



26 October 2017

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in
The Chamber, Dungannon at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Circular
Road, DUNGANNON, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 26 October 2017 at 19:00 to transact
the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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Notice of Motions

15 Councillor S McGuigan to move

“In the aftermath of the intimidation of families from a shared housing development in Cantrell Close, Belfast that this Council acknowledges the recent statement by the six main party leaders pledging their support for ‘citizens to live in a society without fear of intimidation, free from sectarianism, and condemn all forms of sectarianism, intolerance and threats of violence.’ That this council also affirms the principle of the Good Friday Agreement which promised to citizens the right to freely choose one’s place of residence’ and the ‘right to freedom from sectarian harassment’ and pledges its support for:

- The right to employment free from sectarian discrimination, intimidation and attack.
- The right to housing and to live in your home free from sectarian attack, intimidation or any other discrimination.
- The right to free association, recreation and to socialise at places of choice free from sectarian attack or other discrimination.
- The right to practise religious faith and worship free from sectarian attack, intimidation or other discrimination.
- The duty to report or challenge sectarian speech, attack, intimidation or other discrimination when witnessed or heard.”

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

Matters for Decision

16. Audit Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 19 September 2017
17. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 28 September 2017
18. Planning Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 3 October 2017
19. Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 5 October 2017
20. Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 10 October 2017

21. Development Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 12 October 2017
22. Tender: Curran Terrace, Dungannon - Road Improvements
23. Document for Sealing: Conveyance between Mid Ulster District Council and Dungannon Enterprise Centre in respect of lands at Dungannon Enterprise Park, Drumcoo

Matters for Information

Minutes of Special Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 21 September 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Ashton, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Burton, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Gillespie, Glasgow, McAleer (7.07pm), McEldowney, McFlynn, S McGuigan, McKinney, Milne, Molloy (7.04pm), Mullen (7.03pm), Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid, Robinson (7.04pm) and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr M Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mrs E Forde, Member Support Officer
Ms Totten, Community Planning Co-ordinator

In Attendance: Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Siobhan McCauley, Director of Regional Services
Comghal McQuillan, Regional Director South
Michael Dallat, Senior Principal Officer
Ailbhe Hickey, Head of Place Shaping
Keery Irvine, Principal Officer

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

SC29/17 Apologies

Councillors Cuddy, Mallaghan McGinley, B McGuigan McLean, McNamee Monteith and G Shiels

SC30/17 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Elattar declared an interest as Council's representative on the Housing Council for N Ireland

SC31/17 Chair's Business

Councillor J O'Neill advised that the Tyrone under 17s had won the All Ireland Championship stating that they were the first team to win the title and asked if consideration could be given for a civic reception to mark the achievement. He advised that three of the players were from the O'Rahilly's GAA Club in Coalisland.

The Chair Councillor Ashton advised that the request should be submitted to Democratic Services.

Councillor S McGuigan concurred with Councillor O'Neill advising that five members of the team were from Killeeshil which was a third division club and it was good to see younger talent coming through. He further advised that the Tyrone ladies team were in the final at the weekend.

The Chair Councillor Ashton advised that together with Councillor Burton she had attended the Ulster in Bloom Awards at which Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society had secured first place and Donaghmore Horticultural Society had secured second place. The Chair further advised that Mr Bob McClure Joint Chair of Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society had been awarded the Community Champion Award and conveyed congratulations to all.

SC32/17 Northern Ireland Housing Executive

The Chair, Councillor Ashton welcomed representatives from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to the meeting. Ms McCauley introduced the team from NIHE and delivered a presentation (appendix 1) detailing the Mid Ulster Housing Investment Plan.

Councillor Molloy, Mullen and Robinson entered the meeting at 7.04pm
Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 7.07 pm

The Chair, Councillor Ashton thanked the representative for the presentation and acknowledged their work in the local area emphasising the necessity of local contacts together with a local base. The Chair invited questions from Members.

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed his thanks to the Senior Principal Officer and his team and sought clarification regarding the 230 properties scheduled for a double glazing scheme in 2017/18. Mr Dallat advised that the windows being replaced were double glazed timber windows which were more than 15 years old. He advised that replacement is determined on age and condition. Ms McCauley advised that some people actually prefer wooden window frames as opposed to PVC and it was noted that the wood was more expensive.

Councillor Wilson put on record his thanks to staff in the Cookstown Housing Executive office and commended them on their involvement with the Burn Road, Cookstown housing scheme. Councillor Wilson asked:

- (i) Could empty properties be brought back in to use;
- (ii) Welcomed the increase in grant allocation as he was very supportive of helping people where they were and asked if the current cuts would impact grants as this could lead to future bed blocking in hospitals;
- (iii) Welcomed the increase in small grants but asked if they could be better publicised.

Ms McCauley in response to question two advised that in relation to supporting people there had been much media interest and emphasised that all of the money received by NIHE was issued and none of it was ring fenced or retained. In relation to cuts she advised that budgets had been cut by 5% in real terms. Ms McCauley

advised that the sector had experienced pressures but the special needs management allowance had stayed in place. She emphasised money received by NIHE for the sector was issued in its entirety but emphasised the need for greater efficiencies.

With regard to small grants Ms McCauley advised that in relation to the 'Warm Homes' scheme that the budget was being drawn upon and if it was publicised further, demand would be difficult to meet. Ms McCauley spoke of grants in relation to unfit properties and stated that whilst some applications were being received more could be encouraged. She further advised that statutory grant funding could not be reallocated to other budgets.

Mr Dallat advised that the private housing grant spend in Mid Ulster had gone up from £1.5 million to £1.54 million in the current year. He advised that he did not have a figure for empty homes in the private sector but confirmed that NIHE had currently 35 empty properties. He stated they would anticipate a 6% turnover and advised that 40% of housing turnover was in relation to transferring people to more suitable accommodation as family circumstances change. He advised that the Mid Ulster region was in the top of the public vacant stock turnover.

Councillor Doris stated that victims of domestic abuse did not receive 'intimidation' housing points and asked if there were any plans to change this. Ms McCauley advised that the Department for Communities was currently consulting on this matter. Ms McCauley advised that all points were issued within the recommended guidelines and that viewpoints expressed in the consultation would be taken into consideration.

Councillor Reid expressed his thanks for both the report presented and ongoing work, particularly repair work. In relation to vacant houses he asked if the reallocation process could be sped up and he sought clarity in relation to emergency callouts relating to an incident in another region where someone had apparently been called out to undertake something as minor as change a lightbulb.

In response Mr Dallat advised that the target for reallocating properties was 22 days but within Mid Ulster the current turnaround was 15 days. He advised that people were 'on call' 24/7 but advised that calls were triaged and that the NIHE would not send someone out to change a lightbulb, unless it was a communal light in for example a block of flats which would pose a hazard if the area was in darkness.

Ms McCauley stated that perhaps the conversation in relation to the light bulb was somewhat anecdotal as it would not be standard practise but emphasised that she was keen to follow up what appeared to be an irregularity. Councillor Reid re-emphasised that it had been in another area but would pass the information to Mr Dallat.

Councillor Bateson advised he had previously raised the issue of accommodation for travellers at Toomebridge and stated it would appear there was nothing being done to address the problems and if this was the case, why and whom was responsible.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 7.27pm

In response Mr Dallat clarified that the issue was raised at the special council meeting in 2016 and since then he had met with the Councillor and Head of Planning. He advised that the situation was somewhat difficult as the families were reluctant to engage but progress had been made and seven families had now agreed to engage, and two have indicated they would be moving on. He further advised, with the support of the Council, that they were endeavouring to establish if any statutory agencies had land available for a potential site and clarified that a feasibility study had been carried out on access sites in Magherafelt but none had proved suitable. He added that it was unclear as to exactly what the families wanted, for example a group housing scheme, a permanent halting site or a temporary halting site.

Councillor Bateson asked if the terms of the assessment procedure was the same for the travelling community as that of the settled community or was it an adhoc process. He also sought clarity as to who made the determination as to the suitability of a site.

Mr Dallat advised that professional Planners review the design guide for traveller sites and make the determination. He emphasised that guidelines were rigorous highlighting, for example, the flatness of the site, the need for screening, and its location i.e. not to be adjacent to an industrial site. He further stated that the needs for each group of travellers is quite different and that 96% of travellers do not want to live in caravans. Mr Dallat clarified that if travellers were seeking social housing they were treated the same as everyone else and advised that if a group of families sought a group housing scheme they have to apply for this and emphasised that NIHE would not specifically undertake a building scheme for this. He added that in most cases families move on.

Councillor Bateson stated that he was happy to engage with the NIHE and the Travellers in resolving the matter. In response Mr Dallat stated that he would welcome the involvement.

Councillor Gillespie highlighted the lack of access to properties at Ivy Bank Park, Donaghmore stating that residents have to store bins to the front of the properties and carry lawnmowers through the house. He advised that residents were willing to relinquish part of their gardens to attain an access path. Councillor Gillespie stressed that there were health and safety issues in relation to the lack of access at the back of the properties.

In response Mr Dallat stated that he would discuss the matter with the Councillor at the conclusion of the meeting recalling that there had been a proposed scheme in the past.

SC33/17 CMIS – Committee Management System

It was noted that the CMIS committee system had been introduced and that meeting packs were now being issued through the system. Anyone requiring support should contact the Democratic Services team.

SC34/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 7.37 pm

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 28 September 2017 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Ashton

Members Present: Councillors Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, Mulligan, J O'Neill (7.05pm), M Quinn, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr Tohill, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure & Outdoor Recreation
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
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C183/17 Apologies

None

C184/17 Declarations of Interest

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

C185/17 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Ashton drew attention to the Member Learning & development schedule, which had been compiled following a recent Training Needs Analysis through the Elected Member Development Working Group. The Chair encouraged Members to avail of training opportunities on offer.

C186/17 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Special Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 17 August 2017

Councillor McGinley requested amendments to the minute as undernoted:

- (i) The last paragraph on page 10, Councillor McNamee changed to Councillor McGinley
- (ii) Resolve amended to read:
 - (i) Members continuing on their work with the Bonfire Working Group and wait until the findings of the Flags and Emblems Committee being made known before inviting other agencies ie. PSNI, Fire Service and NIEA to becoming involved.
 - (ii) Engagement with local communities who wish to host bonfires and those who don't wish to host bonfires on Council land to ensure adherence to Good Practice with Council and other Statutory Agencies to promote public safety at bonfires.
 - (iii) Officers to prepare an Options Paper for the introduction of an application and licencing process, which should meet certain criteria for building bonfires, with this being done through the Bonfire Working Group and then brought back to committee for consideration.
 - (iv) Illegal bonfires being put on the Risk Register and being brought back to committee.

Councillor Cuthbertson also remarked that his understanding was that reports were to be brought back to the Environment Committee in relation to the PSNI and the NIFRS.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 17 August 2017(SE001/17 – SE007/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

C187/17 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 24 August 2017

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to C176.1/17 notice of motion discussed at the August meeting and stated that unfortunately the issue has not gone away as there had been two or three further cases where emergency services had to be called out to deal with unconscious teenagers. He advised that it had been reported by local residents that they feared walking along Railway Park pathway to their homes and spoke of an incident where teenagers were sited sniffing something and others under the influence of drink had shouted at pedestrians. Councillor Cuthbertson advised that one lady had called the PSNI on the matter and people were hiding in hedges. He continued, stating that Council should not ignore the matter as they had a duty of care particularly under child safeguarding policies and emphasised the need to do something.

Councillor Reid advised that the matter had been discussed at the PCSP and a special meeting had been set up with statutory agencies. He advised that the legacy Council had opened up connecting walkways between parks in the town which were unfortunately being used for antisocial behaviour. He stated that the PSNI had increased patrols, were purchasing a quad bike to assist with policing the area and had keys to access gates in the area to allow them vehicular access. He advised that those involved were inflicting stress not only upon themselves but others also.

The Chief Executive advised that the PCSP would report through Development Committee on the matter.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 24 August 2017(C164/17 – C177/17 and C182/17), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

C188/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 September 2017

In response to query by Councillor Mallaghan regarding bookmarks of committee meeting papers through the new CMIS system the Head of Democratic Services stated he would issue an advice note on how to access them.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 September 2017 (P117/17 – P122/17 and P128/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C189/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 September 2017

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 September 2017 (PR154/17 – PR163/17 and PR173/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C190/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 12 September 2017

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2017 (E199/17 – E229/17 and E234/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

Councillor J O'Neill entered the meeting at 7.04pm

C191/17 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee held on Thursday 14 September 2017

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 September 2017 (D163/17–D184/17 and D186/17) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C192/17 Conferences and Seminars

Approval was sought for the undernoted conferences for the attendance of Members and council officers outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

(i) Member Approvals

- **NILGA Community Planning & Wellbeing Event**
Wednesday 13 September 2017 10am-12.30pm at Corick House, Clogher
(Retrospective approval for Members in attendance)
Cost no fee, travel and subsistence
Retrospective approval for Councillor S McGuigan
- **NI Energy Forum 2017**
Tuesday 17 October 2017 9.00am – 4.30pm at Stormont Hotel, Belfast
Cost £235 + VAT, travel and subsistence
- **Adult Learning Conference 2017**
Thursday 26th October (9.30am – 4pm) at NICVA, Duncairn Gardens, Belfast
Cost no fee, travel and subsistence

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor J O'Neill 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 and officers.

C193/17 Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition

The Head of Democratic services drew Members attention to the previously circulated report and sought approval for civic recognition requests for those groups and individuals listed in line with Council Receptions Policy.

Councillor Wilson stated that he was aware the policy was being reviewed but highlighted two submissions that of Danielle Hamilton who was a drummer with a Scottish based pipe band who had won the World Pipe Band Championships and Benjamin Neville who represented Northern Ireland at the recent Moto-Cross championships and requested that they be put forward for a civic award and not a letter as detailed within the report. He also made mention that Councillor Mullen may wish to reconsider her submission which had been recommended for a letter.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that she had supported Benjamin prior to the competition and suggested that both requests be reviewed by Democratic Services.

Councillor Wilson stated that all the information had been submitted. In response the Head of Democratic Services stated that the report was prepared for consideration by Members and changes could be taken. He advised, in relation to the submission of Ms Hamilton the position had been taken that the band had won the award rather than the individual, this being the rationale for the recommendation in the report.

Councillor Gillespie left the meeting at 7.11pm

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That Danielle Hamilton and Benjamin Neville receive civic awards.

Councillor McLean sought an update on the review of the civic recognition policy. In response the Director of Business and Communities advised it was a work in progress. The Head of Democratic Services advised that a meeting of the working group had been scheduled for Wednesday 4 October.

Resolved That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report.

C194/17 Social Enterprise NI Awards 2017

The Director of Business and Communities drew Members attention to the previously circulated report advising that Council had been shortlisted in the Social Enterprise NI Awards 2017 and sought approval for the Chair and/or Deputy Chair, one officer and two representatives from the Workspace Group (Council's programme delivery

partners) to attend the Gala Awards Evening on 27 October 2017 at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast. It was noted that the event would be funded by Council's economic development budget, costs £90 per head for individuals and £850 for a table of 10 people.

Councillor Gillespie returned to the meeting at 7.15pm

The Chair, Councillor Ashton advised she would be unavailable to attend.

Councillor Cuddy proposed that Councillor Wilson attend the event as Chair of the Development Committee.

Councillor McGinley sought clarification regarding protocol in relation to Chairs attendance at events.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the protocol was Chair, Deputy Chair, then Chair of Committees.

Councillor McGinley proposed that the protocol should be followed.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

Resolved That approval be granted for Chair and/or Deputy Chair (or other Chair of Committee by protocol), one officer and two representatives from the Workspace Group (Council's programme delivery partners) to attend the Gala Awards Evening on 27 October 2017 at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast. Costs £90 per head for individuals and £850 for a table of 10 people.

C195/17 Border Corridor Local Authorities Report on Brexit

The Chief Executive drew attention to previously circulated report seeking approval for Councillor and Officer to attend the launch of the Border Corridor Local Authorities report on Brexit in Brussels on 11 October.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the consensus at a recent conference had been that the report be lodged in Brussels during open week but advised Members that the Chair was not available to travel thus it would be the Deputy Chair.

Councillor Mallaghan proposed that the Chief Executive and Members attend.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the Chief Executive could not lodge the report without Councillors accompanying him.

In response the Chief Executive stated it was a matter for Members who attended.

Councillor McPeake stated that he disagreed with the Chief Executive not being accompanied by Members and stated it was an annual event which Members attended.

Councillor McPeake seconded the proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That approval be granted for Deputy Chair, Chair of Committee (by protocol), Chief Executive or Director to attend the launch of the Border Corridor Local Authorities report on Brexit in Brussels on 11 October 2017.

C196/17 Council responses to Southern and Northern Health & Social Services Trust 2017/18 Savings Proposals

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure drew attention to the previously circulated report with regard to Council responses to Southern and Northern Health & Social Services Trust 2017/18 Savings proposals. He stated it had been a busy week with public events together with the meeting on 27 September when Members had engaged directly with both the Northern and Southern Trusts. The Director advised that a paper would be issued to Members for consideration with the final paper submitted to the Trusts by 5 October 2017.

Councillor Wilson stated that it was apparent that neither of the Trusts had taken into consideration that people bordering both of their areas may be doubly effected by proposed cuts and this should be emphasised in Council's response.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the Director would take the comments on-board and advised that it had been emphasised to both Trusts that the results of the consultations be taken on board.

Resolved That

- (i) Paper to be issued to Members Friday 30 September 2017 for consideration;
- (ii) Paper to include that people bordering both Southern and Northern HSCT areas are affected by cuts from both areas;
- (iii) Comments on paper to be received as soon as possible with final response submitted by 5 October 2017.

Matters for Information

C197/17 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Councillor Monteith requested that Council respond to the undernoted consultations:

- (i) the Boundary Commission for NI 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies Secondary Consultation restating the Council's position as per previous consultation especially relation into the proposed split of Dungannon area; and

- (ii) Department for Communities: Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions highlighting the impact this would have on the self-employed and in relation to issues surrounding maternity allowances. Councillor Monteith suggested that Council engage with local advice and enterprise centres to assist with compiling a response.

The Head of Democratic Services stated that officers would be tasked with compiling responses. The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the Director of Business and Communities would look at the impact on businesses on the abolition of class 2 national insurance, consultation.

Resolved The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted with consultations to be prepared on the undernoted:

- (i) Boundary Commission for NI 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies Secondary Consultation; and
- (ii) Department for Communities: Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions

C198/17 Correspondence

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the Correspondence from BT in relation to notification of the consultation to remove a payphone at the Cavan Road Junction, Bush Road, Dungannon. He proposed that in light of the responses received to date, the phone box be retained and the Council write to BT and use its 'local veto' under the process.

Councillor Cuddy seconded the proposal stating that the junction is very dangerous junction and had been the scene of accidents and it was always good to have a means of contact.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That Council write to BT to invoke a 'local veto' in relation to the phone box on the Cavan Road junction, Bush Road, Dungannon.

Councillor Forde drew attention to the correspondence received from St James House (Media Group) in relation to the 100th celebrations of the Royal Air Force. The Councillor stated that she believed they should be recognised and suggested that Council look into the history of the RAF in Mid Ulster, engage with families and organise relevant area celebrations.

Councillor McPeake stated that he felt it would be appropriate for research to be carried out by local interest groups and that they make an application for festival funding and emphasised that Council should not 'cherry pick' events as there could be something else next month.

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the Member intended for it to be explored.

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor Burton

That Council explore the history of the RAF in the Mid Ulster area with a view to relevant celebratory event for the 100th anniversary.

Councillor Mallaghan stated his opposition highlighting that there were processes in place for festival funding and this process should be utilised.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Bell

That the 100th Anniversary of the RAF be progressed using the normal procedures

The Chair Councillor Ashton called for a vote on Councillor Forde's proposal.

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The Chair called for a vote on Councillor McNamee's proposal

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The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the proposal of Councillor McNamee would be carried.

Resolved That the 100th Anniversary of the RAF be progressed using the normal procedures

Resolved The previously circulated paper on correspondence to Council was noted.

C199/17 Consideration of Motion

C199.1/17 Councillor Wilson to move

Prior to speaking on the motion Councillor Wilson wished Councillor T Quinn a speedy recovery.

Councillor Wilson highlighted that following recent proposals Translink had been closing the bus depot in Cookstown at weekends which resulted in people waiting in bus shelters with suitcases. He stated that the matter was apparently going to consultation which he would encourage responses to but as an interim measure moved the undernoted motion.

"That this council seek an urgent meeting with Translink to discuss their plans for Cookstown Depot in light of their recent closure of the depot at weekends"

Councillor Glasgow seconded the motion stating that Cookstown was a large town and needed the bus depot hub.

Councillor McNamee stated that together with the local Member of Parliament, Francie Molloy MP he had met with Translink officials and it had been confirmed that the service provided in Cookstown was to be reduced to a 'bus shelter status' without any representation nor consultation with the public. He advised that agreement had been reached to open the Cookstown depot at weekends prior to the consultation period. Councillor McNamee stated that he supported the motion and that Council should ask for an increase in opening hours of the office as the service provided was not good enough. Councillor McNamee stated he would like to be part of the delegation meeting with Translink.

Councillor Buchanan concurred with Councillor Wilson and welcomed the re-opening emphasising that Council should be encouraging the use of the bus depot.

Councillor McFlynn concurred with the motion emphasising that the proposed closure highlighted an increase in service reduction in the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor Wilson stated he was pleased with the cross party support the motion had received and emphasised that he too wished to be part of the delegation.

The Chair Councillor Ashton called for a vote on the motion

FOR 39
AGAINST 0

The Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that the motion be Carried.

Councillor Reid left the meeting at 7.34 pm

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That items C200/17 – C205/17 be taken as confidential business.

- (i) Minutes taken as confidential business at Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 August 2017
- (ii) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 September 2017
- (iii) Minutes taken as confidential business at the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 September 2017
- (iv) Minutes taken as confidential business Environment Committee held on Tuesday 12 September 2017

- (v) Minutes taken as confidential business Development Committee held on Thursday 14 September 2017

Documents for Sealing

- (vi) Licence, Market Square, Dungannon
(vii) Provision of Services for the Treatment of Bio-waste between Mid Ulster District Council and Natural World Products Limited.

The press left the meeting at 7.34pm

C206/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.40pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 3 October 2017 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Mallaghan, Chair	
	Councillors Bateson, Bell, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Mullen, Reid, Robinson	
Officers in Attendance	Dr Boomer, Planning Manager Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer Ms Largey, Council Solicitor Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer	
Others in Attendance	Applicant Speakers	
	LA09/2016/1371/O	Mr Cassidy Mr McMaw
	LA09/2017/0538/O	Mr Cassidy Mr McMaw
	LA09/2016/1815/F	Mr O'Donnell Mr Currie
	LA09/2017/0023/O	Mr Diamond
	LA09/2017/0673/O	Mr Cassidy
	LA09/2017/0810/F	Mr Bradley
	LA09/2017/0846/F	Mr Stephens
	LA09/2017/0923/F	Mr Cassidy
	LA09/2017/0422/O	Mr Diamond Councillor B McGuigan
	LA09/2016/0761/F	Mr Cassidy
	LA09/2016/1654/A	Mr Bradley Mr Fairfowl
	LA09/2017/0272/F	Mr Ross
	LA09/2017/0354/O	Ms Curtin Councillor B McGuigan

The meeting commenced at 7.01 pm

P129/17 Apologies

Councillor McAleer.

P130/17 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Glasgow declared an interest in planning application LA09/2017/0498/F.

Councillor McPeake declared an interest in planning applications LA09/2016/1371/O and LA09/2017/0538/O.

Councillor Robinson declared an interest in planning application I/2013/0246/F.

Councillor Kearney declared an interest in LA09/2016/1654/A.

P131/17 Chair's Business

As listed on addendum, the Planning Manager drew attention to two consultations received relating to Licences for Prospecting that have been received from the Department of the Economy –

1. Karelian Diamond Resources in the areas of Fivemiletown, Maguiresbridge, Rosslea, Tempo, Brooksborough and Donagh.
2. Flint Ridge Resources in the areas of Castlederg, Glenderg, Newtownstewart and Drumquin.

The Planning Manager advised that a report relating to the above consultations will be brought to the next Planning committee meeting.

The Planning Manager advised of planning statistics for the first quarter of 2017 –

- 330 applications were received by Mid Ulster Planning Department (3 of these were major, the rest were local applications) – This is 10% down on the same time last year. It was advised that statistics indicate the number of applications received across rural councils has reduced whereas Belfast City Council has seen an increase in applications received.
- Processing time for local applications are within target with Mid Ulster being one of the highest performers in Northern Ireland however there was still room for improvement in relation to processing of major applications.
- Mid Ulster has a 98% approval rate – the highest in Northern Ireland.
- 55 enforcement cases opened during the first quarter which is not as high as some Councils. During this time 44 cases were concluded with 70% being dealt with within 30 weeks.

The Planning Manager advised that overall he was happy with the performance of the planning department however he voiced some concern in relation to the staffing situation within the department and the effect this may have on future performance.

The Planning Manager advised on the following applications which were on the agenda for determination –

I/2013/0246/F Demolition of existing dwelling/outbuildings and construction of 24 new starter dwelling units (20 semi-detached and 4 apartments) at site opposite and adjacent to 9 Strifehill Road, Cookstown for Mr Adrian Miliken

The Planning Manager advised that a further objection had been received in respect of this application and suggested that the application be withdrawn from this month's agenda to give time for officers to consider the objection received.

LA09/2016/0775/F Dwelling and garage to the rear of 48 and 50 Urbal Road, Coagh, Cookstown for Mr and Mrs G McMenemy

The Planning Manager advised that there was an incorrect recommendation on the agenda to approve this application and that the recommendation for this application should be to refuse.

The Planning Manager suggested that as there were issues with sightlines for this application that the application be deferred for an officer site meeting with TransportNI.

Resolved That planning applications I/2013/0246/F and LA09/2016/0775/F be withdrawn from this month's agenda.

The Planning Manager suggested that it would be useful for those making a request to speak to state the reasons why they are making the request as it would save time at the committee meeting. The Planning Manager advised that the current planning protocol does not state that reasons have to be provided when making a request however he felt this now needed to be amended and advised that planning protocol was currently under review.

Matters for Decision

P132/17 Planning Applications for Determination

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

I/2013/0246/F Demolition of existing dwelling/outbuildings and construction of 24 new starter dwelling units (20 semi-detached and 4 apartments) at site opposite and adjacent to 9 Strifehill Road, Cookstown for Mr Adrian Miliken

Application withdrawn from this month's schedule.

H/2013/0296/F **Reinstatement and extension of previously approved storage area, lorry and trailer park to facilitate re-organisation of precast products with no increase in existing site production area. Relocation of existing external block and brick production area (5200m²) to proposed new area (4320m²) with original being reused for product display, product finishing, product and plant storage, vehicle storage and recyclable material waste and storage. Retention of existing product display, product finishing, product and plant storage, vehicle storage and recyclable material waste storage. (Amended Noise report received) at Creagh Industrial Park, Blackpark Road, Toomebridge for Creagh Concrete Products Ltd**

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That planning application H/2013/0296/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0692/F **New building for washing/drying of precast concrete products (retrospective); erection of new gantry crane; extension of existing production factory TF5 to facilitate production of larger precast units at Creagh Industrial Park, Blackpark Road, Toomebridge for Creagh Concrete Products Ltd**

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 LA09/2016/0692/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0855/F **Apartment development (2 No. 1 bed and 11 No. 2 bed) with new access and communal parking at lands at 20 Union Road, Magherafelt for Gerald O'Brien**

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

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0855/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0775/F Dwelling and garage to the rear of 48 and 50 Urbal Road,
Coagh, Cookstown for Mr and Mrs G McMenemy**

Application withdrawn from this month's schedule.

**LA09/2016/1371/O Infill site 50m N 63 Deerpark Road, Leitrim, Castledawson
for Mr Norman Leslie**

**LA09/2017/0538/O 2 storey dwelling and garage 65m S of 61 Deerpark road,
Leitrim, Castledawson for Norman Leslie**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning applications LA09/2016/1371/O and LA09/2017/0538/O advising that they were recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Cassidy and Mr McMaw to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy advised that criteria had been met in that there are currently two houses and a detached garage (3 buildings) with common frontage to the road. In relation to there being no visual linkage, Mr Cassidy advised that policy does not require this if there is common frontage and referred to a PAC decision confirming this. Mr Cassidy requested that the applications be approved.

Mr McMaw added that he did not think it was fair that the applicant was being disadvantaged because of existing vegetation.

In response to Councillor Clarke's question Mr McMaw advised that the rear of the application site is defined by a hedgerow.

Councillor Bell stated that the house to the south of the application site did not appear to have any trees to the roadside and that he would tend to agree with the comments of the speakers.

Councillor McPeake stated he felt the comments in relation to vegetation were over the top and that visual linkage was not required as common frontage had been achieved. The Councillor stated he would be supportive of both applications.

Councillor Bateson felt that the existing vegetation would help to facilitate the maintenance of rural character.

In response to the Planning Manager's question Ms Doyle advised that the entrance point and gates of the dwelling to the north of the application site can be seen but not the house.

The Planning Manager felt it was difficult from looking at a photograph whether the applications would be infill and suggested the applications be deferred for an office meeting.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning applications LA09/2016/1371/O and LA09/2017/0538/O be deferred for an office meeting

LA09/2016/1815/F 3 No. detached two storey houses opposite 2, 4 and 10 Upper Parklands, Dungannon for Terence Corrigan

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1815/F advising that it was recommended for approval.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr O'Donnell to address the committee in the first instance.

Mr O'Donnell advised he was a concerned resident who lived at 11 Parklands and that the application would be to the southern curtilage of his home. Mr O'Donnell stated he would welcome an application for two houses as he felt this would be in keeping with the rest of the development and that there were already two dropped kerbs in place. Mr O'Donnell advised that the application would substantially increase the density on the land and would have a negative impact on light and amenity. Mr O'Donnell felt that the application was not in keeping with the existing development as there were no garages/car ports proposed and asked for a site meeting to further consider the application.

