

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF DUNGANNON AND SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2006 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES,  
CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Hamilton, Mayor
- Councillors Badger, Brush, F Burton, R Burton, Cavanagh, Cuddy, Currie, Daly, Donnelly, Gildernew, Greenaway, McGuigan, McLarnon, McMahon, Molloy, Monteith, Morrow, Mulligan and O'Neill
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Gillespie and McGonnell
- OFFICERS PRESENT:** Messrs Burke, Campbell, Currie, Mrs Kerr, Ms Linney, Messrs McClelland, McMinn, Murphy and Mrs Smith
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Darren Lawther, Senior Development Control Officer

The meeting started at 7.30 pm

**1 MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**1.1 Layout – Chamber**

Members discussed the new layout in the chamber and it was agreed that the Director of Technical Services give consideration to moving the tables closer together.

**1.2 Condolences**

The Mayor on behalf of the Council expressed sympathy with Mrs Rosemary O'Hanlon, Assistant Accountant on the death of her father and with Mrs Kathleen McKeever, Housekeeper on the death of her sister.

All present stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

### **1.3 Britain in Bloom**

The Mayor stated that Dungannon Town secured a silver gilt award in the above competition and congratulated the Director of Technical Services and his staff on this further success but expressed concern at the media not giving these successes the emphasis they deserve.

Councillor McMahon arrived at 7.36 pm.

## **2 MINUTES – COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan

Seconded by Councillor Daly and

**Resolved** That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 11 September 2006, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and signed as correct.

Councillor Badger arrived at 7.37 pm.

## **3 PLANNING**

Letter dated 2 October 2006 from Divisional Planning Manager regarding consultation arrangements with Council – Requests for deferrals, which had been circulated to members, was tabled.

The Chief Executive stated that he had spoken with Mr Hogg who had advised that was implementing in this division what had already been enforced in other divisions and was happy to attend the next meeting to explain.

**Resolved** That Mr Hogg, Divisional Planning Manager, be invited to the next meeting of the Council to explain the arrangements.

Councillors F Burton, R Burton, Cavanagh and Morrow arrived at 7.47 pm.

Mr Lawther was admitted to the meeting at 7.47 pm and submitted planning schedule dated 9 October 2006.

In relation to time set aside for the pre consultation meeting Planning Officer agreed to monitor the schedule and set aside appropriate

time. For the November meeting agreed to be in attendance at 6.30 pm.

In response to query the Planning Officer stated that he was advised that the rules have to be implemented from tonight.

### **3.1 Applications**

<b>Application No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Reason for Deferral</b>
M/2003/0622/F	Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council	Defer for one month. Councillors expressed concern at the length of time taken by officers of the Council to deal with this matter.
M/05/1800/F	Clarke	Deferral under Cat 5
M/05/2257/F	Raflewski	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0349/0	McMahon	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0495/0	Kyle	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0497/F	Hamill	Defer 1 month for submission of amended proposal
M/06/0524/0	McNeill	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0545/0	McNeill	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0554/0	Frew	Defer 1 month for Planning Officers attention
M/06/0596/F	Gildernew	Clr. Gildernew declared an interest
M/06/0638/0	McMahon	Defer 1 month for submission of amended proposal
M/06/0648/0	Robinson	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0666/0	Wylie	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0667/0	Conroy	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0668/0	Clarke	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0679/0	McCaughey	Defer 1 month for Planning Officers attention
M/06/0686/0	Burns	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0689/0	Marshall	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0692/0	Marshall	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0700/0	Hetherington	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0704/0	Kelly	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0705/F	Irvine	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Hold for one week for submission of amended plans.
M/06/0713/F	Turkington	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0715/0	Trimble	Defer 1 month for submission of amended proposal

