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Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 26 May 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean (7.45pm), McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr Boomer, Planning Manager
Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services
Mr Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
Ms McGinn, Internal Auditor

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C102/16 Apologies

Councillors Burton, McFlynn, Mullen, G Shiels and J Shiels

C103/16 Declarations of Interest

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

C104/16 Chair's Business

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Ashton advised that the former Councillor Dillon had been elected as an MLA to the Northern Ireland Assembly and welcomed her replacement Councillor Niamh Doris to the meeting.

Councillor McGinley as nominating officer for Sinn Féin sought permission retrospectively for Councillor Mallaghan to take over the position of Chair from 8 May 2016.

Councillor Mallaghan took the Chair.

Councillor Mallaghan welcomed Ms Dillon MLA and invited her to address the meeting.

Ms Dillon MLA thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the chamber and to express her thanks for the support she had received during her time as Chair and emphasised that she had enjoyed the opportunity and hoped that everyone appreciated that she had tried to do a good job and had been fair.

In particular, Ms Dillon MLA thanked her party colleagues for their invaluable support and stated that being a new Member of Council in 2014, had presented its difficulties but had the advantage of carrying 'no baggage' from the legacy councils. Expressing thanks to the Chief Executive and his team, Ms Dillon stated that it had been a challenging year as the Council had 'bedded in' and acknowledged that all that had been achieved was down to everyone in the Chamber progressing and that whilst everyone did not agree on every issue each tried to be respectful of the other. Reflecting on engagements attended, Ms Dillon stated that whilst it was impossible to attend every event she had represented the District in a fair and equitable way. Ms Dillon MLA stated that as she moved to the Assembly she was glad of the 'grounding' she had received in Council and that now working in Stormont she would continue with the same 'open door' policy and would hope that everyone would feel they could approach her. Ms Dillon emphasised that she was sorry to leave the Council on which it had been an honour to serve and stated that she would continue to serve the constituency as an MLA.

In conclusion Ms Dillon MLA stated that she was delighted that Councillor Doris had joined the Council and that although she had a steep learning curve ahead of her she would do a good job. Ms Dillon MLA expressed her thanks to everyone and stated that she had genuinely enjoyed her time as a Councillor and would have liked to have gained a few more years' experience in the role.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan bid farewell to Ms Dillon MLA and stated that Council would most definitely be in contact. The Chair welcomed Councillor Doris to the meeting.

Councillor Kearney expressed good wishes to Ms Dillon MLA. Councillor Kearney made reference to the civic recognition event proposed for Power Screen and requested that recognition also be given to Heron Brothers in Draperstown who were celebrating 60 years in business and had provided much employment in the district. Councillor B McGuigan seconded the proposal stating that the company provided work both in the District and outside of the North.

Councillor T Quinn requested that a letter of gratitude be forwarded to three citizens of Cookstown who had come to the aid of some tourists on 8 May 2016. Councillor T Quinn advised that the citizens had been great ambassadors for the Mid Ulster District when they had looked after French tourists for a period of 24 hours when their car had broken down. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan agreed.

Councillor Gillespie expressed concern regarding the 'Blue box' internet connections provided by North West Electronics stating that they had been funded by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment and the boxes were not working, that constituents across Mid Ulster District but especially Galbally, Donaghmore and Dungannon were unable to

make contact with the company via either email or telephone. Councillor Gillespie requested that the Chief Executive make contact with Mr Scot McGlenaghan representative of the company.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that he had read about the situation and stated that it was an absolute scandal and that Council needed to work with the new Stormont Departments to seek a way forward. The Chair also stated that Councils Economic Development section together with ICBAN were endeavouring to improve broad band provision.

Resolved That Council engage with the new NI Government Departments and North West Electronics – Blue Box Broadband regarding the failure in service provision in the Mid Ulster region.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan thanked the Sinn Féin party for nominating him to the post of Chair in the interim period to the Annual General Meeting and stated that it was a huge honour to represent Council especially at the Launch for the Seamus Heaney Centre in Bellaghy and the Launch in Dublin at which the President of Ireland had been in attendance. The Chair stated that both launches had been overwhelming and expressed thanks to the Heaney Family and the communication which existed between them and Council. The Chair further acknowledged other events he had attended in particular the excellent training initiative with regard to attracting visitors to the Seamus Heaney Centre.

Matters for Decision

C105/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 28 April 2016

Councillor Cuthbertson made reference to C85/16 and requested an update.

The Planning Manager stated that as it was a Major Application it was mandatory that the Department of Environment be notified which affords them the opportunity to ‘call in’ the application. The Planning Manager advised that the DoE had not ‘called in’ the application but had requested a pre-determination hearing to which Transport NI, the Objectors and the Applicant would each have the opportunity to present their case. Acknowledging Councillor Cuthbertson’s concern regarding access, the Planning Manager advised that he had had discussions with Transport NI and they were stating that the application should be refused. The Planning Manager stated that it would be unfair to ask the applicant to carry out works until the aforementioned hearing had taken place.

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked the Planning Manager for the update but stated that he had been seeking clarity as to why the application had been included in a press statement for approvals when as such it had not been approved. In response the Head of Marketing and Communications advised that a statement had been issued following the meeting and had been corrected on the website. It was noted that any draft now being issued would be double proofed.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Council needed to be careful.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Bateson and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 28 April 2016 (C80/16 – C94/16 and C101/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C106/16 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 May 2016.**

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2016 (P91/16 – P100/16 and P104/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C107/16 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 May 2016**

Proposed by Councillor J O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 3 May 2016 (E116/16 – E139/16 and E1147/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C108/16 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016**

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016, (PR089/16 – PR105/16 and PR117/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C109/16 **Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016.**

Councillor Cuddy referred to D127/16, the Economic Development report, and stated that he was not a Member of the Committee but highlighted that there was insufficient industrial development space in the Dungannon area and asked that it be an item on the agenda for the June meeting of Development.

Councillor Molloy referred to D123/16, the Seamus Heaney Home Place, and stated that he had listened to a radio programme earlier in the evening and the Heaney family had been very complimentary about Councils progress. Councillor Molloy stated that in relation to the 'trails' Council needed to ensure they were accurate in order for them to be relevant and meaningful. In response the Director of Culture and Leisure stated that the trails were being formed following an option appraisal and terms of reference and that they were still not definitive as there was much work still to be done to confirm that the correct poem was linked to the relevant trail and that the project was still with the Consultants.

In relation to Councillor Cuddy's point regarding industrial development space Councillor Molloy advised that the Dungannon Enterprise Centre were hosting an event to discuss same and encouraged invitees to attend. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan confirmed that he had received an invitation and planned to attend.

Councillor S McGuigan stated that the legacy Council in Dungannon had been pursuing the development of an enterprise centre in the Ballygawley area and this too needed to be kept on the agenda.

Resolved That the provision of industrial development space in the district to be an item on the agenda for June Development committee.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan and
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016, (D116/16 – D140/16 and D148/16) transacted in "Open Business", having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C110/16 Conferences and Seminars

Approval was sought from the meeting for the undernoted conferences and sought approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) All Ireland Forum Spring Seminar: "Future Irish energy policy and the ongoing impact of UK new nuclear on Ireland"
 - Friday 10 June 2016, Final County Hall, Swords, Ireland
- (ii) UUBS Entrepreneurship Conference
 - Thursday 16 June 2016 9.30am – 4.30pm at
- (iii) Infrastructure Investment Conference

- Wednesday 22 June 2016 at Baby Grand, Belfast
- (iv) National Association of Councillors -Transport Networks/Access for Communities
 - Friday 24- Sunday 26 June 2016, Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport.
- (v) NILGA 2016 Annual Conference & Exhibition
 - Wednesday 5th Networking event (two guests to attend) & Thursday 6 October 2016 Annual Conference at Hastings Everglades Hotel, Derry
 - Chief Executive to attend

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
 Seconded by Councillor Gildernew 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 or officers

C111/16 NILGA – Making Planning Work

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing NILGA's Planning Training Programme for Elected Members and sought approval for recommendation that Council engage in the proposed programme. The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the series of events and in response to the Chair's question advised that there was no time frame with regard to feedback as it was an ongoing piece of work by NILGA.

Councillor Mulligan left the meeting at 7.28 pm

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
 Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That Council engage in NILGA's Planning Training for Elected Members.

C112/16 Standing Orders for Regulation of Council Business

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing proposed amendments to the Standing Orders for the transaction of Mid Ulster District Council business.

The Chief Executive outlined the amendments to the Planning Protocol and drew attention to 3.4 of the report with regard to 'Quality Majority Voting and the General Power' highlighting that at Section 39(1) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 ("the 2014 Act") states that subject to the 2014 Act and any other statutory provision, every decision of a council must be taken by simple majority. The 2014 Act does not require or provide for QMV in respect of the exercise of the General Power. The Chief Executive advised that the draft Regulations were never passed and therefore, in the absence of legislation expressly requiring QMV for a decision based on the

exercise of the General Power, the Council does not have the vires to require QMV in such circumstances. The purpose of this report is to correct this inconsistency in the Council's Standing Orders and therefore remove the reference in Standing Order 20.3(d) to QMV being required when exercising the General Power.

Councillor Wilson asked why Council was changing this as it was his understanding whilst there was a petition of concern it could be referred back. In response the Chief Executive stated that the latest advice from the Department was to remove the paragraph as to retain it would be going further than what legislation permits.

Councillor Ashton stated that Causeway Council had sought advice regarding the matter and there was a conflict of opinion and asked if clarity had been sought from the Department. In response the Chief Executive stated that Council had not engaged with the Department but were acting on the advice of the Local Government Policy Division which was now incorporated in the Department of Communities and the advice had been issued as a petition of concern had been lodged.

Councillor Ashton asked if the Standing Orders had been passed to which the Chief Executive advised that they had been through the Northern Ireland Assembly which referred to the use of Qualified Majority Voting but subsequent Standing Order Regulations to permit its use in instances of General Power of Competence were not passed due to a petition of concern being lodged at that time. He emphasised that legislation would not permit Council to use QMV for instances relating to General Power of Competence.

Councillor McPeake stated that Council should accept the proposed changes and if at a later date the Department issued further guidance Council could consider same.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

Resolved That amendments to the standing orders as detailed in the report be approved.

C113/16 Consideration of Motion

C113.1/16 Councillor Elattar to move

“That this council supports the provision of an improved perinatal mental health service here in the north and will write to the Minister of Health, asking him/her to make this a priority and to ring-fence funding to provide such a service, including a specialist mother and baby unit.

We further request that he/she works closely with the Minister of Health in the south, to ensure equality of provision and to improve care and outcomes for all women, babies and families across this island.”

Councillor Elattar stated that as a midwife she was very privileged to be able to share a very special time in the life of a woman and her family during the pregnancy and birth of a baby.

Councillor Elattar advised that most women have no problems in pregnancy but some do stating that approximately 20% of women are affected by perinatal mental health problems at some time during their pregnancy or in the postnatal period. Highlighting that a woman may have a pre-existing mental health condition or that a mental ill health issue can arise during pregnancy or following the birth the Councillor stated that it was unfortunate that stigma still surrounds mental health issues which needs to be challenged by all. Councillor Elattar emphasised that the stigma is a barrier to women and their families in recognising that they have a mental health problem, disclosing that problem and seeking support. Emphasising that one of the leading causes of death for women during pregnancy and the year after birth was suicide, Councillor Elattar stated that with proper care most women make a complete and lasting recovery. The Councillor further advised that early intervention provided the best outcome and it was unfortunate that women here are being failed as many do not have access to specialist care. It was highlighted that four out of five trusts in the North offer no specialist service and that Belfast has one out-patient clinic with one psychiatrist once a week. Councillor Elattar shared that according to the Maternal Mental Health Alliance 80% of women have no access to specialist services and that those living in rural areas are more likely to have difficulty accessing services. The Councillor stated that while it is appropriate to treat many women in the community setting that a small number of women require treatment in a specialist 'in-patient' unit and that there was currently no mother and baby units in Ireland. This means that if a woman has to be admitted to hospital she has to be separated from her baby at a time when she feels most vulnerable and this may have a long term impact on the developing relationship between mother and baby and have an adverse effect on the baby.

Councillor Elattar declared that this was an important public health issue not only because of the adverse effect-on the mother but also the long term consequences for the child and highlighted that it was clear in terms of research that to ignore the problem will actually cost five times more than putting interventions into place.

Councillor Elattar stated that there needs to be a regional approach to the issue and that increased investment was required and should be ring-fenced. The Councillor stated that two units, one in the North and one in the South, each comprising of 5 or 6 beds would meet the need on an all island basis and that the Health Ministers, North and South need to work towards providing this. In conclusion Councillor Elattar stated that the cost of doing nothing is accepting women's lives cut short and families changed forever and that she was sure that all Members of Council would agree that 'doing nothing' is not an acceptable option and would support the motion.

Councillor Bell, seconding the motion stated that as well as the effects on both mother and baby whole families are impacted as lack of understanding and stigma still surrounds mental ill health. Councillor Bell stated that if women have to receive in-hospital care the father together with the support of wider family have to look after the new baby.

Councillor McAleer stated that the SDLP would support the motion as there was no doubt that the limit of care is unacceptable and it is a women's right to access the appropriate care.