Mr Currie advised that the applicant had initially proposed six dwellings at the application site but that following officers comments and representations made at that time a revised scheme of three dwellings was then submitted. Mr Currie stated that the application satisfies all planning requirements and is a sustainable reuse of land. Mr Currie advised that there would be no issues in relation to overlooking, shadowing or loss of amenity and that the proposal offered much needed family homes to the area.

Councillor Gildernew stated he could not see a reason to refuse the application.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question Mr Marrion advised that the initial application proposed six houses and that this was subsequently reduced to three.

Councillor McKinney proposed that planning application LA09/2016/1815/F be approved.

Councillor Reid asked if it was out of character in the area not to have a garage.

The Planning Manager advised that from the site plan it looked as if there would be room for garages.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to two dropped kerbs mentioned by Mr O'Donnell and asked if this was part of the original permission for the development.

Mr Marrion advised that in 1993 application was made for site 40 and 41.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal to approve the application.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1815/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0023/O Off-site replacement dwelling and garage 20m E of 37 Loves Road, Magherafelt for Martin Diamond

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0023/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Diamond to address the committee.

Mr Diamond advised that the applicant was restricted and had nowhere else to go within the application site. Mr Diamond also confirmed that the owner of third party lands to the south west of the application site had been approached but that these lands were not available. Mr Diamond advised that the applicant was willing to consider options to the north of the current proposed site.

In response to the Planning Manager's question it was advised that the lands to the north of the application site had been appraised but potentially offered even less integration.

The Planning Manager suggested that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0023/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2017/0064/O 2 no. detached dwellings and garages at approx. 60m NE of 9 Glenwood Crescent and to the rear of 1 -3 Glenwood Crescent, Cookstown for Mr Paul McGonnell

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0064/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0244/F Repositioning of dust extraction unit at 16 Mullaghbane Road, Dungannon for Woodmarque Joinery

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0244/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0307/F Agricultural shed with slurry tank approx. 230m NW of 40 Mullyneil Road, Dyan, Caledon for Fiontan Sherry

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0307/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0450/O Off-site replacement dwelling and garage 120m NW of 47 Bancran Road, Draperstown for Paul and Katrina Heron

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

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0450/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0475/O Dwelling and garage to the rear of 48 Carnaman Road and 2 & 3 Curraghbrock Lane, Knockloughrim, for H Millar Esq

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0475/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0475/O be refused on the grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0498/F Extension to existing garage to provide commercial machinery store 100m NE of 29 Fegarran Road, Cookstown for Granville Carson

Application withdrawn from this month's schedule.

**LA09/2017/0564/O Replacement dwelling and garage 110m SW of 43
Lisnastane Road, Coalisland for Charles Devlin**

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0564/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/0673/O Dwelling and garage at site 5m S of 38 Craigmore, Maghera
for Patrick McWilliams**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0673/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy advised that the application site has a good degree of cover and that the ridge height of the dwelling will integrate into the surrounding area and will not have an adverse effect on amenity. Mr Cassidy advised that the applicant has two sons and the purpose of his application is to try to build up the holding for the future. Mr Cassidy advised that the applicant had investigated siting a dwelling on a shared laneway but was advised he would be unable to obtain a mortgage for same hence the application being made for this site.

The Planning Manager advised he would like more information in relation to this application and suggested an office meeting be held.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0673/O be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2017/0810/F Dwelling at Coltrim Road, Moneymore (approx. 220m from
junction with Cookstown Road) for Mr Mark Hamilton**

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0810/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Bradley to address the committee.

Mr Bradley stated he disagreed with the officer interpretation of CTY7 as the main reason for refusal in relation to site specific need. Mr Bradley also advised that policy does not say a business has to be owned by the applicant. Mr Bradley stated that the application withstands policy CTY13 and CTY14 and that the scale, design and

location of the application are more acceptable than the last application which was approved. Mr Bradley sought deferral of the application for an office meeting.

The Planning Manager advised that time could have been saved if the case for the application had been set out at the time of making a request to speak. The Planning Manager stated that the main issue relating to this application is that it does not meet CTY7 and stated he did not understand why the applicant needed to move a distance of 300m closer to the coach business from his current address. The Planning Manager advised that no case of need had been put forward by the coach business.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0810/F be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2017/0846/F Cattle welfare unit including storage for hay and meal; yard storage for round bales, farm plant and machinery at 175m SE of 66A Kilnacart Road, Dungannon for Niall McCann

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0846/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Stephens to address the committee.

Mr Stephens advised that it has been accepted that the application is for an active and established farm business but that the issue relates to the proposal site being away from the main farm group, however Mr Stephens advised that exceptions can apply under CTY12. Mr Stephens felt that the proposal would integrate and that views will be limited. Mr Stephens advised that the application will make the farm business more efficient.

The Planning Manager referred to the concerns in relation to vehicle movements.

Mr Stephens advised that a turning circle for HGVs was asked for by TransportNI but that this was not on the original application. Mr Stephens confirmed that the application is for an agricultural building and that the applicant would be happy for conditions to be attached to an approval.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan advised that almost all farm deliveries are made by an articulated lorry and that these vehicles need sufficient space to turn.

Councillor McKinney proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

The Planning Manager stated that if storage was needed for lorries then an application should be made on that basis.

Councillor Gildernew stated that the application before Members was for an agricultural shed and he had no difficulty with the proposal to defer the application.

Councillor Bateson seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

Councillor Glasgow stated that the application needed to be taken on merit and that if the application is found to be being used for unapproved use at a later date then it would be an enforcement matter.

The Planning Manager advised that policy cannot be easily set aside or interpreted on what Members would wish it to say. If there is an exception to policy to be applied, this needs to be clearly defined and stated.

Mr Stephens advised of possible planning application being made which will seek to overcome concerns in relation to hard core yard.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0846/F be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2017/0874/F Rear ground floor extension at 8 Willow Close, Dungannon for Damien Cahalane

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Mullen and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0874/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0876/F Extension to existing school at 23 Rocktown Road, Knockloughrim for Hydepark Educational Trust

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

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0876/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0884/NMC Change of external house design and finishes at units 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Earls Court, Carland Road, Dungannon for Sandale Developments

The Planning Manager advised that it was unusual for this type of application to be put to the committee however as there had been a lot of press attention related to this application it was felt important for Members to be aware of the proposed changes.

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0884/NMC advising that it was recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0884/NMC be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0923/F Dwelling and garage 45m NW of 177 Glen Road, Maghera for Jenna Duffy

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0923/F advising that it was recommended for refusal. Ms Doyle also referred to addendum circulated which included copy of officer report referred to by agent and copy of a similar appeal decision.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

In response to the Planning Manager's questions Mr Cassidy advised that the application site was in the ownership of the applicant and that solicitors letters could be provided to prove this. Mr Cassidy advised that the field was registered and that the applicant had no other holdings.

The Planning Manager suggested the application be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor McKinney asked for the size of the application site and the total size of the field.

Ms Doyle advised that the application site was 0.93ha and the field size was under 2ha.

Councillor McKinney advised that a farm is not considered active if it is under 3ha.

Councillor Clarke advised that the applicant did not have to own the land.

The Planning Manager read from Policy CTY10 and advised that the policy is vague in relation to the definition of agricultural activity.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0923/F be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2017/0938/O Replacement dwelling and garage 28m N of 89 Innishrush Road, Clady for Mr M Clarke

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

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0938/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2017/0422/O Site for dwelling and domestic garage at 150m NW of 107 Bancran Road, Draperstown for Stephen Donnelly

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0422/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Diamond to address the committee.

Mr Diamond advised that a previous approval closer to the farm cluster had expired and that the current application site was 190m off the road with the only visual of the site being at the end of the laneway. Mr Diamond advised that the applicant was being forced into the application location because of difficulties in obtaining mortgage.

Councillor Glasgow stated that he understood the applicant's difficulties but issues in relation to obtaining a mortgage were beyond the control of the planning committee. Councillor Glasgow felt that the distance from the application site to the farm group was too great.

The Planning Manager suggested that the application be deferred for an office meeting to give consideration to moving the proposal further up the lane but not as far as the farm grouping.

In response to Councillor Clarke's question the Planning Manager advised that photos do not indicate lands as being steep.

Councillor B McGuigan advised that he knew the area well and that the land is steep in this area with laneway access to the farm being difficult for vehicles. The Councillor expressed the need to look closely at the landscape.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0422/O be deferred for an office meeting.

M/2015/0113/O Dwelling and garage at site adjacent to 38 Moghan Road, Castlecaulfield for Dr Patrick McKenna

It was advised that this item would be considered later in the meeting under confidential business due to the special circumstances associated with the application.

LA09/2016/0761/F Extension to existing portacabin to provide storage and office accommodation 40m NW of 35 Moss Road, Ballymaguigan for Christopher Cassidy

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0761/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy advised that he had been doing his job a long time and had never seen a refusal like this one – in that the proposal would fail to provide adequate access to public transport. Mr Cassidy also felt that it was incorrect that hedging had to come out.

Mr Cassidy stated that the application site was critical to his business which provides an architectural service in NI, ROI and UK and which employs 12 full time staff. Mr Cassidy advised that his business had submitted planning applications to Mid Ulster District Council to the value of £20,000 this week alone and that he was also to sign a contract in Manchester with a value of over 1 million.

Mr Cassidy referred to recent Council awards ceremony which recognised major local businesses of which he stated had all started out in rural locations. Mr Cassidy also referred to Council's grant aid programme and stated that sometimes the support needed from Council is not always monetary.

Mr Cassidy advised that the existing building had planning permission and that this application was for an extension to this building.

Councillor Bateson advised he knew the application site as he lived closeby and referred to the numerous businesses/dwellings etc along the Moss Road who are all contributing to the community. The Councillor did not feel the application would be such an outrageous imposition and that the application should be approved as there was an existing clud for the portacabin, the application site was just metres outside the development limit. Councillor Bateson also referred to the application which has been made by and for a planning consultant and that this application had been made the subject of greater forensic investigations.

Councillor McPeake advised he had attended the site meeting in relation to this application and felt that visibility splays were in place and that this had been agreed at the site meeting. Councillor McPeake felt that the refusal reason regarding access to public transport was ludicrous and that there would be no material difference in granting permission for storage.

The Planning Manager stated he realised that there were some policies Members did not agree with however he advised that Members could be surcharged for failing to implement policy for the sole reason that they did not agree with policy. The

Planning Manager advised that if there was an intention to approve the application that the reasons for setting aside or making an exception to the policy needed to be set out in clear planning terms.

The Planning Manager also advised the Committee that having discussed the matter of frontage vegetation loss with the Head of Development Management that this aspect of the refusal reason, in so far as it related to refusal reason number three could be removed.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised he had not attended the site meeting but felt he knew the application site as it had been discussed in so much detail. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed the officer recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor Reid queried whether a brick finish would be more visually pleasing.

Councillor Bell felt the application would aid rural character.

Councillor Bateson stated there would be a storage facility at the application site in any event and questioned the issue with extending this storage.

The Planning Manager advised it was hard to assist Members as he had not heard planning arguments to support approval of the application in light of the Planning Appeal decision for a similar proposal for the erection of a new office building on this site. The Planning Manager suggested that Members come back to this application after meeting recess.

Councillor Gildernew asked what the legal view was in relation to this application.

Councillor Bateson referred to Scott's office in Toome which is a stand alone office in open countryside.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal and stated he was concerned at Councillor Bateson's comments in relation to officers giving this application greater forensic investigation. Councillor McKinney advised that Scott's office is located just on the periphery of Toome, not in open countryside.

The Planning Manager advised that all applications are given the same degree of consideration.

The Council Solicitor advised that she agreed with the advice of the Planning Manager and stated she understood Member's difficulty with some planning policy. However she reminded Members that whilst they may not agree with planning policy it was their job to apply it. She also reminded them that the Committee had previously refused an application which was substantially the same as the one currently before them and that that decision was upheld by PAC. She also advised that there had been no change in policy since that decision. The Council Solicitor advised Members that in those circumstances they would have to ensure they could justify approving the application.

Councillor Glasgow felt it would be hypocritical of Members to now change their mind in relation to this application.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that Committee would return to this item after meeting recess.

LA09/2016/1654/A Sign, consisting of flat screen fixed to gable wall, at Walshes Hotel, 53 Main Street, Maghera (sign to be on Coleraine Road side) for Mr Kieran Bradley

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1654/A advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Bradley to address the committee in the first instance.

Mr Bradley asked that the application be deferred in order to present further information.

Mr Fairfowl stated that led signage was the future of signage and that over 400 roadside businesses were already using such signage. Mr Fairfowl stated that led signage seemed to be causing a stir in the Mid Ulster area and advised that in terms of amenity the signage was fully supported within Maghera. Mr Fairfowl referred to similar signage in Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, Leicester Square and Piccadilly Circus in London and that this signage satisfies amenity in all these areas and questioned why not in Mid Ulster.

In terms of road safety Mr Fairfowl advised that the response from Transport NI was not consistent with how they responded in other council areas, he stated that millions had been spent on investigating the safety of led signage with the end result of it being found safe. Mr Fairfowl again referred to signage in Shaftesbury Square in Belfast which was deemed safe and asked for equality in decisions being taken on led signage. Mr Fairfowl asked that the application be deferred.

The Planning Manager advised that he had met with town centre forums in relation to led signage in towns during the deferral of this application and that there was a feeling expressed that everything had its place. The Planning Manager advised that the notion that Mid Ulster is at war with led signage was wrong, he explained that there had been instances in which led signage applications had been dealt with with conditions, he further advised that there were lots of examples of led signage being refused across Northern Ireland and at planning appeal stage. He referred to the views given by planning officers and Transport NI in relation to this application.

Councillor Kearney advised that his office was just across the road from this signage and that he had encouraged a meeting between the applicant and officers but that this meeting had not happened. The Councillor still felt that an office meeting would be useful. Councillor Kearney referred to the led signage workshop for Members which had been beneficial, he also raised the issue of precedent.

Councillor Kearney withdrew to the public gallery.

The Planning Manager asked Members to make a decision on the application.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised he had been in attendance at the meeting when the Planning Manager had met with businesses in Dungannon and stated that there had been no desire in Dungannon to go down the line of led signage. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed the officer recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor Reid stated that road safety is an important issue and seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Bateson stated that the issue of road safety cannot be ignored.

Councillor McPeake proposed an office meeting take place if there was new information available.

The Planning Manager stated the signage was already in place and asked if there was any proposal to reduce the size of the signage.

Mr Bradley advised the size of the signage could be reconsidered.

The Planning Manager advised that on this basis he would be agreeable to an office meeting being held.

Councillor Clarke seconded Councillor McPeake's proposal.

Mr Fairfowl referred to a similar application which was recently approved in Lisburn and Castlereagh Council.

The Planning Manager advised that each application is judged on its own merits.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that if the application is refused the applicant can then go to planning appeal.

In response to the Planning Manager's question it was advised that the current signage does show advertisements for premises other than the hotel. In response to this the Planning Manager advised that the signage would be making money for the applicant.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to refuse the application –

For – 5

Against – 8

Members voted on Councillor McPeake's proposal to defer the application for an office meeting –

For – 8

Against - 5

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/1654/A be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor Kearney rejoined the meeting.