M/06/0717/0	Gordon	Deferral under Cat 5 not agreed. Previously refused in 2005 fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0720/0	McDonnell	No deferral requested. Decision to issue.
M/06/0724/0	Kelly	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0726/0	Quinn	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0729/0	Coote	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0730/0	Donnelly	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0731/0	Kilpatrick	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0732/0	Kerr	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Previously considered in 2004 and alternative site was agreed. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0734/0	Scott	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0736/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5 refused.
M/06/0737/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0740/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0741/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Previously refused. Decision to issue.
M/06/0743/0	Small	Defer for attention of Planning Officer.
M/06/0744/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0746/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0747/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0748/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0749/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0750/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Previously refused in 2001. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0752/0	Small	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Previously considered in 2001 and 2003. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0753/0	McAtavney	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0754/0	Donnelly	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0756/0	Donnelly	Deferral under Cat 5

M/06/0757/0	McCaughey	Site does not meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0760/0	Rafferty	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0761/F	Quinn	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0764/0	O'Neill	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0765/0	McGeough	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0766/0	McCluskey	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0767/0	Nugent	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Previously considered in 2004. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/769/0	Livingstone	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0775/0	Steen	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0777/0	Goodfellow	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0785/0	Cotter	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0786/0	Muldoon	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0790/0	Jordan	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Previously considered in 2003 and 2004. Failure to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0792/0	Kelly	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0793/F	Donnelly	Defer 1 month for submission of amended proposal
M/06/0796/0	Freeburn	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0797/0	Hamill	No deferral requested. Decision to issue.
M/06/0800/0	Loughran	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0802/0	Loane	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0806/0	Cahoon	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Decision to issue.
M/06/0808/0	Stinson	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0811/0	Morrison	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0812/0	Woods	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0816/0	Kirk	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0818/0	Hunter	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Previously considered in 2002. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0821/0	Hamill	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0827/0	McStravog	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0828/0	Dickie	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0831/0	Dorman	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Roads issues cannot be resolved. Decision to issue.
M/06/0834/0	Ryan	Deferral under Cat 5

M/06/0836/0	Ryan	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0837/0	Mulrine	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0838/0	Hughes	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0842/0	McCabe	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0844/0	Jordan	Deferral under Cat 5. Does not meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0845/0	McCormack	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0849/0	Boyd	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0854/0	Reid	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0855/0	Wilson	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0856/0	Livingstone	No deferral requested. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue
M/06/0858/0	Livingstone	No deferral requested. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue
M/06/0859/0	Buchanan	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0863/0	Kilpatrick	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0868/0	Nugent	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0869/0	Grimes	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0873/0	Burton	Clr. R Burton declared an interest
M/06/0876/F	McNally	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0880/0	Murray	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0883/0	P & D dev	No deferral requested. Issue
M/06/0888/0	Beattie	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0890/0	Robinson	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0891/F	Lavery	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Decision to issue.
M/06/0896/0	Galloway	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Hold for 5 days for submission of case of need.
M/06/0901/0	Galloway	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Hold for 5 days for submission of case of need.
M/06/0905/0	Boyd	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Hold to Friday for submission of case of need.
M/06/0909/0	Brown	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0911/0	Nicholson	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0912/0	Nicholson	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0913/F	Mullan	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0915/0	Nugent	Deferral under Cat 5

M/06/0923/0	Todd	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0924/0	Irwin	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0928/F	Irwin	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0929/0	Quinn	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0930/F	Parr	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0932/0	Holland	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0933/0	Reid	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0935/0	Cashel	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0939/0	McMenemy	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0941/0	Walsh	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0942/0	Fleming	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0943/0	Fleming	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0945/F	Kelly	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0948/F	Kelly	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/0979/0	Dobbs	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy tests. Hold to Friday for submission of case of need.
M/06/1099/0	Conroy	Defer for one week for submission of amended proposal
M/06/1175/0	Barnett	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/1302/F	McCann	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Hold to Friday for submission of case of need.
M/06/1349/F	Brannigan	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Failure to meet policy tests.
M/06/1399/F	McQuaid	Defer 14 days for submission of revised plans
M/06/1400/F	APL Dev	Deferral under Cat 5
M/06/1505/F	Fox	Defer 1 month for Planning Officers attention to consider further info received
M/06/1507/F	Carson	Defer for Planning Officers attention.
M/06/1538/0	Brodison	Hold for ten days for submission of amended proposal.
M/06/1609/F	McGlone	Defer 1 month for attention of Planning Officer.
M/06/1624/0	Teale	Deferral under Cat 5 refused. Fails to meet policy test.
Deferred List		
M/04/0224/F	Henderson	Defer decision to Friday for submission of additional info
M/05/1245/0	McCartan	Refusal notice amended to flooding only
M/05/1669/F	Daly	Defer decision to Friday for

