

# COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a **STATUTORY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 9 October 2007.

<b>Present:</b>	I McCrea, Chairman
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cassidy, Clarke, Greer, McAleer McCartney, McGarvey, McGlone, Mclvor, Molloy, Quinn and Wilson
<b>Officers:</b>	Clerk/Chief Executive Director of Corporate Services Clerical Officer
<b>Other Representatives</b>	<b>Planning Services</b> Ms S McCracken, Senior Planning Officer

## 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Baker, Glasgow, Lees and McNamee.

## 2 MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 11 SEPTEMBER 2007

The Minutes of the STATUTORY meeting held on 11 September 2007, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor Molloy.

## 3 MATTERS ARISING

### 3.1 Ulster Project

A letter dated 4 September 2007 was received from Ulster Project Cookstown thanking Council for their financial support towards their project.

### 3.2 Cookstown United Football Club

A letter was received from Cookstown United Football Club offering a donation of £30,000 to the Council for the purchase and erection of a

spectator stand at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer it was AGREED to accept Cookstown United Football Club's generous donation subject to clarification on name of plaque, clock, scoreboard and other minor issues.

### **3.3 Ballyronan Marina**

Councillor McGlone referred to an email he had forwarded to the Clerk/Chief Executive earlier in the week regarding the work that had been carried out at Ballyronan Marina recently.

The Clerk/Chief Executive advised Councillor McGlone that this matter had been dealt with at the Policy Resources and Services meeting on 25 September 2007 when a full report had been delivered by the Director of Building Control. Councillor McGlone's comment on standard of work was noted.

## **4 MINUTES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 2007**

### **4.1 Matters Considered**

#### **Continental Market**

The Clerk/Chief Executive advised the meeting that the proposed Continental Market would not now be coming to Cookstown as a result of conditions imposed by Roads Service.

#### **JW Promotions**

The Clerk/Chief Executive reported that JW Promotions are still in negotiations with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development discussing the possibility of using the Loughry Campus for the proposed outdoor concert

#### **George Best Memorial**

It was NOTED that the unveiling ceremony of the George Best Commemorative Plaque would take place on Wednesday 17 October 2007 at Grampian Meats.

## **4.2 Adoption of Minutes**

Subject to the above the Minutes of the DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on 18 September 2007, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Quinn.

## **5 MINUTES POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – 25 SEPTEMBER 2007**

### **5.1 Matters Considered**

#### **Item 4.4 Complaint of Late Night Disturbance**

Councillor Wilson inquired if the Federation of Retail Licensed Trade had a code of conduct regarding Promotional Drinks Events in licensed premises.

The Clerk/Chief Executive advised members that a meeting had been arranged with Inspector Foy to discuss this and other matters.

### **5.2 Adoption of Minutes**

Subject to the above the Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting held on 25 September 2007, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

## **6 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **6.1 Judicial Review PPS 14**

The Clerk/Chief advised members that he was still awaiting the outcome of the remedies hearing last week. The judge has not provided an outcome of the hearing as yet.

### **6.2 Schedule**

Submitted schedule dated 9 October 2007 copies of which had been previously circulated, showing details of the Department's opinion as to how planning applications within the District should be decided.

## **DEFERRED APPLICATIONS**

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Development</b>
I/06/0709/F	A Wright 23 Littlebridge Road Drummullan Moneymore	Development

**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application until further information was received.**

#### **NEW APPLICATIONS**

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Development</b>
I/05/1551/f	Slaughtaverty Developments Along side 218 Ardboe Road Coagh	Development

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

#### **Councillors McAleer, McGlone, Quinn**

I/06/1117/F	Brackenvale Developments 101 Coolreaghs Road Cookstown	Development
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**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

#### **Councillors McCrea, McGlone, Wilson**

I/07/0033/F	SH Moore & Sons Opposite 7 Drumearn Road Orritor	Development
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**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

#### **Councillor Glasgow**

I/07/0084/F            02 (UK) Ltd                            Radio Base  
Coagh Telephone Exchange  
18 Urbal Road  
Coagh

**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer the issue of approval until an office meeting had been arranged.**

**Councillors McCrea, McGlone, Wilson**

I/07/0158/F            M Rea                                      Petrol Station  
Opposite  
88 Westland Road South  
Cookstown

**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application until further plans were assessed.**

I/07/0207/F            M Kennedy                                Extension  
13 Parkview  
Pomeroy

**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application for until further plans were assessed.**

I/07/0235/F            D Young                                    Dwellings  
Ministers Walk  
Moneymore

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillors Baker, McCrea, McGlone, Quinn**

I/07/0249/F            T Lagan                                    Extension  
18 Central Avenue  
Cookstown