LA09/2017/0272/F A single wind turbine of up to 2.3 megawatt power output with a maximum overall base blade to tip height of 92.5 metres. Ancillary developments will comprise turbine transformer; turbine hardstand, site entrance with sight line provision; 1 no. electrical control kiosk, construction of new access track; communications antenna; underground electrical cables and communication lines connecting wind turbine to electrical control kiosk; on-site drainage works; temporary site compound; and all ancillary and associated works at Beltonanean Mountain (renewal of I/2010/0211/F) for Graham Bell

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0272/F advising that it was recommended for approval.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Ross to address the committee.

Mr Ross advised that this was the third time the application had come before the committee with a recommendation to approve. Mr Ross stated that there was no policy reason to refuse this application and that in the interests of administrative fairness it should be approved.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the application location was within the central Sperrins which was an AONB. Councillor Mallaghan advised that when visiting the application site and looking towards Lough Neagh a proliferation of wind turbines can be seen and referred to change to policy since last permission granted.

Councillor Robinson advised he had attended the site meeting and had no difficulty in proposing the approval of the application. The Councillor stated there were already wind turbines in the area.

Councillor Clarke also spoke in relation to change in policy since last approval. The Councillor also referred to Dark Skies designation to the North East of the application site since the last approval was granted. Councillor Clarke spoke in relation to the Sperrins conference held last week which discussed the future potential of the Sperrins. Councillor Clarke stated that the turbine will reach above the highest point of Beltonanean Mountain and will be viewable from Davagh. Councillor Clarke also advised that, if approved and erected the turbine would be in full view of Cookstown. The Councillor did not feel the application site was suitable for the proposal.

The Head of Development Management advised of agreement of MOD for an infra red light to be erected on the turbine.

Councillor Clarke stated it was not just the light on the turbine that concerned him but that the turbine would appear clearly above the mountain and may be rotating causing a visual disturbance in the night sky.

Councillor Reid seconded Councillor Robinson's proposal.

The Planning Manager stated he was not convinced that if this was a new application it would be approved. The Planning Manager advised there was an argument that the emphasis in relation to wind turbines in AONB's had changed since the last application was submitted.

The Council Solicitor advised that the previous approval did not commence and that the committee was not compounded to stick with the previous determination. The Council Solicitor referred to change in policy since the last approval.

Councillor Clarke proposed that the application be refused.

Councillor Glasgow stated he did not have an issue with supporting the proposal to approve and felt that if the application is refused the Council could be seen as making a bad decision which could be to its cost.

The Planning Manager asked if the applicant wanted a decision to be made tonight or if he wished to consider revising the application to a smaller turbine.

The meeting was advised that no alternative proposal would be made.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the applicant could take a case in relation to the delay in making a decision on this application.

Councillor Reid asked if costs could be awarded in going to appeal.

The Planning Manager advised that planning appeals do not offer compensation however costs can be awarded to cover the professional cost incurred by the applicant in presenting a case to an appeal.

The Council Solicitor advised that the application was received in 2017 and that compensation could only be offered on the mal administration of an application.

Councillor Bateson stated he was in no doubt the impact the turbine would have on the area and felt that the Committee would be safe to refuse the application and that the applicant can then go to planning appeal. Councillor Bateson seconded Councillor Clarke's proposal.

Councillor McKinney stated that the application site was in a valley and that he did not think the turbine would go above the top of the mountain.

Councillor Reid asked for a recorded vote in relation to the proposals put forward.

The Planning Manager advised that the application could be refused on the grounds that it is contrary to visual amenity and does not accord with PPS18 policy RE1 and SPPS.

Members voted on Councillor Robinson's proposal to approve the application –

For – 5 (Councillors Cuthbertson, Glasgow, McKinney, Robinson and Reid)
Against – 8 (Councillors Bateson, Bell, Clarke, Gildernew, Kearney, Mallaghan, McEldowney and McPeake)

Members voted on Councillor Clarke's proposal to refuse the application –

For – 8 (Councillors Bateson, Bell, Clarke, Gildernew, Kearney, Mallaghan, McEldowney and McPeake)
Against – 5 (Councillors Cuthbertson, Glasgow, McKinney, Robinson and Reid)

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0272/F be refused on the grounds that it is contrary to visual amenity and does not accord with PPS18 policy RE1 and SPPS.

LA09/2017/0354/O Infill site for 2 dwellings and detached garages at land between 15 and 17 Quilly Road, Moneymore for Mr E and C McGuckin

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2017/0354/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that a request to speak on the application had been received and invited Ms Curtin to address the committee.

Ms Curtin stated that the application meets policy CTY8 in that there is built up frontage on to Quilly Road of four buildings and that whilst there may be some concern in relation to one of these buildings it is not relied upon as policy only requires three. Ms Curtin advised that the gap site is only sufficient to accommodate two houses, that it will respect the existing development pattern of Quilly Road and will integrate into the surrounding landscape.

Councillor B McGuigan advised that there are established hedgerow boundaries at the application site, that the application will integrate and that no objections were made against the application. Councillor B McGuigan advised that the application was made for dwellings to accommodate the applicants two sons who are from Quilly Road. Councillor B McGuigan asked that Members further consider the information put forward.

Councillor McPeake referred to case made by Ms Curtin in that there was no reliance on the fourth building and felt that if this was the case he did not see a problem in approving the application.

The Planning Manager clarified that policy does require three or more buildings but stated that the fundamental issue relates to whether the site was suitable to be

considered under infill as there was some concern that the site could accommodate more than two houses.

Councillor McPeake asked if consideration could be given to larger plot on opposite side of road.

The Planning Manager advised that planners are generous in their interpretation of policy and in response to Councillor Clarke he advised that an application has to be considered on the basis of the information submitted.

Councillor McPeake proposed that planning application LA09/2017/0354/O be approved as infill was being met.

Councillor Bell seconded Councillor McPeake's proposal.

The Planning Manager advised that the site opposite was not part of the frontage between which an infill was sort, he felt that the size of the gap meant that generosity was being stretched with regards to policy.

Councillor McKinney felt approval of the application was workable.

Councillor Bateson did not feel the application would alter rural character.

The Planning Manager advised that officers have provided the rationale for their recommendation and that if Members were forming a different view then this needed to be set out. In this case, he understood that some Members were arguing that the application is in keeping with the character of the frontage and area and thus in their view the gap is not so large to accommodate any more than two dwellings, if that character was to be maintained.

Councillor Glasgow felt that the existing dwellings at 15 and 17 Quilly Road were a safety barrier to stop development going any further.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0354/O be approved with conditions in relation to ridge height of 6m, siting to accord with block plan and retention of boundaries with relevant landscaping.

Meeting recessed at 10.15 pm and recommenced at 10.43 pm. Councillors Bell, Gildernew, McEldowney and Reid did not return to the meeting.

LA09/2017/0583/F Dwelling and garage on a farm at land W of 17 Ballynahone More, Maghera for Lloyd Porter

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2017/0583/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**Continuation of
LA09/2016/0761/F Extension to existing portacabin to provide storage and
office accommodation 40m NW of 35 Moss Road,
Ballymaguigan for Christopher Cassidy**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan advised that this application had been discussed earlier in the meeting and asked Members to come to a decision.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal to refuse planning application LA09/2016/0761/F –

For – 5
Against – 3

Members conversely voted to approve the application -

For – 3
Against - 5

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0761/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application M/2015/0113/O be heard as confidential business.

Open Business resumed at 10.50 pm.

P133/17 Update on BT Consultation on the removal of a public payphone at The Bush

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report which provided update on BT consultation on the removal of a public payphone at the Bush and options as to how the Committee may wish to proceed.

The Planning Manager advised that there were currently three phone kiosks listed within the district namely in Draperstown, Magherafelt and Moneymore.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked if it was possible to carry out an audit of red phonebox kiosks in the District and stated that there was a kiosk in Rock which local residents would want kept.

The Planning Manager advised that if Members wanted to put forward phone kiosks they could be investigated.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan put forward kiosk in Rock village.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised it was agreed at September Council meeting to use 'local veto' option to keep the payphone at Bush.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That the Planning Manager proceed to 'spot list' telephone boxes if following further investigation and discussion with Historic Buildings Division it is felt justified.

Matters for Information

P134/17 Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 September 2017

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 September 2017.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow 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 item P132/17 (part of) and items P135/17 to P139/17.

Matters for Decision

P132/17 Planning Applications for Determination – Item deferred from Open Business
P135/17 Receive 1 no. Enforcement Case

Matters for Information

P136/17 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 September 2017
P137/17 Enforcement Live Caseload
P138/17 Enforcement Cases Opened
P139/17 Enforcement Cases Closed

P140/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 11.22 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 5 October 2017 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McPeake, Milne, M Quinn (7.38 pm), Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mrs Kerr, Head of Finance
Ms Mezza, Head of Communications
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT
Mrs Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

PR174/17 Apologies

Director of Finance.

PR175/17 Declaration of Interest

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

PR176/17 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Molloy advised that he had received a request from Councillor Cuddy asking to address the committee.

Councillor Cuddy advised the committee that previously a charity in Edendork, which ran very successful car-boot sales, asked the Council for the use of one of their car parks to host events as they wished to move into Dungannon town. He said that this never materialised as there seemed to be obstacles in their way and they found an alternative site at Tesco's. He said that if another charity sought the use of another Council carpark to host such events in the future that this should be encouraged and taken on board as he was disappointed that this wasn't the case for Edendork as it generated huge crowds to the area. He said that this was an opportunity for a process to be put in place by the Council for such eventualities in the future.

Matters for Decision

PR177/17 Staff Engagement Survey

The Head of Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to detail the proposals to undertake a staff engagement survey.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Staff Engagement Survey.

Councillor Cuddy enquired if the Staff Engagement Survey would remain confidential.

The Head of Communications advised that the survey would only require the employee to name the Department in which the member of staff was located.

Councillor McLean advised that the outcome of the survey would be very important and wanted to know what Officers were doing to encourage staff participation as there was usually a very poor response rate in all these surveys. He said that if the council were serious about addressing issues then staff participation in the survey must be encouraged. He enquired if there was any incentive offered for staff who participate in the survey i.e. a prize or draw.

The Head of Communications stated that Heads of Service and Line Managers would be asked to encourage all staff within their departments to participate in the survey in an effort to maximise results.

The Chief Executive said that consideration was given to holding a raffle for staff participants i.e. iphone or ipad etc, but this would require the member of staff leaving their name and this could deter some from participating in the survey. He said that Officers had explored the possibility of departments with the highest number of responses per ratio receiving a good will gesture like breakfast or lunch being bought for them.

Councillor McLean felt that it was important to encourage staff participation in the survey.

PR178/17 Corporate Health Indicators

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report to ask for consideration to be given to the introduction of Corporate Health Indicators for the Council.

Councillor McLean stated that it looked very impressive but like anything at the start people begin to analysis things. He referred to item 4 of the Corporate Health Indicators and stated that it would be beneficial to include an actual figure so that

some relevance can be accustomed to it. He said that this should be left to an Officer's discretion and wouldn't want this to be in any way misconstrued.

Councillor Cuddy agreed that it was important to keep it up to date and a very good idea.

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the draft Corporate Health Indicators.

PR179/17 External Signage: Boundary Gateway & Leisure Facilities

The Head of Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report which showed draft designs for Mid Ulster boundary or 'Gateway' signs and for the Council's main leisure facilities, as part of the Council's brand implementation process.

Councillor Cuddy said that he was still disappointed that there were still some minority languages not taken on board and looking through the minutes that this had not been subject to equality and good relations assessment. He said that he had no issue with the Irish language being put on signage but that ratepayers in the district may have an issue. He said that he didn't see anything that he aligns himself to and that the people that he represents felt pushed out and that their views should also be taken on board.

Councillor McPeake advised that the policy had already been through an equality impact assessment and that each element of the policy's implementation did not therefore need to be individually assessed.

Councillor Cuddy felt that the onus was on the Council to try and find a better way as all ratepayers should be classed as equal.

The Chair advised that the Policy had already been adopted.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he understood that it was and asked if it was possible to receive a copy of the equality impact assessment.

Councillor Gildernew said that the gateway signs were a good idea as long as it didn't impact on town and signage.

The Head of Communications confirmed that only boundary signage was being considered and town and village signage would be considered separately.

Councillor McKinney stated that some villages doesn't want these signs erected and in some areas would not be accepted and that this issue needed sorted.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew

To accept the recommendation to approve the recommendation.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor McLean

To refuse the recommendation for approval.

The recommendation being put to the vote:

8 FOR
6 AGAINST

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the draft designs and in the base of the boundary signage that the design with the Council's logo at the bottom of the sign be approved.

PR180/17 Maintenance of Unadopted Roads Policy

The Director of Environment & Property drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider the adoption of a Policy in relation to the Maintenance of Unadopted Roads.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the issue of Curran's Terrace and advised that he had been approached by residents as this issue had been ongoing for a long period of time and enquired if the matter of Curran's Terrace had come forward at this stage would it now be passed.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that the matter of Curran's Terrace would fall under the criteria of category D and stated that extension discussions had taken place for maintenance liabilities and roads in disrepair. He said that the Council had already made their decision.

Councillor McPeake enquired if the new Policy would take into consideration pathways.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that anything to do with the carriageway would be taken on board and this would include pathways.

Councillor Bateson enquired if the residents were in a position to make funding towards works would this be considered within the Policy.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that the Policy itself wouldn't take into consideration financial implications and that financial matters would come into the stage when the Policy & Resources Committee considers exercising its General Power of Competence in relation to a successful application.

Councillor Cuddy enquired if an application was received for a footpath could this be considered.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that the application would have to be made for the whole road which includes both the carriageway and the footway.

Councillor McPeake advised that a small development should have a bond attached as a guarantee in case a developer goes to the wall. He said in this instance, the developer hadn't a bond in place and now there is an unfortunate mess left behind.

The Director of Environment & Property said that each application should be considered on their own merits and wasn't convinced that the Council should be picking up the obligations for other statutory agencies.

In response to Councillor McGuigan's query, the Director of Environment & Property stated that if land was privately owned then this wouldn't comply with the criteria of the Policy and that each case has to be measured on its own merits and each development having a bond attached in the case of such eventualities.

In response to Councillor Bateson's query, the Director of Environment & Property advised that the Council would be bringing the issue forward to try and reach a favourable outcome.

Councillor McLean said that it would be good if used properly and that he listened to all comments tonight and felt if there were any issues that this would be passed anyway by Sinn Féin.

Councillor McKinney enquired if the applications already made were processed yet.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that the applications would be processed once the Policy was approved by Council.

In response to concerns by Councillor Cuddy, the Director of Environment & Property advised that a lot of applications had already been accessed and once the Policy was approved that they would be reassessed.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Maintenance of Unadopted Roads Policy.

Matters for Information

PR181/17 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 September 2017

Members noted minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 September 2017.

PR182/17 Planning System Replacement

Members noted previously circulated report to inform Council on the progress to date regarding the replacement of the Planning Portal system.

PR183/17 Annual Progress Report on 2016/17 Corporate Improvement Plan

Members noted previously circulated report to inform members on progress made towards delivery of the 2016/17 Corporate Improvement Plan.

PR184/17 Members Services

No Issues.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan

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 PR185/17 to PR193/17.