		submission of additional info
M/05/2153/O	Robinson	Defer one month for consideration of amended plan received.
M/05/2175/0	Burton	Deferral refused.

### **3.2 Statistics**

Concern was expressed at the number of refusals and the monies taken by Planning Service. It was pointed out that out of 239 applications on the list there was 132 refusals, 55.2 per cent.

The Planning Officer stated that 100 applications deferred for office meetings and 95 applications for single houses in the countryside approved.

Planning Officer agreed to provide to the Chief Executive's office details of how many applications in backlog, which had been submitted prior to 16 March 2006

Mr Lawther left the meeting at 8.40 pm.

## **4 MATTERS ARISING – COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2006**

### **4.1 CCTV (item 7.1)**

Concern expressed that minute did not reflect discussion and the up to date position was requested.

The Chief Executive stated that the Council's solicitor has been instructed as agreed and it was hoped to have a full report for the next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee.

It was suggested and agreed to check out what involvement other Councils have in the provision of CCTV in the various areas.

Reference was made to funding announcement and the fact that Dungannon was one of the areas that had not been successful with its application for funding for capital cost for installation of CCTV cameras in Dungannon town.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanagh

That a meeting be held with CSU, DPP, CSP, PSNI etc to discuss what went wrong with the Council's application.

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The Chief Executive advised that he had spoken with the Head of the CSU and from what told the funding was based on both crime and the number of cameras required to control that crime within a town centre and therefore based on number of cameras and crime figures in Dungannon the application was not successful.

Reference was made to comment in announcement in relation to possible funding for mobile unit and that that possibility should be looked at.

Concern expressed that in danger of getting into a similar situation to that currently unresolved. The Chief Executive stated that the application was for capital funding with the maintenance and running costs covered by the PSNI.

The proposal was put to the meeting 12 (twelve) members voting in favour and 8 (eight) against.

The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

#### **4.2 Social Housing (item 4.1)**

Reference was made to consultation event with Sir John Semple on affordable housing review which it was felt will not adequately tackle the problem. Considering there are no plans to provide social housing in the form of new built or through purchase from developer over the next twelve months important that the Council act as catalyst to maintain the momentum and to create a strategy whereby we identify amount of social housing needed in towns, villages and hamlets in the borough.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That a meeting of the housing sub committee be held as soon as possible with all agencies involved.

It was suggested that Council should look at taking over the Killymeal Road site and co-ordinating its use for neighbouring school, social housing, road improvements in the area etc.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Donnelly and

**Resolved** That it be investigated if Council can still declare an interest in sites such as Killymeal Road, Coalisland Police Station, Ballygawley Police Station and Caledon Police Station.

#### **4.3 Pay and Grading Review (item 7.2)**

Councillor Cavanagh asked it to be recorded that minutes be amended to show that his proposal had included that if legally possible that any monies that would accrue as a result of the delay should be added to the monies due to workers but that was withdrawn when the Head of Human Resources had advised that that would not meet the approval of the auditor.

#### **4.4 Aughnacloy Royal Black Chapter No 3 (item 5.3)**

Concern expressed at article in the press prior to committee minutes being adopted by the Council and the comment associated with a Council spokesperson 'very lucky to get anything at all'.

**Resolved** That the Chief Executive investigate this matter.

### **5 MINUTES – SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 5 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor McMahon and

**Resolved** That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Development Committee held on Tuesday 5 September 2006, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and adopted.