Councillor Ashton stated that the DUP would support the motion to provide services in Northern Ireland as it was important that mothers and especially new mothers get support. Councillor Ashton stated that she would take the motion a step further as in hearing from the community and voluntary sector that people are being referred to their services. Councillor Ashton proposed the undernoted amendment to the motion.

"That this Council supports the provision of an improved perinatal mental health Service here in Northern Ireland and will write to the Minister of Health asking her to make this a priority and to ring fence funding to provide a statutory service including a specialist mother and baby unit.

And calls on the Minister to acknowledge the contribution the Voluntary and Community Sector in Mid Ulster have been making towards Mental Health issues in the community and ensures her Department makes provision to support these organisations financially to continue their work in the future."

Councillor Forde seconding the amendment stated that it was very important to recognise the role of the community and voluntary sector in this area.

Councillor Wilson stated that the UUP had no problem supporting the motion but suggested that it read, '....works closely with the Minister of Health in Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland to ensure best practice.'

Councillor McLean entered the meeting at 7.45pm

The Chair Councillor Mallaghan asked Councillor Ashton if she would accept that the motion remain and the 2nd paragraph of the amendment be incorporated within it.

Councillor Ashton agreed but asked that the first paragraph be amended to read '*.....to provide such a statutory service, including a specialist mother and baby unit.*'

Councillor Elattar stated that there is best practice in the Island of Ireland and emphasised that whilst she was not saying that there is not best practice in Great Britain she would prefer to keep the motion to Ireland.

Councillor McAleer stated that they already have such units in England so the motion may not be relevant.

Councillor Wilson stated that he was only asking to share best practise with the Ministers of Health in both Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland but it could be changed to 'learn from best practise'.

Councillor Elattar stated she had no problem about best practise and would have no problem sharing same throughout the world.

Councillor Mallaghan clarified that the discussion would indicate that Members accepted the motion, with paragraph two of the amendment together with Councillor Wilson's proposed amendment.

Councillor McAleer stated that the amendment suggested by Councillor Wilson may not be relevant as there were guidelines in place.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote on the amendment proposed by Councillor Wilson.

For 11

Councillor Wilson stated that as there was general agreement within the Chamber he would bow to greater knowledge and would withdraw the amendment.

Councillor McPeake stated that he understood Councillor McAleer's point but suggested that the wording should read '*....best practice in all jurisdictions*'.

Councillor Elattar stated that Members were losing sight of the motion as best practice was at the heart of it. Councillor Elattar stated that she would accept the second paragraph of Councillor Ashton's amendment and would be happy to work with groups from the community and voluntary sector highlighting that the new Minister for Health had attended an event at the Niamh Louise Foundation. Councillor Elattar also spoke about STEP and highlighted the forthcoming 'cycle against suicide' and listed the areas it would travel through stating that she was delighted to highlight the event which was promoting positive mental health

Councillor Reid stated that with the slight amendments to the wording he would propose that Council accept the motion.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan clarified the wording of the motion.

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And calls on the Minister to acknowledge the contribution the voluntary and community sector in Mid Ulster have been making towards Mental Health issues in the community and ensures her department makes provision to support these organisations financially to continue their work in the future.

We further request that he/she works closely with the Ministers of Health in other jurisdictions, to ensure equality of provision and to improve care and outcomes for all women, babies and families across this island."

Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote

For	35
Against	0
Abstain	0

Councillor Mallaghan declared the motion carried.

C113.2/16 Councillor Cuthbertson to move

“That the Mid Ulster Council recognises the historic milestone of Her Majesty The Queen's Official 90th Birthday on 11th of June 2016, and marks the occasion with flying the Union Flag on all Mid Ulster Council Buildings, in line with the Government's Designated Days for Union Flag flying.”

Councillor McGinley stated that he had read the contents of the next motion and given that Council had an agreed flags policy would propose to go straight to a vote.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that under standing orders there was an option to move straight to a vote.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor McPeake

That Council move straight to a vote on the motion to be moved by Councillor Cuthbertson.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked was it not the practise of Council that the person moving the motion speak first.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that Council could move straight to a vote and called for a vote on the proposal of Councillor McGinley.

Councillor Cuthbertson objected stating that he should be permitted to speak on the motion and sought guidance from the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive stated that when Council is in ‘sitting’ the Chair provides a ruling on the interpretation of the standing orders and proceedings, as provided for within Standing Orders.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that this was a bad road to go down as the Chair would change each year.

For	23
Against	11
Abstain	0

Resolved That Council move straight to a vote on the motion to be moved by Councillor Cuthbertson.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote on the motion submitted by Councillor Cuthbertson.

For	11
Against	23
Abstain	0

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan declared the motion had fallen.

C113.3/16 Councillor J O'Neill to move

Councillor J O'Neill stated that he was bringing the undernoted motion as he had been contacted by both parents and schools complaining about the speed of cars in both housing estates and at schools mentioning Edendork and Aghamullan in particular. Councillor J O'Neill stated that contractors had to share the blame in some of the housing developments as no space had been left for children to play. Councillor J O'Neill proposed the undernoted motion.

"That this council requests that Transport NI improve the safety of both road users and pedestrians by reducing the speed in all housing estates to 20mph and the speed past all schools to 20mph. That progress towards this is done a harmonised way across all section offices in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt."

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the motion stating that there were a number of housing estates with a 20mph speed limit and this should be rolled out across other areas and that he too had received a number of complaints especially in relation to primary schools on busy roads when young children had to cross roads and the speed of traffic caused major concerns.

Councillor M Quinn concurred with the motion but questioned the logistics and suggested that Council should write a letter to the Minister for Infrastructure for a blanket approach as it was a painful process for all trying to attain agreement with Transport NI. In response Councillor J O'Neill stated that this was what the motion was proposing.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he thought it may be better to consider each estate as some had 20mph whilst others had 30mph and to reduce all to 20mph may be a serious issue as schools were only open 9-4pm and closed all summer. Councillor Cuddy stated that each case should be looked at individually and accident history considered but emphasised that he did understand there was issues.

Councillor Robinson concurred with Councillor Cuddy and stated that speed does kill but asked how a 20mph speed limits at schools and housing estates would be enforced. Councillor Robinson asked if there would have to be a call to have more traffic branch police in the areas and stated that the matter required more thought.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that schools were opening longer and in rural areas Members had been endeavouring to get schools open more and stated that other things had changed highlighting 'smoking in public places'.

Councillor Gillespie stated that he had been campaigning for 20mph speed limits at school for the past twenty years and stated that there could be flashing lights at school times to restrict speed limits. With regard to housing developments Councillor Gillespie highlighted that there were extremely bad corners in some developments which were dangerous and concurred with Councillor J O'Neill highlighting that heavy goods vehicles passing schools at 40mph were treacherous.

Councillor McGinley reiterated the point that schools no longer just open between 9am -4pm and referring to earlier comments regarding looking at accident history stated that 'prevention is better than cure'.

Councillor Cuddy sought clarity on comments of Councillor Gillespie to which the Chair Councillor Mallaghan stated that Councillor Gillespie had merely expressed an opinion and had not proposed an amendment. Councillor Cuddy stated that if a 20mph speed restriction was enforced in every development area he would await comments when the speeding tickets started coming in. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated most would rather receive a speeding ticket than have a child killed.

Councillor Monteith stated that it was his understanding that all estates had a 20mph speed limit but only some had signs. Councillor Monteith said that his perception is that Transport NI pitch developments against each other and perhaps the way forward should be 20mph speed limit in housing developments and at schools and let parents come and lobby to get the speed increased. Councillor Monteith stated that society was moving back to the 40s and 50s when children had to kick ball in the street due to lack of space. Councillor Monteith stated that a better approach would be to have traffic calming at every school appropriate to the area it was situated in.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked Councillor M Quinn if he wished to propose an amendment for policy in the North. Councillor M Quinn declined.

Councillor Bell stated with all due respect that Mid Ulster Council could only take care of its own area.

The Chair Councillor Mallaghan called for a vote.

For	23
Against	0
Abstained	11

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan declared the motion carried.

Councillor J O'Neill thanked Members for supporting the motion.

C114/16 Council's Scheme of Delegation on Planning Matters

The Planning Manager drew attention to the previously circulated report detailing the revised 'Scheme of Delegation' as agreed with the Department of the Environment.

Councillor C O'Neill left the meeting at 8.12 pm

Councillor Ashton requested that an apology be recorded for Councillor J Shiels.

The Planning Manager outlined the proposed changes highlighted in the key issues of the report and advised that agents he had met with were highly complimentary of the working of the planning committee.

Councillor Gillespie left the meeting at 8.14 pm

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That Council approves the revised 'Scheme of Delegation' for implementation and same is placed on Council's website.

Matters for Information

C115/16 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

The previously circulated paper on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council was noted.

Resolved That the consultations contained within the previously circulated report be noted

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McGinley
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That items C116/16- C125/16 be taken as confidential business.

The press left the meeting at 8.15 pm

C126/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.25 pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Chair: Councillor Mallaghan, Chair (Outgoing)
Councillor Wilson, Chair (Incoming)

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.03pm), Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith (7.02pm), Mullen, Mulligan, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, G Shiels, J Shiels and Totten

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Mrs Hobson, Executive Officer to Chief Executive

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

AC1/16 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council.

AC2/16 Apologies

Councillor McGuigan

AC3/16 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.02pm

AC4/16 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan invited Deputy Chair Councillor Ashton to address the meeting.

Councillor Bateson entered the meeting at 7.03pm

The outgoing Deputy Chair, Councillor Ashton stated that it had been an honour and a privilege to be the first Deputy Chair of Mid Ulster District Council and thanked her Democratic Unionist Party colleagues for nominating her for the post. Expressing her thanks to her constituents for their understanding for the period she had served as Deputy Chair Councillor Ashton also stated that the officers of Council had proved to be its most valuable asset and that their dedication and commitment throughout the transition period and the first year of Council could not be questioned. Councillor Ashton expressed her thanks to all staff and in particular during her time as Deputy Chair the Head of Marketing and Communications and Executive Officer to the Chief Executive.

The outgoing Deputy Chair, Councillor Ashton advised that she had attended many functions throughout the District, thanked all the various groups and organisations for the invitations and stated that she had represented the District in a professional and courteous manner at all times. Reflecting on the time she had spent at engagements she expressed her personal thanks to her family who never complained when she had to miss family events and especially to her husband Rob who was a tremendous support to her. In closing Councillor Ashton thanked the community as a whole for their support and extended good wishes to the incoming Chair and Deputy Chair for the coming year.

In response, the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan remarking on some shared initiatives stated that Councillor Ashton together with the former Chair Councillor Dillon had been marvellous ambassadors for Council. The Chair acknowledged that it had been Councillor Ashton's idea to host the pre meeting reception to mark the first year of the Council. The Chair, further acknowledged the work of former Councillor Dillon throughout her time as Chair of the Council in its first year.

Reflecting on the past few weeks, Chair, Councillor Mallaghan highlighted events such as the Launch of the Seamus Heaney Homeplace at which the Irish President had been in attendance, a musical event at Kilronan School, Magherafelt and also attendance at events on the Hill of The O'Neill in Dungannon and emphasised that all of the people of Mid Ulster needed to know about this particular special place. The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan expressed his pleasure at seeing Tullyhogue Fort project coming to fruition and how he looked forward to the official opening in the coming weeks.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan remarked on the transition of the Council and stated that public perception was good. Focusing on achievements, Councillor Mallaghan highlighted the new website, social media, the non-geographical telephone number and that the planning department was the third busiest in the North with a 96% approval rate. In regard to the achievements in planning the Chair stated that the common sense approach had seen both approvals and refusals turned around.

The Chair, highlighted the Launch of the Economic Development Plan at Stormont and remarked on the £30m investment over the life of the project. He made mention also of the £400k grants issued to the community, the £10.6 million Rural

Development programme and stated that Council had much to celebrate and were indeed 'setting the bar' across all Councils.

AC4/16 Positions of responsibility for periods 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, referred members to a pack that had been circulated containing a grid for Positions of Responsibility for the periods 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, filled using the d'Hondt method, previously completed between Parties and if no one had any objections called for a proposer and seconder for the adoption of the grid.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McGinley

Resolved That the selected positions of responsibility set out in the grid below be adopted

	Year 1 2015/2016	Year 2 2016/2017	Year 3 2017/2018	Year 4 2018/2019
Council				
Chair	SF	UUP	DUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	DUP	SDLP	UUP	DUP
Audit Committee				
Chair	UUP	SF	SDLP	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	UUP	SF	DUP
Development Committee				
Chair	DUP	SF	UUP	SF
Deputy-Chair	IND	SDLP	SF	DUP
Environment Committee				
Chair	SDLP	DUP	SF	UUP
Deputy-Chair	SF	SF	SDLP	SF

Planning Committee				
Chair	SDLP	SF	SF	SF
Deputy-Chair	SF	DUP	DUP	UUP
Policy & Resources Committee				
Chair	SF	SF	SF	UUP
Deputy-Chair	DUP	UUP	DUP	SDLP
Housing Council for NI (Note 2)				
1 Representative	SF	SF	SF	SF
Partnership Panel for NI				
1 Representative 4 year term	SDLP			
Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for NI				
1 Representative	UUP	DUP	UUP	DUP
Policing & Community Safety Partnership - Mid Ulster (Note 3)				
10 Representatives 4 year term	SF	DUP		
	SF	DUP		
	SF	UUP		
	SF	UUP		
	SF	SDLP		

**AC5/16 Receive nominations to hold positions of responsibility
commencing June 2016**

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan, invited nominating officers to nominate members to hold the positions of responsibility, as listed for the period 2015-2016.