Matters for Decision

PR185/17 Leisure Services Information Management Systems
PR186/17 Rate Support Grant Judicial Review Update
PR187/17 Staffing Matters for Decision
PR188/17 Award of Occupational Health Service

Matters for Information

PR189/17 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 September 2017
PR190/17 Staffing Matters for Information
PR191/17 Managing Attendance Report – 1 April to 31 August 2017
PR192/17 Contracts and DAC
PR193/17 Financial Report for 5 months ended 31 August 2017

PR194/17 Duration of Meeting

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

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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

Members Present

Councillor McGinley, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan, O'Neill, M Quinn, Reid (7.02pm) and Totten

**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
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

E235/17 Apologies

None.

E236/17 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillors McFlynn and Burton declared an interest in Agenda Item 35 Ageing Well – Tender Process.

E237/17 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor McGinley reminded Members that it was World Mental Health Day highlighting the statistic that one in four people are affected each year. He encouraged Members to continue to play their part in raising awareness and continue to promote positive mental health.

Councillor Burton concurred with the Chair drawing attention to the statistics in relation to people losing their lives to suicide. The Councillor also made reference to people suffering from depression emphasising how debilitating the condition can be.

Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 7.02pm

Councillor Burton extended congratulations to Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society who earlier in the day had won the Northern Ireland Amenity Award for best kept

small village which gains them entry into the All Ireland competition. Councillor Burton conveyed the thanks of the Horticultural society to the committee and staff who worked with them. The Councillor acknowledged the awards the Horticultural Society had won in recent years and how the village of Castlecaulfield was becoming a tourist attraction with people going out of their way to pass through it.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley commended the valuable work carried out by Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society.

E238/17 A6 Randalstown – Castledawson Dualling

The Chair, Councillor McGinley welcomed Ms Johnston and Mr McLaverty from Farrans Group. The representatives delivered a presentation on the A6 Randalstown – Castledawson dualling scheme.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley thanked the representatives for the presentation and invited Members questions.

Councillor Glasgow advised he had attended the 'Meet the Buyer' event and sought clarity as to the number of people who would be working 'on the ground' on the project. In response Mr McLaverty advised approximately 150 'boots on the ground', 70 staff, approximately 45 sub-contractors and also attributed to the economic impact for local shops and cafes in the area.

Councillor Gillespie commended the project highlighting in particular the high level of recycling of clay etc.

In response to Councillor B McGuigan's question in relation to objectors and potential hold-ups Mr McLaverty advised that objectors could only go back to the Supreme court in they had new evidence and emphasised that they had been requested to move the project forward. Councillor B McGuigan advised that people had waited 50 years for the road and would welcome the completion of the project.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley advised that he regularly commutes on the road and asked if it was anticipated that there would be a backlog of traffic until 2020 or would it ease up prior to that.

Mr McLaverty advised that the completion of the project Randalstown to Toome in 2019 should ease traffic congestion and advised that due to wildlife implications work on site could only take place for six months of the year.

Councillor Kearney thanked the team for the presentation and in relation to the park and ride asked if there would be amenities on site. In response, Mr McLaverty advised that Translink prescribe if amenities are to be incorporated at the park and ride sites but to date he was aware that none were planned for the park and ride but indicated there would be 60 additional spaces.

Councillor Burton concurred with Councillor Kearney emphasising that it was a pity amenity provision had not been included in the plan. The Councillor stated that if people were to be encouraged to utilise park and ride facilities together with public

transport some form of amenity provision should be made highlighting Ballygawley site as one at which amenity provision would be welcomed. In response Mr McLaverty stated he would bring the comments back to the relevant agency.

Councillor McGinley thanked the representatives of Farrans and they left the meeting at 7.30pm.

Matters for Decision

E239/17 NIHE – Traveller Provision

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update on the meetings held with NIHE in relation to the Travelling Community residing at Creagh Industrial site.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley reminded Members that traveller provision had been previously requested.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if there was the same demand for travellers as in conversation with the NIHE they had indicated many travellers now reside in settled housing provided by the Housing association. In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that many do reside in permanent housing but that his understanding was that there is a particular group of travellers who had been on a temporary site for a few years.

Councillor Burton referred to the Special Council meeting in September when representative of the NIHE had indicated that in the past sites had been developed and when the particular family group left another family group would not use it, thus the facility lay vacant.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the statutory responsibility was with the NIHE and they would incur cost of site development and management and that the proposal was for Council to assist with potential site identification.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that the NIHE had ‘dragged their feet’ on the matter and that they were now being ‘hand held’ by Council.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to appoint a design team to assist NIHE with the assessment and identification of appropriate sites for transit traveller provision.

E240/17 Transport NI Proposals to Mid Ulster Council (Disabled Parking Bays)

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposals from Transport NI with regard to proposed provision of a Disabled

Persons' Parking Bay at Moore Street, Aughnacloy and Queens Avenue, Magherafelt.

The Director of Environment and Property noted Councillor Reid's request that Transport NI be asked to provide disabled parking bays in Perry Street and Church Street, Dungannon. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he had raised this with officers during Phase 2 of the Dungannon Public Realm scheme and he had been assured accommodation would be made but this had not happened.

Members were reminded that they too should lobby transport NI in relation to requests for disabled parking bays.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposals submitted by Transport NI in relation to proposed provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Moore Street, Aughnacloy and Queens Avenue, Magherafelt.

E241/17 Cott Lane Footbridge

The Director of Environment and Property presented previously circulated report which provided detail of a Principle Inspection Report on the condition of Cott Lane Footbridge and sought approval for the instigation of a detailed structural analysis of same.

Councillor McFlynn welcomed this work stating that anyone who walks in the area would know the bridge and be aware of its daily use.

Councillor McNamee proposed the recommendation to approve the instigation of a detailed structural analysis of Cott Lane Footbridge and suggested that funding opportunities should be explored.

Councillor McFlynn seconded the proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if Council owned the bridge and if land registry had any information. In response the Director of Environment and Property advised that it had been constructed approximately 100 years ago by the County Council and that the legacy Cookstown Council had asserted a right of way over the bridge and carried out work on the bridge in 2002 and thus it would then have come into the remit of Mid Ulster Council. He advised it was a footbridge accessed through fields and laneways and that unfortunately there was a dearth of information on it but emphasised that the report was recommending a structural analysis.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the instigation of a detailed structural analysis of Cott Lane Footbridge.

E242/17 Property Services Landfill Communities Fund Proposals

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval for two Council led applications to the Landfill Communities as undernoted. It was noted that there was no other sources of funding available.

- *Football Pitch adjacent to Tobermore Driving Range:* Replacement and upgrade of the existing football pitch floodlights. The project would improve the spread and quality of lighting, resulting in improved safety, and lower utility costs. Cost: £48,350 to include new lighting columns and foundations, new sports heads, upgraded NIE supply, new cabling and wiring.
- *Dry Store, (Former GNR Goods Shed) Railway Yard, Cookstown:* To replace the failing roof on a large storage shed at the Old Railway Yard. The project would see the roof on the listed building replaced and electrics upgraded to improve the useable of the building for storage in a safe and dry environment, whilst preserving the local built heritage. Cost: £100,000 to include a new roof, rain water goods and electrics

Councillor Glasgow stated that although there were substantial costs the projects were very different but equally worthwhile.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to make submit applications for Landfill Communities Fund funding to deliver the projects aforementioned, subject to successful applications and availability of funds. Total cost of projects £148,350.

E243/17 Winter Maintenance – Footpath Snow/Ice Clearance

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to enter into 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. It was noted that it was not necessary to trigger the agreement last year.

In response to Councillor Reid's question the Head of Property Services confirmed that generally the area is maintained through Council resources.

Councillor M Quinn drawing attention to the areas highlighted for clearing asked if there was scope to widen the clearance out. In response the Head of Property Services advised that only the retail centres were detailed within the agreement.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Church Street, Perry Street and Northland Row, Dungannon should be included. In response the Director of Environment and Property stated that the Planning Department had depicted the retail centres on the maps, that it is rare that the agreement has to be triggered stating that the last

significant snow was in 2010 and emphasised that Council should remain with the Planners definitions of retail centres.

Councillor Burton stated that if a town was geographically level that would be fine but stressed a common sense approach should be applied highlighting that Dungannon was on a hill and the areas mentioned were particularly steep.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to investigate widening the remit of the agreement to include Church Street, Perry Street, and walkway from Perry Street car park to Market Street, Dungannon.

The Chair Councillor McGinley emphasised that the request would be noted.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to enter into discussion with DfI/ Transport NI to reach agreement on the 2017/18 winter season with regard to the treatment of footways during extreme conditions following heavy snowfall or prolonged freezing.

E244/17 Bin Ovation App – Additional Report It Functionality

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to incorporate the new 'Report It' functionality on the Bin Ovation App to allow users to report issues such as dog fouling, litter etc. directly from their phone or tablet.

Councillor Glasgow asked if the app would increase response times to complaints such as dog fouling particularly at 'hotspots'. In response the Head of Environmental Services stated that the app would prove useful in improving response times as incidents would be reported quicker and emphasised that the app could be shared between services.

The Chair Councillor McGinley stated that it would be useful if feedback was reported to the committee on highest uses, hotspot locations, response times etc.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that the Report It Function be incorporated within the Bin Ovation App.

E245/17 Street Naming and Property Numbering

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Ballynorthland Demesne, Dungannon as Ballynorthland Manor

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Coolshinney Road, Magherafelt as Foxfield Park.

Councillors Reid and Glasgow declared an interest in Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets

E246/17 Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report regarding a request for the renaming and renumbering of an existing street and sought approval to undertake a survey of all applicable residents on the street/road in question.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question Councillor Reid stated that one resident had raised concerns as mail was being mixed up and other residents had followed suite.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with the Street Naming Survey of occupiers of Lough Terrace, Newmills in accordance with the Policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage.

E247/17 Blind Cord Safety Video 'It only takes seconds' shortlisted for UK CIEH Award

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised that the blind cord safety video 'It only takes seconds' has been shortlisted for a UK CIEH Award. The report sought approval for representation from Mid Ulster Council at the awards ceremony.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that it was normal policy for one officer and one Member to attend.

Councillor Gillespie stated the Chair of committee should accompany appropriate officer.

Councillor Reid stated the work in relation to this project was excellent with parents and childcare providers had benefitted.

Proposed by Councillor Gillepsie
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that the Chair of Committee and one officer attend the CIEH Awards Ceremony in London on 2 November 2017.

E248/17 Bus Shelters

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the progress of bus shelter applications at various locations in the district following meeting with DfI Roads. The report also sought approval on the future design of bus shelter provision. The Head of Technical Services advised that there would be site meetings on Wednesday 11 October and Wednesday 18 October with Translink. He further advised that Translink and Clear Channel had proposals to erect 10 bus shelters in the Mid Ulster area.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley stated that Members had wrote to Translink and they had received no response and requested that the officer raise this at forthcoming meetings.

Councillor Reid proposed option 3.

Councillor J O'Neill requested further details on the proposed site meetings stating that he would like to attend.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley requested that the Head of Technical Services circulate details of the site meetings to Members.

Councillor Cuthbertson suggested that Council should remain with option one as it was tried and tested. He also made reference to the seat being removed as it hindered young people from congregating in them. Referring to option 3 the Councillor stated that after a period of time the Perspex goes hazy using the example of Gortmerron Link Road in Dungannon. He also sought clarification on who would maintain the shelters.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley sought clarity in the difference between three and five. The Head of Technical Services stated that option 3 had advertising panels which assists with the maintenance costs. He highlighted that the cost of option 3 was £11,500 whilst Council had a budget of £1500 per shelter. The Officer advised that the difference between option 1 and option 4 was that the latter had a curved roof.

Councillor Reid withdrew his proposal due to costs stating his thoughts in proposing the option 3 had been from a point of view of restricting antisocial behaviour.

Councillor Mulligan stated that cost factor must be considered and in a rural community it was functionality and thus proposed either option 1 or option 4 and that option 5 could be used in the towns and villages

The Head of Technical Services advised that application was being submitted to Translink for funding for some shelters and if application is refused Council could then erect the shelter .

Councillor S McGuigan stated that if Translink funding was unsuccessful he would support the proposal for Option 4.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that option 1 would be his preference in keeping with the existing structures in the district.

Councillor Burton stated that a common sense approach should be taken in that bus shelters on rural roads should have sides on them.

The Chair Councillor McGinley stated that option 1 and option 4 were of similar structure only that option 4 had a curved roof.

Councillor Burton stated that many rural bus shelters had grass growing up through them and asked how often it would be cut. The Director of Environment and Property stated that strimming took place twice a year he also stated that it would be useful to be advised if bus shelters were no longer required.

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve design option four for future bus shelters in the District.

Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 8.25pm

Matters for Information

E249/17 Minutes of Special Environment Committee held on 17 August 2017

Members noted minutes of Special Environment Committee held on 17 August 2017.

E250/17 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 September 2017

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 September 2017.

Councillor Cuthbertson in relation to E212/17 Property Services Landfill Communities Fund proposals indicated he had requested a report on treatment of noxious weeds and invasive species on council property to be brought to the October meeting and not a future meeting.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's request that Council write to the property owner in Perry street who had an issue in relation to off street parking the Director of Environment and Property advised to date Council had not received the deeds to Perry Street Car Park, that the property owner had previously received correspondence from Council but that he would provide them with a further update.

In response to Councillor Reid's the Director of Environment and Property advised that he had requested that the gates of Knockloughrim PlayArea/Pitch be locked and that there had been no reports of antisocial behaviour at Cottage Quinn cemetery received by the Department. Regarding a suggested amendment to the minute the Chair, Councillor McGinley confirmed the minutes were for information and had been ratified at Council.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the Director of Environment and Property provides the property owner in Perry Street with an update in relation to off street carparking issue.

E251/17 Mid Ulster Bonfire Working Group

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update from Bonfire Working Group following Special Environment Committee held on 17 August 2017. He advised that the actions at 3.3 of the report should read as undernoted:

- (i) Members continuing on their work with the Bonfire Working Group and wait until the findings of the Flags and Emblems Committee being made known before inviting other agencies ie. PSNI, Fire Service and NIEA to becoming involved.
- (ii) Engagement with local communities who wish to host bonfires and those who don't wish to host bonfires on Council land to ensure adherence to Good Practice with Council and other Statutory Agencies to promote public safety at bonfires.
- (iii) Officers to prepare an Options Paper for the introduction of an application and licencing process, which should meet certain criteria for building bonfires, with this being done through the Bonfire Working Group and then brought back to committee for consideration.
- (iv) Illegal bonfires be put on the Risk Register and being brought back to committee.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure drew attention to the final version of the position paper detailed in the report advising that all agencies had contributed to it.

In response to Councillor M Quinn's question the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Council focus is on bonfires on their own property and that third party activities is dealt with through the NIEA and PSNI.

Councillor Cuthbertson sought clarification as to why the Council was paying for removal of tyres when the NIEA, as detailed on page 7 of the position paper, remove them with no charge. The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that the

position paper contained generic statements regarding the position of the NIEA. He also advised that the NIEA had removed asbestos from Council premises and further clarified that council had paid for removal of tyres from its own land as they were responsible to do so.

The Director of Environment and Property clarified that the figure of 20m³ had originated from the Flytipping Protocol which the Council had entered into with the NI Environment Agency originally on a pilot basis.

In response to Councillor B McGuigan's question the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the bonfire working group would only involve other statutory agencies as and when required.

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update from Bonfire Working Group following Special Environment Committee held on 17 August 2017.

Councillor Reid declared an interest in Coalisland Public Realm as he had been involved in ongoing meetings

E252/17 Coalisland Public Realm Progress Report

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which provided update on progress of Coalisland Public Realm scheme.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure drew attention to the public consultations taking place in Coalsiland and advised it was hoped to have a final design option for November. The Director highlighted Option One in relation to formalising access to carparking at the Cornmill together with the design of either angled parking at the rear of the centre which was subject to agreement with private landowner. He further advised that Officers were engaging to deal with dereliction issues, that a bus layby would be incorporated at Lineside and traffic would have a right turn lane at the site of the old police station.

In relation to Option Two the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised the one way system in this layout would continue further out and go through the Square but stated it was less favoured as traffic at busy times may be more difficult to manage. He reiterated that the options were out for consultation with the community and that there would be meetings with stakeholders.

Councillor B McGuigan asked if the money was ring-fenced for public realm schemes and if the current political situation could lead to delays in projects. In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that meetings took place with the funding team on a regular basis and no indication had been given regarding delays in funding but that he would be able to confirm further when the proposals were formally submitted for assessment.

Councillor B McGuigan expressed concerns regarding public realm funding.

In response to Councillor M Quinn's enquiry as to how people who are not able to attend the public meeting can access details of the proposals the Director of Public

Health and Infrastructure advised that the information was on public display at venues in Coalisland and available through the web site together with the submission forms for comments. The Director advised that the public display would be exhibited for a number of weeks at the Cornmill Heritage Centre, Coalisland and Public Information events were scheduled for Wednesday 11 October between 1-2pm and 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on progress of Coalisland Public Realm scheme.

E253/17 DfI Proposals to Vest Land at Killyman Road, Dungannon

The Director of Environment and Property presented previously circulated report which advised of the Department of Infrastructure's intention to make a vesting order for lands at Killyman Road, Dungannon for the purposes of a cycle path.

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E254/17 Off Street Car Park Strategy: Consultation

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which advised of Council's Off Street Car Park Consultation.

Councillor McNamee expressed his disappointment as he, together with other Members had not received an update in relation to Union Street Carpark, Cookstown. He stated that the information had been requested at Cookstown Town Centre forum meetings and made mention of meetings to be facilitated with businesses and residents. In response the Director of Environment and Property advised that he had provided a briefing note to officers responsible for the Town Centre Forum. The Director stated he would forward the briefing note to members and outlined its content namely that the matter of a restrictive covenant preventing the Council from levying car parking charges at Union Place Car Park was raised recently in relation to the Preferred Option (4) contained within the Car Parking Strategy. The Director advised that following examination of the title deeds and legal advice received on the matter the situation is as follows:

1. The initial land was vested in the Cookstown Urban District Council from six land owners in April 1970; there are no restrictive covenants in these deeds in relation to car parking charges.
2. Subsequently following local government reorganisation in 1972 the land was transferred to the Department of the Environment as the competent Roads Authority.
3. The second parcel of land was purchased in September 1978; again there are no restrictive covenants in these deeds in relation to car parking charges.
4. At this time (1978) Access Agreements (Rights of Way) were entered into individually with the occupiers of the properties which front onto William Street and have a rear entrance taken from the lands occupied by the car park.
5. These Agreements were limited to the access road to the rear of these properties and allow for free and unimpeded access over that strip land as indicated.

6. By way of these Agreements the Council is prevented from allowing parking on the access strip or indeed charging for the use of the access strip.
7. The Council could therefore introduce charges to the car park so long as the access to the rear of the William Street properties is unaffected by such an introduction.

In relation to the consultations with businesses the director advised that the requests for meetings were being worked through and that the consultation had opened.

Councillor Glasgow concurred with Councillor McNamee and stated that his understanding had been that Members had asked to see the questions prior to the consultation opening and the first he saw the questions was in the press. The Councillor emphasised that he and others were coming under pressure with the public in regard to this matter.

Councillor Buchanan stated he had received an email regarding the matter.

The Chair, Councillor McGinley advised that the briefing note would be circulated to Members and in moving forward the information would go directly to Members.

E255/17 Communities in Bloom Awards Feedback

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which advised of the success for Mid Ulster District following the Communities in Bloom Awards in Canada. The report also included judge's feedback on the Castlcaulfield entry.

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E256/17 Property Services Disposal of Assets – Fleet/Plant

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which advised of the disposal/sale of surplus fleet, plant and equipment from Council for the period 10 April 2017 to 30 September 2017.

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the disposal/sale of surplus fleet, plant and equipment from Council for the period 10 April 2017 to 30 September 2017.

E257/17 Review of Arrangements for Collection of Second Bins

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which advised on the outcome of a review process in relation to collection arrangements for second black bins across the District in line with Council policy.

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the outcome of a review process in relation to collection arrangements for second black bins across the District in line with Council policy.

E258/17 Regulatory Inspection of Council Waste Management Activities

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on recent regulatory inspection of Council waste management activities.

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on recent regulatory inspection of Council waste management activities.

E259/17 Tullyvar Joint Committee Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the business of Tullyvar Joint Committee.

E260/17 Building Control Workload

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

E261/17 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E262/17 Dual Language Signage Request

The Head of Building Control presented the previously circulated report in relation to a dual language signage request.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question the Chair Councillor McGinley stated that the request referred to the whole of the Killyliss Road. The Head of Building Control advised that everyone on the road registered on the electoral register would be contacted. Councillor Cuthbertson expressed concern in relation to costs. The Chair, Councillor McGinley emphasised that the Council had a policy in relation to dual language signage requests and that this was what was being applied. He advised the Councillor that to propose an amendment to the policy a notice of motion would have to be brought to council.

In response to Councillor Glasgow's question the head of Building Control advised that names and signatures are withheld for data protection reasons.

Councillor Cuthbertson suggested that the names be retained on the documents and the matter dealt with through confidential business. In response the Chair Councillor McGinley stressed that Council must be as transparent as possible and that there would be no benefit in knowing the names of requesters. The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that data protection requirements apply.

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail on a dual language signage request.

E263/17 Restart a Heart Day

The Head of Environmental Health presented the previously circulated report which provided detail of Mid Ulster 'Restart a Heart Day' events being held on 16 October 2017 and invited Members to attend.

Councillor Reid stated that the work was very important and advised that if you suspected a person was suffering a heart attack you should get them to take a deep breath and cough as the action massages the heart.

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail on Restart a Heart Day.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee 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 E264/17 to E269/17.

Matters for Decision

- E264/17 Property Services – Tender report for the appointment of Vehicle Suppliers
- E265/17 Tender for the collection and recycling of waste tyres
- E266/17 Moneymore Recreational Centre – Capital Project

Matters for Information

- E267/17 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 September 2017
- E268/17 Capital Projects Update
- E269/17 Ageing Well – Tender Process

E270/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.20 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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

Members Present	Councillor Wilson, Chair Councillors Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, Forde, McAleer, McFlynn, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith (7.10 pm), G Shiels
Officers in Attendance	Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Agenda Item 4 – Montgomery Food Consulting Rhonda Montgomery – Montgomery Food Consulting Sean Owens – CEO – Butchery Excellence International (Ireland)

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D187/17 Apologies

Councillors Burton and McEldowney.
The Director of Business and Communities and the Head of Leisure.

D188/17 Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to Declarations of Interest.

D189/17 Chair's Business

The Chair advised that the Chair's Business would be taken at the end of Open Business.

D190/17 Deputations – Montgomery Food Consulting regarding World Butchers Challenge 2018

The Chair welcomed Ms Rhonda Montgomery and Mr Sean Owens from Montgomery Food Consulting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Owens thanked members for the opportunity to address the committee and advised that they were here tonight to seek funding towards their participation in the World Butchers' Challenge which would be coming to Northern Ireland in March

2018, when local Irish butchers will be competing against 14 other countries around the world. The competitions are to be held in Belfast and WBC International Study Tour will be a cross border visit by International visitors where there will be an opportunity to see the best that's on offer.

He said that on Friday 16th March 2018 the International Food Tour delegation would visit CAFRE's Loughry Campus, Ballyriff Buffalo Farm in Magherafelt and to a number of local award winning butchery businesses across Mid Ulster. He added that whilst Mid Ulster is recognised for providing world class cuisine, the area is also home of Augher woman Rhonda Montgomery's award winning business Montgomery Food International, recently awarded NI Agri-Food Business by First Trust Bank Business Eye Awards 2017. He also advised that Rhonda was a finalist in the All Ireland Agri-Food Business for Overall Supply Chain on the island of Ireland and has been nominated for a Civic Award in recognition of her commitment to business in Mid Ulster Council's Civic Awards this month. He said that he was the Team Ireland co-ordinator for World Butchers Challenge and was a Chef from Ballyronan and would be co-ordinating the tour. He said that he was also was the Salon Culinare Director of IFEX the award winning best event show in UK.

The representatives stated that they would be promoting Mid Ulster to the World through their butchery and food chain supplying. Mid Ulster is one of the most successful areas for food production and top Butchers in the World and there is a need for this to be showcased.

He said that they were seeking financial support of £12,500 + Vat and this would provide assistance towards:

- Mid Ulster Tour with Delegates from WBC: £4,500
- CAFRE Lunch 50% funded by Mid Ulster: £1,600
- Mid Ulster Funded Local Food Demo with Master Butcher Showcase: £2,600
- Mid Ulster WBC Signage & Branding Throughout Tour & WBC: £3,300
- 4 Seats x Mid Ulster at WBC Dinner 21st March 2017: £500

The Chair said that on behalf of the Council he wanted to thank the representatives for their hard work and asked for members comments.

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.10 pm.

Councillor Clarke advised that he was at the start of food chain and congratulated the group on the great work which was being carried out and the recognition that is given to the local butchers in promoting their skills. He said that Mid Ulster was a place that produces and sells good food.

Councillor McAleer passed on her congratulations to Ms Montgomery on her achievements and that she was a great asset to the Clogher Valley area.

The Chair thanked Ms Montgomery and Mr Owens for their presentation at which they left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

The Chair advised members that the full amount of funding required by the group wasn't available. It was agreed that some financial support could be sourced through Council's Economic Development budget, to help fund the Mid Ulster element of the event.

Matters for Decision

D191/17 Pomeroy Forest Car Park Project

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to update members and to seek Council approval in relation to project costs associated to the provision of improved visitor amenities and additional car parking facilities at Pomeroy Forest Park.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to progress the scheme to provide car parking and associated works as detailed at 3.4 at a cost of £28,000 at Pomeroy Forest.

D192/17 Sports Representatives Grants Allocations

Members considered previously circulated report to present to members the proposed Grant Allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grants.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Representative Grant Allocations.

D193/17 Greenvale Maghera Leisure Centre Memberships

Members considered previously circulated report to consider a recommendation that Greenvale Leisure Centre membership packages include the use of Maghera Leisure Centre.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for Greenvale Leisure Centre membership (including Household and Monthly Direct Debit Membership) packages include use of Maghera Leisure Centre.

D194/17 Proposed Gael Scoil at Gortgonis Site, Coalisland

Members considered previously circulated report to seek permission to engage Land and Property Services to value the proposed Gael Scoil site and associated costs at Gortgonis.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to Council engaging with the Woodland Trust to negotiate the relocation of an equivalent area of trees to a suitable location and that LPS carry out a valuation of the proposed school site and associated costs at Gortgonis, Coalisland.

D195/17 Lough Neagh Partnership Core Funding 2017/18

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for the annual contribution for year 2017/18 to the core running costs associated with Lough Neagh Partnership in the delivery of marketing tourism, recreational, environmental and heritage activities on Lough Neagh and the Lough Neagh shoreline on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Mid Ulster District Council funding Lough Neagh Partnership £22,000 as requested and subject to funding being secured from all five Lough Neagh Council's
- 2) Lough Neagh Partnership submitting a quarterly update to Mid Ulster District Council

The Head of Tourism also informed the Council that Lough Neagh Partnership confirmed that they have secured funding from all other Councils.

D196/17 Holiday World Shows – January 19-21 Belfast & 26-28 Dublin

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to outline Mid Ulster Council past and planned participation at Holiday World Shows in Belfast (19-21 January 2018) and Dublin (26-28 January 2018) and outlines the benefits of attendance at both shows to Mid Ulster Council and trade who attend with us. With the favourable Euro – Sterling exchange rate and the longer shoulder season in the tourism calendar, now is an opportune time to continue to strongly promote Mid Ulster an our tourism product both in the ROI and domestic market.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to Tourism Staff and Trade continue to attend the largest tourism platforms and target their largest growing markets in association with Tourism NI.

D197/17 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) Evaluation Report – Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera**
- 2) Business Support Programmes:**
 - 2.1) Mid Ulster Social Enterprise Programme**
 - 2.2) Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme**
 - 2.3) Mid Ulster Business Breakfast Digital Seminars**
- 3) Heritage Funding Programme**
- 4) Coalisland and Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-On Events**
- 5) Foreign Direct Investment App**
- 6) Digital Catapult – Regional LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) Funding Call**
- 7) Draperstown Townscape Heritage**

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

- 1) Evaluation Report – Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera**
Note Evaluation Report on Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera.
- 2) Business Sport Programmes**
 - 2.1) Mid Ulster Social Enterprises Programme**
To note progress
 - 2.2) Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme**
To note progress
 - 2.3) Mid Ulster Digital Seminars**
To note Digital Seminar dates.
- 3) Heritage Funding Programme**
To note progress
- 4) Coalisland and Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-On Events**

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved: To financially support CRAIC Theatre to the value of £4,200 to deliver the Coalisland Christmas Lights Switch-On, on Sunday 3rd December 2017 and work in partnership with Maghera Traders Association to deliver the Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-on, on Saturday 2nd December 2017 to the value of £3,500; all subject to Officers being satisfied with the proposals submitted.

5) Digital Catapult – Regional LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) Funding Call

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: To financially support making provision of £10,000 to support a range of both regional and Mid Ulster specific challenges that utilise the LPWAN network subject to a successful funding bid being submitted by Invest NI. Six monthly progress reports to be provided to Members, if the project funding application is successful.

6) Foreign Direct Investment App

Agree the reassignment of £10,000 budget from an FDI App to more specific resources required by inward investors as identified by Invest NI.

The Chair said that he would have concerns around this and would be suggesting that the Council ask Invest NI how many investors that they have directed to the Mid Ulster area over the last couple of months. He said that he would be wary of agreeing to the sum proposed as more needs to be done to show their commitment within Mid Ulster and would propose that Invest NI be invited to a meeting to address such issues before approval of funding.

Councillor G Shiels agreed that it was incredible that Invest NI was requesting funding when there was so little done by them within the Mid Ulster area.

Councillor Molloy said that he would be happy to second The Chair's proposal as an App may not be the way to proceed as these can get outdated quite rapidly with the result that the £10,000 could be spent and nothing to show for it. He said that we need something tangible to show for the £10,000 requested and said that more needed to be done to showcase Mid Ulster before a financial commitment be made.

Councillor Cuddy said that he agreed with members sentiments but stated that Dungannon Enterprise Centre was very proactive in showcasing Mid Ulster and felt that there was no point in inviting a middle manager from Invest NI to a meeting to discuss issues as the onus was on the Council to go to the top and suggested inviting someone from Invest NI's Head Office at managerial level to raise

issues as there was a feeling amongst members that there was a lack of interest in Mid Ulster by Invest NI.

