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Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 30 June 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Chair: Councillor Wilson, Chair

Members Present: Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Burton, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, M Quinn, T Quinn, G Shiels, Reid, Robinson and Totten

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
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

The meeting commenced at 7pm

C127/16 Apologies

Councillors Buchanan, Cuddy, Forde, Mallaghan, McFlynn, Mulligan and J Shiels.

C128/16 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor C O'Neill declared an interest in Agenda item 13 motion to be moved by Councillor McGinley.

C129/16 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Wilson drew attention to the improvements in the Council Chamber.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson extended a warm welcome to Mr Adrian Hogan a native of the City of Limerick. The Chair commended him in his quest to visit every Council meeting through-out Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and wished him a safe journey home.

Councillor C O'Neill requested a reception for Bellaghy GAA team who had recently won the All Ireland Féile.

Councillor Ashton requested Civic reception for Maya Davidson of Howard Primary School, Moygashel who gained 100% in all three AQE tests the first time this had been achieved by a Northern Ireland pupil and also for the Boys Football team who won the Regional Futsal tournament, were runners up in NI Futsal Final, won the Tri County Indoor and were amongst the NI Indoor Finalists, they also won the Tri County large schools cup, the super six Dungannon Area football cup and were crowned the outdoor NI Champions;

Councillor M Quinn requested a civic reception for Cliona Hagan who won the Best Newcomer of the Year Award at Irish TV Country Music Awards.

Councillor Sean McGuigan requested a civic reception for Killleeshil GAA under 14 girls ladies team who are the grade 1 Tyrone Championship winners and were runners up in League Final.

Councillor Kearney advised that Councillor M Quinn would replace Councillor Mullen on the Environment Committee.

Councillor McNamee requested a civic reception for Mid Ulster Ladies darts team who had won the NI League for the past ten years.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson requested civic receptions for Rainey Old Boys Rugby Team Under 16s who won the Ulster League Champions at U16 level and also three runners who have completed all six major marathons namely James Campbell, David Somerville and Alan McKeown.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson extended congratulations to the four Northern Ireland football team players who come from Mid Ulster for their performance at Euro 2016

Councillor Burton expressed outrage at the recent vandalism attacks on floral displays in Castlecaulfield village. The Councillor commended the Horticultural Society on their hard work and dedication in recent years which has resulted in huge success in the Ulster in Bloom competition which ultimately makes the village beautiful to drive through. Councillor Burton emphasised the appreciation of the Horticultural Society for the support which Council gives them in their endeavours and asked if Council could support in any way possible to assist them at this time so near to the judging of ongoing competitions.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson stated that the whole Council would concur with Councillor Burton.

Councillor Reid paid tribute to the football supporters from across Ireland and Northern Ireland for their exemplary behaviour at the Euro 2016 and requested that Council issue a press release to commend all who had travelled to the competition and who had made such a tremendous impression.

Councillor McEldowney requested a reception for Swatragh under 14s Camogie team who won the All Ireland Féile

Councillor McGinley congratulated Councillor McPeake on taking up the post of President of Northern Ireland Local Government Association.

Matters for Decision

C130/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2016

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 26 May 2016 (C102/16 – C115/16 and C126/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C131/16 Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Annual General Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 7 June 2016

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 7 June 2016 (AC1/16 – AC13/15), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C132/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2016

Councillor Molloy requested that the wording “as there was a lot of confusion over documentation” be removed in the third paragraph of PR125/16.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2016, (PR118/16 – PR128/16 and PR135/16), transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C133/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee held on Monday 13 June 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Reid and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 13 June 2016 (P114/16 – P121/16 and

P126/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

C134/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 14 June 2016

Amendment to minute requested at E151/16 minute to read ‘Councillor McNamee entered the meeting at 7.08pm’

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 14 June 2016 (E148/16 – E168/16 and E174/16), transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

C135/16 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved That the Minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2016, (D149/16 – D167/16 and D173/16) transacted in “Open Business”, having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C136/16 Conferences and Seminars

The Head of Democratic Services referred to details of the undernoted conferences and sought approval and retrospective approval for the attendance of Members and Council officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

- (i) William Carleton International Summer School 25th Anniversary
Sunday 31 July –Thursday 4th August 2016, Corick House Clogher
- (ii) Energy in NI – the energy market, renewables and security of supply
Tuesday 6 December 2016, Belfast 8.30am – 1pm

Retrospective Approval

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

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

C137/16 Response to Programme for Government

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report regarding the Response to Draft Programme for Government and sought approval for Council to grant 'delegated authority' to permit the Policy and Resources Committee to approve the Programme for Government Response and enable it to be submitted by the deadline of 22 July 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That Council grant delegated authority to the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to approval of the Programme for Government Response and enable it to be submitted by the deadline of 22 July 2016.

Matters for Information

C138/16 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

C139/16 Consideration of Motion

C139.1/16 Councillor McGinley to move

“That this council notes with concern the deficit that exists within current local government legislation to provide full access to democracy in times of maternity/paternity leave for Councillors.

This council resolves to write to and seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Communities to discuss the need for legislative change to ensure that rate payers are best represented at all times and to ensure that there are no barriers to public life for those who seek elected office.”

Councillor McGinley read the aforementioned motion and highlighted the deficit that exists within current local government legislation to provide full access to democracy in times of maternity and paternity leave for elected members. The Councillor made reference to discussions he had had with the Chief Executive and Council officers in relation to this which revealed that the solution lies within the legislation, and therefore the Minister of Communities.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was his understanding that if an elected member intends to take maternity or paternity leave they face a tough decision, either they have to relinquish their position on council by resignation, or leave their constituents unrepresented for the period of time they commit to their family. Acknowledging that the legislation was complex he emphasized that it did not support elected members and family life and that those who commit to public service are not treated as employees, therefore they are not covered by employment legislation and thus there was a negative impact on those striving to strike a balance between their professional and home life.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was currently a ‘real’ situation for fellow Councillor C O’Neill and wished her well in the coming weeks but emphasized that it was relative across the 11 district Councils for elected members at this stage of family life. The Councillor stated he had intended to request Council to make an interim decision to appoint a temporary replacement for the elected member until legislation issues was addressed but following consultation had been advised that Council would be making an unlawful decision so thus the request was not in the motion. Therefore a Councillor could not enjoy the benefits of employment legislation which would allow them to receive a payment whilst on maternity leave safe in the knowledge their constituents were still being represented.

Councillor McGinley stated that he had been approached by Councillor James Shiels who raised the issue that elected members are not covered for sickness leave and thus with the agreement of Members he would amend the motion to read maternity/paternity/sick leave. Councillor McGinley stressed that such conditions were unacceptable in today’s age especially when we claim to be more educated in terms of both physical and mental health and thus should be able to provide appropriate access regardless of personal circumstances to those wishing to stand for election.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was his belief that if an elected member wishes to take maternity/paternity/sick leave, they should be afforded the same rights as those in employment and although at present they can take time out they are not allowed to be replaced if they intend to return to Council duties after the period of absence. He emphasized that this situation leaves an unacceptable situation in that the voice of all those who voted goes unheard. Councillor McGinley in conclusion stated that there is an obligation to make public service available to everyone, therefore

legislation change is required and sought support for the motion with the amendment to include sick leave.

