

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE OF
DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES CIRCULAR ROAD
DUNGANNON**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor R Burton (Chair)
- Councillors Badger, Cavanagh, Daly,
Greenaway, Hamilton, McGuigan, McLarnon
- OTHERS:** Councillors Currie (7.49 pm) and Molloy
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** A Burke, Acting Chief Executive (ACE)
Stephen Hughes, Road Naming Officer (RNO)
J McClelland, Director of Building Control
(DBC)
F McClements, Acting Director of
Environmental Health (ADEH)
C McGreevy, Technical Officer (TO)
R McMinn, Director of Technical Services (DTS)
L Marshall (Secretariat)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Messrs Mackin and Tipping from FGS McClure
Watters
- APOLOGY:** Councillor Gillespie

The meeting started at 7.31 pm.

1 BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

Messrs Mackin and Tipping made presentation (appendix 1) to Members on the Draft Report of the SWaMP Delivery Mechanism. The presentation focused on needs assessment, consultation findings and identification of three main delivery mechanisms. The presentation also provided Members with non monetary assessment findings and risk assessment findings of the three options. From the review consultants advised their preferred option would be Body Corporate.

Members discussed with the consultants the advantages and disadvantages of all options and also the risk posed to Councillors who would serve as Directors of an organisation.

(Messrs Mackin and Tipping left at 8.09 pm)

Members continued discussion following consultants departure from meeting and felt it important to move forward onto a structure in order to draw down funding.

Members also discussed differing legal opinion between Councils and the need for one common view. DTS advised that meeting with Solicitors is being organised and it is hoped that a report will be brought forward to the next SWaMP Board Meeting.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to wait until after next SWaMP Board meeting before making a decision on way forward.

2 TECHNICAL SERVICES

The report (appendix 2) of the Director of Technical Services was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

2.1 Laying of new floor surface – Council Offices

DTS advised that following discussion at a recent Strategic Management Team Meeting it was agreed to consider the laying of a new floor surface in the foyer area and stairway leading to the Council Chamber.

DTS presented example of preferred hard wearing porcelain tile to be used on both floor and stair areas. Cost of supply and laying of floor surface will be in the region of £15,000-£17,000.

Proposed by Councillor Daly
Seconded by Councillor Cavanagh and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to proceed via tender for supply and laying of floor surface.

2.2 Restoration of Church of Ireland Parish Church Clock, Moy and Clock at Former Session House, Fivemiletown

DTS highlighted reports received from independent assessor on the condition of both clocks. Costings for restoration were detailed in the reports and DTS sought Members thoughts on moving the matter forward. DTS also mentioned equality issue as there are a number of similar type clocks in the borough.

Members felt the equality issue is an important one but given that no provision for this restoration work has been made in the budget it was suggested that other avenues of funding be researched.

Proposed by Councillor Daly
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to research other possible sources of funding to draw from and reconsider at a future meeting.

2.3 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Badger and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the Director of Technical Services be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing be approved.

3 TULLYVAR UPDATE

DTS updated Members on Tullyvar as per his report (appendix 2).

3.1 Landfill Tax

Member enquired as to how much landfill tax is paid per annum.

DTS advised that he would bring figures on landfill tax to next committee meeting.

4 BUILDING CONTROL

The report (appendix 3) of the Director of Building Control was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

4.1 Refusals

The Director of Building Control advised that as further information required had not been received he recommended refusal of the following applications:

F/419/06	Mr S McLean	F/773/07	Mr D Thompson
F/737/06	Mr F Loughran	F/931/07	Mr P Hutton
F/90/07	Mr R McCluskey	F/957/07	Mr R Schofield
F/222/07	Mr A Fullerton	F/1005/07	Mr J Donnelly
F/477/07	Mr A McCann	F/1021/07	Mr B O'Neill
F/541/07	Mr R Daly		

4.2 Postal Naming and Numbering and Extra Signage

TO addressed Members on problems being faced when issuing postal numbering and erecting signage and provided Members with possible solutions (see appendix 4). TO also provided estimated costings for additional signage.

Members felt numbering plates would enhance road signage in the Borough although rollout of erecting an additional plate may have to be split over a couple of years due to budget constraints.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cavanagh and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to move ahead with adding additional numbering plates to existing road signage with rollout of scheme to be determined by budgets.

4.3 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Daly and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the Director of Building Control be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

(Messrs Hughes, McClelland and McGreevy left the meeting at 9.07 pm)

5 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The report (appendix 5) of the Acting Director of Environmental Health was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

5.1 Sustainability Officer

At December meeting of this committee it had been agreed to appoint a Sustainability Officer in response to the introduction of the Sustainable Development Strategy.

ADEH highlighted to Members that funding for this post has been halved which means that unless further funding can be sought this post will only be operational from October 2008 instead of April 2008.

5.2 NIE North/South Interconnector

ADEH advised of request from a community group who is in opposition to overhead cables and are lobbying for underground cabling. This group have the support and knowledge of a scientist from England who will be in the province in early February and request permission to present to February meeting of Council.

Members felt that it would be useful to hear the views of the scientist but that NIE should also be invited to the same meeting to achieve a balance of opinion.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to invite scientist and representatives of community group along with representatives from NIE to make presentation to Council meeting in February.

5.3 Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985 Betting & Gaming (NI) Order 2004

ADEH updated Members on situation in relation to file ref DGN/AP/1-2.

Members were reminded that during an inspection of the premises it was noted that a leak had occurred resulting in potential electrical safety issues. The applicant was asked to provide certification that the electrical installation was safe and suitable, this certification was not provided and a recommendation was made to the November 2007 meeting of this committee that Council consider refusing the application. As a result all necessary certification has now been provided and Members were asked if they now wish to issue the permit as all requirements have now been complied with or continue to refuse the application.

Members felt that there were now no grounds for refusal and that this permit should now be granted.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to grant permit to file ref DGN/AP/1-2.

5.4 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor Badger
Seconded by Councillor Cavanagh and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the Acting Director of Environmental Health be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

6 SUSTAINABILITY SUB COMMITTEE

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2008, having been printed and circulated be taken as read and confirmed as correct.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Chip Burning Boiler

In response to query regarding siting a chip burning boiler at the Leisure Centre Members were advised that application for funding has been made by Director of Building Control. Update on this application to be brought to next meeting.

8 DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 9.23 pm.

MAYOR _____

CHIEF EXECUTIVE _____