Councillor Monteith stated that no funding should be allocated unless Invest NI show evidence that Mid Ulster has been showcased and felt that Invest NI has enough money to fund this themselves. He felt that nothing meaningful has been done by Invest NI to show anything productive and said if a meeting is what's needed to get meaningful dialogue then so be it. He stressed that he would still have major concerns around this and wouldn't like to see anything written on a Council proposal recommending funding.

The Head of Economic Development said that whilst she was aware of members concerns, there remained a need for Council to showcase Mid Ulster to potential investors. She said that to date, she had met with a few of the Investment Managers working for Invest NI. She added that it is imperative Council develops a good relationship with these Investment Managers in order to receive potential 'early leads' from investors who are seeking either a new or additional base to locate their operations. She added that part of these discussions progressed to considering the most appropriate format to present information to investors, and the Investment Managers strongly urged against pursuing another FDI app, but instead develop a package of information to include such things as local business ambassador videos, high quality presentations and imagery tailored to meet the specific needs of investors, consider attendance at 'high profile networking events' held regionally, nationally or internationally.

The Head of Economic Development further stated that in this financial year, the Economic Development function is reviewing its online presence and how it communicates with businesses/investors. Subject to attaining Council agreement, it is anticipated significant changes to Council's online presence next year, to make Council's business services more accessible and tailored to meet business/investor needs. To do so, Officers will need the professional materials to promote Mid Ulster, and the videos, promotional materials as outlined above, will be very beneficial to showcase the success of the area.

The Chair felt that there was no other option but request a meeting with the Chief Executive of Invest NI and highlight what the area has to offer ie Granville Industrial Estate and the future potential that exists.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by councillor Molloy and

Resolved:

To reassign the £10,000 budget from an FDI App to more specific resources required by inward investors as identified by Invest NI.

To invite the Chief Executive of Invest NI to a meeting to discuss concerns.

7) Draperstown Townscape Heritage

Proposed by Councillor Elattar

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: To advise the Workspace Group that Council will informally support their group to develop a Regeneration Project via the Heritage Lottery Fund for Draperstown by way of officer attendance at their meetings but decline the request to make a financial contribution towards a first round application for the project estimated at £10,000 - £15,000. Council will await the outcome of the stage one application before considering the request for financial support towards the overall project.

Councillor Elattar said that she was totally supportive of the Workspace Group and understood that there was a need to treat all areas the same who are making applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund, but would look forward to see this project coming back to Council.

The Chair referred to the Maghera Walled Garden Event on Saturday 26 August and said that it was a tremendous event but that his only concern was that it was held on the same day as the Last Saturday Demonstrations which resulted in a lot of people not being able to attend the event and would ask that this be considered in the future.

Councillor Forde agreed with The Chair that the date didn't suit a lot of people due to the Last Saturday Demonstrations and felt that in the future a date should be looked at that, that wouldn't clash with other events. She said that she wanted to congratulate everyone involved in the organising of the event as it was a tremendous success.

D198/17 Joint Delegation Visit (with South West College) to Catapult Centres in the UK

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Members approval on attendance on the proposed visit to one/two Catapult Centres in the UK which the Mid Ulster Engineering Centre of Excellence is modelled on.

Councillor McNamee nominated Councillors Molloy and McPeake.

Councillor Cuddy enquired at what stage the proposal was at and asked if it was still progressing and felt that 3 members would be enough to attend the event.

The Head of Economic Development said that the project was progressing towards planning stage, but further valuation and legal work is required in terms of seeking a

valuation for the Council's carpark etc, and that an options paper would be brought back to a future meeting for consideration by Members.

Councillor Cuddy said that he would have concerns about the land as Dungannon Council gave away some land to STEP and in the event of them possibly deciding to leave that the land could be sold off by them. He felt that a precedent has to be set to protect Council from these type of issues in the future as land should be returned to the people of the Dungannon area.

Councillor Monteith enquired if the money was coming out of Councillor's own budget for the trip.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the money was coming out of the Economic Development budget.

Councillor Monteith said that he would be supportive of Councillor Cuddy's suggestion of sending 3 members only to the event as money would be better spent elsewhere.

The Chair said that this hasn't been approved yet and that all options were to be brought back to Council. He said that he would be concerned about losing the top Council carpark as there wasn't adequate enough spaces for staff and visitors as it stands and felt that an options paper should be provided to Committee beforehand.

Councillor McNamee said that this was also brought to the Policy & Resources Committee and there seemed to be an overlap.

The Chair agreed that it would make more sense for 3 people to attend.

Councillor McNamee said that he stuck by his nomination and that some members had not the adequate budget remaining and would be asking that consideration be given to this.

Councillor Cuddy proposed that only 3 people attend the visit.

In response to Councillor Monteith's query on what was the rationale for Councillor attendance, the Head of Economic Development advised that it was to showcase two other leading Centres of Engineering Excellence in the UK and demonstrate how these could be replicated in Mid Ulster. She further added that this project is highlighted as a priority in both Council's Community Plan and Economic Development Plan. South West College offered to co-ordinate the visit if Members felt it was of value to physically see what one of these centres looked like.

Councillor Monteith proposed that any member who wished to attend that this should be deducted from Members own budget, not the Economic Development budget.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy

To proceed with the recommendation as outlined in the report.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

That cost of the visit comes out of Members own budget and anyone who is interested can attend.

Councillor McAleer said that it may be an opportunity for some members who were interested to go on the visit as some still had not spent any of their budget.

Councillor Monteith's proposal was put to the vote:

For	7
Against	6

Councillor McNamee's proposal was put to the vote

For	6
Against	7

Councillor Monteith's proposal was carried.

Councillor McNamee proposed that Councillors McPeake and Molloy attend.

Councillor Cuddy proposed that The Chair, Councillor Wilson attend.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Any interested member attend the Joint Delegation Visit to one/two Catapult Centres in the UK as long as it comes out of their own individual budget and not the Economic Development budget.

D199/17 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- 1) Seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations
- 2) Agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations
- 3) Agree Good Relations Audit and Plan support
- 4) Update on Community Development

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the following:

- 1) Grant Award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grants as per Appendix 1.

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

Resolved: To approve the Grant Awards recommendations under Community Festivals and Good Relations grants as per Appendix 1.

2) Peace IV Partnership recommendations:

- Peace Grants Assessment
- Peace Cross Border Literary Programme to go to tender; with clarity on the literary project to include the Ulster Scots link.
- Peace Shared Spaces Design Programme to go to tender

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved: To approve the Peace IV Partnership Assessment

3) Good Relations Audit and Plan development with a proposed budget of £10,000 to be funded through the Executive 75% and Council 25%

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

Resolved: To approve the Good Relations Audit and Plan development with a proposed budget of £10,000 to be funded through the Executive 75% and Council 25%

4) To note the community development update report.

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in CAMDA.

Matters for Information

D200/17 Minutes of Development Committee Thursday 14 September 2017

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 14 September 2017.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there would be remuneration for Swimming Instructors on lesser salary scales.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that harmonisation would be part of the structure.

D201/17 MUDC Forest Schools Northern Ireland Launch

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the recent launch of the Northern Ireland Forest Schools scheme on Monday 18th September at Ranfurly House and Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon.

D202/17 Greenvale Leisure Centre Update

Members noted previously circulated report to update on the transition of management of Greenvale Leisure Centre from Pulse Fitness to Council.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query, the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that everything identified was within budget with no additional expenditure.

D203/17 Leisure Services Update Report

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

D204/17 Dungannon Leisure Centre Options Appraisal Update Report

Members noted previously circulated report to update on the consultations planned for the Options Appraisal on Dungannon Leisure Centre.

**D205/17 Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group
Minutes of Meeting of 5 April 2017**

Members noted previously circulated report to consider the minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 5 April 2017 and approved by the Working Group at their meeting of 2 October 2017.

D206/17 Business Engagement Programme – Tourism

Members noted previously circulated report to update on the Business Engagement Programme within the tourism section.

**D207/17 Lough Neagh Partnership – Heritage Lottery Landscape
Programme Year 2**

Members noted previously circulated report to seek Council approval to issue Letter of Offer to Lough Neagh Partnership for Year 2 contribution towards Heritage Lottery Landscape Partnership Programme at a cost of £27,534 in advance of expenditure having been made.

D208/17 Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group

Members noted previously circulated report to present ratified Minutes of Tourism Development Group meeting held on 14 June 2017.

D209/17 Neighbourhood Renewal Programme

Members noted previously circulated report to update on the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme with detail on each project delivered across the two Neighbourhood Renewal Areas.

Councillor Monteith said that he was aware that the projects presented were developed across different timelines and in talking with the Neighbourhood Renewal Officer he had indicated that projects would be coming forward for Dungannon. Councillor Monteith stated that there was a differential between areas and hoped that there was a more equal split being proposed; he was also aware of funding projects which seemed to be continuing with no apparent review of output in terms of real impact on deprivation.

He stated that there was a need to look at deprivation across Mid Ulster and not solely on Neighbourhood Renewal areas and funding. He felt that there is a specific need to identify a wider strategic plan for areas of deprivation.

Councillor Doris stated that from the report it would seem to show that one area was getting more from Neighbourhood Renewal than another but that it was up to Councillors from both areas to become involved.

Councillor Monteith stated that the residents of Dungannon do not feel included and are concerned that they are being left behind.

Councillor G Shiels said that it seems that there are areas of deprivation across Mid Ulster are not being properly considered.

The Head of Community Development agreed that there was continuation of some projects year on year and that this year there was a commitment from Department of Communities to review these. She said that within the Community Plan there was a commitment to seek to address poverty in the top 20% of areas across Mid Ulster. There was an exercise being undertaken in house by Council officers regarding identification of these areas and potential good practice activity and programmes. This was also a priority for Council in the Community Development Service Plan.

Councillor Molloy agreed that there was a problem with the current support to address deprivation and that there was a need for an overhaul to identify such issues and reach out to other areas.

The Chair advised that within certain areas of Cookstown there was also deprivation which needed addressing.

Councillor Monteith stated that all areas of deprivation needed to be targeted, and welcomed the report and asked that this be prioritised with an update to Committee as soon as possible given the impact of poverty. He asked that the report consider areas of deprivation but also individual and household deprivation and how some good practice projects such as the Warmer Home Scheme which took into consideration an individual's circumstances and not the area they reside in.

Councillor Cuddy asked if a date could be set for a future review of the Neighbourhood Renewal programme and proposals to amend this.

The Head of Community Development confirmed that the neighbourhood renewal programme was governed by DFC and to date meetings had been had regarding its expansion in relation to area coverage but it was confirmed this is not happening at present. The report will look at deprivation in general across Mid Ulster as part of community planning and identify potential options to reduce deprivation and potential sources of funding.

D210/17 Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership

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

D211/17 Chairs Business

The Chair advised that he had received requests through Chair's business and would be happy for these to proceed.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there was any update on lands at Mid Ulster Sports Arena being made available.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that a meeting had taken place with an Official from the Department and that a report would be brought to a future meeting.

Councillor Monteith requested that Railway Park and Ballysaggart be put on the Agenda for next month.

The Head of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that these were on the Capital Projects meeting agenda for next week.

Councillor Monteith raised concern about the lack of publicity for Ann Street and why the potentially biggest economic project to come to the town had not got the publicity that it requires and asked that an update be brought to the next meeting.

The Chair said that Councillor McNamee and he attended a Cookstown Town Forum meeting where it was advised that the consultation on carparking charges had commenced which they were unaware of. He said that they were embarrassed to be sitting in the meeting and not being aware of this taking place.

Councillor McNamee advised that Councillor Glasgow and he raised this issue regarding the carparking consultation at the Environment Committee.

The Chair said that the signs had now been erected in Cookstown for parking time restrictions but these could not be enforced due to the Minister not being in office as Stormont was not sitting, however, he believed that in Dungannon they were successful on having their parking time restrictions implemented. Officers to investigate the matter.

Local Government (NI) 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy 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 D211/17 to D213/17.

Matters for Decision

D212/17 Public Rights of Way (ProW) Update
D213/17 Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme

Matters for Information

D214/17 Confidential Minutes Development Committee held on
Thursday 14 September 2017

D215/17 Duration of Meeting

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

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Conferences & Seminar – October 2017
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	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.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2017-18 member Conference and Seminar allocations.
3.0	Main Report
	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
3.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Members
3.1.1	National Association of Councillors AGM & Conference (Glasgow) Theme Emergency Services & Emergency Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th November at The Mercure Hotel, Glasgow Cost £350+vat, accommodation, travel and subsistence
3.1.2	Level 3 Award in Developing Counselling Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JMC Counselling, Unit 23, 51 Dungannon Rd, Coalisland BT71 4HP Tuesday evenings 6-10pm October – December 2017 Cost £495 plus travel <p>Councillor N Doris to attend</p>
3.2	<u>Officer Approvals</u> 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.
4.0	Other Considerations

4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Human:
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	<u>Recommendation(s)</u>
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.
6.0	<u>Documents Attached & References</u>
6.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Officer Approvals



20/9/2017

National Association of Councillors AGM & Conference

The Mercure Hotel, Glasgow
3rd-5th November 2017

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to our Annual Conference and AGM in Glasgow City centre, the venue is The Mercure Hotel which is located in the upmarket area of Merchant City and is very close to major transport links. The hotel has excellent facilities for conference delegates.

Due to recent tragic events the subject of the conference will be Emergency Services & Emergency Planning and will feature leading figures from Emergency Services teams throughout the UK.

The NAC AGM will take place on Saturday the 4th November at 9.45AM during which we shall elect a new National Chair of the NAC please see agenda attached.

To book your places at this Conference & AGM please complete the form attached and return it to me by email or post.

Yours Faithfully

B. Nelson

Councillor Brian Nelson

General Secretary

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

National AGM & Annual Conference

Emergency Services / Emergency Planning

The Mecure Hotel, Glasgow 3rd-5th November 2017

Delegate Booking Form

Name of Delegate.....

Organisation

Delegate's Email

Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if reqd.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....Organisation.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either:-Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson
Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

or Post form to NAC Bookings, 16 Frederick St North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 7NB

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

INVOICE – please send invoice to

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)

National Association of Councillors

Annual Conference & AGM

Agenda

Friday 3rd November 2017

5 – 6pm Registration

6pm Session One

Welcome by The Lord Provost of Glasgow

7.15pm Dinner

Saturday 4th November 2017

9-45am Annual General Meeting

See separate agenda

10.45am Tea/Coffee

10.30am Session 2

Dr.Brian Ward OBE, Former National Resilience Officer for
Fire & Rescue. Former advisor to National Governments.

Major Incidents and Flooding

Questions to Brian Ward

11.15am Session 3

Speaker from Glasgow Police Service

Questions

12-00 noon Session 4

Speaker from Glasgow Fire & Rescue Service

1-00pm Lunch

6-00pm Reception hosted by The NAC Chairman

7-00pm Conference Dinner

Sunday 5th November 2017

10-00am NAC Officers,

Workshops (delegates to split into groups)

Group 1. Emergency Services, working together

Group 2. Emergency Planning

Both Groups to Feedback

12-00 Noon

1-00pm End of Event.

Agenda

National Association of Councillors, AGM

4/11/17

9:45

Mercure Hotel, Glasgow

Meeting called by:

Cllr Eric Firth (Chairman)

Note taker:

Cllr Stephen Akers-Belcher (Assistant General Secretary)

Attendees:

Delegates to the NAC

Agenda topics

Chairman's Welcome	Cllr Eric Firth
Apologies for Absence	
Minutes of the 2016 AGM	Brian Nelson
Election of Chairman for 2 years	Cllr Eric Firth
(Nominations in writing from Scotland Region)	
Voting on Nominations	
New Chairman to be presented with the Chairman's Medal of Office	
Chairman's Address	New Chairman
Retiring Chairman's Address	Cllr Eric Firth
Election of Vice Chairman	
(Nominations in writing from Wales Region)	
Voting on Nominations	
The New Vice Chairman to be presented with The Vice Chairman's Medal of Office	
General Secretary's Report	Brian Nelson
Annual accounts	Ken Wyatt
Equalities Officer's Report	Christopher Akers-Belcher
Resolutions, to be given in writing 7 days before meeting.	Brian Nelson

13th October 2017

Re: AIM Awards Level 3 Award in Developing Counselling Skills (Accredited at Level 3)

The Level 3 Award in Developing Counselling Skills will begin on **Tuesday October the 17th 2017**. Training will be from 6.00pm-10pm, and will be held at Unit 23, 51 Dungannon Rd, Coalisland BT71 4HP. The training is internally assessed and there are no written exams or written assignments.

This award is not only aimed at those interested in becoming professionally trained counsellors, but those who work with the community generally. This training is suitable for teachers, social workers, mental health practitioners, OH workers, probation officers, nurses, community workers or anyone who comes into contact with the general public.

Students will learn how to identify boundaries, health and safety issues, theory and skills as well as counsellor self-care. This training is a must for those who wish to enhance their portfolio of skills, and increase employment opportunities by adding valuable accredited training to your CV.

Fees are £495.00. Participants can pay a deposit of £195.00 followed by 3 monthly instalments of £100.00 beginning 18th October 2017 and ending 18th December 2017.

Successful completion of the level 3 award will gain students entry on to the Level 4 professional Diploma in Counselling which will begin immediately after this award.

To secure your place on the Level 3 Award, please forward your deposit to: JMC Counselling, 60 Cluaneo Meadows, Coalisland, BT71 5EN

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss this training further.

Warm Regards



Joseph Coney MSSc, FNCS, MBACP (Sen. Acc)
Therapist and Supervisor (Individuals)

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Local Govt Finance under the new govt	2/11/17	1	London	£245
Digital Tech, Young People & Heritage Conference	2/11/17	1	Belfast	Free
BTO Birdwatchers Conference 2017	11/11/17	1	Craigavon	£23
Joint Delegation visit to Catapult Centres in UK (through Sth Wt College)	21/11/17	2 + Councillors	Glasgow & Coventry	£2,500 approx
Equality & Diversity Seminar	7/11/17	1	Newtownabbey	Free

Retrospective Approvals – Conferences/Seminars

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
Annual Conference for Head of Info' Systems Group (Ireland)	11/10/17	1	Dundalk	Free
Common Ground – Shared Language	16/10/17	1	Belfast	Free

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition – October 2017
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council Receptions Policy.
2.0	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.
2.4	Following the July 2017 Council meeting a working group was formed to review the current receptions policy.
3.0	Main Report
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	Civic Recognition requests received from members since the last meeting of council have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Not Applicable

	Human: Not Applicable
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That consideration be given to approving request(s) for civic recognition.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A Submitted Requests

October 2017 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Keith Farmer	British Supersport Motorcycle Champion	Cllr Mulligan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a United Kingdom level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Margaret Conway	Chartered Institute of Building: Construction Manager of the Year Award 2017	Cllr McNamee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a United Kingdom level 	For: N/A Date: N/A

Category: Civic Award

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Erin's Own GAC Lavey	Under 15 Football Team Ulster Winners	Cllr McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Moyla Park Golf Club	Winners of the Ulster Pierce Purcell Cup (Golf Clubs in Ireland)	Cllr McPeake Cllr Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Killymoon Ladies Golf Team	Winners of the All Ireland Four Ball Competition	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at All Ireland Level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Acorn Relay Team	Winners of the NI Masters Relay Championship	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Noel Glasgow	UK Fire and Rescue British Bowling Championship (Triple Team Member)	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Colin Hogg Eric Sands	Won the Irish Bowling Association Irish Over 55 Rinks	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won Competition at a provincial level – 	For: N/A

Willie Lennox Tommy Johnston	qualifying to play in British Isles Competition			Date: N/A
Bob McClure	Ulsterbus Tours Community Champion Award in recognition of the lasting and positive difference he has made to his local area by embracing the 'Ulster in Bloom' ethos. (For role as Joint Chair and proactive member of Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
St Joseph's High School Coalisland	Winners of the Danske Bank Ulster Schools GAA Mallon Cup June 2017	Cllr M Quinn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Teo Alin Cookstown Boxing Club	Ulster Senior Lightweight Champion	Cllr Mallaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won competition at a provincial level 	For: N/A Date: N/A
Ryan Cleary Cookstown Boxing Club	Ulster Senior Middleweight Champion	Cllr Mallaghan	Won competition at a provincial level	For: N/A Date: N/A

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
None			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

Other: Letter from Council Chair

Where it is deemed that conditions/criteria have not been met for a civic reception, civic award or chair & deputy chair reception a letter from the Council Chair is recommended. This may also be in instances where recipients have previously received a reception or award for the same or similar achievement.

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by
Erin's Own GAC Lavey	<i>Under 16 Footballer – Derry A Champions</i>	Cllr McPeake
Erin's Own GAC Lavey	<i>Senior Hurling Team - Derry Intermediate Hurling Champions</i>	Cllr McPeake

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Report on	Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023
Reporting Officer	Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities
Contact Officer	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members that Belfast City Council, in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council are progressing a bid for the title of European Capital of Culture for 2023 and request approval for a letter of support to be provided from Mid Ulster District Council for Phase 1 of the bid.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023</p> <p>Belfast City Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council have submitted a request to the 9 other councils to advise that they are jointly progressing a bid for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023</p> <p>The letter outlines that both Councils believe this presents a unique opportunity to promote and showcase the cultural and creative aspects of our region, and outlines the positive impacts this would deliver, encompassing many social benefits, contributing to economic growth and stimulating physical regeneration throughout the region (see Appendix 1 attached and also: weare2023.eu)</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023 None for Phase 1; potential contributions require for Phase 2 in the development of programmes/projects.</p> <p><u>Human Resources Implications</u> N/A</p>
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>

	N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023 It is recommended that the Council provides a letter confirming its support for Belfast City Council's and Derry and Strabane District Council's joint bid for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1: Letter of request from Belfast City Council and Derry and Strabane District Council dated 10 October 2017



10 October 2017

Dear Colleague

As you will be aware, Belfast City Council in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council are progressing a bid for the title of European Capital of Culture for 2023.

The European Capital of Culture is a much coveted award and we believe that participating in and securing the title for 2023 presents the Northern Ireland region with a wonderful opportunity to promote and showcase the cultural and creative aspects of our region as well as delivering many wider social and economic benefits to all our citizens.

What are the Benefits?

Previous experience shows that securing the European Capital of Culture title can act as a catalyst to supporting the social, economic and physical regeneration of the wider region.

A successful Northern Ireland based bid would help grow our economy by:

- generating a direct economic return
- raising the international profile of Northern Ireland Plc
- significantly boosting tourism
- supporting investment and job creation
- supporting skills development and enhancing entrepreneurship
- improving connectivity
- breathing new life into Northern Ireland's culture sector
- enhancing European linkages in context of Brexit

There are also benefits for our people living not just in both cities but across Northern Ireland. A successful bid would help connect people to opportunities; create positive changes in attitudes and perceptions; enhance civic engagement and participation; improve social inclusion and promote the richness and diversity of cultures across Europe.

Our aim is to develop a programme which will help us realise long lasting economic and social benefits for the wider NI region. We want to promote Northern Ireland as a vibrant place, positioned on the edge of the European Union but which displays a rich and diverse European cultural heritage. As a region, we are emerging away from our difficult past towards a shared place with an outward facing vision and hopeful ambitions for our future.

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Supporting the bid

We hope that your Council will join with us in recognising the significant benefits to be gained from participating in the European Capital of Culture Bid for 2023 and we feel that it would be hugely beneficial if we can demonstrate that the bid has the unanimous support of all 11 councils in the region.

The first key milestone in the process is the submission of Phase 1 of the bid to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport by 27 October 2017. We would therefore be grateful if your council would consider providing a statement of your support for Phase 1 of the European Capital of Culture bid before we make our formal submission in October 2017 or shortly thereafter if possible. Draft wording is attached for your consideration but please feel free to word your letter of support as you feel appropriate.

We would particularly wish to work in partnership with your council during Phase 2 of the bid to help in the development of the detailed programme of projects and events which will take place not only in the years leading up to 2023, but during the award year and beyond - ensuring that the positive impacts from the programme are felt across the region and into the future. There will also be opportunities to contribute financially to elements of the programme.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Wylie

Chief Executive, Belfast City Council

John Kelpie

Chief Executive, Derry City & Strabane District Council

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Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	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.
2.0	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.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> Not Applicable
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not Applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure	Consultation on Minibus Driving Licence Requirements	This consultation focuses on proposed changes to section 10B permits and guidance on minibus driving.	17 November 2017	
	Link to Consultation	www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Communities	A Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations	The document makes proposals for change to ensure the Housing Selection Scheme meets housing need efficiently and effectively while remaining fit for purpose for the future. Consultation events are being held throughout November.	21 December 2017	
	Link to Consultation	www.communities-ni.gov.uk/allocations-review		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for the Economy	Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969	This consultation relates to an application from Karelian Diamond Resources for mineral prospecting rights under section 11 of the Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 in respect of the lands in Counties Fermanagh and Tyrone (an outline map is available as is a brief on the company) Consideration is at present being given to the issue of 1 licence over this area for a period of 6 years in respect of all such minerals as are vested in the Department. Part of the land included in the application comes within Council's jurisdiction.	10 November 2017	Yes, by Council Planning Dept

		Under Section 11(3) of the Act, the Department is required to publish notice of its intention to grant prospecting facilities and to consider representations which are made by interested persons. Accordingly, a Press Notice will appear in the following local papers for 2 weeks, week beginning 2 October 2017: Impartial Reporter, Fermanagh Herald, Ulster Herald, Mid-Ulster Mail, Tyrone Courier & Tyrone Constitution		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/articles/minerals-licensing		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs	Consultation on Revised Requirements for Radiological Protection: Regulation of Public Exposures and the Justification of Practices.	DEARA are seeking views on the proposals for implementing the requirements of the Directive in relation to planned and existing public exposure situations and the justification of practices involving ionising radiation. The proposals will be of particular interest to a wide range of commercial and public sector organisations that work with radioactive substances or which generate or manage radioactive waste.	15 November 2017	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-revised-requirements-radiological-protection-regulation-public-exposures-and		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Heritage Lottery Fund	Equality Scheme	The Heritage Lottery Fund wish to consult with our stakeholders and interested parties and consider those responses in agreeing those plans.	05 January 2018	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.hlf.org.uk/equality-scheme-hlf-northern-ireland		

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Radius Housing	Equality Scheme	Radius Housing was established following the merger of Fold Housing Association and Helm Housing Association in April. They are now consulting upon their new Equality Scheme.	12 December 2017	
		https://www.radiushousing.org/publications		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Translink	Cookstown Bus Station Consultation	Translink is asking for public feedback on weekend closure of facilities within Cookstown Bus Station. There is also a public engagement session on Saturday 4th November, 10 – 12noon.	10 December 2017	
		http://www.translink.co.uk/COOKSTOWN/		

Report on	Correspondence to Council – September 2017
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
2.0	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.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Correspondence from NILGA – Minibus Licencing</p> <p>At the July meeting of Council members carried a motion concerning the proposed changes to minibus licensing arrangements and their impact on the wider community;</p> <p><i>“That this council considers the current crisis threatening the future of Mid Ulster’s Rural Community Transport Partnerships, and shall make representations to the Permanent Secretary or the Minister for Infrastructure, whichever is applicable, citing our opposition to elements of the proposed changes to minibus driver licensing and opposing the unworkable timetable. And extend the Northern Trust enhanced dial a lift service to the Southern Trust Area”</i></p> <p>It was further agreed to write to NILGA to seek support from all councils to oppose the changes being put forward by the Department. Appendix A is correspondence received from NILGA</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Translink – Cookstown Bus Station</p> <p>At the September meeting of Council a motion was carried concerning the opening hours and arrangements at Cookstown Bus Station.</p> <p>Appendix B is correspondence received from the Chief Executive’s office of Translink offering a meeting with the Chair and councillors at a Public Consultation/Information Event scheduled to take place on Saturday 4th November from 10am to 12noon in Cookstown Bus Station.</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Not applicable Human: Not applicable
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> Not applicable
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and consider, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A NILGA: Minibus Licencing Appendix B Translink: Cookstown Bus Station

Cllr Kim Ashton
28 Glenhoy Road
Augher
BT77 0DG

28th September 2017,

Dear Cllr Ashton,

Thank you for your letter dated 3rd August 2017 re changes to minibus licensing arrangements and their impact on the wider community. This was discussed by the NILGA Executive on the 8th September 2017 details. I have enclosed a draft of the minutes of the September Executive meeting held in The Hilton, Templepatrick.

Derek McCallan drew together the debate as follows:

“That NILGA’s Executive, in Open Council session, confirms support for the correspondence received from Mid Ulster District Council’s Chair dated 3rd August 2017, in relation to Rural Community Transport Partnerships. In so doing NILGA will write to the Department for Infrastructure’s Permanent Secretary, in order to:

- (i) Reaffirm the council’s request to meet with the Department’s most senior official in the absence of a presiding Minister;
- (ii) Requests written assurances that formal bids for investment funding are being made through in-year mechanisms and other appropriate channels to cancel or at least defer any proposed cuts, as this matter affects all council areas;

Requests that timetabling, dial a lift and licensing matters as referred to in the council’s letter are reconsidered taking cognisance of practical, operational, health and safety issues raised by councils and constituents together with consistency of application across NI.

I trust that the above is satisfactory

Yours sincerely



Derek McCallan
Chief Executive

Appendix 2: Correspondence from Translink

From: Lisa Ross [<mailto:Lisa.Ross@Translink.co.uk>]
Sent: 17 October 2017 09:56
To: Eileen Forde <Eileen.Forde@midulstercouncil.org>
Cc: Phillip Woods <Phillip.Woods@Translink.co.uk>
Subject: Correspondence re. Cookstown Bus Station

Dear Eileen,

Thank you for Councillor Ashton's letter of 5 October 2017 addressed to Chris Conway in relation to concerns regarding opening hours at Cookstown Bus Station.

I would confirm that in the first instance Chris has asked our Northern Area Manager, Phillip Woods, to meet with Councillor Ashton and fellow Councillors at our Public Consultation event in Cookstown on Saturday, 4 November 2017.

I trust that Councillor Ashton will find this suitable, however, if there are any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Chris again.

Regards
Lisa

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