Councillor Molloy seconded the motion stating that he was a father of four young children and often families had to come 'second best' when elected members had employment in addition to their public role. Councillor Molloy also made reference to benefits which were calculated on the previous year's income and stated that this too would have a detrimental effect on an elected member in such circumstances as aforementioned.

Councillor McPeake concurred with the motion and emphasised that the situation is yet another result of legislation being rushed through and now like the code of conduct and standing orders deficiencies are being identified.

Councillor Monteith supported the motion and in relation to sick leave reflected on events in the legacy council which forced very ill elected members to have to attend meetings. He further stated that in order to attract people to public life barriers needed to be raised and Members were duty bound to champion to ensure elected members had the same rights as employees.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson confirmed that the amendment to the motion to include sick leave was accepted.

Councillor Kearney stated that Council had a duty to both employees and the elected member.

Councillor Ashton stated she had no issue with the motion but emphasised that clarity was needed as to whether the elected member was an employee or self-employed as it was a 'grey' area and suggested it was a matter for NILGA.

Councillor C O'Neill stated that she was first elected to Council in 2011 and thus had served as an elected member for six years and that she would like to remain but felt that the matter was taken out of her hands as she was uncomfortable accepting an allowance whilst she was on maternity leave and wishing to concentrate on her 'yet to be born' twins. Councillor C O'Neill reiterated the fact that the message being highlighted was wrong as there was no legislation to protect the pregnant mother who was an elected member.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson on behalf of the Chamber wished Councillor C O'Neill well and stated that as full support had been apparent he would not seek a vote but in declaring the motion as undernoted carried he stated that he looked forward to a meeting with the Minister on the matter.

"That this council notes with concern the deficit that exists within current local government legislation to provide full access to democracy in times of maternity/paternity/sick leave for Councillors.

This council resolves to write to and seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Communities to discuss the need for legislative change to ensure that rate payers are best represented at all times and to ensure

that there are no barriers to public life for those who seek elected office.”

Motion carried.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That items C140/16- C152/16 be taken as confidential business.

The press left the meeting at 7.20 pm

C153/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 7.30pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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Minutes of Special Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 30 June 2016 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon

Members Present: Councillor Wilson (Chair)

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Burton, Clarke, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McGinley, B McGuigan, McLean, McNamee, McPeake, Mullen, T Quinn, M Quinn, Robinson, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

Officers in Attendance: Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Moffett Head of Democratic Services
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

In Attendance: **Agenda Item 3 TransportNI**

Mr Loughry Divisional Roads Manager (Western Division)
Mr Cuddy, Section Engineer
Mr Lunny, Section Engineer

The meeting commenced at 8.20 pm

SC20/16 Apologies

Councillors Buchanan, Cuddy, Forde, Gildernew, Mallaghan, McFlynn, S McGuigan, McKinney, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, Reid and J Shiels.

SC21/16 Declarations of Interest

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

SC22/16 Transport NI

The Chair, Councillor Wilson welcomed the delegation from Transport NI.

Mr Loughrey introduced the Section Engineers Messrs Cuddy and Lunny to the meeting and tabled a request/enquiry form to allow Members to raise local issues which would be collected at the conclusion of the meeting and advised that TransportNI would respond in due course.

Councillor Gillespie drew attention to the forms completed by Members at the 2015 special meeting and stated that no action had been taken on issues raised.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson reminded Members that the meeting was for strategic issues only and invited Mr Loughrey to present the report entitled Western Division report to Mid Ulster District Council Spring 2016.

Mr Loughrey advised that the intention of the report was to

- Provide an update on the work being undertaken on the Strategic Road Schemes across Mid Ulster;
- Highlight works completed across the district in 2015-2016; and
- Set out initial proposals for schemes 2016-2017.

Mr Loughrey drew attention to the report and advised that ongoing works at the Magherafelt by-pass were progressing on target and that the Transport NI had received additional funding for routine maintenance which would enable the repair of potholes, additional grass cutting and that there had been additional budget for capital maintenance which would enable a 'Rural Roads Initiative' as staff were very aware of the condition of some rural roads. It was also noted that other budgets had been cut for example on safety measure schemes so priorities would have to be set.

In response to Councillor Gillespie's comment regarding the non-action of previous Request/Enquiry Forms completed by Members Mr Loughrey apologised for any inaction and gave an assurance that those completed now would be acted upon.

With regard to Transport NI staff Mr Loughrey advised that Mr Black, the previous Section Engineer, had retired and drew attention to the Senior Management Team and staff outlined in the report.

Drawing attention to the Annual report Mr Loughrey highlighted the undernoted:

- Page 8 – Magherafelt Bypass contract for works progressing on target;
- Page 9 and 10 – A5 Western Transport Corridor scheme progressing with Public enquiry scheduled for the Autumn;
- Page 11 – A6 Randalstown to Castledawson is now at detailed design stage with the intention to commence works in the Autumn scheduled to be complete in 2020;
- Page 12 – A29 Cookstown By-Pass – publication of the draft orders and commencement of the statutory consultation process is dependent on the outcome of future budgetary settlements.
- Page 15-19 Structural maintenance detail of completed works
- Page 20-24 Surface dressing schemes across Mid Ulster total cost of which was £2.1m;
- Page 25 – Drainage Work 2015-2016;
- Page 33 – Structural Maintenance Planned Works 2016-2017 with total budget of £2,5m;
- Page 43 – Local Transport and Safety Measures – Sightline improvement at Lough Fea/Dunamore Lane, Cookstown;
- Page 44-45 – Tobermore Road Shared Cycleway and Gateway signage on Annaginny Road, Newmills;

- Page 58 – Structures – List of completed works 2015-2016;
- Page 63-66 – Street lighting works both planned and completed;
- Page 70 – Planning Consultations.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked Mr Loughrey for the update and stated in relation to changes to Transport NI staff that it would be useful if contact details were forwarded to Members. The Chair invited Members questions.

Councillor G Shiels expressed concern regarding speed limit and lack of footpath at the junction of Crew Road/Station Road, Maghera. The Councillor stated that a private developer may own the land but emphasised that the community could not be held to ransom waiting on works being completed which may take years and people were forced to walk on the road for 40-50 yards were there was no footpath.

Councillor McPeake thanked Transport NI for the report but made reference to lack of communication and stated that District Electoral Area meetings were required to allow the raising of local issues and to receive feedback on same. The Councillor also stated that he was meeting a Transport NI Engineer on site on Friday to progress an issue. Councillor McPeake also advised that Council had debated the possibility of 20mph speed limits in residential housing estates and emphasised that many areas would like traffic calming measures and that when Members go 'door-to-door' it is always a major issue. Referring to signage Councillor McPeake stated that due to malfunction of some flashing signage it was not being used and apparently due to cost of repairs may not be fixed.