### **6 MINUTES – DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 18 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Proposed by Councillor Montieth  
Seconded by Councillor McMahon and

**Resolved** That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Monday 18 September 2006, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and adopted.

### **6.1 Clogher Playing Fields (item 4.3.2)**

Concern expressed that given that planning permission had been obtained a few months ago that this scheme was not to proceed. Concern also expressed at time lapse in dealing with this matter that may have caused missed opportunity.

The Chief Executive advised that the additional land required for traffic control as part of planning permission had escalated the cost of the project making it not a viable option.

### **6.2 China Links Initiative**

The Chief Executive advised that matter considered by Members Business Group and recommendation was that China Links initiative would tie in with Livcom Awards visit and that Chairman of International Business Sub Committee and Enterprise Investment and Grants Officer would travel along with the four representatives making the Livcom presentation.

**Resolved** That recommendation be agreed.

### **6.3 Western Economic Strategy Team**

The Mayor invited nomination of one representative from each grouping on the Council to attend launch of WEST strategy and action plan for the region to be held on Wednesday 17 November 2006 at 11.15 am in Strabane library.

**Resolved** That Councillors R Burton, Cuddy, Daly and Gildernew attend.

### **6.4 Minutes - Festive Lighting Sub Committee – 25 September 2006**

The recommendation in the minutes was as undernoted:

- 'a) Discontinue the provision of natural spruce trees on the grounds of environmental sustainability and the level of vandalism experience in previous years.
- b) Provide fabricated structures for Dungannon and Coalisland to be funded from Technical Services minor works budget.
- c) Re-allocate costs (for purchase and erection of natural trees) to community grant fund for festive lighting.

- d) Increase allowance in existing scheme for all smaller settlements from £500 to £1,000.
- e) Upon approval by Council inform all previous recipients of funding of reasons for changes to existing scheme.

It is intended to publicly advertise the new scheme and seek expressions of interest from Community organisations who wish to benefit from the new scheme.

Financial assistance to be provided only on receipt of evidence of bona fide spend.

Single grant to cover all associated costs of community festive lighting eg insurance, energy, capital purchase and labour.'

I was noted that under (d) the details are:

Largest settlement in electoral ward £2,200

Second largest settlement in electoral ward £1,500

All other settlements £1,000.

Settlements based on Dungannon Area Plan and 1991 Census.

It was stated that fabricated sustainable structures will be erected in Dungannon and Coalisland as a pilot project this year with additional funds being provided to community groups for festive lighting.

During discussion it was stated that difficult subject to get fair deal on but concern expressed that once again Clogher Valley area not catered for by the Council, it being left to community groups to provide and install their own festive lighting.

Proposed by Councillor Currie

Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved** That the recommendation in the minutes of the meeting of the Festive Lighting Sub Committee held on 25 September 2006, having been printed and circulated, be adopted.

## **6.5 Castlehill and Office Refurbishment Sub Committee**

Permission was requested to give delegated powers to above sub committee to deal with tender for 'Exhibition Space in Ranfurly House'.

Proposed by Councillor Currie

Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved** That permission as requested be granted.

#### **6.6 Exhibition Ranfurly House**

Mr Murphy requested permission to seek tenders for the supply and design of period tableaux for use in exhibition at Ranfurly House.

**Resolved** That permission as requested be granted.

### **7 MINUTES – PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE** **19 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Badger and

**Resolved** That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Tuesday 19 September 2006, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and adopted.

#### **7.1 Toilet Block in Coalisland (item 3.4)**

Director of Technical Services to discuss with consultants how best to incorporate into regeneration scheme.

It was stated that at the last meeting of Coalisland Regeneration Partnership it had been agreed that there would be a public exhibition followed by a public meeting. It was also suggested and agreed that the partnership should have a walkabout to see the proposals on the ground.

#### **7.2 Ulster in Bloom Awards (item 3.1)**

In response to suggestion the Mayor agreed to host reception for Technical Services Section for success in a number of competitions.