Councillor Cuddy nominated Councillor Wilson for the position of Chair.

Following the nomination of the Chair Councillor Mallaghan stood down and Councillor Wilson took the Chair.

The newly elected Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that it was an honour and a privilege to be the first Ulster Unionist Party Chair for Mid Ulster Council. He expressed his thanks to his party, his wife and family and his employer for their support and paid tribute to his predecessors Ms Dillon, Councillors Mallaghan and Ashton. Advising that he was proud to be a unionist and would make no apology for same, the Chair emphasised that it was his intention to represent everyone in the district during his time in office and acknowledging the difficulty of covering every event stated that he would work together with the Deputy Chair to endeavour that all events would be attended.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the Council had made great strides in its first year but that there was more work to be done and he looked forward to everyone working together to make yet more progress. Emphasising that he believed in equality and fairness, the Chair stated that it was his hope that 'petty politics' would be cast aside and that although it appeared that Mid Ulster was a 'cold house for unionists' that he hoped this could be worked emphasising that he was committed in his year as Chair to working for the betterment of the entire Mid Ulster region.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson made mention of his first official engagement which was to be at the primary school in Ardboe and acknowledged that in this the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme he would be remembering all the fallen but especially those of the 36th Ulster Division and 16th Irish Division.

In closing the Chair, Councillor Wilson shared that he would be travelling to France to support the Northern Ireland Football team and expressed good wishes to them for the tournament. He also extended good wishes to the Republic of Ireland and Wales advising that according to the English press they had won the tournament and all other teams were playing for runner up positions! On a more serious note the Chair stated that he looked forward to working with the Chief Executive, the staff and fellow Members throughout his term of office.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson sought nomination for the position of Deputy Chair. Councillor Kearney nominated Councillor McAleer.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor McAleer stated that she was honoured and privileged to be nominated by her party for the position and thanked them for the opportunity together with her family for their support. The Deputy Chair stated that she looked forward to meeting, interacting and representing the people from across Mid Ulster.

Positions of Responsibility	Party	Councillor
Council, Chair	UUP	Councillor Trevor Wilson
Council, Deputy Chair	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer
Audit Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor Brian McGuigan
Audit Committee, Deputy Chair	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
Development, Chair	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
Development, Deputy Chair	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
Environment Committee, Chair	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
Environment Committee, Deputy Chair	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
Planning Committee, Chair	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
Planning Committee, Deputy Chair	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
Policy & Resources, Chair	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
Policy & Resources, Deputy Chair	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney
Housing Council for NI	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
Partnership Panel for NI (2015-2019)	SDLP	Cllr Malachy Quinn
Reserve & Cadets Association for NI	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
Policing & Community Safety Partnership	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
	UUP	Councillor Mark Glasgow
	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
Policing & Community Safety Partnership Chairperson	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton

AC6/15 Appointment of councillors to Audit Committee

The Chair, Councillor Wilson, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Audit Committee:

Audit Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Brian McGuigan
2. Vice-Chair	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
3. Member	SF	Councillor Ronan McGinley
4. Member	SF	Councillor Caoimhe O'Neill
5. Member	DUP	Councillor Kim Ashton
6. Member	UUP	Councillor George Shiels
7. Member	SDLP	Councillor Christine McFlynn
8. Member	IND	Councillor Barry Monteith

AC8/16 Appointment of Councillors to Development Committee

The Chair, Councillor Wilson, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Development Committee:

Development Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
2. Vice-Chair	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
3. Member	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
4. Member	SF	Councillor Niamh Doris
5. Member	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
6. Member	SF	Councillor Kate McEldowney

7. Member	SF	Councillor John McNamee
8. Member	SF	Councillor Caoimhe O'Neill
9. Member	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
10. Member	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
11. Member	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
13. Member	UUP	Councillor George Shiels
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Trevor Wilson
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer
16. Member	IND	Councillor Barry Monteith

AC9/16 Appointment of councillors to Environment Committee

The Chair, Councillor Wilson, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Environment Committee:

Environment Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
2. Vice-Chair	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
3. Member	SF	Councillor Mickey Gillespie
4. Member	SF	Councillor Ronan McGinley
5. Member	SF	Councillor Brian McGuigan
6. Member	SF	Councillor John McNamee
7. Member	SF	Councillor Joe O'Neill
8. Member	SF	Councillor Darren Totten
9. Member	DUP	Councillor Wilbert Buchanan

10. Member	DUP	Councillor Frances Burton
11. Member	UUP	Councillor Mark Glasgow
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Robert Mulligan
13. Member	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
14. Member	SDLP	Councillor Martin Kearney
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Christine McFlynn
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Denise Mullen

AC9/16 Appointment of councillors to Planning Committee

The Chair, Councillor Wilson, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Planning Committee:

Planning Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Sean Clarke
2. Vice-Chair	DUP	Councillor James Shiels
3. Member	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
4. Member	SF	Councillor Gavin Bell
5. Member	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
6. Member	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
7. Member	SF	Councillor Kate McEldowney
8. Member	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
9. Member	DUP	Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
10. Member	DUP	Councillor Wills Robinson
11. Member	UUP	Councillor Mark Glasgow
12. Member	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney

13. Member	UUP	Councillor Kenneth Reid
14. Member	SDLP	Councillor Martin Kearney
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Sharon McAleer
16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Denise Mullen

AC10/16 Appointment of councillors to Policy & Resources Committee

The Chair, Councillor Wilson, invited nominating officers to nominate members to the Policy & Resources Committee:

Policy & Resources Committee		
Position	Party	Member
1. Chair	SF	Councillor Phelim Gildernew
2. Vice-Chair	UUP	Councillor Derek McKinney
3. Member	SF	Councillor Peter Bateson
4. Member	SF	Councillor Catherine Elattar
5. Member	SF	Councillor Cáthal Mallaghan
6. Member	SF	Councillor Dominic Molloy
7. Member	SF	Councillor Sean McGuigan
8. Member	SF	Councillor Seán McPeake
9. Member	SF	Councillor Darren Totten
10. Member	DUP	Councillor Kim Ashton
11. Member	DUP	Councillor Wilbert Buchanan
12. Member	DUP	Councillor Anne Forde
13. Member	DUP	Councillor Paul McLean
14. Member	UUP	Councillor Walter Cuddy
15. Member	SDLP	Councillor Malachy Quinn

16. Member	SDLP	Councillor Tony Quinn
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AC11/16 Nomination of Representatives to Outside Bodies

The Chief Executive drew attention to the previously circulate report and advised that the undernoted nominations were no longer relevant

- Cookstown & Dungannon Citizens Advice Bureau;
- Magherafelt Advice Services;
- RDP Local Action Group; and
- TIPSA.

The Chair Councillor Wilson sought changes to the nominations in the report. Councillor Monteith stated although as a DEA Councillor in Dungannon he had been nominated to serve on the Coalisland and Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership he would not be accepting the position.

Councillor McGinley outlined the undernoted changes to Sinn Féin representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor Doris would now replace former Councillor Dillon on any organisations the previous Councillor served on;
- Councillor McNamee would replace Councillor Gillespie on Cookstown, Dungannon & Magherafelt Community Transport;
- Councillor Gillespie would replace Councillor McNamee on NI Amenity Council;
- Councillor Clarke would represent Sinn Féin Party NILGA Member Network for Planning;

Councillor Kearney outlined the undernoted changes to SDLP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor McFlynn replace Councillor McAleer on Shopmobility Mid Ulster.

The Chair Councillor Wilson outlined the undernoted change to UUP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor Reid replace Councillor Cuddy on Flavour of Tyrone;
- Councillor Glasgow would represent UUP on NILGA Member Network for Community Planning;

Councillor McLean outlined the undernoted change to DUP representation on outside bodies:

- Councillor Forde would be removed from Workspace Draperstown.

Resolved That the undernoted table be agreed as Councillor representation on outside bodies for year 2016/2017.

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
Agewell Partnership	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton, Councillor C McFlynn Councillor C Elattar, Councillor D Totten Councillor G Shields,
Blackwater Regional Partnership Board (DUP SDLP SF UUP	Councillor C Cuthbertson Councillor D Mullen Councillor P Gildernew Councillor K Reid
Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Sub Committee	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor W Buchanan Councillor M Quinn Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor J McNamee Councillor T Wilson
Caledon Regeneration Partnership	DUP SDLP SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor S McAleer Councillor P Gildernew Councillor R Mulligan
Coalisland and District Development Association	SF UUP	Councillor N Doris Councillor K Reid
Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	Dungannon & Torrent DEAs	Councillor Ashton Councillor Cuddy Councillor Cuthbertson Councillor Molloy Councillor Monteith Councillor Mullen Councillor Doris Councillor Gillespie Councillor McGinley Councillor J O'Neill Councillor M Quinn Councillor K Reid
Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor S McAleer Councillor D Molloy Councillor J O'Neill Councillor R Mulligan
Cookstown & District Town Twinning Committee	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor W Buchanan Councillor T Quin, Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor J McNamee Councillor T Wilson
Cookstown Town Centre Forum	Cookstown DEA	Councillor Bell Councillor Buchanan Councillor Glasgow Councillor Mallaghan Councillor McNamee

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
		Councillor T Quinn Councillor Wilson
Cookstown, Dungannon & Magherafelt Community Transport	DUP SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor J McNamee Councillor K Reid
Drainage Council	SF	Public Appointments Process (PAC)
Dungannon Enterprise Centre	DUP SF	Councillor K Ashton Councillor D Molloy
Dungannon Regeneration Partnership	Dungannon DEA 6	Councillor Ashton Councillor Cuddy Councillor Cuthbertson Councillor Molloy Councillor Monteith Councillor Mullen
Flavour of Tyrone	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor S McAleer Councillor P Gildernew Councillor M Gillespie Councillor K Reid
ICBAN	SF SF SF UUP	Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor P Gildernew Councillor S McPeake Councillor R Mulligan
Local Government Forum: Northern Commissioning Group, HSCB	SDLP SDLP SF UUP	Councillor M Kearney Councillor C McFlynn Councillor B McGuigan Councillor G Shiels
Lough Neagh Partnership Board	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor W Robinson Councillor M Quinn Councillor K McEldowney Councillor R McGinley Councillor D McKinney
Magherafelt Town Centre Forum	Magherafelt DEA	Councillor Clarke, Councillor McFlynn Councillor McLean, Councillor G Shiels Councillor D Totten
National Association of Councillors NI	DUP DUP SDLP SF SF SF SF	Councillor Cuthbertson Councillor J Shiels Councillor T Quinn Councillor S Clarke Councillor P Gildernew Councillor D Molloy Councillor C O'Neill

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
	UUP	Councillor D McKinney
NI Amenity Council	DUP SF UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor M Gillespie Councillor G Shiels
NI Local Government Association	DUP DUP DUP SDLP SF SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor W Buchanan Councillor J Shiels Councillor M Kearney Councillor S McPeake Councillor S McGuigan Councillor C Mallaghan Councillor M Glasgow
NILGA Member Networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Community Planning · Planning 	Community Planning (x1) Planning (x 1)	Councillor Mark Glasgow Councillor Sean Clarke
Pulse Contract Liaison Committee	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor P McLean Councillor M Kearney Councillor P Bateson Councillor K McEldowney Councillor D McKinney
The Honourable The Irish Society: Advisory Committee	UUP SF	Councillor G Shiels Councillor B McGuigan A Tohill (Officer)
Seamus Heaney Centre Project Board	Chair Deputy Chair	Councillor Trevor Wilson Councillor Sharon McAleer
Shopmobility Mid Ulster	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor C McFlynn Councillor J McNamee Councillor J O'Neill Councillor M Glasgow
Somme Association (Somme Advisory Council)	DUP UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor R Mulligan
South Tyrone Hospital Community Forum	DUP SF	Councillor C Cuthbertson Councillor D Molloy
Southern Child Care Partnership Trust Early Years Forum	SF UUP	Councillor D Molloy Councillor K Reid
Tullyvar Joint Committee (Appointed from Environment Committee)	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor F Burton Councillor D Mullen Councillor R McGinley Councillor S McGuigan Councillor R Mulligan

Name of Organisation	Mid Ulster Council Positions	Members Agreed at 2016 General Meeting
Tyrone & Sperrins Destination Joint Working Group	DUP SDLP SF SF UUP	Councillor J Shiels Councillor T Quinn Councillor S Clarke Councillor N Doris Councillor D McKinney
William Carleton Summer School	SF UUP	Councillor S McGuigan Councillor R Mulligan
Workspace Draperstown	SF	Councillor B McGuigan

AC12/16 2016/2017 Schedule of Meetings for Council and Committee meetings

Schedule of meetings for 2016-17 Council and Committee meetings was presented. Councillor McLean drew attention to the occasions when all committees take place in the one week and stated that the two most time consuming committees take place on consecutive evenings and stated that it was somewhat unfair for Members who had to attend both. In response the Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the matter would be discussed at Party Leaders meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the 2016-2017 Council and Committee Meeting schedule be adopted and Party Leaders consider the re-ordering of committees on occasions when the four take place in the one week.