Councillor Cuthbertson sought clarity on the Park and Ride at Stangmore which appeared to have dropped off the planned works list; Killyman and Lackey Primary Schools traffic calming not being on the list for works yet he had been advised it would be; and Far Circular Road/Moy Road junction the Councillor advised that the previous Minister had made site visit and that there was to be an investigation to

In response to questions posed Mr Loughrey advised that there is limited budget across all functions and that there was a lot of competition with regard to school traffic calming schemes and thus Transport NI had to prioritise. With regard to Stangmore Park and Ride Mr Loughrey advised that it had not dropped off the list but was not works which were programmed for the current year. In relation to the Councils suggestion for 20mph zones in housing areas Mr Loughrey stated that this would require a change in policy and whilst many people had posed the same question discussion was needed. In relation to school signage Mr Loughrey stated that it should be working.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 8.42pm

Councillor McNamee made reference to the proposed Cookstown Bypass and stated that he had attended a meeting with the Minister, local MP Mr Molloy, Ms Dillion MLA and Ms O'Neill MLA for the area at which the Minister had stated he was committed to investing in the West and hopefully good news on the scheme would be received in the near future.

Councillor Kearney referred to the Bann Bridge in Portglenone which straddled two divisions and stating that it was the gateway to Mid Ulster asked if the problem of the growth which had built up on the limestone construction could be addressed.

Councillor McLean stated that the junction of Bellshill and Gracefield Road Scheme did not appear on planned works but he had received correspondence to state it would be included. The Councillor emphasised that there had been a considerable number accidents on the aforementioned stretch of Road. Councillor McLean also stated that Mid Ulster Council was now one and that there should be equity of treatment across district electoral areas. The Councillor welcomed the bypass for Magherafelt but stated that Transport NI needed to be proactive in dealing with the inevitable build-up of traffic in Moneymore and suggested a bypass for same. With regard to street lighting Councillor McLean stated that he could appreciate budget restraints but that it seemed to take considerable time to repair street lighting and consideration should be given especially when users of the area were elderly or vulnerable.

Councillor Clarke stated that utility providers laying pipework or lines never put the road back to its original standard highlighting in particular Dunamore Road and the A29 where there were now hollows in the road and mentioned an area where new water pipes had been laid large stones had been left in the grass which would cause future problems when grass cutting. The Councillor also referred to directional signage not being replaced and stated that he looked forward to District Electoral Area meetings at which all issues could be raised.

Councillor Burton left the meeting at 8.52pm

In response to aforementioned issues Mr Loughrey stated he too would welcome movement regarding the Cookstown bypass. In relation to potential problems at Moneymore following the completion of Magherafelt bypass Mr Loughrey stated that link roads along the main corridors had been discussed but again it was down to priorities. With regard to the bridge maintenance in Portglenone Mr Loughrey advised that the Northern Division had responsibility for maintenance but that he would pass on request raised.

In response to issues raised regarding Bellshill Mr Loughrey stated that he was aware of the proposed scheme but it was not affordable at this time. In relation to priority of work Mr Loughrey was emphatic that all areas received equity of treatment and stressed that decisions were made on greatest need. In relation to street lighting Mr Loughrey stated that he was of the understanding repairs were on schedule but if there was specific areas they should be forwarded to him.

Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 8.55pm

With regard to repairs on roads Mr Loughrey stated the utilities having to lay pipes and wiring was an ongoing frustration and that there was rules and follow up inspections but that he would undertake to investigate the sites mentioned. In relation to directional road signage Mr Loughrey stated that it was frustrating if signs were missing.

Councillor McNamee and Director of Business and Communities left the meeting at 8.55pm

Councillor Bell expressed concern about roads on the 'Lough Shore' in particular the 'b' roads which have not had investment such as B160, B181 and B18. The Councillor also stressed that there were in excess of 10k vehicles daily turning onto 'b' class roads along the 'Lough Shore' and emphasised that there had been no investment and that the roads were subsiding.

Mr Loughrey highlighted in the report the works which had been completed on 'b' class roads such as B168 at Ballyronan and stressed the restrictions on budget and the need to prioritise works. Councillor Bell stated that as a keen cyclist many 'b' class roads in the Bann Valley and Rasharkin were as good as some 'A' class roads in Mid Ulster and referred to the history of lack of investment on the Lough Shore Roads.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the £4m additional budget going to Transport NI Western Division and asked how much would be channelled into Mid Ulster, Cookstown in particular. Councillor Glasgow also mentioned rural roads such as Ballinderry Bridge Road, Main Street, Coagh, bridge at Ballinderry on Lisnahall Road and associated weight restrictions and stated that he was aware inspections had been reduced but asked when issues on roads would be picked up.

Councillor Bell left the meeting at 9.00pm

Councillor McEldowney left the meeting at 9.01pm

In response Mr Loughrey referred to page 61 of the report which outlined options. In relation to the £4m he stated that it was estimated at £10k per scheme and again stressed works would have to be prioritised.

Councillor Doris left the meeting at 9.02pm

Councillor Bateson raised issue regarding junction at Crew Road/Station Road Maghera and sought clarity as to where the scheme is at. In response Mr Loughrey advised again it would take significant funding and was down to priorities.

Councillor G Shiels made reference to the Magherafelt bypass and stated as Money more would be a fraction of the cost could budget not be identified and also since people's driving habits don't necessarily change suggested that the park and ride facilities in relation to the Magherafelt by pass be shared out and not all based at Castledawson roundabout.

Mr Loughrey stated that good points had been raised in relation to a bypass at Money more but emphasised that Cookstown bypass was further along the development stage than Money more. He also made reference to the Ministers commitment for schemes along the A29 corridor but stated that any large scheme is completed in 'manageable chunks' but emphasised that the Minister had committed to reviewing it. In relation to Park and Ride schemes Mr Loughrey stated that he was aware of demand at Castledawson and stated that they needed to be at the junctions of main routes. He referred to the success of the scheme at Stangmore and stated that Translink had been requested to prioritise Park and Ride schemes.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson thanked the representatives of Transport NI for attending and encouraged Members to complete the Request /Enquiry forms. He also made reference to the report with regard to street lighting and stated there was no progress or indication when lighting would be repaired.

SC23/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 8.30pm and ended at 9.10pm.

Chair _____

Date: _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 4 July 2016 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor Cuthbertson (Chair) Councillors Buchanan, Burton (7.08pm) Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McFlynn(7.02pm), B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan, M Quinn (7.02pm) and Totten
Officers in Attendance	Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Ms Clements, Head of Environmental Health Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

E175/16 Apologies

Councillors McGinley, J O'Neill and Reid

E176/16 Declarations of Interest

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

E177/16 Chair's Business

None.

Councillors McFlynn and M Quinn entered the meeting at 7.02pm

E178/16 Receive and confirm minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

In relation to queries regarding the new monies to be made available for grass cutting from the Department of Infrastructure the Director of Environment and Property stated that he would provide Members with an update when he received clarification from the Department.