#### **7.3 Dangerous Dogs**

Reference was made to recent high profile case and the outcome of investigation.

The Director of Environmental Health advised that going through legal process at the moment.

#### **7.4 EAGA Partnership – Warmer Homes Scheme (item 1)**

**Resolved** That the Director of Building Control write to the EAGA Partnership asking that dual system with back boiler be included as part of overall scheme.

### **8 MINUTES – CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE** **20 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Proposed by Councillor Currie  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved** That the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on Wednesday 20 September 2006, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and adopted.

#### **8.1 Retail Programme – Dungannon & South Tyrone/Monaghan (item2.2)**

The Head of Human Resources stated that Phase 3 of the retail programme has commenced with 25 people on the programme plus 5 reserves in place, 13 participants from Monaghan and 12 from Dungannon. The Programme will be formally launched on 25 October in Coalisland Training Services and to coincide with the 'Year of the Women in Local Government' the Deputy Mayor has been invite to promote the launch.

#### **8.2 Training and Development Officer (item 2.4)**

The Head of Human Resources asked that the minute be amended to '.... to carryout IIP related duties... '.

#### **8.3 Leonardo Da Vinci Programme**

Head of Human Resources stated that as previously advised the return visit to Poland/Germany will take place between 16 to 21 October 2006. Two delegates from outside the Council unable to attend and permission requested for Programme Manager, Christine Magowan, and one Councillor to attend.

Proposed by Councillor Cavanagh  
Seconded by Councillor Currie and

**Resolved** That Councillor Daly attend.

#### **8.4 Information Relating to Sickness Absence (item 2.3)**

Head of Human Resources stated that supervisors not now required to carry out bonus calculations and that that time would be focused on controlling sickness absence. Members expressed concern that overall trend not good and this area of work needs to be one of the top priorities for the Council.

### **9 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Councillor Currie  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanagh and

**Resolved** That the accounts as presented, list dated 9 October 2006 and euro listing dated 9 October 2006 be approved.

### **10 NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS DONNELLY, GILDERNEW, GILLESPIE, McGUIGAN, McLARNON, McMAHON, MOLLOY, MONTIETH AND O'NEILL**

In proposing the undernoted notice of motion Councillor Molloy spoke of the consequences of direct rule and sighted water charges, rates and planning issues as reasons why there was a need for the institutions to be up and running. He spoke of the impending talks and asked for the support of the Council to the motion so that the Council could send a strong message of support to the party leaders.

"That this Council, taking account of the consequences of continuing Direct Rule, calls for all parties to support the immediate restoration of the Assembly and the Executive and resolves to write to all party leaders urging their support for restoration of the institutions."

Councillor Monteith seconded the motion and considering the very different perspectives of parties spoke of the attempt to create a form of words in the motion that all parties could lend support to. He also spoke of the need for an all-inclusive assembly.

A number of members spoke in support of the motion, the need for trust, the end to criminology and the need to move forward. Others stated that they could not support the motion, that it was an attempt to shift blame and there was a need to outline why devolved government does not exist following which amendment was proposed.

## **Amendment**

Proposed by Councillor Morrow

Seconded by Councillor Brush

That this Council convinced that Direct Rule is doing untold damage to Northern Ireland, not least because of the attitude and approach adopted by the Secretary of State here now resolves to write to the Secretary of State urging the early restoration of the Assembly and the Executive to include all those parties who are committed to supporting the police, the rule of law and are not connected to paramilitary or criminal organisations.

The amendment was put to the meeting 9 (nine) members voting in favour and 10 (ten) against.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

The proposal was put to the meeting 10 (ten) members voting in favour and 9 (nine) against.

The Mayor declared the proposal carried.

## **11 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

### **11.1 The Future of Local Government, City Hall, Belfast, 18 October 2006, fee £49, mileage; total approximately £80**

Details of above conference circulated, no nominations being made.

### **11.2 Roscommon County Council, Douglas Hyde Conference 2006, St Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, 20 to 22 October 2006, fee 190 euro, 2 nights subsistence, mileage; total approximately £400**

Details of above conference circulated, no nominations being made.