AC14/15 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 7.25pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 9 June 2016 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Gildernew, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy (7.08 pm), Elattar, Forde, Mallaghan, McKinney, McPeake, Molloy, S McGuigan, McLean, M Quinn (7.09 pm), T Quinn and Totten

Officers in Attendance

Mrs M Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr A Cassells, Director of Environment & Property
Mrs C McNally, Council Solicitor
Mrs U Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications
Mr P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Mrs M Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

PR118/16 Apologies

None

PR119/16 Declaration of Interest

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

PR120/16 Chair's Business

No business was raised.

PR121/16 Receive and confirm minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 11 May 2016

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on Wednesday 11 May 2016 (PR089/16 – PR105/16 and PR117/16) were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

PR122/16 Mid Ulster Business Awards Sponsorship

The Head of Marketing & Communications drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider the opportunity to become a principal sponsor of the Mid Ulster Business Awards. She advised that for the first time, the opportunity exists to be a principal sponsor which entitles the Council to be named in the award title (e.g. Mid Ulster Mail Tyrone Times and Mid Ulster District Council) at a cost of £6,500. This cost has been negotiated to £5,000, reflecting a 25% reduction.

Councillor Mallaghan stated it was a good thing to be associated with and good to see the Council working with top business. He also commended the Head of Marketing & Communications on her negotiating skills.

Councillor McLean agreed with that it was good to be seen promoting businesses but enquired if there was any conflict of interest with the press.

The Director of Finance advised that Council sponsoring the Business Awards would not conflict with business relations with the press. Council had previously procured its advertising requirements and there was no connection between the contractual arrangements arising on foot of the process and participation in the Business Awards as a main sponsor.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to becoming a principal sponsor of the 2016 Mid Ulster Business Awards.

Councillor Cuddy entered the meeting at 7.08 pm.

PR123/16 Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy – Licensing

The Council Solicitor drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Members' approval to apply for the grant of a licence for a place of public entertainment (i.e. a theatre liquor licence) for the Seamus Heaney HomePlace ("the Centre") and to seek Members' approval in respect of Council officer's attendance at licensing hearing as a witness on behalf of the Council.

Councillors McLean and Forde wanted it recorded that they opposed the application as they were not in support of the liquor licence.

M Quinn entered the meeting at 7.09 pm.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

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

- a) Progressing an application for the grant of a licence for a place of public entertainment (i.e. a theatre liquor licence) for the Seamus Heaney HomePlace.
- b) The attendance of Brian McCormick (and/or any other Council Officer that the Council Solicitor deems to be appropriate), to attend the

licensing application(s) for Seamus Heaney HomePlace as a witness and to give evidence on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council.

PR124/16 Off Street Car Park – Draft Administrative Order

The Council Solicitor drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Members' approval in respect of the draft Off Street Car Parks Order in Council at Annex A and to consult and provide notice on same in accordance with the legislation.

Councillor Molloy stated that there was nothing mentioned about fixed penalties and enquired if this should be included in the Order.

The Council Solicitor advised that this Order is effectively a carbon copy of what is currently in place for all of the car parks throughout Northern Ireland. The issue of fixed penalties is dealt with under separate legislation.

The Council Solicitor stated that this type of Order solely relates to the provision of parking places, the conditions of use, the charges to be applied etc. and if the Council wants to amend the provisions within the Order then this can be achieved.

The Director of Organisational Development entered the meeting at 7.14 pm.

Councillor Elattar raised concern about the lack of uniformity across the three Mid Ulster areas regarding car parking tariffs.

Councillor McLean expressed his concerns in relation to the differential between Magherafelt and Cookstown in relation to parking charges as there is free carparking in Cookstown but not in Magherafelt. He asked if these arrangements could be changed going forward and further advised that there were problems with the mobile app intended to facilitate prepay parking as there was no network coverage in certain car parks within the district.

Councillor Forde expressed her concern about shoppers bypassing Magherafelt and going to Cookstown to do their shopping because of the free carparking. She also raised her concern about the parking meters in Magherafelt not giving back change and referred to an instance where a lady, who could not get a payment machine to work, received a parking ticket despite having drawn the attendant's attention to the problem by leaving a note on her car.

The Council Solicitor advised that the Off-Street Carparking Order would be brought to the Environment Committee for information and then the final version would come back to P&R for approval after amendments and comments were taken on board.

The Council Solicitor advised that the Council had agreed to undertake a Car Parking Strategy where tariffs and other issues would be investigated during that process.

The Director of Environment & Property advised that at the May 2016 Environment Committee meeting, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council that it commission consultants to assist Council to develop an Off Street Car Parking

Strategy for Mid Ulster District Council. He advised that if the resultant Strategy proposal is approved by Council, amendment Orders can be brought forward as and when changes are required. Any changes would be then be supported by appropriate legislation.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted in respect of the draft Off Street Car Parks Order in Council at Annex A and thereafter to consult and provide notice on same in accordance with the legislation.

The Director of Environment & Properties left the meeting at 7.22 pm.

PR125/16 Spaces and Places Project – Lease at Benburb Playing Fields

The Council Solicitor drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Members' approval:

- a) To enter into a lease with Benburb & District Community Association (B&DCA) and
- b) To enter into a tripartite deed of dedication, as amended, with the project funder and B&DCA in order for funding to be available for the Space and Place grant.

The Chair, Councillor Gildernew stated that he fully supported this initiative as it has been ongoing for a long time.

Councillor Molloy agreed that it was good to see this going forward as there was a lot of confusion over documentation.

Councillor Ashton also agreed that it was good to see it progressing but it was her understanding that a Licence was going to be granted not a Lease. She enquired if the Council would still be responsible for maintaining the grass.

The Council Solicitor said that she queried with the Funders if a Licence was suffice, but they were adamant that due to legalities that a Lease would be required. She advised that the Council would continue to maintain the Playing Fields and the Lease was drafted in such a manner that once the project works had completed, that the Council would also maintain the rest of the area around the playing fields.

Councillor Mallaghan requested that congratulations passed on to Benburb & District Community Association on their achievement of securing the funding as it was a very rigorous process.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

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

- a) Lease at Appendix A and that the Council grants the lease to B&DCA on the terms within.
- b) The deed of dedication at Appendix B, which has been amended to reflect that the land is unregistered, and enter in to same on the terms within.

PR126/16 Corporate Improvement Plan 2016-2017

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider for approval a Corporate Improvement Plan for the period 2016-2017.

Councillor Cuddy stated that there were a lot of documents coming through and felt that this was more of a paper exercise rather than looking for results and improvements and that there was a need to focus on moving on. He went on to say it was his opinion that the residents in the former Dungannon district were paying a lot more rates for less services compared to the residents of the former Cookstown and Magherafelt districts and enquired if these reports were of any benefit to addressing the issues on the ground.

Councillor Cuddy further raised his concern in relation to Members being overloaded with reports.

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to the Corporate Improvement Plan for the period 2016-17.

Matters for Information

PR127/16 Restructure of NI Government Departments & NI Assembly Committees

Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in Restructure of NI Government Departments & NI Assembly Committees.

The Head of Democratic Services drew attention to the previously circulated report to update the Committee on the new Northern Ireland Government Departments and membership of the NI Assembly Statutory and Standing Committees following the 5 May 2016 Assembly Election.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that the Committee notes the contents on Restructure of NI Government Departments & NI Assembly Committees.

PR128/16 Members' Allowance Update

The Director of Finance drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update in relation to "in committee" discussions in relation to

Members' Allowances at the Council meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2016. He explained that he had discussed the issues with representatives from the Department for Communities (formerly the Department of the Environment) (DfC) and outlined their responses to the various issues.

Noting that the report was "for information" the Director of Finance asked if Members felt that it was appropriate for Council to amend its Scheme of Allowances to reflect the DfC's new terminology "all the time commitment" in relation to the purpose of the Basic Allowance, which was payable to elected Members.

Councillor Mallaghan enquired what difference would it make if Council amended its Scheme of Allowances in relation to the change in terminology from "full time commitment" to "all the time commitment".

The Director of Finance advised he had thought that a query from an employer on what remuneration his employee received in relation to being an elected Member had been the catalyst for the DfC's change in terminology. The employer in question had raised the query to see if the answer supported his desire to only grant the Member unpaid leave for councillor related activities. The DfC representatives, however, had advised that the change had resulted from an enquiry from an elected Member who had asked whether the position of councillor was a full time or part time position.

The Director of Finance in responding to Councillor Mallaghan's question, stated that in his opinion, changing the wording in the Scheme of Allowances would make no difference to councillors or the allowances that they received.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that Members note the contents of the report on Members' Allowance Update.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn

Resolved: That items (PR129/16 to PR134) be taken as confidential business.

PR135/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.15 pm.

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Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 13 June 2016 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present

Councillor Clarke, Chair

Councillors Bateson, Bell, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McPeake, Mullen, Reid, Robinson and J Shiels

Officers in Attendance

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McKearney, Senior Planning Officer
Ms McNally, Solicitor
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Councillors Ashton, B McGuigan and Molloy

Applicant Speakers:

M/2014/0524/F Mr Campbell, Mr Hackett, Mr Agus
LA09/2016/0062/O Mr Kearney
LA09/2016/0158/O Mr Kearney
LA09/2016/0276/F Mr Stephens
LA09/2016/0389/F Councillor Molloy
LA09/2015/1163/O Mr Coney
LA09/2016/0037/O Mr Diamond

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

P114/16 Apologies

Councillors Mallaghan, McEldowney and McKinney.

P115/16 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Reid declared an interest in applications:

LA09/2016/0199/O

LA09/2016/0211/O

Councillor Glasgow declared an interest in application:

LA09/2015/1156/O

Councillor McPeake declared an interest in application:

LA09/2015/1275/O

Councillor Bateson declared an interest in application:
LA09/2016/0136/F

P116/16 Chair's Business

No issues were raised.

P117/16 Confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2016

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 May 2016, (P91/16 – P101/16 & P104), were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

P118/16 Planning Applications for Determination

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

M/2014/0524/F Mushroom production, packaging, storage and distribution complex and associated site works at lands approx. 30m SW of 15 Annaghilla Road, Augher, Mr Peadar McGee

The Planning Manager give a brief synopsis on the background to the application to members present. He stated that although the application had come to Committee a few months ago and had been recommended for approval, it had been the subject to an objection by DRD (now Department for Infrastructure) due to road safety. The committee further discussed the application on 4 April 2016 and it was resolved to approve the development subject to notification to DoE (now Department of Infrastructure) as legislation requires. Following notification Dept of Infrastructure had advised that Council should hold a Pre-Determination Hearing before a decision was issued.

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application M/2014/0524/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke advised the Committee that the objector had requested speaking rights tonight but was unable to attend, but wanted his objection took into consideration.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he has never seen the two letters of support which were highlighted at the last meeting.

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

Mr Campbell advised the Committee that TransportNI were objecting to the application on the grounds of road safety as the application did not meet the proposed criteria for safe movement of traffic. He went on to say that approval would impact on road safety as the A4 is a major corridor route and for this reason he would be objecting to the approval of this application.

The Planning Manager advised that he took into consideration the concerns around road safety, but felt as there was road visibility splays and pavements going into Augher, this would be a reason why traffic would be moving slower.

In response to The Planning Manager's query regarding any visible obstructions, Mr Campbell advised that he wasn't sure.

The Planning Manager said that the key issue here was road safety and that it would be worth considering going out to the site and checking the visibility splays to see what could be done to resolve the issue. He suggested that a site meeting could be arranged to see if a way forward could be achieved.

Mr Campbell advised that the standard requirement for AMP 3 visibility route access was not being met and TransportNI would not consider anything less.

The Planning Manager said that members would all agree that road safety is paramount but felt that something should be done to try and find a resolution.

Mr Hackett from TransportNI advised that if access was to be moved towards the bridge between Augher and Corbo Road towards Ballygawley, this would result in crossing into other lands which there would be no control over. He said that there would be physical impediments on both sides.

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that Committee that two letters of support were received from the First Minister Arlene Foster and Michelle O'Neill MLA.

Mr Agus advised the committee that the speed limit was not included in the design specification, he said that he looked at the design for roads and bridges and it was identified that a speed of 53 mph was found approaching from both sides, which wasn't challenged by TransportNI. He said that 26 departments had placed relaxations at Strathroy by TransportNI which is a normal thing to do.

The Planning Manager enquired if there was an assumption of 60 mph where would that leave the situation.

Mr Agus stated that travelling at 60 mph wouldn't be feasible due to bends and lack of visibility.

In response to the Planning Manager's query about the distance, Mr Agus said that it would be 215 metres at 60 mph. If hedges were trimmed down this would improve visibility.

The Planning Manager said that there is a need for difficult decisions to be taken on board by both sides and if the committee refused the application, there was still the opportunity for a right to appeal. If the committee agrees an exception to protected

routes policy then it's up to both parties to try and find a resolution to the road safety issues. Without this the application could not move forward to a final decision.

Councillor Robinson stated that this was a matter of road safety. He said that if a lorry laden with a 20 tonne load was turning right this would cause great danger to road users. Major problems arose previously when a field was erected beside this site while trying to turn right for Ballygawley.

Mr Agus said that it would be important to have physical visibility splays and this would be a matter of providing these for road safety.

The Planning Manager said that turning left going towards Augher would be ample because traffic wouldn't be travelling at 60 mph and the problem would be going towards Ballygawley as traffic would be picking up speed.

Councillor Reid agreed with Councillor Robinson's sentiments going towards Ballygawley if a lorry pulls out of the site entrance, traffic do not always stick to the speed limit required. He said that he was conscious of job creation and the benefits but the major concern here is road safety.

Mr Agus said that a recent survey was carried out by TransportNI and it was shown that traffic were not sticking to the recommended speed limit going into Augher.

Councillor Reid stated that coming onto the road is very dangerous as on opposite side of road a business was closed down because of road safety. He suggested that TransportNI carry out a speed trap and site meeting for people who doesn't know the area.

Councillor McPeake stated that this was a very technical situation as there wasn't enough information for members to make a clear decision. He suggested that a meeting be organised to try and resolve the matter as there is a huge economic prospect for job creation.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke agreed with Councillor McPeake's comments.

The Planning Manager also agreed and said that the last time it was agreed that a relaxation for protected routes be applied. This was forwarded to TransportNI. He said that the outstanding issue of road safety was critical and rather than rehearse the same argument, he suggested that a site meeting be held to identify the key issues, with Officers sitting down with TransportNI to try and find a way forward.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that there was a need to have a clear speed limit of 60 mph on this stretch of road as it was notorious in the past for road fatalities and enquired if coming out of Augher village and using right hand turning lane, where would you turn coming from Ballygawley.

Mr Agus said that a hatched area would be implemented to facilitate this.

Councillor Bateson felt that the relaxation on road safety should be the final decision of the Planning Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Reid

Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved: That planning application M/2014/0524/F be deferred for an office meeting between officers and the developer and a Councillor site meeting.

LA09/2016/0062/O Site for farm dwelling adjacent to 48 Killycon Road, Portglenone, Mr Thomas Peter Doherty

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0062/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Kearney advised the committee that a meeting with DARD was ongoing to have them reconsider their opinion of the site being an established farm business and asked if this application be deferred until further information was received from DARD.

Resolved: [CM11] That planning application LA09/2016/0062/O be deferred until information is received.

LA09/2016/0158/O Infill site for dwelling and garage at 40m west of 15a Tullyheran Road, Maghera, Ms Megan McGarvey

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0158/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 Kearney to address the committee.

Mr Kearney advised the committee that the dwellings was going to be built on the applicant's parents garden and would be coming out onto the Tullyheran Road, he felt that keeping in the consistency of planning that this application was similar to a previously approved site by Magherafelt Council in 2010.

Councillor Bell enquired if there was a further development opportunity on the plot of land adjacent to the site.

Mr Kearney advised that there could be a possibly for two sites.

The Planning Manager said that there was a need for consistency to be maintained. It would be remissible of the committee to make a decision until the site was identified first.

Councillor McPeake agreed that this was a good idea as the area was not in the wider countryside and fairly built up and not in a rural setting. He felt that a dwelling would not change its setting and that the site should be looked at again. He said that there were a lot of dwellings in the area and an additional one wouldn't make a difference.

The Planning Manager said that every application should be looked at on its own individual merit. It would be important that when it comes to PPS21 that there is a level playing field for everyone and that Agents should be made aware of this.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0158/O be deferred for a site meeting.

LA09/2016/0276/K Change of house and garage type (previously approved M/2010/0362/F) 90m SE of junction of Derryfubble Road and Old English Road

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0276/K 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 Stephens to address the committee.

Mr Stephens advised that this application was for the proposed change of house type on an application site where development has commenced over time. He said that he fully supported the recommendation proposed for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0276/K be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0283/O Site for infill dwelling and garage adjacent to 34 and opposite 28A Annaghnahe Road, Coalisland, Rory Lavery

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

The Planning Manager advised that as this was recommended for approval and that there were no objections to this application Mr Donnelly may not feel the need to address the Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0283/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0286/O Site for infill dwelling and garage 37.5m E of 34 and opposite 28A and 34A Annaghnahe Road, Coalisland, Rory Lavery

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0286/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0299/O Site for infill dwelling and detached double garage between 21 Brackaghislea Road and Gortahurk Road, Draperstown, G Mallon

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0299/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Planning Manager said that there were a couple issues relating to this application including misunderstands relating to road frontage and infill criteria. It was felt that it would be beneficial to consider an office meeting with the applicant to explore what could be achieved.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0299/O be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2016/0389/F Single storey extension to gable of dwelling at 26 Roxborough Park, Moy, NIHE

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0389/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 Councillor Molloy to address the committee.

Councillor Molloy told the committee that he had been approached by the residents of No. 28 Roxborough Park who were concerned about shared sewerage. Property at No. 26 would cross over their sewer outlet. They wanted to make it clear that they weren't opposed to disabled access and would request that a deferral be issued until a possible resolution was found.

Councillor Reid said that shared sewerage systems would need to be considered carefully as problems could arise if the property was to be later sold.

The Planning Manager asked Councillor Molloy to provide him with the concerned residents' details so that he can inform them on up to date information.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0389/F be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2016/1163/O Infill site for 2 dwellings at lands adjacent to and E of 154
Battery Road, Moortown**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/1163/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 Coney to address the committee.

Mr Coney told the committee that he was very familiar with the site as he knows the area well and that he would argue with the policy on infill site as it was in the boundry of Moortown. He said that No.154 protects the site for ribboning and urban sprawl as down the road would have no impact on urban sprawl as it's a heavily populated area of Moortown. He continued to say that each site should be taken on its own merit.

The Planning Manager feels that the Officers report provides a fair and balanced opinion. He said that in considering an application on its merits the Committee were not bound by the officer recommendation providing the reasoning is set out. Whilst normally a settlement limit should not be used to define rural infilling there are arguably cases where based on the character of the settlement and surrounding countryside, allowing an infill between the settlement limit and a dwelling may not read as urban sprawl. In this case this was a matter for the Committee to determine.

Councillor Reid felt that every application should be looked at on its own merit. He said that a similar one to this one came before the Committee for refusal but was overturned for an approval as applicant was at the end of a hamlet. He felt that this application could be overturned for an approval.

Councillor McPeake agreed with Councillor Reid and felt that as an existing dwelling and going to the edge of the settlement, these two dwellings would make no difference.

Councillor Bateson referred to applications coming forward and felt the characteristics of development should be encouraged within Moortown, as it's on the edge of the Lough Neagh Shore. He said as there was a stop point at the edge of the settlement, this wouldn't change the character.

Councillor Bell said that he echoed all the comments for approval as he knows the area well and would be happy to agree to Councillor Reid's recommendation of overturning the refusal to approval.

The Council Solicitor advised that this was ultimately a decision for the Committee to make. However, if members were minded to move away from policy, then a specific case would need to be made and they must give reasons why. If the Committee was minded to recommend overturning the decision, then consideration would need to be given to the imposition of appropriate planning conditions.

Councillors Molloy and Mullan left the meeting at 8.54 pm.

The Planning Manager advised that if this application was to be approved, then the Committee would need to do this on the basis that they felt the proposal did not result in urban sprawl because it would not affect rural character, the setting of the settlement and was contained to one particular gap. He also advised conditions be applied to siting, access, ridge height, siting in accordance to block plan, roof space, visibility splays etc would need to be considered.

Councillor McPeake felt that this application should be moved on as conditions are not in the detail. He said that he was happy to leave the Planning Manager to deal with the detail.

The Council Solicitor advised that a Proposer and Secunder would be required in relation to the planning conditions.

The Planning Manager stated that there would be a need to cover the Conditions on access, block plan, ridge height to be in the character of the area etc.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/1163/O be approved subject to conditions as advised by the Planning Manager.

LA09/2016/0037/O Infill site for dwelling and garage at 80m NW of 4 Dunmurry Road, Moneyneany, Joe Morgan

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0037/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 the committee that No. 6A was set back in the distance with no formal garden, with the grounds being used for agricultural grazing. He said that if the hedges were trimmed down there most definitely be a linkage between No. 4 and No. 6A.

The Planning Manager suggested that in the interest of the client who owns the farm beside the site, that consideration be given to withdrawing the application as this situation could change. There is a requirement for continuous frontage which isn't there.

Councillor Mullen returned to the meeting at 9.05 pm.

Mr Diamond said that although that there was no formal front garden, there was still 20 metres from the gap to the road.

Councillor Gildernew enquired if there was any stipulation which said that a property has to be set beside the road.

The Planning Manager advised that the Policy states that road frontage is required.

Councillor Gildernew enquired if there was a gate on the roadside with a 1 metre gate, could there be a possibility of access.

Councillor Reid said that this was ongoing for a number of years. Sites were passed and when looked at again were not consistent compared to others. There is a requirement for consistency.

Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 9.09 pm.

Councillor McPeake said that the height of the hedge could be in support of the applicant.

The Planning Manager felt that it was impossible for members to make a decision as it was an aerial photograph and suggested a site meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0037/O be deferred for a site meeting.

Councillor McAleer returned to the meeting at 9.14 pm.

The meeting recessed at 9.15 pm and recommenced at 9.45 pm.

H/2014/0353/F Housing development of 8 dwellings and garages (2 detached and 6 semi-detached) at lands approx. 35m W of 64 Carroloan Road, The Woods, Magherafelt, Gribben Homes Ltd

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application H/2014/0353/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

M/2014/0572/O Renewal of residential development (M/2007/0787/O), maximum of 210 units, with access onto Greers Road and Quarry Lane, Dungannon, 15m NE of 67a Donaghmore Road, Dungannon, Michael Herron Architects

Ms McCullagh (SPO) advised that this application was withdrawn due to land ownership issues needing addressed.

Resolved: That planning application M/2014/0572/O be removed from the schedule and re-considered.

LA09/2015/0197/LBC Installation of replica sliding sash window for security and fire escape purposes of 9a Loy Street, Cookstown, Wellwood Adami Ltd

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2015/0197/LBC advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0197/LBC be refused on the grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0223/LBC Restoration of restored Edwardian Dumb Waiter system and shafet rail structure; installation of 2 replica sliding sash windows for security and fire escape purposes at 9c Loy Street, Cookstown for Wellwood Adami Ltd

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2015/0223/LBC advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0223/LBC be refused on the grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0224/LBC Installation of replica sliding sash window for security and fire escape purposes at 9b Loy Street, Cookstown, Wellwood Adami Ltd

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2015/0224/LBC advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0224/LBC be refused on the grounds stated in the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0620/F Extension, alterations and change of use from dwelling house to 4 no. self-contained apartments at 25 Charlemont Street Moy, Seyloran Properties Ltd

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2015/0620/F advising that to defer this application as the Agent is in the process of amending the scheme to take account of the concerns.

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0620/F be deferred until amendments are submitted and considered.

LA09/2015/1237/F Removal of condition 5 of approval I/2007/0070/RM and condition 8 of I/2004/0127/O at site adjacent to 172 Drum Road, Cookstown, Mr Adrian Glasgow

Councillor Glasgow withdrew to the public gallery until this matter was discussed.

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2015/1237/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake

Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/1237/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Councillor Glasgow returned to the committee.

LA09/2015/1290/F Restoration of part of sand and gravel pit (partial retrospective at 203 Termon Road, Pomeroy, ACS Civils Ltd

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2015/1290/F advising that it is recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake

Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/1290/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0061/O Replacement dwelling and garage at 32 Waterfoot Road, Ballymaguigan, Magherafelt, Terence Murphy

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2016/0061/O advising that it is recommended for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake

Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/1290/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0136/F Replacement of 2 sheds with a single shed at lands surrounding 22 Tamlaghduff Road, Bellaghy, B Scullion

Councillor Bateson declared an interest in this application.

Ms Doyle (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2016/0136/F advising that it is recommended for refusal.

The Planning Manager advised that he had been contacted by the applicant for an office meeting as the Agent couldn't make the meeting tonight.

Councillor McPeake said that he knew the area well and that it may be a possible assumption that as it was an industrious area it could be an expansion of an existing business. He felt that this should be further explored with an opportunity for an office meeting.

Ms Doyle advised that this used to be an agricultural establishment and there was a need for justification on what the shed was going to be used for.

The Planning Manager felt that everyone should have a fair hearing but looking at the size of the shed, it would be hard to imagine that this was going to be used as for domestic use. He said he wasn't opposed to deferring the application providing the applicant was upfront on what the shed was going to be used for.

He suggested that it would be wise to meet the applicant to advise them on what to do and not to do before a decision would be made.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0136/F be deferred for an office meeting.

LA09/2016/0170/O Dwelling and garage between 8 and 14 Drumvale Avenue, Drum Road, Cookstown, C Eastwood

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2016/0170/O advising that it is recommended for refusal.

