

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

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Gillespie,
Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan,
S McGuigan, McNamee, O'Neill, M Quinn, 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
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

The Chair, Councillor Wilson paid tribute to Councillor Reid, who had been Chair of Environment Committee and had stepped down from Council for health reasons. Councillor Wilson wished him well for the future and advised that Councillor Colvin had been co-opted to replace Councillor Reid but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

E001/19 Apologies

Councillor Colvin.

E002/19 Declarations of Interest

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

E003/19 Chair's Business

Councillor Glasgow asked if an update could be given in relation to costings for replacement of Dual Language signage. The Councillor stated that a report had previously been requested but was still outstanding.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that a report on costings would be brought to Committee as soon as possible.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure referred to Item E348/18 – Restart a Heart Day 2018 and Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Update – Action Plan 2018/19 within minutes of Environment Committee held on 3 December 2018 and in particular referenced*She stated that the Ambulance Service also advised that they would be happy to maintain and look after the defibrillators.....*

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure clarified that the Ambulance Service do not maintain defibrillators which are located on third party property.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to historic graveyards and asked if Council had been in contact with any of the relevant bodies or when this was likely to happen.

The Head of Property Services advised that officers were currently discussing legal agreement to be used in relation to maintenance of historic graveyards and once this was agreed officers would be in contact with the relevant bodies.

Matters for Decision

E004/19 2018 Towns and Villages Awards

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on successes at the 2018 town and village awards and sought approval for 2019 awards.

Councillor Burton proposed the report recommendation and stated that Caledon are very interested and already have an allotments scheme up and running and have sought a meeting with representatives from Castlecaulfield.

Councillor Gillespie seconded Councillor Burton's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated there appeared to be different standards of dealing with fly posting throughout the District and requested that a report be brought to a future Committee on the matter.

Councillor Burton commended Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore on their successes last year and the work done within the two villages.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council -
- That the following towns/villages be entered into their respective categories for the Ulster in Bloom and Best Kept Awards 2019 – Castlecaulfield, Coalisland, Cookstown, Donaghmore, Dungannon, Maghera, Magherafelt and Tobermore; and that the following settlements also be entered for a trial period of one year, subject to being able to evidence measurable community input on the ground for the awards period – Caledon, Castledawson, Moy and Stewartstown.
 - That Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore be entered into RHS Britain in Bloom 2019 in their respective competition categories.

E005/19 Environmental Services Proposed Scale of Charges for 2019/20

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval for a Scale of Charges in relation to Environmental Services from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

In response to question from Councillor Glasgow the Head of Environmental Services advised that the charge for collection of bulky household waste was remaining at £5 per three items.

Councillor Glasgow stated that it was positive that this charge was not increasing as it helps to prevent flytipping. The Councillor also stated it was good news that the cost of wheeled bins was not being increased.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the proposed Scale of Charges as outlined in report for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

E006/19 Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council – Provision of Disabled Persons’ Parking Bays

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed provision of Disabled Persons’ Parking Bays.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed provision of Disabled Persons’ Parking Bays at Scotch Street, Dungannon, Dunavon Park, Dungannon and Hunters Park, Bellaghy.

E007/19 Dual Language Signage Surveys

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests.

Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendations.

Councillor McGinley seconded Councillor McNamee’s proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Council do not proceed with the erection of signage.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson’s proposal.

Councillor McGinley asked on what grounds Councillor Cuthbertson was making his proposal.

Councillor Buchanan stated that the proposal not to proceed with the erection of signage was being made on the basis of cost.

Councillor McGinley stated that Council had adopted a Dual Language Signage Policy and felt that the counter proposal being made every month was a waste of time.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 4

Against – 10

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 10

Against – 4

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council -
- To agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for –
 - Annaghbann, Coalisland
 - Willow Gardens, Dungannon
 - Clover Hill, Moy
 - Springfield Crescent, Dungannon
 - Kirk Avenue, Magherafelt
 - Lower Meadow, Magherafelt
 - Chapel View, Bellaghy
 - Orritor Crescent, Cookstown
 - Broagh Road, Knockloughrim
 - Dunlea Vale, Dungannon
 - The Willows, Dungannon
 - Parknascull, Coalisland
 - Glebe Court, Dungannon
 - Ballygillen Road, Coagh
 - The Glassan, Coagh
 - Killymuck Road, Coagh
 - To note the results of the survey and not approve the application of a Dual Language Nameplate in Irish for Ballynasollus Road, Cookstown and Cloverhill Road, Moneymore.

E008/19 Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised Members on the result of a survey undertaken on all applicable residents in response to the renaming and renumbering of an existing street request, from Parknascull, Coalisland to School Park, Coalisland.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council not to permit the renaming and renumbering of Parknascull, Coalisland in accordance with the Street Naming and Dual Language Signage – 7.0: Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets Policy as adopted as the required 100% of surveys in favour was not achieved.

E009/19 Street Naming and Property Numbering

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

Site off Main Road, Moygashel, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Main Road, Moygashel, Dungannon as Linen Mews.

Site off Killymeal Road, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Killymeal Road, Dungannon as Sycamore Hill.

E010/19 Decision Process for Building Control Applications

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of the system of processing Full Plan Applications submitted to Building Control Department.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree to the procedure of issuing a Rejection Notice in conjunction with a snag list where submitted plans are not in compliance with the Building Regulations.

E011/19 Product Safety Incident Management Plan as per PAS 7100: 2018

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which informed the Committee about the new Product Safety Incident Management Plan procedure as per PAS 7100: 2018 (Code of practice on consumer product safety related calls and other corrective actions).

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to support the implementation of the proposed Incident Management Plan (IMP) for use by the Environmental Health Department of Mid Ulster District Council as attached at appendix to report. The IMP will be used to support the Environmental Health Department in assisting businesses that are required to manage a product safety incident and will ensure that informed decisions are made and accurate information is collected.

E012/19 Dog Fouling across Mid Ulster Council District

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which provided update on actions taken and proposed in response to recent complaints with regard to dog fouling in a number of areas across the District.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated there was no doubt dog fouling was a blight and that he would be supportive of the proposed action taking place but felt that this action would only be effective if people are caught and named and shamed.

Councillor Gillespie agreed with the comments made and stated that there needed to be someone on the ground to catch offenders. The Councillor stated that signage was also needed in Donaghmore.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that bins were required within Draperstown, he felt there was a need to identify common areas for dog walking and that bins should be located along these routes. The Councillor felt it was incumbent on Council to provide bins to encourage dog fouling to be disposed of properly.

Councillor Glasgow stated that dealing with dog fouling was an ongoing battle and spoke of the need for on the spot fines. The Councillor referred to the two trial areas for signage and that if this was found to be successful he suggested that Coagh Playground and Cookstown Cemetery be included in a second phase.

Councillor Kearney referred to Glenone Pathway which opened at Christmas and felt that Council should target areas under its control.

Councillor Burton welcomed the work done and the action being proposed but referred to the limited number of people who had been fined to date, the Councillor felt that Council needed to spend time on this issue and do everything within its power to catch offenders and make an example of those who are caught. Councillor Burton suggested a media blitz in newspapers and on Council social media highlighting the dog fouling problem and advised that Roundlake, Fivemiletown was a hotspot for dog fouling. The Councillor referred to bags which had been given out previously and if it was possible to give these bags out again.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that dog fouling is a blight across the whole District and referred to areas within Cookstown where there is a particular problem.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that enforcement officers carryout regular monitoring but that the behaviour of the public often changes when they can see a Council vehicle in the vicinity and they think they are being watched. The officer stated that dog bags had been given out to all dog walkers the enforcement officers had met during recent monitoring, it was further noted that all dog walkers that had been met already had bags. The Head of Environmental Health stated that dog fouling was a big problem which needed a lot of community work, the officer further stated that reports being made to Council needed to be specific in order for officers to have a good chance of catching the offender.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the action taken as outlined in report in dealing with the issue of dog fouling.

Matters for Information

E013/19 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 3 December 2018

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 3 December 2018.

E014/19 Disposal/Sale of Assets - Fleet and Plant

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the disposal/sale of surplus fleet, plant and equipment from Mid Ulster District Council.

E015/19 European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR)

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the European Week for Waste Reduction activities in Mid Ulster.

E016/19 Annual NIEA Waste Management Statistics and NILAS Reports

Members noted previously circulated report which informed Members of the content of the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics 2017/18 Annual Report and the Annual Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme 2017/18 Annual Report as published on 29 November 2018.

E017/19 Building Control Workload

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

E018/19 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E019/19 Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update in relation to the Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group meeting held on 15 November 2018.

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 E020/19 to E030/19.

Matters for Decision

- E020/19 Update in relation to National Fuel Framework Agreement (RM1027) operated by the Crown Commercial Service
- E021/19 Tender report for the appointment a lift servicing contractor
- E022/19 Tender Report for the Digitisation of Building Control Files
- E023/19 Application for the Grant of a Mobile Street Trading Licence
- E024/19 Implementation of Local Government Resilience Resourcing Model
- E025/19 Magherafelt Alleyway Revitalisation – Capital Project
- E026/19 Seamus Heaney Trail Experience – Capital Project
- E027/19 Increased ICT Fees - Davagh Forest Visitor Hub

Matters for Information

- E028/19 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 3 December 2018
- E029/19 Capital Projects Update
- E030/19 Capital Works Update – Final Capping at Magheraglass Landfill

E031/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.40 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____