location of all defibrillators.

Councillor Burton stated she did not believe there would be an issue with installing a defibrillator at the President Grant Homestead as it was a rural area and there was capacity. The Councillor also stated it was hoped that American and Ulster Scots tours would stop at the Homestead in the future and a defibrillator would be a useful piece of equipment to have at this location. Councillor Burton seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Glasgow stated he was not disagreeing with the need for defibrillators however there was an issue of fairness. The Councillor referred to Council owned playpark at Drum Manor and similarly a play park at Pomeroy Forest and asked how Council stood on locating defibrillators at these sites.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that there is a community resuscitation group set up who work closely with NIAS in relation to the siting of defibrillators. The Director suggested that NIAS be invited to a future Committee meeting who can provide guidelines on the siting of defibrillators and based on their guidelines an assessment can then be undertaken as to need at the remaining Council premises currently without a defibrillator.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he wanted his proposal to remain on the table and that all Council buildings should have a defibrillator in the first instance. Going forward play parks could be investigated as a possible location for a defibrillator but he reminded Members that these devices require an electric supply which may be difficult to achieve at play parks.

Councillor McGinley stated he did not believe any Member was objecting to the need for defibrillators but that there was a process to be followed. Councillor McGinley proposed the way forward outlined by the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure.

Councillor Milne seconded Councillor McGinley's proposal.

Councillor McAleer stated she did not want to vote against the siting of additional defibrillators however she would also like to hear the opinion of NIAS in relation to same.

Councillor Wilson stated that there was nobody against defibrillators however if the matter was voted on tonight he could imagine the headlines in next week's papers which would be the wrong message to send out from the Committee.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan asked if Members could reach agreement tonight without the need for a vote.

Councillor Milne stated that this was a sensitive issue however common sense needed to prevail. The Councillor stated that he could suggest other additional locations where defibrillators could be located in the District however it would be important to hear the views of NIAS.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan suggested a further proposal in which the Committee agrees to install the defibrillators at Gardner's Hall and President Grant Homestead and that a report be brought back to Committee looking at the provision of defibrillators in the wider context.

Councillor McAleer stated that the proposal from Councillor Cuthbertson was for all Council buildings.

Councillor McGinley stated that nobody in the room was anti defibrillator and suggested that the Committee move to vote on the proposals on the table.

Members voted on Councillor McGinley's proposal –
For – 7
Against – 2

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –
For – 2
Against - 7

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to invite Northern Ireland Ambulance Service to a future Committee meeting to discuss the siting of defibrillators. Based on this discussion an assessment can then be undertaken which will look at the need for a defibrillator to be sited at the remaining Council premises currently without a defibrillator.

Councillor Brown referred to the list at Appendix 2 of the report which indicated the location of defibrillators and stated that it appeared some of the pads for the defibrillators had expired. The Councillor requested that pads and batteries for these units be kept up to date.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton
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 E242/19 to E251/19.

Matters for Decision

- E242/19 Off Street Car Parking: Agency Agreement with DfI
- E243/19 Council Strategic Waste Management Arrangements: Update
- E244/19 Amenity and Planting Sponsorship
- E245/19 Review of ICT Fees for Portglenone Angling Stands and Access Paths

Matters for Information

- E246/19 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 10 September 2019
- E247/19 Brexit Contingency Plan for Disposal of Residual Waste
- E248/19 Digitisation of Building Control Files
- E249/19 Capital Projects Update
- E250/19 DAERA/Rural Tourism/Co-Operation Projects
- E251/19 DAERA/Village Extension Programme

E252/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.51 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____