**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to hold this application for 14 days.**

I/07/0282/O            E West    Apartment  
Adjacent to  
3 Molesworth Court  
Cookstown

**The Senior Planning Officer agreed to hold this application for 14 days.**

I/07/0349/F            G&A Murray                                    Dwellings  
17 Ballyneil Road  
Ballyronan

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone.**

I/07/0410/F            J Rocks    Dwellings  
Rear  
178B Battery Road  
Coagh

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillors McAleer, McGarvey, McGlone**

I/07/0433/O            A Bloomer                                        Dwelling  
25m N  
41 Riversdale Drive  
Cookstown

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillors McGarvey, Quinn, McGlone**

I/07/0492/F            D Young     Dwellings  
Rear  
58 Smith Street  
Moneymore

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillors Baker, McCrea, McGlone, Quinn**

I/07/0497/F          K Smyth    Extension  
21 Tandragee Road  
Pomeroy

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillor Glasgow**

I/07/0505/O          B Harbison                                      Town House  
Adjoining  
8 Fairhill Close  
Cookstown

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillors McGlone, Quinn**

I/07/0520/O          P Doyle    Dwellings  
Rear  
27 Fountain Road  
Cookstown

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

**Councillor Cassidy.**

I/07/0548/F          G Gault    Change of Use  
8 Tullylagan Road  
Cookstown

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

## **Councillors Glasgow, McCrea**

I/07/0551/O

McPartland  
Adjacent to  
10 Fairhill Close  
Cookstown

Dwelling

**An office meeting was agreed on the grounds that all material planning considerations have not been assessed.**

## **Councillor Wilson**

### **6.3 Appeal Against Enforcement Notice Simon Loughran, 75 Blackrock Road, Cookstown**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 21 September 2007 from Planning Appeals Commission regarding the above.

### **6.4 Planning Advice Line**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 19 September 2007 from Community Technical Aid regarding a planning advice line

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

### **7.1 Delivery of Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 (NIRDP)**

The Clerk/Chief Executive referred to a letter dated 19 September 2007 from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Minister regarding Delivery of Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 (NIRDP).

The Clerk/Chief Executive updated members on meetings that had taken place with other neighbouring Council officials and the options open to the Council. It was AGREED that members would be kept informed of the work in progress

### **7.2 Campaign for Strong and Effective Local Government: Supporting Local Action**

Members NOTED receipt of a letter dated 21 September 2007 issued by NILGA.



### **7.3 NILGA AGM/Conference**

Council NOTED receipt of a copy of presentations made at the NILGA AGM/Conference on 21 September 2007.

**7.4 New President, New Communications & Engagement Director and NILGA Meeting Schedule 2007/08**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 25 September 2007 from NILGA regarding the above.

**7.5 The Lord's Day**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 20 September 2007 from the Lord's Day Observance Society regarding events being held on a Sunday.

The Clerk/Chief Executive informed members that those who did not wish to work on a Sunday because of religious convictions were accommodated.

**7.6 DPP Reconstitution & Appointment of New Political Members (Deferred from September 2007 Statutory Meeting)**

To consider out workings of the Policing Board on the Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006 and consequent reconstitution of District Policing Partnerships and to

**7.6.1 Agree 8 elected members to sit on the District Policing Partnership.**

Councillor Clarke advised the meeting that his party would be deferring the appointment of members to a later date.

Councillor McGlone advised the meeting that his party would be deferring the appointment of members to a later date.

Councillor Greer proposed and it was agreed that Councillor Wilson is appointed to the reconstituted DPP Board.

Councillor McCartney proposed and it was agreed that Councillor McCrea is appointed to the reconstituted DPP Board.

**7.6.2 Agree the Political Appointment Date from which they take up office.**

It was AGREED to defer this matter to the November meeting.

### 7.6.3 Consider appointment of Chairman

It was AGREED to defer this matter to the November meeting.

### **7.7 Pump Behind House, 32 Killyneedan Road, Sandholes**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 21 September 2007 from the Environment & Heritage Service regarding consideration being given to the above property to include in the Listing of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

### **7.8 Consultation Paper On Driver Certificate of Professional Competence – Further Implementation Arrangements:**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 17 September 2007 issued by the Drivers & Vehicle Agency regarding proposed changes to advance the the implementation of the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence scheme.

### **7.9 Autism NI (PAPA)**

The Clerk/Chief Executive referred to a letter received 19 September 2007 from Autism NI (PAPA ) regarding “Walk The Walk” for autism which will be held at Stormont on 13 October and encouraged members to participate.

### **7.10 Cookstown Hockey Club**

A letter dated 28 September 2007 was received from Cookstown Hockey Club regarding their Building Sport Application.

It was AGREED that the Minister of Culture, Arts & Leisure be invited to meet with officers and representatives of the Council (1 member from each party) to discuss not only the lack of funding to the Hockey Club, but the shortfall in funding to all applications which has resulted from money being allocated to the Olympic programme.

### **7.11 Funding to Sport in Northern Ireland**

A letter dated 17 September 2007 was received from Ballymena Borough Council regarding possible reduction in funding to sport in Northern Ireland. Members AGREED that this matter is discussed with the Minister.

### **7.12 Modernisation of Social Security Services**

A letter dated 11 September 2007 from Social Security Agency

regarding five change options to help the Agency delivery its services in the future.

Members expressed concern of possible job losses and reduction in service to the District and AGREED that it was essential that a public office was maintained in Cookstown

**7.13 Social Security Agency Review of Outreach Services to Older People**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 24 September 2007 from the Social Security Agency regarding the above.

**7.14 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Memorial Day**

A letter dated 4 September 2007 was received from the Holocaust Memorial Day regarding the commemoration of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Memorial Day.

It was AGREED that this matter would be referred to Community Relations Officer for consideration.

**7.15 Update on Trade Restrictions Due to the Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak in Great Britain**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 18 September 2007 from Department of Agriculture regarding the above.

**7.16 Use of Performing Animals in Circuses**

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 24 September 2007 from the Animal Welfare Federation Northern Ireland regarding considering a ban on performing animals in circuses.

**7.17 Traffic Calming – Ardboe, Cookstown**

The Clerk/Chief Executive circulated a letter dated 28 September 2007 from Roads Service regarding proposed traffic calming measures to be provided at Arboe.

Members welcomed the traffic calming measures.

**7.18 Traffic Calming – Ballyronan, Cookstown**

The Clerk/Chief Executive circulaed a letter dated 28 September 2007 from Roads Service regarding proposed traffic calming measures to be provided at Ballyronan.

Members welcomed the traffic calming measures.

## **8 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

### **8.1 Combating Child Sexual Abuse Images on the Internet**

Members NOTED the Combating Child Sexual Abuse Images on the Internet conference on the 8 November 2007 in Radisson SAS Hotel, Belfast.

### **8.2 Equality for All A Focus on Rights and Representation**

Members NOTED the Equality for All A Focus on Rights and Representation conference organised by Equality Commission on the 23 October 2007 in Hilton Hotel, Belfast.

### **8.3 Charity Concert at the Somme Heritage Centre**

It was AGREED that those wishing to attend the Charity Concert organised by the Somme Heritage Centre on 7 November 2007 in Royal Belfast Academical Institution would forward their name to the Clerk/Chief Executive's Department by Friday 12 October.

### **8.4 Water Matters**

Members NOTED the Water Matters event on the 17October 2007 in Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh.

### **8.5 Gaelectric**

Members AGREED to the attendance of Councillor McAleer at the public presentation and questions and answer session on 16 October 2007 in the Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown.

### **8.6 Art AT The Heart**

Members AGREED to the attendance of Councillor Wilson and Burnavon Manager at the Art at the Heart conference on 8 November 2007 in the Grand Opera House, Belfast.

## 9 FINANCE

### 9.1 Somme Association

On the proposal of Councillor Greer, seconded by Councillor Wilson it was AGREED to the renewal of yearly subscription to Somme Association at a cost of £370 plus VAT.

## 10 NOTICE OF MOTION

### 10.1 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Quinn

*'That this Council recognises the achievement of Cookstown Fr Rocks under 12 Girls in winning the Ulster and All Ireland Football titles in the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Sports Finals in June and September of this year.'*

Members AGREED unanimously to adopt the motion and that they should be invited to the Civic Awards ceremony on the 1 November 2007.

Councillor Cassidy advised members that he would be submitting St Patricks Rock team, who had recently won a junior championship, for a Civic Award.

## 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 11.1 Police Training College

Councillor Wilson welcomed the announcement regarding funding for the Police Training College.

### 11.2 Good Relations Training

The Director of Corporate Services advised members of Good Relations Training that would be taking place during October and stated that he would write out to all members advising them of the times and dates.

The meeting ended at 8,35 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk/Chief Executive

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Date



## **TABLED FOR INFORMATION**

### **MINUTES**

Southern Education & Library Board  
9 May 2007

### **REPORTS**

Northern Childcare Partnership  
Report on Childcare Issues Affecting Families in Rural Areas

Northern Health & Social Services Board  
Investing for Health Report 2006

Northern Health & Social Services Board  
Northern Area Children & Young People's Committee  
Second Annual Review 2006/07 and Work Plan 2007/08  
Local Solutions to Local Need

Ombudsman  
Annual Report 2006/07

Electoral Commission  
Corporate Plan 2007/08 to 2011/12

Bamford Review of Mental Health & Learning Disability  
Report Living Fuller Lives

Community Relations Council  
Shared Space