Resolved That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 14 June 2016 (E148/16 – E168/16 and E174/16) were considered and, signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

E179/16 Department for Infrastructure/Transport NI Proposals to MUDC

The Director of Environment and Property presented previously circulated report which sought approval to propose abandonment/stopping-up order of lengths of roadway at;

- (i) Stopped-Up: The existing U1129 Bellshill Road at three points with the A6 Castledawson Bypass as delineated in maps J1, J2 & J3 along with the C558 Annaghmore Road at its junction with the A6 Castledawson Bypass as delineated in map J4.
- (ii) Abandoned: Part of the U1129 Bellshill Road at its junction with the existing A6 to a point 74m south of that junction as delineated on Map No1. Part of the U1129 Bellshill Road from a point 96m south of its existing junction with the A6 as delineated on Map No2.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that this was a change of arrangements at a separated junction on the A6 and referred to the report presented by Transport NI to Council at the Special Council meeting on 30 June when it was reported that the proposed construction works would commence in late summer. The proposed works would provide a bridge across the road and thus dramatically reduce the possibility of accidents.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal for an abandonment and roads to be stopped up order as submitted by the Department outlined at (i) and (ii).

E180/16 Street Naming and Property Numbering

Members considered the previously circulated report regarding street naming and property numbering:

Options for site off Ballinderry Bridge Road, Coagh

- a. Lifford Meadows;
- b. Lifford Way;
- c. Lifford Drive

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that development at Ballinderry Bridge Road, Coagh be named Lifford Drive.

Options for site off Coolshinney Road, Magherafelt

- a. Oakvale Court;
- b. Oakvale Drive;

c. Oakvale Mews.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name the development at Coolshinney Road, Magherafelt be named Oakvale Drive.

E181/16 Increasing Food Waste Capture from Brown Bin Collections

The Head of Environmental Services drew attention to the previously circulated report providing an update on the current performance of the kerbside brown bin collection scheme and the findings of recent WRAP research outlined within key issues of the report. Approval was sought to implement a range of best practice measures to increase the participation in the brown bin scheme and food waste capture across the district at a cost of £65,116.40. It was noted that the estimated savings would be £244,200 (£179,083.60 Net).

The Head of Environmental Services reminded Members that last year it had been approved subject to funding to provide free kitchen caddy liners but unfortunately Council had been unable to secure funding to implement the practise. He further drew attention to tables in the report which highlighted the success of collection of brown bin waste in Magherafelt where the scheme was both better established and bin caddy liners were more widely available. Attention was also drawn to the best practice guidance from WRAP highlighting labels for various bins.

Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.08pm

Councillor Glasgow sought clarity on the effects the scheme would have on houses which did not have brown bins. In response the Head of Environmental Services advised that Council had 95% coverage of brown bins but acknowledged that the brown bin scheme still had to be implemented in a small number of areas. He also drew attention to the fact that at present it was not a statutory requirement to provide brown bin but that it would be from April 2017.

In response to query from the Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson Members were advised that some areas are serviced by a small refuse vehicle and thus they were not issued with brown bins. The Director of Environment and Property further clarified that the scheme would also be rolled out in areas were Council had a Service Level Agreement with Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council for collection of waste.

Councillor McNamee stated that in the legacy Council area of Cookstown not all town residents had availed of brown bins as they did not have gardens and would it be possible to make such residents aware of the aims of the scheme. In response, the Head of Environmental Services advised that such residents could now avail of brown bins and that an awareness campaign would be incorporated in the communication of the scheme.

Councillor McNamee stated that a common complaint from residents was the difficulty of purchasing appropriate bin caddy liners and suggested that a scheme with local shops making them available should be investigated as although they were available at amenity sites not everyone had transport. In response, the Head of

Environmental Services stated that the suggestion could be investigated perhaps on a 'sale or return basis.'

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson suggested that shops who participated in the oil stamp scheme could be approached.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that

- (i) the Brown Bin Scheme Re- launch measures as outlined in the report be approved; and
- (ii) a sale or return scheme for brown bin liners be investigated with local shops.

E182/16 Partnership Agreement between NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) and MUDC

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining the proposed partnership agreement between NIFRS and MUDC and sought approval for same. Attention was drawn to the services which would be offered free of charge to those deemed to be at risk.

Councillor Kearney asked if this was a new project or had the agreement existed in legacy Councils. In response, the Head of Environmental Health advised that there had never been a formalised agreement and that this would complement Council's Home Safety work.

Proposed by Councillor Mulligan
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Partnership Agreement between NIFRS and MUDC to reduce death and injury from accidental fires in homes.

E183/16 Memorandum of Understanding between Integrated Care Partnership and MUDC

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Integrated Care Partnership and MUDC and sought approval for same.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that a total of 17 partnerships existed and Council had been asked to participate in the one based within the Mid Ulster area. The Officer further advised that if Council signed up to the partnership they could be a contributor into how services are delivered.

Councillor Burton expressed concern that the Trust would use this as a consultation exercise and sought clarity that Council would be seen as an equal partner. The Head of Environmental Health clarified that the partnership was aimed at improving services on the pathway from hospital to home and emphasised that the focus was on improving services.

Councillor Burton referred to the Hospital Forum and stated that the Trust at that time viewed the public representatives as spokespersons.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that this partnership was part of the wider package of the 'Transforming your care' programme and that it would be helpful for Council to be involved and have a voice to influence the practical side of delivery. The Director also suggested that a report on the partnership could be provided to the Committee after the initial six months.

The Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson concurred with comments of Councillor Burton.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Integrated Care Partnership and MUDC.

E184/16 Proposed Amendments to Street Trading Application Criteria

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining proposed amendments to the application criteria for street trading licences.

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the amendments to the criteria highlighted at key issues within the report making mention of additional criteria, refunds, pitch size, competing applications, standard additional conditions and mobile street trading. It was also noted that there are eight mobile ice cream vans across the district at present and it is also suggested to have a cap on licences per applicant at two.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's query the Head of Environmental Health advised that currently applicants have to pay a fee, complete an application form and provide a passport sized photograph.

The Head of Environmental Health in response to query from Councillor Gillespie advised that the legacy Councils had all different criteria so this was a streamlining process and that in relation to public liability many traders often are part of a traders group which covers the insurance.

In response to Councillor McFlynn's query as to why pitch size is changing the Head of Environmental Health advised it was to create a fairer trading area.

Councillor McNamee referring to licences per person stated that he felt two was fine but stated that he did not think the total number in the district should be capped at eight.

In response to the Chair, Councillor Cuthbertson's query the Head of Environmental Health advised that a licence permits the holder to trade across the district.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that there be no cap on the number of mobile ice cream licences throughout the district.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that a maximum two mobile ice cream licences may be permitted per trader.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that the amended criteria outlined in the key issues of the report are adopted by MUDC with immediate effect for any further applications.

