

Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown and by virtual means

Members Present

Councillor Cuthbertson, Chair

Councillors J Burton*, J Buchanan, Cahoon, Kelly, Groogan, Mallaghan, Martin*, McAleer, McElvogue, McGuigan, McNamee, Milne*, Quinn (7.02 pm), Robinson, Varsani

Officers in Attendance

Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment (SD: Env)
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services (HoTS)
Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES)
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS)
Miss Thompson, Committee and Member Services Officer

* Denotes members and members of the public present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Cuthbertson in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

E208/23 Notice of Recording

Members noted that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

E209/23 Apologies

None.

E210/23 Declarations of Interest

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

E211/23 Chair's Business

None.

E212/23 Deputation - Safe Electricity Armagh & Tyrone (SEAT)

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised that this presentation was postponed tonight due to a bereavement in the family of one of the presenters.

The Chair also advised of two members of staff in the Environmental Services section who have been recently bereaved and that the thoughts and prayers of the Committee were with them at this time.

Matters for Decision

E213/23 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Traffic Calming, Moneyhaw Road, Drummullan

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to extend traffic calming measures at Moneyhaw Road, Drummullan.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to extend traffic calming measures at Moneyhaw Road, Drummullan.

Councillor Martin stated she welcomed the proposals for traffic calming as she had met with DfI officers several times on this issue. The Councillor asked if there is a timeframe for the work to be carried out.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised that DfI were consulting with Council on this matter and officers would have no information regarding timeframes but that information may be contained within the recent DfI programme of works which was presented to Council.

E214/23 Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Disabled Person’s Parking Bay, Main Street, Clogher

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce a Disabled Person’s Parking Bay at Main Street, Clogher.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce a Disabled Person’s Parking Bay at Main Street, Clogher.

E215/23 Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – No Waiting At Any Time Restriction at Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time, loading or unloading at Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time, loading or unloading at Granville Industrial Estate, Dungannon.

Councillor Burton referred to the red line on the map and asked if consideration had been given to if there was a backlog of vehicles wanting to enter the premises.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Council would not have considered the issue as such and that Dfl are consulting with Council on what they are proposing to do.

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) advised that the Chair’s comments were correct and that Dfl are consulting with Council on these issues. The AD: PS stated he was unsure if this was contained within the recently presented programme of works but that he would seek clarity on the matter.

E216/23 Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Omagh Road and Old Ballygawley Roundabout, Ballygawley 50mph Speed Limit

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce a reduced speed limit of 50mph speed limit at Omagh Road and Old Ballygawley Roundabout, Ballygawley.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce a reduced speed limit of 50mph speed limit at Omagh Road and Old Ballygawley Roundabout, Ballygawley.

E217/23 Consultation on Northern Ireland's 2030 & 2040 Emissions Reduction Targets and First Three Carbon Budgets

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) presented previously circulated report which sought approval for a proposed response to a public consultation on Northern Ireland's 2030 & 2040 Emissions Reduction Targets & First Three Carbon Budgets.

Councillor McGuigan proposed the recommendation and stated that some of the items raised in the report could be brought forward to the climate change working group and community wealth building working group.

Councillor Varsani seconded Councillor McGuigan's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the proposed Carbon Budgets Consultation response as set out at appendix to report.

E218/23 Bus Shelters Update

The Head of Technical Services (HoTS) presented previously circulated report which provided update on current bus shelter status.

Councillor McAleer proposed the report and referred to decision taken at P&R Committee last week in relation to St Colmans Park. The Councillor asked for confirmation that NIHE were notified of the decision taken which is waiting on Council ratification.

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) advised that further to decision taken at the P&R Committee last week NIHE were notified and that an extension has been granted in order for the decision to be ratified by Council at the end of the month.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- That the following applications move of stage 5 of the process -
 - Dungannon Road, Cabragh, - 10nr passengers
 - Ballyronan road, Magherafelt, - 6nr passengers
 - Moydamlaght Road, Moneyneana, - 8nr passengers
 - Moore street, Aughnacloy, - 20nr passengers (relocation of shelter as agreed at September Environment committee meeting, due to objection on previous site)

- Lineside, Coalisland, - 20+ nr passengers
- That the following applications are rejected and removed from the register -
 - Derrynoyd Road, Draperstown - 1nr passenger (minimum 6nr required to progress)
 - Cloane Road, Draperstown- 1nr passenger (minimum 6nr required to progress)
 - Thatch Inn, Hillhead Road- Translink confirmed no passengers collected at this stop, not an EA stop.

Matters for Information

E219/23 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 12 September 2023

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 12 September 2023.

E220/23 Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Fire Safety Measures of the Building Regulations

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the Consultation by the Department of Finance, inviting a response on the proposed amendments to the fire safety measures of the Building Regulations under Part A (Interpretation and general) & Part E (Fire Safety) guidance of the Building Regulations.

E221/23 Building Control Workload

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

E222/23 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E223/23 Dual Language Signage Surveys

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.

E224/23 Dual Language Signage Requests

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

E225/23 Launch of Community RePaint Scheme

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the launch of the Community RePaint / Reuse Scheme.

E226/23 Sustainability, Biodiversity and Environmental Education Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on community engagement work by the Sustainability, Biodiversity and Environmental/Recycling Education team over the last six months.

Live broadcast ended at 7.15 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McAleer 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 E227/23 to E234/23.

Matters for Decision

- E227/23 Public Toilet Provision
- E228/23 Applications for Installation of Memorials on Council Property
- E229/23 IST Award – Connecting Pomeroy Work Package 6 – Civil Work Trail Improvements

Matters for Information

- E230/23 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 12 September 2023
- E231/23 Rationalisation of Recycling Centres and Grass Cutting Working Group Update
- E232/23 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E233/23 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E234/23 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update

E235/23 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.45 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I let you know before this happens.

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening I will ask each member to confirm whether they are for or against the proposal or abstaining
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda