

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

**Members Present** Councillor Molloy, Chair

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

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

**Others Councillors in Attendance** Councillor McFlynn

The meeting commenced at 7.03 pm.

**PR024/18 Apologies**

Councillor M Quinn

**PR025/18 Declaration of Interest**

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

**PR026/18 Chair's Business**

None.

**Matters for Decision**

**PR027/18 External Signage: Play Areas**

The Head of Marketing and Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to advise members of draft design for external signage to be erected at the Council's Play Parks.

Councillor Buchanan advised that he would be proposing against accepting the recommendation for Irish Language Signage, as it would be too expensive to implement and an extra burden on the ratepayer.

Councillor Ashton said that she wanted it recorded that her party was opposing the proposal.

Councillor Cuddy advised that he was also opposing the recommendation.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy put the recommendation to accept the proposal to the vote:

For	8
Against	7

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the draft design.

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

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

*Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.07 pm.*

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

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

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

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

**PR029/18 Planning System Replacement Update February 2018**

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

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan

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

**Matters for Information**

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

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

**PR031/18 Marketing and Communications Activity Update**

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

**PR032/18 Member Services**

No issues.

**Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

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

**Matters for Decision**

PR033/18 Rates Estimates 2018/19

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

**Matters for Information**

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

**PR043/18 Duration of Meeting**

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

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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