E185/16 Service Level Agreement between Department of Justice and MUDC

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining the proposed Service Level Agreement between the Department of Justice and Mid Ulster District Council in relation to the storage and registration of explosives (fireworks) and in respect of fireworks displays. The report outlined that costs attributed to Council from Department of Justice would be £195 per initial registration and £139 for a renewal registration plus mileage and time for fireworks/display site inspections.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Service Level Agreement between the Department of Justice and MUDC in relation to the storage and registration of explosives (fireworks) and in respect of fireworks displays.

Matters for Information

E186/16 Mid Ulster District Council Resuscitation Programme

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detailed the Draft Action Plan for 2016/17 for Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation Programme and the agreed actions arising from same.

Councillor Burton sought clarity as to whether football and rugby clubs were incorporated in the mapping exercise. In response the Head of Environmental Health stated that the process was to identify gaps in service, raise awareness and have maximum exposure as to where and when defibrillators are available.

Councillor McFlynn left the meeting at 7.30pm

Councillor S McGuigan asked if elected Members were included in plans for training. In response the Head of Environmental Health stated the plan would be to encourage training for all as the more trained the better.

Councillor McFlynn returned to the meeting at 7.31pm

In response to Councillor B McGuigan's question the Head of Environmental Health advised that the Ambulance Service had a web site and all were being encouraged to register their defibrillators on it and that there was a link to this on Council's web site.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that a promotional campaign will be rolled out as part of the plan to encourage sporting clubs and community groups to register their units with NIAS.

Councillor Kearney asked if different types of defibrillators would cause difficulties to which the Head of Environmental Health advised that defibrillators talk you through the process.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that aforementioned report be noted.

E187/16 Joint District Council/HSENI Safe Skin Initiative

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail on the Safe Skin Initiative which is part of the 2016/2017 joint working programme for health and safety between District Councils and HSENI

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that aforementioned report be noted.

E188/16 Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to District Councils in the event of flooding, following heavy rainfall or tidal surge 10 June until 31 July

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail of the Scheme of Emergency Financial Assistance to District Councils in the event of flooding, following heavy rainfall or tidal surge 10 June until 31 July.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that aforementioned report be noted.

E189/16 Land and Property Services (Pointer Addressing Database)

Members noted previously circulated report which provided detail on the working relationship between MUDC and Land and Property Services regarding the maintenance of the pointer Addressing Database.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that aforementioned report be noted.

E190/16 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

Declaration of Interest

Councillor S McGuigan declared an interest in Killeeshil Community Centre.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that aforementioned report be noted.

E191/16 Building Control Report

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that aforementioned report be noted.

E192/16 Recycled Scarecrow School Project

Members noted previously circulated report regarding the Recycled Scarecrow School project held as part of the Recycling and Environmental Education Awareness Plan.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that aforementioned report be noted.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That items E193/16 – E202/16 be taken as confidential business.

E203 /16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.15pm

CHAIR _____

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Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 5 July 2016 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor Clarke, Chair Councillors Bell, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Mullen (7.18 pm), Robinson, 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 McNally, Solicitor Miss Thompson, Committee Services/ Senior Admin Officer
Others in Attendance	Councillors S McGuigan Applicant Speakers LA09/2016/0602/O Mr Hughes LA09/2016/0631/F Mr Cassidy

The meeting commenced at 7.01 pm

P127/16 Apologies

Councillors Bateson, Mallaghan, McAleer and Reid.

P128/16 Declarations of Interest

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

P129/16 Chair's Business

The Chair referred to progress being made in relation to the Local Development Plan, the Planning Manager advised that a Preferred Options Paper will come before Members in the Autumn.

The Planning Manager provided statistics in relation to planning performance, it was advised that –

- 12220 planning applications were received across Northern Ireland authorities last year, the Planning Manager advised this figure was 5% down from the previous year.

- Mid Ulster saw a 4% rise in applications received which the Planning Manager felt was a good indication of the resilient economy within the Mid Ulster area.
- Mid Ulster received 1269 applications last year which was the third highest across Northern Ireland, only Belfast City Council and Newry Mourne and Down District Council had a higher volume. Mid Ulster received approximately twice the number of applications to that of neighbouring Councils.
- Mid Ulster has the highest approval rate at 96.7%, the Planning Manager felt that this was down to officers and agents working together prior to an application being brought to committee.
- Mid Ulster has an average processing time of 15.2 weeks for applications with the target being 15 weeks. The Planning Manager advised that those with faster processing rates only receive half the amount of applications and have the same number of staff as Mid Ulster.
- Processing times in relation to major applications ie. Wind farms is over target, these statistics advised that Mid Ulster received the lowest number of major applications however the Planning Manager did not feel this was accurate.
- Targets in relation to enforcement are being met, the Planning Manager felt that it is not really the aim to process these types of case the fastest but to resolve them satisfactorily.

The Planning Manager felt that the statistics demonstrated a good performance by Mid Ulster Council, the Planning Manager commented that authorities with good performance are those which operate in a transparent manner.

P130/16 Confirm Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 June 2016

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 13 June 2016, (P114/16 – P121/16 & P126/16), were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

P131/16 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2016/0602/O Dwelling on a farm at 43 Eglis Road, Dungannon for Steven Hughes

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0602/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 Hughes to address the committee.

Mr Hughes advised that the farm land in question had been maintained by the Hughes family for generations. Mr Hughes advised that the purpose of his application was to provide a home for his family.

Mr Hughes felt there was a discrepancy within the officer's report which referred to buildings outside of his ownership. Mr Hughes advised that these buildings were not included in the application site map or the DARD boundary map.

Mr Hughes had provided substantial evidence (previously circulated) which included aerial photographs that he felt showed the ongoing maintenance of the land since 1984.

Mr Hughes referred to the weight being attached to having a DARD business number and stated that previous PAC decisions have dictated that a DARD business number is not essential. Mr Hughes went on to say he had been proactive in acquiring a business number from DARD and referred to correspondence, previously circulated, which shows interaction between a DARD Client ID, which was first created in 1997 and his DARD business number, Mr Hughes felt that this Client ID had not been taken into consideration.

Mr Hughes advised that measures had been taken in relation to the site ie. removal of hedge and associated works to improve sight lines and extensive planting to aid integration.

Mr Hughes stated that there had been no objections to the application and felt that the evidence provided and the measures taken warranted the application being given further consideration.

The Planning Manager stated that the primary reason for refusal was because DARD did not verify the farm holding. The Planning Manager suggested that the application be deferred for an office meeting to reconsider the application and verify the farm holding.

Councillor Gildernew stated that he knew the farm being spoken about and advised that it had always been impeccably kept. Councillor Gildernew proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Gildernew's proposal.

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0602/O be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor Mullen entered the meeting at 7.18 pm

It was noted that Councillor S McGuigan had also requested speaking rights in relation to the application however as it was agreed to defer the application it was suggested that Councillor McGuigan accompany Mr Hughes to the office meeting.

LA09/2016/0389/F Single storey extension at 26 Roxborough Park, Moy for NIHE

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

The Chair, Councillor Clarke read from an email received from Councillor Molloy who had requested speaking rights on this application, the email stated that as the issues related to sewer outlets had been resolved Councillor Molloy would withdraw his request to speak. Councillor Molloy commented in his email that it was unfortunate that Water Service did not engage in the planning process related to this application.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0389/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0631/F Remove/vary condition 3 of planning approval M/2013/0578 at lands approx. 113m NE of 8 Derryvale Road, Coalisland for Mr Pat O'Neill

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0631/F 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 Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy advised that there were two undisputed facts related to this application –

- 40% of the worlds screening and crushing equipment is manufactured in Mid Ulster.
- There is a severe lack of suitable land within the Coalisland/Dungannon area to support this type of business.

Mr Cassidy advised that the application relates to a parts store therefore there are no issues with noise/odour. Mr Cassidy went on to show photographs of similar businesses with outside storage.

Mr Cassidy advised that the applicants have put landscape screening in place and would be prepared to further screen the area. The applicants would also accept further screening as a condition of approval.

Mr Cassidy advised that approval of the application is necessary to ensure that the applicant can continue to work and stay within the Mid Ulster area.

The Planning Manager suggested that an office meeting be held to further consider this application and the surrounding site.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0631/F be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that a number of applications were being deferred due to lack of contact between officers/agents before an application comes to committee.

The Planning Manager advised that officers are in contact with agents prior to an application being brought to committee however agents will not necessarily respond and it is only when the application is brought before the committee that agents will take action.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised he was not picking on this particular application but felt that there appeared to be trend in deferring applications because agents have ignored contact with officers.

The Council Solicitor advised that if new information is brought to light and is not considered by the Committee and is a material consideration, then any subsequent decision taken may be subject to challenge.

The Planning Manager advised that Mid Ulster Planning Department have contact with approximately 200 agents and that the Planning Committee would only have seen around 10% of this number before them at committee. The Planning Manager advised that the remaining 90% of agents will respond to a case officers contact and agreed that the Planning Committee should not be used as a negotiating forum.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked on what grounds the application was being deferred.

The Planning Manager stated that a deferral for an office meeting would enable further discussion as to what is happening at the application site and that issues and concerns may be resolved.

Councillor McKinney left the meeting at 7.36 pm

Councillor Gildernew agreed that there is a scarcity of suitable land within the Coalisland/Dungannon area. He stated that the area can be screened off and had proposed that the application be deferred on the advice of the Planning Manager.

Councillor Cuthbertson took on board the advice of the Council Solicitor in respect of new information coming forward but stated that he just wanted to make the point that the Planning Committee would continue to be used by agents unless the issues raised are addressed. The Councillor felt that officers reports are available a week before the meeting which gives ample time for discussion or new information to be provided prior to coming to committee.

Councillor McKinney re-entered the meeting at 7.38 pm

The Planning Manager explained that the information before Members was too vague and that he felt an office meeting would be beneficial to discuss the application in more detail.

Members considered the remaining planning applications as per agenda.

M/2014/0331/F New apartments (5 one bedroom, 4 two bedroom and 1 three bedroom); new pedestrian access at 34-38 The Square, Coalisland for Western Building Systems

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

Members were asked to note that, as per addendum circulated, the description of the development had changed and that there would now be 1 additional two bedroom apartment with reference to the three bedroom apartment removed. Description should now read –

New apartments (5 one bedroom and 5 two bedroom); new pedestrian access at 34-38 The Square, Coalisland for Western Building Systems.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application M/2014/0331/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report and amended description.

LA09/2015/0959/F Retention of covered stands at existing 3G pitch at Black Lane, Dungannon for Dungannon United Youth

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0959/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1214/O Extension of existing business park to facilitate the establishment of an agri food hub at lands immediately W of Torrent Business Park, Gortnagola Road, Donaghmore for Torrent Valley Initiative Ltd

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1214/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0358/F Farm shed at 99m SE of 209 Moyagall Road Road, Clady for Kevin McCann

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

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0358/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2016/0507/O Replacement dwelling adjacent to 76 Moor Road, Coalisland for Mr Patrick O'Neill

Members were asked to note that, as per addendum circulated, the agent for the application had submitted details relating to a farming case for a dwelling and it was suggested that this application be deferred to consider this new information.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0507/O be deferred to consider additional information submitted.

LA09/2016/0619/F Single storey rear extension at 24 Abbeyvale, Ardboe for Karla McKinless

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

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2016/0619/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/0577/O Dwelling and garage on a farm at land approx. 100m S of 6 Tullycorker Road, Clogher for Ms Imelda Hackett

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/0577/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2015/1164/O Dwelling on a farm 214m N of 78 Coagh Road, Ballywholan, Stewartstown for John and Ann McCann

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

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2015/1164/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

Matters for Information

P132/16 Appeal Decisions Received

The Head of Development Management presented previously circulated report advising Members of recent decisions made by Planning Appeals Commission.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 7.50 pm

Members noted that the appeal in relation to H/2014/0438/O – Proposed new dwelling and garage, 35m south of 10 Ballynian Lane, Swatragh – had been allowed.

The Planning Manager stated that as a result of this decision there would be greater flexibility with regard to the bounds of reason on what constituted a building and would give the committee additional scope to approve similar applications in the future.

Councillor Glasgow re-entered the meeting at 7.52 pm

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the dismissal of appeal in relation to LA09/2015/0807/A – Site retention of illuminated sign adjacent to 45 Charlemont Street, Moy - would have any effect on the committee's previous approval of signage in Coalisland.

The Planning Manager advised that the two applications referred to were not the same and that the key difference in the case of the application which went to appeal was because a listed building was involved. The Planning Manager advised of the need to consider each application on a case by case basis.

Councillor Gildernew agreed with the Planning Manager in that the two applications referred to were different and that the listed building had an effect on the planning appeal which was dismissed.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That items P133/16 to P135/16 be taken as confidential business.

P136/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00pm and ended at 8.08 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

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Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 6 July 2016 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present	Councillor Molloy, Chair Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Elattar, McAleer, McEldowney, McNamee, T Quinn, J Shiels and Wilson
Officers in Attendance	Ms Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Glavin, Head of Leisure Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D174/16 Apologies

Councillors Doris, Forde, G Shiels and C O'Neill.

D175/16 Declaration of Interests

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

Councillor McEldowney declared an interest in LAG.

Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in Dungannon Enterprise Centre

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Rural Development and PCSP

Councillor McAleer declared an interest in grant allocations

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in grant allocations and Dungannon Enterprise Centre

Councillor McNamee declared an interest on Cookstown Community Allotments

D176/16 Chair's Business

No business was raised.

D177/16 Minutes of the Development Committee held on Thursday 16 June 2016

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 16 June 2016 (D149/16 to D167/16 and D173/16), were considered and signed as correct and accurate.

Matters for Decision

D178/16 Recommended Sportsperson/Team Representative/Sports Club Competitive Grant Allocations (Rolling Programme)

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to present proposed Sportsperson/Team/Sports Club Competitive Grant allocations (Rolling Programme).

Councillor Cuddy stated that he was very impressed with the whole initiative as it was very well thought through plan.

The Head of Leisure left the meeting at 7.05 pm

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to agree the recommendations for successful grant applications as per report.

D179/16 Mid Ulster District Council Culture & Arts Strategy

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to engage specialist services to develop a five year Culture & Arts Strategy for Mid Ulster District Council's Culture & Arts Services.

Councillor Cuddy stated that there should be enough in-house expertise to deliver the programme rather than outsourcing.

Councillor Wilson said that expertise would be required and agreed that a specialist service should be sought.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Wilson

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to procure specialist services to develop a five year Culture & Arts Strategy for Mid Ulster District Council's Culture & Arts Services as identified within 2016/17 Service Improvement Plan and to approve allocation of up to £15,000 from 2016/17 budget.

D180/16 Coarse Angling Tariff

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Member's approval for the introduction of a new tariff structure to cover newly developed coarse angling activities on council water recreation properties.

Councillor J Shiels enquired about rod licences and asked if these are required at Dungannon Park.

The Head of Parks advised that it would be encouraged for owners to have their own rod licences.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to accept the proposed tariff structure as per report.

D181/16 Economic Development Report

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) Regional Start Initiative Update
- 2) Prince's Trust – Proposal
- 3) Network Personnel – Up for Work & Job Match Request
- 4) Irish Central Border Area Network – Request 2016/17
- 5) Women in Business Awards & Conference Request
- 6) Blackwater Regional Partnership Update
- 7) DfC Revitalise Scheme 2016/17 – Cookstown & Dungannon Town Centres
- 8) Town Centre Positioning Study
- 9) Draft response to Programme Government 2016/21
- 10) Wi-Fi in Maghera
- 11) Public Art for Magherafelt Town Centre

Councillor McNamee said it was very encouraging to see the shop front scheme progressing.

In response to Councillor J Shiels query why Maghera and Magherafelt were not being included in the shop front scheme, the Director of Business and Communities advised that Dungannon and Cookstown were the only two towns identified by the Department for Communities, to date, for inclusion, due to the imminent completion of Public Realm Schemes.

The Director of Business and Communities reminded Members that Public Art at the roundabout in Magherafelt is an integral part of the Public Realm Scheme. Members were advised that Magherafelt District Council had previously commissioned the design and manufacture of two significant art sculptures, reflecting the history of Magherafelt town and surrounding areas. These were then subjected to extensive

public consultation. It is felt that one of them may be appropriate as the signature art piece for Magherafelt roundabout.

It was agreed that this would be explored further and that arrangements would be made for Members to view both pieces in Magherafelt.

Members were also advised that reference to Christmas Lights includes further investment to enhance the Christmas lights for Dungannon town centre.

In response to a query about the public art pieces in Magherafelt, the Director of Business and Communities advised that the design for public art should reflect the heritage of Magherafelt. He said that the legacy Magherafelt Council had designed two major designs on art with different groups, communities and members of the Council but would like to explore it further to get it right.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels
Seconded by Councillor McAleer

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

- 1) Regional Start Initiative and New Business Start Programme**
Members to note progress on the Regional Start Initiative.
- 2) Prince's Trust – Development Award Scheme Request**
Contribution towards the Prince's Trust of up to £1,250 towards the provision of a minimum of 20 Development Awards to assist unemployed young people from Mid Ulster access employment, training and/or further education.
- 3) Network Personnel: Up for Work & Job Match Programmes**
Request to redeploy this 2016/17 (year 2) Council allocation of £23,029 for both Programmes towards supporting 66 programme participants to achieve higher level qualifications, to enhance their skills base and employment prospects.
- 4) ICBAN Request 2016/17**
 - i) The provision of up to £10,000 funding for ICBAN from Council's Economic Development Budget 2016/17, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite monitoring documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and Progress Reports).
 - ii) The release of the first 50% payment once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested (outlined above). Progress updates from ICBAN will be provided to future Development Committee meetings.
- 5) Women in Business Conference and Awards Request**
The Council is already supporting the promotion of female entrepreneurship through sponsorship of a category in the Mid Ulster

Local Women Business Awards held in Glenavon on 18 June 2016, and will also be providing a contribution towards the Mid Ulster Business Awards (November 2016).

It is therefore recommended that the Council advises that it would be prepared to provide a financial contribution towards the Women in Business events, along the basis of an equal split with the other contributing Councils, up to £2,000.

6) DfC Revitalise Scheme 2016/17 – Cookstown & Dungannon Town Centres

Members approved projects as outlined and agreed that, subject to securing letters of offer from Department for Communities, suitably qualified companies are procured in accordance with the Council's Procurement Policy.

7) Blackwater Regional Partnership

Note progress.

8) Town Centre Positioning Study

Note progress.

9) Maghera Wi-Fi

£15,000 being set aside from Economic Development budget this year to procure a suitable organisation to carry out required works.

10) Public Art for Magherafelt Town Centre

£30,000 being set aside from Economic Development budget this year to procure a suitable organisation to carry out required works. Site visit to see art pieces to be arranged for members.

D182/16 Tourism Strategy Update

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with the final draft of the Council's Tourism Development Strategy.

The Head of Tourism advised that in March 2015, a meeting was held with Tourism NI and it was agreed on three themes which at the time was felt to Mid Ulster's Strengths. These included:

- Seamus Heaney
- Archaeological Sites, History & Heritage
- Outdoor Activities

In 2014 Mid Ulster District Council displayed a low level of tourism visibility which was represented by spend of £27m equivalent to 4.6% of NI overnight trips and 3.6% of the NI spend in 2014.

In the summer 2015, the Tourism Department obtained permission from Council to seek consultants to carry out consultation and to test the three themes with the industry and develop a strategy for a five year period.

In late Autumn last year, BTS from Edinburgh were appointed to carry out the work on behalf of the Council. BTS carried out a series of workshops and consultations sessions with all the different sectors which has resulted in the final draft copy of the Mid Ulster Tourism Development Strategy including Action plan for the next five years.

The primary focus of the strategy is economics, which is about building a tourism industry in Mid Ulster that will increase the economics of Tourism within the region.

The vision of the strategy was to include:

- Developing the propositions for Mid Ulster; and
- Ensuring that the processes for developing and promoting products in the market place are efficient and effective

To enhance Mid Ulster's image and reputation for the visitors and grow the visitor economy to £50m by 2021 as measured by overnight visitor expenditure.

The Head of Tourism concluded by saying that the seven months extensive consultation that was carried out ensured that all sectors had an opportunity to review and contribute, so much so the consultation period was extended from five months to seven months at the request of the private sectors to ensure inclusivity.

Councillor Clarke said that a lot of good work had been achieved as it has come a long way from where it first started. He said that it was very beneficial for all involved as it showed their commitment, but that the delivery of the marketing strategy would be the secret to the success. He congratulated the Tourism department on a job well done.