### **11.3 Seminar, Re-configuring Northern Ireland's Public Sector, Stormont Hotel, Belfast, 24 October 2006, fee £255, mileage; total approximately £300**



Details of above conference circulated, no nominations being made.

**11.4 All Ireland Conference 'Building an Integrated future for the Border Region', Tuesday 24 October 2006, Canal Court Hotel, Newry**

Details of above conference circulated, no nominations being made.

**11.5 NILGA, Local Government Energy Savings Day, ECOS Centre, Ballymena, 25 October 2006**

Details of above conference circulated.

**Resolved** That Councillors Badger, Brush, F Burton and R Burton nominated to attend.

**11.6 Noble Report – 2006 Update**

Members expressed concern that from this update it is shown that Dungannon is the 6<sup>th</sup> most deprived area outside of Belfast City. It is important therefore that a full investigation on what has happened and how to improve the situation be carried out and that for a future meeting of the Development Committee the Enterprise Investment and Grants Officer provide a report on available funding opportunities.

Agreed.

**11.7 Decentralisation of Public Administration Plan for Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough**

Presented letter dated 30 September 2006 from David Hanson, Minister of State for Northern Ireland declining invitation to meet with councillors as review currently being undertaken and in light of this it would be inappropriate to discuss individual Council issues at this time.

Members expressed concern and felt that it was important for the Council to highlight the fact that consistently over the last 20 years Dungannon has been stripped of government service offices and it was important that what currently have is maintained and built upon.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor McGuigan and

**Resolved** That a further letter be sent expressing the need for a meeting.

### **11.8 Northern Ireland Electoral Register**

Letter dated 21 September 2006 from NIO Elections Unit and draft response had been circulated to members. Draft response dealt with question of identity documentation, disability issues and sharing of information.

**Resolved** That draft response be agreed.

### **11.9 Review of Public Administration**

The Chief Executive advised that he had circulated recent report from the IdeA 'Local Government Modernisation Programme in Northern Ireland – A Review of the Local Government Taskforce' and would be happy to discuss with any Councillors any issues on that.

### **11.10 Eco Park**

The Chief Executive advised of announcement in relation to funding for energy issues and currently looking at application in relation to eco park in conjunction with a number of commercial organisations. Mr Burke would involve a number of organisations and make an application.

Members stated that important that the Council does not align itself with one or two commercial businesses but encompass as many as possible.

**Resolved** That proceed as suggested.

## **12 OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

The undernoted correspondence having previously been circulated was noted by the Council:

### **12.1 Department of the Environment**

Letter dated 22 September 2006 from Local Government Division re Birthday Honours 2007.

### **12.2 Department of Regional Development**

Letter dated 18 September 2006 from Roads Service re points put forward at Council Meeting on 26 June 2006.

Letter dated 18 September 2006 from Roads Service re adoption of streets in development at Tamnamore Roundabout, Dungannon under the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980.

Letter dated 20 September 2006 from Roads Service re adoption of streets at Grange Park, Ballygawley under the Private Streets (NI) Order 1980.

Letter dated 22 September 2006 from Roads Service re proposed disabled bay review - Aughnacloy

Letter dated 4 October 2006 re Northern Ireland Concessionary Fares Scheme.

### **12.3 NILGA**

Letter dated 2 October 2006 congratulating the Council on its success in the Britain in Bloom 2006 competition.

### **12.4 Post Office**

Letter dated 4 October 2006 re temporary closure of Post Office Newmills Branch and review to establish whether there has been any material change since original attempts to maintain the service.

### **12.5 Reports from Other Bodies**

Triangle Housing Association Annual Report	2005-2006
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Councillors' Remuneration Working Group Review of Councillors' Remuneration in NI	
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The Royal Hospitals Annual Report	2005-2006
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## **13 DURATION OF MEETING**

The meeting was called for 7.30 pm and ended at 10.30 pm.