

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 in Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon and by virtual means**

Members Present

Councillor Cuthbertson, Chair

Councillors J Burton*, J Buchanan, Cahoon, Kelly,
Groogan, Mallaghan, McAleer, McElvogue, McGuigan,
McNamee, Quinn*, Robinson, Varsani

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment (SD:
Env)
Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services
(AD: ES)**
Mr McNeill, Capital Development Manager (CDM)**
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD:
PS)
Miss Thompson, Committee and Member Services
Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Councillor Monteith

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

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

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

E025/24 Notice of Recording

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

E026/24 Apologies

None.

E027/24 Declarations of Interest

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

E028/24 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Councillors in the Dungannon area had recently received calls in relation to incident on Dungannon-Cookstown Road in which a horse was killed. The Councillor stated that leading up to this incident concerns had been raised by the public to PSNI, Council and other departments and asked officers to bring back a report in relation to Council responsibilities on collecting dead animals. Councillor Cuthbertson stated he realised there is some overlap with the Development Committee on this issue and asked that officers reporting to that Committee also bring forward report in relation to Council's role regarding animal welfare. The Councillor stated he was still receiving calls in relation to further horses on the lands on the Cookstown Road and that there is very little fencing keeping these horses in. Councillor Cuthbertson stated there is a road safety issue and that an accident could happen again and that there are also concerns regarding the welfare of the horses and asked that the reports be brought forward to the relevant Committees.

Councillor Robinson referred to calls he had received from Aughnacloy Playgroup who have had a number of issues with sewerage at their facility. The Councillor stated that this issue has been ongoing for some months with staff having to use toilets in the town rather than the playgroup and that the playgroup has also had to close early on a couple of occasions. Councillor Robinson stated it was his understanding that the playgroup is located within Council property and that responsibility lies with Council on this issue and asked for confirmation on this.

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) stated he would come back to Councillor Robinson to confirm the situation.

Matters for Decision

E029/24 Consultation on Reforming the Producer Responsibility System for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) presented previously circulated report which sought approval for a consultation response on reforming the Producer Responsibility System for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

Proposed by Councillor McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the proposed consultation response as outlined at appendix to report.

E030/24 Bus Shelters Update

The Capital Development Manager (CDM) presented previously circulated report which provided update on current bus shelter status.

Councillor McAleer proposed the report and asked for an update in relation to bus shelter for St Colmans Park, Moortown as this matter has been ongoing for a long time.

The CDM agreed with the Councillors comments that the request for this bus shelter has been in process for a long time and agreed to follow up on the matter.

The Assistant Director of Property Services stated that officers are as frustrated as the Councillor in relation to the back and forward with NIHE and Council's legal team and agreed to follow up on the matter.

Councillor Robinson seconded Councillor McAleer's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that –

- Bus shelter applications listed under 3.7 in report are recommended for approval to installation this month.
- Bus shelter applications listed under 3.8 in report are recommended for rejection this month.

E031/24 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) presented previously circulated report which considered the naming of new streets within residential Housing Developments within Mid Ulster District Council.

Site off Roughan Road, Newmills, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Roughan Road, Newmills, Dungannon as The Rowan.

E032/24 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – No waiting at any time restriction at Jockey Lane, Moy

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce no waiting at any time, loading and unloading at Jockey Lane, Moy.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce no waiting at any time, loading and unloading at Jockey Lane, Moy.

Matters for Information

E033/24 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 8 January 2024

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 January 2024.

E034/24 Bin Ovation Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on usage and functionality of the Bin-Ovation App.

Councillor Cahoon referred to the different aspects of the Bin-Ovation App such as checking a bin collection day and reporting flytipping, litter and graffiti and asked if officers felt the subscription fee of £6k is value for money as there is good social media in relation to collection days and that the Council website also provides good information. Councillor Cahoon also highlighted that when you use the app to check a bin collection day it takes the user to the Council website.

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) stated that in relation to value for money the report indicates there are over 10k users of the Bin-Ovation app and that therefore the cost per user is quite low. The AD: ES stated that he took on board the Councillors comments in relation to linkages to the Council website and that going forward officers will review the use of the app in line with Council's digital transformation strategy.

Councillor Burton referred to his previous request for more bins to be located in the Dungannon area and asked for an update on this. The Councillor also referred to dog fouling litter and whether this can be disposed of in street bins or whether a separate bin is required.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson advised that dog fouling can be disposed of in any street bin.

E035/24 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Report for July to September 2023

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the

NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 2 of 2023/24 from July to September 2023.

E036/24 Building Control Workload

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

E037/24 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E038/24 Dual Language Signage Surveys

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

E039/24 Dual Language Signage Requests

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

Live broadcast ended at 7.15 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E040/24 to E048/24.

Matters for Decision

E040/24 Sustainable NI Membership 2024/25
E041/24 Tender for 3G Sports Pitch Maintenance
E042/24 Electricity Supplies - Contract Extension 2024/25
E043/24 Tender report for the appointment of Vehicle Suppliers

Matters for Information

E044/24 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 8 January 2024
E045/24 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
E046/24 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update

E047/24 Disposal/Sale of Assets – Fleet and Plant
E048/24 Dual Language Signage Survey Update

E049/24 Duration of Meeting

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

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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

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

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

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