Councillor Reid advised that he agreed with the recommendation by officers as the area needed to be protected.

Councillor Gildernew agreed that these trees would need to be protected and also agreed with the recommendation.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0170/O be refused subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0300/F Change of use from existing ground floor flat to form 2 no. flats (1 no. 1 bedroom and 1 no. 2 bedroom) at 11 Annes Court, Killylack, Glebe, Dungannon, Ciaran Gallagher

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented report on planning application LA09/2016/0300/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0300/F be refused subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

M/2014/0593/O Erection of 3 no. tourist accommodation chalets to be associated with existing lake/fishery lands approx. 30m N of 41 Gorestown Road, Dungannon, Gavin Wylie

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application M/2014/0593/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0104/F Dwelling and garage at 250m SE of 5 Glenquilly Road, Moneymore, Robert Carmichael

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0104/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0138/O Dwelling at site adjacent to 82 Lurgylea Road, Galbally, Dungannon, Mr Shayne Turney

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0138/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0525/O Dwelling and garage 15m W of 26 Drumkee Road, Dungannon, Mr & Mrs R Brown

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0525/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0714/F Dwelling and garage on a farm adjacent to 71 Blackrock Road, Cookstown, Michael Quinn

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid

Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/0714/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1069/O Dwelling (bungalow) on a farm adjoining 1 Urbalshinny Road, Maghera, Mr Eamon Logue

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/1069/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1156/O 2 infill dwellings at lands between 15 and 17 Annaghnaaboe Road, Coalisland, Mr Paul Quinn

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/1156/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1185/O Replacement dwelling 340m SW of 6 Drapersfield Road, Cookstown, David McGlaughlin

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/1185/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1275/O Infill site for dwelling and garage at 80m NW of 4 Dunmurry Road, Moneyneany, Joe Morgan

Councillor McPeake declared an interest in this application.

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

Proposed by Councillor Reid
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2015/1275/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0199/O Dwelling and garage adjacent to 98 and 210m S of 100
Cookstown Road, Dungannon, David Dobson**

Councillor Reid withdrew to the public gallery until this matter was discussed.

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0199/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0211/O Dwelling and garage on site adjacent to garden centre and
74m N of 98 Cookstown Road, Dungannon, Shane Lyons**

Councillor Reid remained in the public gallery until this matter was discussed.

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved: That planning application LA09/2016/0211/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

The Council Solicitor left the meeting at 10.25 pm.

**P119/16 Response to Public Consultation on Review of Permitted
Development Rights**

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated reports which details of the response to a public consultation on permitted development on the topics below. The consultation was issued on the 5th May 2016 and responses are due by the 30th June 2016.

Public Consultation on Permitted Development Rights for:

- i) Development by Electronic Communications Code Operators;
- ii) Non-Domestic Roof Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Panels
- iii) Shops, Financial and Professional Services Establishments; and
- iv) Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: To agree that the attached paper be forwarded to the Department as the response by Mid Ulster Council to the public consultation.

**P120/16 Responses to Consultations by Neighbouring Councils re:
Preferred Options Paper (P.O.P)**

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report to provide members with details of those matters which are considered to be cross boundary issues shared with adjoining councils in the context of the new Local Development Plan.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved: To agree that issues listed and described in the paper are used to inform Regulation 9 LDP consultations as they come forward from the adjoining council as part of the preparation of their LDP.

Matters for Information

P121/16 Report of Delegated Decisions Issued in April 2016

Members noted the content of the report of delegated decisions issued in April 2016.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved: That items P122/16 to P125/16 to be taken as confidential business.

P126/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 11.00pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

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**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 14 June 2016 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt**

Members Present	Councillor Cuthbertson (Chair) Councillors Buchanan, Burton (7.03 pm), Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee (7.08 pm), Mulligan, J O'Neill, Reid (7.07 pm), Totten
Officers in Attendance	Ms Caldwell, Principal Environmental Health Officer Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services Mr McNeill, Technical Services Manager Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control Miss Thompson, Committee Services/ Senior Admin Officer
Others in Attendance	Agenda Item 4 – Ms Donaghy

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E148/16 Apologies

Councillor Mullen.

E149/16 Declarations of Interest

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

E150/16 Chair's Business

None.

E151/16 Presentation by Ms Donaghy on Car Parking Issues

The Chair welcomed Ms Donaghy to the meeting and invited her to speak on car parking issues in Dungannon.

Ms Donaghy started by reading the letter she submitted to the Tyrone Courier in relation the parking ticket she received for not being wholly parked within a parking bay in an almost empty car park in Dungannon. Ms Donaghy felt there should have been a degree of discretion and leniency shown to this minor infringement and it was this event that prompted her campaign for free car parking in Dungannon.

Ms Donaghy advised that the response to the letter sent to the Tyrone Courier was incredible but also alarming and stated that a large number of people replied stating that they had had similar experiences regarding the issue of parking tickets. Ms Donaghy advised that the issue of these tickets was a burden on families who want to support their town and felt that the driver was an easy target.

Ms Donaghy advised that there was consensus that Dungannon would benefit from free parking and referred to the generations who have shopped in the town and that shopping should be a social activity. Ms Donaghy stated that everything possible should be done to save town centres and that at the public meeting which she had organised there was a belief that Dungannon should have two to three hours free car parking or one day free car parking which could be trialled for a six month period, Ms Donaghy asked for the support of Council in this trial.

Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 7.07 pm

Ms Donaghy continued by reading some quotes she had received from people in relation to parking issues in Dungannon and also referred to a pensioner who was unable to get from one side of Market Square to the other and had difficulty managing their stick on the cobbled area and questioned what could be done for pensioners in a similar situation.

Councillor Reid entered the meeting at 7.08 pm

Ms Donaghy also referred to recent press coverage in relation to the raised kerbs in Scotch Street, Dungannon which have caused a number of punctures and £20,000 which Council is spending on providing wifi in Bellaghy. Ms Donaghy felt this money would have been better spent on providing free car parking.

Ms Donaghy felt that it was difficult for anyone with a pram to negotiate Market Square and referred to the lack of greenery in that area. Ms Donaghy felt that Council had wasted a lot of money on the works within Market Square and that there would now be further expense in rectifying these works. Ms Donaghy also referred to the makeup of the Environment Committee and felt that there should be a better representation of women on the committee.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was sorry to hear of Ms Donaghy's negative experience whilst in Dungannon and the comments from other members of the public. The Chair stated he was the father of two young children and advised that his wife was happier with Market Square the way it was now.

Councillor Reid advised that plans of the public realm scheme had been made available for public consultation at the time and that it had been traders who had approached Council regarding obtaining funding to carry out a public realm scheme in Dungannon. The Councillor indicated that Market Square design was under review and that Members awaited design plans to improve it. Councillor Reid asked Ms Donaghy where she thought rectifications could be made in the town centre.

Ms Donaghy referred to the railings in Market Square which meant that no one could cross from one side of the Square to the other and suggested that some sort of turnstile be put in place within the railings to alleviate this problem.

Councillor McFlynn advised that a number of women had held top positions within the Council last year. The Councillor stated that responsibility for off street car parks only fell to Council from 1 April 2015 and that this was a work in progress for Council. Councillor McFlynn advised there were a number of free car parks in Dungannon.

Councillor J O'Neill felt that the proposal of free car parking one day a week would be of benefit to Dungannon.

Councillor Glasgow questioned where the funding would come from in order for Council to provide free car parking, the Councillor referred to the increase this would put on rates and stated the need for a rationale based on the benefits to the economy.

Councillor McNamee stated that off street car parking was a big issue and understood that Dungannon and Magherafelt wanted equality with Cookstown who currently have free car parking.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson referred to free car parking which was trialled in Dunganon over the Christmas period in 2014 and that traders had come back to Council during this time and advised that the pilot wasn't working and that pay and display car parking had to be re-introduced in Castlehill car park in the town.

Ms Donaghy asked the Council to consider trialling free car parking in Dungannon one day a week for a six month period.

The Chair thanked Ms Donaghy for her attendance following which she withdrew from the meeting at 7.30 pm.

E152/16 Receive and confirm minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 May 2016 (E116/16 – E139/16 and E147/16) were considered and, signed as accurate and correct.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to item raised under E122/16 of May minutes in relation to grass cutting at Hillhead Terrace, Castledawson. The Councillor reiterated his comments from last month and stated that this area had been maintained up until last year and was a gateway route to Council's flagship facility at the Seamus Heaney HomePlace in Bellaghy. The Councillor stated that a lot of visitors to the area will use this road to visit the HomePlace and felt that if the grass was not cut around Hillhead Terrace that Council would be left embarrassed. Councillor B McGuigan proposed that Council undertake to cut the grassed area around Hillhead Terrace, Castledawson once a month.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that every Councillor could cite areas they felt should be cut and referred to Council's policy on grass cutting.

Councillor McNamee seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposal to have the grassed area at Hillhead Terrace cut by Council once a month. The Councillor felt Council would be letting itself down otherwise.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson queried decision made at recent Development Committee meeting which agreed to set aside monies for an environmental scheme in Bellaghy.

The Director of Environment and Property confirmed that monies had been set aside for environmental works in Bellaghy at a recent Development Committee meeting.

Councillor Glasgow advised that he had also mentioned the need for grass cutting at Tullywiggan, Cookstown last month and felt that if one area requires grass cutting it should be done for all areas.

Councillor McFlynn advised that the environmental scheme agreed at the Development Committee had been for works within the village centre of Bellaghy. Councillor McFlynn felt that entrances to towns and villages should be kept to a high standard and referred to grass at Fairhill, Moneymore which is at knee height.

Councillor B McGuigan felt that his request was a special case and that Council would receive negative press if grass cutting at Hillhead Terrace was not undertaken.

Councillor Reid stated he understood the arguments for and against Council carrying out grass cutting at Hillhead Terrace and asked if this location is outside of 30mph limit.

Councillor B McGuigan confirmed Hillhead Terrace was outside 30mph zone.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that Hillhead Terrace is outside of the 40 mph limit and is located approximately a mile and a half from Bellaghy.

Councillor Kearney referred to the numerous approach roads to Bellaghy and felt that if Council was giving consideration to one route being cut it needed to look at them all.

Councillor McNamee felt that Council should undertake grass cutting as proposed for the betterment of the whole Seamus Heaney HomePlace project.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised that there was the possibility that TransportNI could cut the area at Hillhead Terrace and reminded Members of Council policy.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that Members had agreed the grass cutting policy for Council and pointed out that Council do carry out grass cutting at nearby lay by and car park.

Councillor Reid stated there was a need for Council to negotiate with TransportNI in respect of the upkeep of the grassed area at Hillhead Terrace.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson suggested that Council undertake a one-off cut of the grassed area at Hillhead Terrace, Castledawson and that officers begin negotiations with TransportNI in respect of the upkeep of the area. The outcome of these discussions will dictate whether Council needs to consider amending its grass cutting policy. The Chair asked Councillor B McGuigan if he considered this proposal acceptable.

Councillor B McGuigan advised that he was agreeable to the area being cut by Council but was fearful of the outcome of discussions with TransportNI.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Council undertake a one-off cut of grassed area at Hillhead Terrace, Castledawson and that officers begin negotiations with TransportNI to discuss whether they (TransportNI) will maintain said area in the future. The outcome of these negotiations will then dictate whether consideration should be given to amending Council's policy in relation to grass cutting to include said area.

Councillor Burton referred to Clogher Valley Show taking place at the end of July, the Councillor stated this was a flagship event for the area and enquired as to the possibility of a tidy up prior to the event taking place.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised Councillor Burton to make contact with the officers concerned in respect of grass cutting prior to Clogher Valley Show.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the Council re-opening of Tullaghoge Fort taking place tomorrow, the Councillor stated that the grass surrounding this facility was at knee height and asked if the grass will be cut prior to the re-opening taking place. Councillor Glasgow stated he had previously requested that grass be cut around Mid Ulster Sports Arena at Tullywiggan and that this had not taken place. The Councillor questioned where does Council stop in relation to grass cutting.

Matters for Decision

E153/16 Agreement to transfer/share NILAS allowances

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to transfer/share allowances with neighbouring Councils under the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS).

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the establishment of an agreement between Mid Ulster, Fermanagh and Omagh and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Councils for the transfer/sharing of NILAS allowances as necessary.

E154/16 Fleet Management – Supply of Tyres

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council to purchase tyres and associated services from an established government frame work.

Proposed by Mulligan
Seconded by Buchanan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the recommendation to use the Crown Commercial Services Framework for the supply of tyres and associated services.

Councillor Gillespie left the meeting at 7.52 pm

E155/16 Review of Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented previously circulated report which provided detail on a response to the DSD review of the Caravans Act (NI) 2011.

Councillor Burton left the meeting at 7.54 pm
Councillor Gillespie returned to the meeting at 7.55 pm
Councillor Burton returned to the meeting at 7.56 pm

Councillor Reid advised that some Councils include stipulations within their licensing of a caravan site in relation to insurance and carbon monoxide and asked if this was something Council should also be looking towards.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer advised that the Caravans Act 1963 does include some stipulations however the licensing of sites is slightly different to said legislation.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the draft response to the Review of Caravans Act (NI) 2011 and state that Council would also welcome a review of the Caravans Act (NI) 1963.

E156/16 Environmental Health Service Improvement Plan

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented previously circulated report which sought approval of the annual Service Improvement Plan for Environmental Health for 2016/17.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Environmental Health Service Improvement Plan for 2016/17.

E157/16 Public Analyst Services

The Principal Environmental Health Officer presented previously circulated report which advised Members of the award of contract for Public Analyst Services.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to appoint the below named persons as Public Analysts to the Council under Article 27 (1) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, with effect from 7 June 2016 -

- § Mr Ronald Anthony Ennion BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC, MIFST
- § Mr Alan Thomas Richards BSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC
- § Ms Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, CChem, FRSC
- § Mr Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
- § Mr Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
- § Ms Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
- § Mr Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
- § Mr Jeremy Paul Wootten MA, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

Councillor S McGuigan asked if there had been a competitive tender exercise undertaken for the above service.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that he would check this for the Member.

E158/16 Response to DOE Policy Consultation on Dilapidated/Dangerous Buildings and Neglected Sites

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which provided detail of draft Council response to the Policy Consultation Paper on Dilapidated/Dangerous Building on Neglected Sites.

In response to Councillor Mulligan's question the Head of Building Control advised that there were no figures as to the number of dilapidated buildings within Mid Ulster.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the draft response to the Department of Environment Policy Consultation on Dilapidated/Dangerous Buildings and Neglected Sites.

E159/16 Building Control Service Improvement Plan 2016/17

Members considered previously circulated report which sought approval for the annual Service Improvement Plan for the Building Control Service for 2016/17.

Councillor Glasgow stated that Building Control was a very efficient department and commended the staff within this department for their work.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Building Control Service Improvement Plan for 2016/17.

E160/16 Street Naming and Property Numbering

Members considered previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing development at site off Glen Road, Maghera.

Councillor Burton proposed that the development be named The Glen.

Councillor McFlynn proposed that the development be named Glen Gardens. The Councillor stated that the development is just off the Glen Road and felt that the name The Glen could be confusing.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

Councillor Burton withdrew her proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Glen Road, Maghera as Glen Gardens.

E161/16 Bus Shelters

The Technical Services Manager presented previously circulated report in which Members were asked to consider the erection of bus shelters that have been requested at various locations.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's question the Technical Services Manager advised that he was aware of request for bus shelter at Skea crossroads and that this should have been included on the list.

Councillor Burton referred to request for bus shelter at Augher Village and asked how long it would be before a bus shelter was in place in the village.

The Technical Services Manager advised that the request for bus shelter in Augher was awaiting stage 4 completion in which Translink and SELB are asked to confirm the viability of a bus shelter at a location. The Technical Services Manager advised that it can take some time for a response to be received.

Councillor Burton stated that the request for a bus shelter in Augher was made around two years ago. Councillor Burton also referred to the condition of some bus shelters stating that they could become overgrown in the summer.

Councillor McGinley declared an interest in this item.

Councillor McGinley referred to the design of bus shelters stating that clear perspex shelters had been erected within town centres and that green metal shelters were used in rural areas.

The Technical Services Manager advised that the clear perspex shelters were erected as part of a TransportNI scheme. It was advised that officers are currently looking at the design options for proposed bus shelters.

Councillor McGinley advised there could be a perception that money is being spent in towns on more expensive bus shelters than in rural areas.

Following on from Councillor Burton's comments Councillor Glasgow asked how often grass is cut around bus shelters.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised Councillor Glasgow to speak to relevant officer regarding this matter.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor J O'Neill and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve proposed bus shelters at the below locations pending completion of Stages 6, 7 and 8 and subject to all necessary approvals and consents being obtained. On completion of these stages Technical Services will give instruction to Property Services to plan for the delivery of the shelters.

- § Moyola Road, Castledawson
- § Hillhead Road, Knockloughrim (Already on site - to be refurbished)
- § Coole Road, Coalisland
- § Killeen Crossroads, Coalisland
- § Brocagh Crossroads, Coalisland

Matters for Information

E162/16 Spring Clean 2016

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail of Council's Spring Clean activities.

E163/16 Compost Awareness Week

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail on the Council Compost Awareness Week promotional activities.

E164/16 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics Report for October to December 2015

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion as outlined in the Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management Statistics Report for October to December 2015.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the report was a good news story and that statistics revealed that Mid Ulster was leading the way in respect of waste sent for recycling/composting.

Members noted the content of the report.

E165/16 Tullyvar Joint Committee Update

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

E166/16 Off Street Car Park – Draft Administrative Order

The Director of Environment and Property presented previously circulated report regarding the draft Off Street Car Parks Order and advised that approval for the Order was agreed at Policy and Resources Committee on 9 June.

Members noted the content of the report.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson referred to restriction on eating and sleeping within a car park, the Councillor did not feel that restriction of these activities was enforceable and queried how it may affect lorry drivers using a car park.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that lorries were not permitted to park within a car park.

Councillor Kearney asked if it was an offence to offer someone a ticket which still had money/time left on it.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that a ticket states it is not transferable but that this refers to transfer between car parks. The Director stated it would still technically be an offence to offer a ticket to someone else.

E167/16 Building Control Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the workload analysis for Building control across Mid Ulster District Council.

E168/16 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on Entertainment Licensing applications across Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor S McGuigan declared an interest in Killeeshil Community Centre.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That items E169/16 – E173/16 be taken as confidential business.

E174/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.02 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 16 June 2016 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Molloy, Chair Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy (7.28 pm), Doris, Elattar, Forde, McAleer (7.06 pm), McNamee, T Quinn, J Shiels
Officers in Attendance	Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms McIntyre, Programmes and Policy Officer Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer
Others in Attendance	Agenda Item 4: South West College - Mrs Farquhar, SUSE+ Mentor Mr McManus Deputy Head of Training

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D149/16 Apologies

Councillors McEldowney, C O'Neill and Wilson.

D150/16 Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest particularly in relation to Paper Q, which, although in confidential business the Chair encouraged Members to make any declarations of interest they may have at this stage of the meeting.

D151/16 Chair's Business

The Chair spoke in relation to the recent and premature passing of Mr Eamon McClean, Manager of Speedwell Trust and who had worked in partnership with Council. The Chair offered the condolences of the Council to the McClean family.

Councillor Burton stated there was great respect for Mr McClean within the community and spoke of the shock of hearing of Mr McClean's untimely death.

Councillor T Quinn stated he was on the Board of Trustees for the Speedwell Trust and that Mr McClean would be irreplaceable. The Councillor stated Mr McClean's death was very sad for his family and the community.

D152/16 South West College: SUSE+ Presentation

The Chair welcomed representatives from South West College and invited them to make their presentation on the SUSE+ programme.

Mr McManus thanked Council for its ongoing support of the Step Up to Sustainable Employment (SUSE+) programme, he advised that SUSE+ had now been operational for a year and was over-performing in its targets. Mr McManus stated it was hoped that over the duration of the programme that 202 people will enter employment which will be of benefit to the local economy. Members were provided with an overview of the programme, its catchment and partner organisations, funding sources of the programme and how targets were being met and exceeded.

Councillor McAleer entered the meeting at 7.06 pm

Mrs Farquhar also outlined her role as a mentor to individuals participating in the programme and highlighted the 3 phase programme strategy. Mrs Farquhar emphasised that the programme provides a tailored approach and provides specialised development for each individuals needs to assist them back to employment.

Mr McManus referred to the operating structure of SUSE+ and stated that the programme has a strong steering committee. Mr McManus highlighted the key concepts of SUSE+ and the key priorities for development of the programme for 2016-2017.

Mr McManus concluded by stating that the college would shortly be bidding for Peace IV funding for a cross border project and asked for Councils ongoing support in respect of this.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy stated that the presentation provided a good insight into the SUSE+ programme and hoped the college would be successful in receiving Peace IV funding.

Councillor J Shiels congratulated Mr McManus and Mrs Farquhar on the success of the project and stated he was pleased to hear that the programme offered a tailored approach to participants from all age groups.

In response to Councillor McNamee's question Mr McManus advised that a greater focus would be given to the Cookstown area this year to improve performance in that area.

Councillor Clarke stated that SUSE+ was a fantastic programme and thanked the officers for their work. The Councillor felt that the needs of a rural area are different to that of urban areas and that this programme offered a local approach to the needs of Mid Ulster.

Mrs Farquhar advised she had previously worked in both the private and public sector and she could honestly say that this was the best programme she had ever worked on because of its tailored approach.

The Chair, Councillor Molloy thanked Mr McManus and Mrs Farquhar for their presentation following which they withdrew from the meeting at 7.25 pm.

D153/16 Minutes of the Development Committee held on Thursday 12 May 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 12 May 2016 (D116/16 to D140/16 and D148/16), were considered and signed as correct and accurate.

Councillor McNamee spoke in relation to the re-opening of Tullaghoge Fort and commended the staff who had worked on providing such a great facility. The Councillor referred to the new entrance and car park and felt that Tullaghoge Fort was now much more accessible to everyone. Councillor McNamee felt there could be further improvements made to Tullaghoge Fort by providing a toilet block and a playpark.

Councillor J Shiels concurred with Councillor McNamee's comments, he stated that the re-opening of Tullaghoge Fort had been his first visit and again congratulated those who had worked on the project. Councillor J Shiels agreed that a toilet block should be provided at Tullaghoge Fort.

Councillor Cuddy entered the meeting at 7.28 pm

Matters for Decision

D154/16 Arts and Culture and Sports Development Community Support 2016/17

The Director of Culture and Leisure presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the Arts and Culture and Sports Development Support Programmes for 2016/17.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Director of Culture and Leisure advised that this was a new programme, she continued that one of the aspects relates to how Council supports schools and that a further paper will come before committee on this in the near future.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to agree the proposed Arts and Culture Support Programme and Sports Development Grants as detailed within report.

D155/16 Erasmus Youth Project

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for Council to participate in a European ERASMUS Youth Project based on European citizenship and participation. The Head stated that in light of the reference made as part of the presentation by South West College regarding their EU Citizenship project, that it would also be important to link.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to participate in the ERASMUS Youth Project with officer time being committed to transnational meetings over a three year period.

D156/16 Countryside Management Services

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report which sought approval for specialist consultancy/investigatory services to assist Parks Service with countryside access disputes and public path development issues.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Head of Parks advised that slippage monies would come from throughout the organisation.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with procuring the necessary services to assist Mid Ulster District Council in the delivery of Countryside Management Services over a period not extending beyond 31 March 2017. Services to be procured from slippage monies available to Council.

D157/16 Irish Language Development Programme and Code of Courtesy for Irish

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which sought approval of the Irish Language Development Programme for 2016/17 and adoption of the Code of Courtesy for Irish.

Councillor Cuddy asked if there was any feedback available as to the success of last year's programme.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the programme for this year was based on the successes of last year and agreed to bring a report to a future meeting.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To approve that proposed Irish Language Development Programme for 2016/17.
 - That the proposed Courtesy Code for Irish be adopted.

D158/16 Regional and Minority Language Bursary Scheme

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report which sought the approval of the proposed Regional and Minority Language Bursary Scheme allocation to be awarded to successful applicants for 2016/17. The Head of Culture and Arts advised that there was a 23% increase in the number of bursaries awarded from last year and a 22% increase in the amount of funding provided.

Councillor Cuddy expressed the need for Council to give consideration to providing other schemes in order to cater for all of the community.

Councillor J Shiels asked if there is a need to go to the Gaeltacht or if more activities could be provided locally.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the Gaeltacht is located mostly in Donegal and that bursaries are mostly for students although families are also now applying. The Head of Culture and Arts advised that going to the Gaeltacht helps the individual to immerse themselves in the Irish language.

Councillor J Shiels advised he could think of areas within Mid Ulster which could provide support for Irish language activities and that Council may wish to give consideration to this in the future. The Councillor asked if provision of bursaries is means tested.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the bursary scheme is not means tested but is cross checked with other schemes ie. Líofo.

Councillor Clarke agreed with the sentiment that there would be a time in the future when people would come to Mid Ulster to learn Irish.

Councillor Cuddy reiterated his comments that Council spends a lot of money on this bursary scheme but that there is a section of the community that is not catered for and that Council needs to offer a balance.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that Council's Ulster Scots policy is under development which will bring progress in respect of Councillor Cuddy's comments.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the Regional and Minority Language Bursaries be approved for the 231 successful applicants identified with a total amount allocated of £29,895.65.

Matters for Information

D159/16 Leisure Services Progress Report

Members considered previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and highlighted events that will be occurring in the future.

Councillor McNamee asked if there was any update in relation to broken glass incident at Greenvale Leisure Centre.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that investigations were still ongoing as to the reason for the glass breaking but that the viewing gallery had been reopened for persons waiting on those taking swimming lessons with wooden panels now in place on the balcony.

In response to Councillor McNamee's question the Director of Culture and Leisure advised that the Pulse sub-committee is scheduled to meet twice a year and that the last meeting had taken place in February, a further meeting is due to be organised in the near future.

Councillor Cuddy suggested that Pulse be invited to attend a future Development committee meeting.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that the five year break point in the Pulse contract would be in September and that a paper will come before Members which will set out future management options of the Greenvale Leisure Centre.

Councillor Cuddy still felt it would be useful for Members to meet with Pulse.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that the paper to come before Members will provide a background to the management of Greenvale Leisure Centre and that at this stage timescales may not allow for Pulse to come to committee before this paper is considered.

Councillors McNamee and J Shiels both felt that there was a sub-committee in place in which discussions should be directed through.

Councillor Burton referred to reference within report to Fairhill Bowling/Tennis Pavilion and asked if Council work with King George V Pavilion in Fivemiletown.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised she would check this for the Councillor.

D160/16 Small Grants for Greenways

Members considered previously circulated report which advised of an opportunity for Councils and other bodies to avail of funding to develop their own schemes as part of a greenway network for the entire region.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to submit initial expressions of Interest for two proposed greenway routes to include – Ulster Canal route from Moy to Caledon and Caledon via Clogher Valley to Lisnaskea.

D161/16 Mid Ulster District Angling Summer Schools

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the scheduled launch date and promotional event for the Mid Ulster District Council Summer Angling Schools.

In response to Councillor J Shiels question the Head of Parks advised that officers were currently looking at the condition of facilities at Glenone and considering how to develop the site and its activities.

D162/16 Parks Service Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made regarding activities associated to Parks Services and highlight events or consultations occurring in the future.

Councillor Burton asked when Caledon play park would re-open.

The Head of Parks advised that the play park should be open by end of June.

Councillor Molloy asked if wardens for Railway Park were in place yet.

The Head of Parks advised that shortlisting is due to take place within the next week and would hope that Railway Park Wardens would be in place in the near future.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Head of Parks advised that there was still a view to progress proposals for Railway Park within resources.

D163/16 Culture and Arts Update Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the progress being made in Culture and Arts, the report detailed events that occurred during April and May and highlighted events and activities that will be occurring in the future.

D164/16 Supplementary Guidance on Regional and Minority Languages

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the supplementary guidance issued by DCAL for Regional and Minority Languages.

D165/16 Tourism Department Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on recent activities undertaken and upcoming events within the Tourism Department.

Councillor J Shiels stated that it was good to see the continued success of Maghera Walled Garden and congratulated officers working at the site.

Councillor Forde stated that the grass at Maghera Walled Garden needed to be cut.

D166/16 Halloween Activities in Mid Ulster

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of Council activities which are being planned to celebrate Halloween in Mid Ulster.

D167/16 Economic Development Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Regional Start Initiative and Maghera Development Framework.

Councillor Burton referred to the Rural Development Programme which is currently open to applications and advised she was aware of applicants who were experiencing difficulty in progressing their business plans with the delivery organisation. The Councillor stated the closing date for applications to this programme was fast approaching.

The Director of Culture and Leisure stated that officers would follow up on the issue raised by the Councillor and that if there were matters of concern it was important that officers are made aware of them.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That items (D168/16 to D172/16) be taken as confidential business.

D173/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.25 pm

CHAIR _____

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Subject	Conferences & Seminars – June 2016
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

1	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	Background
2.1	The following seminar/ conference sessions are presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster Council.
2.1	Approval for Consideration of Attendance
2.1.1	William Carleton International Summer School 25 th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sunday 31 July –Thursday 4th August 2016, Corick House Clogher
2.1.2	Energy in NI – the energy market, renewables and security of supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tuesday 6 December 2016, Belfast 8.30am – 1pm
2.2	Retrospective Approval
2.2.1	There are occasions when meeting timetabling and short notification for registration does not permit council approval being secured before attendance at seminar and conference by members and/ or staff. Retrospective approval is sought for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report.

3	Key Issues
3.1	N/A

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u>
4.1.1	William Carleton International Summer School 25 th Anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Entire Summer School £125 (concession rate £115) Cultural events £5 per event, Lunches £14 daily, evening meals additional, travel and subsistence.

4.1.2	Energy in NI – the energy market, renewables and security of supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conference Fee £210 plus vat inclusive of pdf copy of transcripts) (Briefing document £95 plus vat) travel and subsistence.
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5	Other Considerations
5.1	Costs associated will be set against 2016-17 member Conference and Seminar allocations.

6	Recommendations
6.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences/ seminars by members and council officers as required.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Appendix A Conferences & Seminar Details Appendix B Retrospective Approvals

25th WILLIAM CARLETON SUMMER SCHOOL

SUNDAY 31 July

7:30 pm – CONCERT –St McCartan’s Cathedral, Clogher, Co Tyrone –
“Sing, Sweet Harp”

Recital by Gemma Prince (Soprano and Harpist) featuring the Melodies of Thomas Moore, contemporary of William Carleton.
Admission £5.

MONDAY 1st AUGUST

11:00 am – at [Corick House Hotel](#), Clogher. Official opening of the 25th William Carleton Society International Summer School.

11:30 am – Keynote Address by historian, novelist and Carleton Scholar Owen Dudley Edwards – ‘Carleton & the Easter Rising’

2:15 pm – ‘Commemoration’ – an address by Archbishop Michael Jackson

3:45 pm – ‘Seamus Heaney’s Debt to Carleton’ Dr Tess Maginnis QUB

4:45 pm – ‘Carleton’s Weird Wedding’ – Frank McHugh

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

8:00 pm – The Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown. The Murley Brass Ensemble plus The Swing Gals.
Admission £5.

TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST

10:30 am – ‘Carleton’s Dialect’ – Seamas Mac Annaidh

11:30 am – ‘The Fight for Carleton’s Pension’ – Michael Fisher

2:00 pm – ‘The Battle of The Somme’ – Kevin Myers

4:00 pm – ‘Larry McFarland’s Wake’ – a dramatised reading of Carleton’s short story, devised by Liam Foley and presented by the Carleton Players.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Corick House

7:00 pm – The Bloomfield String Quartet

7:30 pm – ‘Home Made Food with Traditional Produce’ – a Cook with Norah demonstration by Norah Brown of Grange Lodge.

WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST

11:00 am – Panel discussion on ‘Commemoration – Time to Forget?’ Panel members with interesting points of view. Participants invited include: Kevin Myers, Joan Carson, Denis Bradley and Bernadette McAliskey: Brian Walker QUB (Chair). Audience involvement welcome!

2:00 pm – 2:40 pm – Poet Noel Monahan (Patron of the Summer School) – ‘Poetry in the Shadowlands of Fields’ – a look at the work of Colum, Kavanagh and Montague’.

3:00 pm – 3:40 pm – Moya Cannon the acclaimed poet and member of Aosdána reads from her work.

4:00 pm – ‘A look back at 25 years of the Summer School’ with Jack Johnston

EVENING EVENT

Exhibition, music, wine and cheese – and a scavenger hunt. At Clogher (Old) Primary School, newly refurbished as a community facility. More details to follow ...

THURSDAY 4th AUGUST

Starting from Corick House Hotel – timetable details to follow.

A coach tour led by Michael Fisher: ‘A Tour of Heaney Country’. Including a visit to the recently-opened Seamus Heaney Centre at Bellaghy.

Fees

The adult fee for the entire summer school (except the Thursday trip) is **£125**, concession rate **£115**, excluding meals and evening cultural events (**£5**).

Daily Rate (concession) –Monday **£35** , Tue & Wed **£42**

Lunch **£14** daily

Evening Meal: delegate’s choice and responsibility to be ordered in the host hotel.

Reservations are the responsibility of the delegate.

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar

Energy in Northern Ireland - the energy market, renewables and security of supply

with

Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator

and

John French, *Consumer Council Northern Ireland*; Iain Hoy, *CBI NI*; Robin McCormick, *System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI)*; Richard Murphy, *Pinsent Masons* and Maf Smith, *Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG)*

*Morning, Tuesday, 6th December 2016
Belfast*

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Energy in Northern Ireland - priorities for policy**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **The Electricity sector in Northern Ireland - The Northern Ireland Affairs Committee's inquiry so far**
Senior speaker to be announced
- 9.45 - 10.20 **Next steps for the energy market - competition, costs and improving consumer confidence**
John French, Chief Executive, Consumer Council Northern Ireland
Iain Hoy, Senior Policy Advisor, CBI NI
Senior representative, energy supplier
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be announced
- 10.20 - 11.10 **The future for renewable energy in Northern Ireland - meeting the 2020 target**
Maf Smith, Deputy Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group (NIRIG)

Senior representative, renewable developer
Senior representative, renewables campaign group
Senior representative, alternative renewables
Academic
Questions and comments from the floor

11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**

Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly

11.15 - 11.40 Coffee

11.40 - 11.45 **Chair's opening remarks**

Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly

11.45 - 12.10 **Evolving energy markets**

Jenny Pyper, Chief Executive, Utility Regulator

Questions and comments from the floor

12.10 - 12.55 **Security of supply and infrastructure - planning, costs and future opportunities**

Richard Murphy, Partner, Pinsent Masons

Robin McCormick, General Manager, System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI)

Senior representative, utility company

Senior representative, planning organisation

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**

Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly

Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland

RETROSPECTIVE APPROVALS

Conference & Seminar	Date	No of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/No)
Infrastructure Investment Conference	22 June	1	Belfast	Yes
Better, Cleaner, Safer: Reducing uncollected dog waste through dog DNA registration	30 June	1	London	Yes

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Subject	Response to Draft Programme for Government
Reporting Officer	Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	Mid Ulster Council has taken this opportunity to respond to the Programme for Government as the Council would like to see the hopes and aspirations of this area fulfilled both economically and socially. This is an important vehicle for Mid Ulster Council to express to the NI Executive that regional balance needs to be a priority on their agenda for the development of the area.

2	Background
2.1	The Council has prepared a detailed response to the draft Programme for Government setting out the challenges and ambitions in our area. Mid Ulster is determined to become a more competitive and resilient area, that can have a significant role to play at the heart of Northern Ireland.

3	Key Issues
3.1	<p>The Council wishes to emphasise a number of strategic issues which impacts on the quality of life, and creates balanced and effective regional development. Examples of key strategic areas include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infrastructure (Roads, Rail & Telecommunications) – Significant Improvements 2. Planning and Resourcing of Health and Social Care Services and Facilities in Mid Ulster – Safeguarding Services 3. New Corporation Tax Powers – Ensuring balanced regional economic growth 4. Education – Prioritising New builds 5. Department for Social Development Funding / Public Realm Schemes- Continue to provide the financial resources to Public Realm Schemes 6. The Northern Ireland Community Safety College, Desertcreat – Priority given to this project. 7. Business Rates / Operating Costs/ Support to Indigenous Retail Sector/Development & Industrial Land - Support to reduce operating costs/ Facilitate growth amongst indigenous companies and potentially attract foreign direct investment. 8. Utilities – Such as provision of a reliable and secure energy supply, sewage, water.

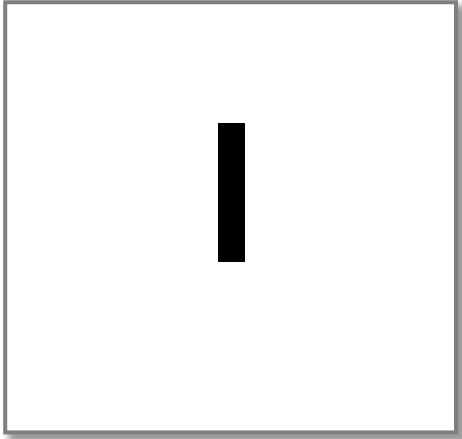
4.1	Resource Implications <u>Financial - Nil</u>
4.2	<u>Human - Nil</u>
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support - Nil</u>

4.4	<u>Other</u>
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5	Other Considerations
5.1	None

6	Recommendations
6.1	Seeking 'delegated authority' from Council to allow Policy and Resources Committee Members to approve the Programme for Government Response and enable it to be submitted by the deadline 22 July 2016.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	None



Subject Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Reporting Officer Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

1	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	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	Key Issues												
3.1	<p>The following outlines the consultations of which Council has been notified:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Organisation</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Closing Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Libraries NI</td> <td>Consultation on the reduction in opening hours of Dungannon Library from 50 hours to 45 hours per week.</td> <td>17 July 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Post Office</td> <td>Consultation on proposed move of Harvey Hill Post Office to new premises at McCotter's Today Store, 119-121 Drumagarner Road, Kilrea.</td> <td>19 July 2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Department for Communities</td> <td>Consultation on the Inner Walled City Public Realm, Londonderry.</td> <td>28 Aug 2016</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Documentation on the aforementioned consultations may be provided on request.</p>	Organisation	Issue	Closing Date	Libraries NI	Consultation on the reduction in opening hours of Dungannon Library from 50 hours to 45 hours per week.	17 July 2016	Post Office	Consultation on proposed move of Harvey Hill Post Office to new premises at McCotter's Today Store, 119-121 Drumagarner Road, Kilrea.	19 July 2016	Department for Communities	Consultation on the Inner Walled City Public Realm, Londonderry.	28 Aug 2016
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4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u> - N/A
4.2	<u>Human</u> - N/A
4.3	<u>Basis for Professional/ Consultancy Support</u> - N/A
4.4	<u>Other</u> - N/A

5	Other Considerations
5.1	Not applicable

6	Recommendations
6.1	Members review and note the consultations as listed.

7	List of documents attached
7.1	Not applicable.