Councillor McAleer agreed with Councillor Clarke, but referred to Queen Aine's Tomb which she felt should have been included in the strategy as it was a very important heritage site. She advised that a lot of people walk to the top of the cairn and caters for a wide range of community groups, schools and sporting groups. Also included are groups linked to William Carleton. She asked that consideration be given to including this landmark due to its significance in the Clogher Valley area.

The Head of Tourism advised that he would take on board Councillor McAleer's comments and look at amending the strategy.

Councillor T Quinn referred to item 2.4 and 2.5 which shows that things are moving forward and felt that it would be important for Mid Ulster District Council to grasp the tourism destiny. He said that there was an onus on Council to encourage more jobs within the tourism industry, to include B&B's etc. Very fortunate that Mid Ulster has locations which have a natural beauty, like Lough Neagh and the Sperrins, but what's missing is US Links and this would be extremely important moving forwards.

The Head of Tourism advised that it's anticipated over the next few weeks to work on buildings links with the US.

Councillor Wilson enquired how it's proposed to measure performance for overnight stays and evaluations.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that this issue was raised with Tourism NI because there was need for a process where measurements could be verified.

Councillor Wilson stated that when the Heaney Centre is up and running that this would be a given as measurement would be vitally important.

Councillor Molloy said that Davagh Forest amongst others should be developed as there was a requirement for a measurement against the baseline. There was a lot to build on and targeting the right area, for instance mountain biking as it was a very popular pastime.

The Director of Business and Committees said that a future report can be undertaken focusing upon monitoring and evaluation using current performance levels as the baseline.

Councillor Molloy advised that Davagh Forest branding would need updated to Mid Ulster as still under Cookstown. This is vitally important to get the Mid Ulster branding recognised.

The Director of Businesses and Communities said that he anticipated a significant launch of this document as it demonstrates how serious Mid Ulster District Council is towards developing its tourism strategy.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to formally adopting the Tourism Development Strategy and that the officers prioritise and start to implement the actions within the strategy.

D183/16 Lough Neagh Partnership Core Funding

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- 1) Receive a request from the Lough Neagh Partnership to Mid Ulster District Council from core funding for 2016/17
- 2) Review the operational plan for delivery of marketing tourism, recreational, environmental and heritage activities on Lough Neagh and Lough Neagh shoreline

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels

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

- 1) Mid Ulster District Council funding Lough Neagh Partnership £25,000 as requested and subject to funding being secured from all five Lough Neagh Council's
- 2) Lough Neagh Partnership submitting a quarterly update to Mid Ulster District Council

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

D184/16 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

- a) Seek approval for community grant award recommendations
- b) Seek approval for the regional Peace IV strategic shared space proposal and local share space concepts
- c) Seek approval for Good Relations Project as part of the GR Plan
- d) Update on progress relating to Community Development Section

In response to Councillor J Shiels query regarding proposed CCTV meeting, the Head of Community Development advised that it's proposed to hold the meeting before the end of July, with Mr Mike Baird being directly invited to attend.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to grant approval to the Good Relations and Community Festivals grant award recommendations.

Proposed by Councillor T Quinn
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to grant approval to the Amazing Space Project.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to grant approval to the Peace IV local shared space initiatives and proposed development of a Regional Peace IV Shared Space proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to noting the community development report.

Matters for Information

D185/16 Parks Service Progress Report

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members of the progress being made regarding activities and associated to Parks Services and highlight events or consultations that will be occurring in the future.

Councillor Cuddy referred to Railway Park and felt that it was important to keep a close eye on the area as in the past it attracted anti-social behaviour. He said it was also important to keep the area tidy now that the new Junction building was on site.

He also referred to Dungannon Park and said that it was a very important landmark as people come from near and far to visit. He said that it was important that this park is kept as a major tourist attraction.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that she was proposing to bring a report to September meeting on resourcing implications.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members notes the report on Park Service Progress.

D186/16 Pop in the Park

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform Council of the proposed Pop in the Park Event to take place on 13 August in Railway Park.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members notes the report on Pop in the Park Event.

D187/16 Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

The Director of Business and Communities drew attention to the previously circulated report to update members on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that members notes the report on Northern Ireland Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels

Resolved: That items (D188/16 to D189/16) be taken as confidential business.

D190/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.15 pm.

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Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 7 July 2016 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present Councillor Gildernew, Chair
Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.12 pm), Buchanan, Cuddy (7.02 pm), Elattar (7.15 pm), S McGuigan, McKinney, McPeake, Molloy, M Quinn

Officers in Attendance Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive
Mrs Campbell, Director of Culture and Leisure
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance
Miss Thompson, Committee Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

PR136/16 Apologies

Councillors Mallaghan, McLean, T Quinn and Totten.

PR137/16 Declaration of Interest

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

PR138/16 Chair's Business

None.

PR139/16 Receive and confirm minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 June 2016

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on Thursday 9 June 2016 (PR118/16 – PR128/16 and PR135/16) were considered and signed as accurate and correct.

Matters for Decision

PR140/16 Ulster Scots EQIA

The Director of Culture and Leisure presented previously circulated report which advised Members of progress in respect of the Ulster Scots Policy assessment of

equality impacts and public consultation and to consider the recommendations of the EQIA Decision Report.

Councillor Cuddy entered the meeting at 7.01 pm during presentation of the report.

Councillor Ashton referred to feedback received to EQIA in which there seemed to be a greater demand for funding of cultural aspects of Ulster Scots rather than promotion of the language. Councillor Ashton felt discussion was required on how funds are allocated to address the wishes of the community.

Councillor McPeake also referred to the somewhat negative responses received to the EQIA and felt there was a misconception that the Irish language and Ulster Scots were equitable. Councillor McPeake agreed that there needed to be funding for Ulster Scots but that this funding should not come out of a languages budget, the Councillor referred to other funding avenues for Ulster Scots such as the arts budget.

Councillor Cuddy felt that the District could probably be split with 60% of the population having an interest in the Irish language and 40% in Ulster Scots. The Councillor stated that Council needed to find a balance to accommodate everyone within the District.

Councillor S McGuigan also felt that the responses received had been negative and that responders had looked at the policy from the wrong perspective. The Councillor felt that there needed to be a cultural focus for Ulster Scots and that Irish and Ulster Scots should not be set off against one another.

Councillor Cuddy stated that Council needed to strive to move forward together and that everyone in the community was entitled to get something back from the Council.

The Chair, Councillor Gildernew advised that as there was a demand for cultural promotion of Ulster Scots it was unfair that funding for this should come from the languages budget.

Councillor Cuddy stated he accepted this but that the split in funding needed to be equal.

Councillor McPeake felt that spend on culture and languages should be dictated by demand.

Councillor Molloy felt that culture and language needed to be dealt with separately.

Councillor Cuddy stated that the Mid Ulster District held a Nationalist majority population but that he wanted to feed back to the Unionist community that they were getting a fair return.

The Chair, Councillor Gildernew again referred to the EQIA responses which expressed a desire for cultural promotion of Ulster Scots and that to support this out of a languages budget would be wrong.

Councillor Bateson entered the meeting at 7.12 pm.

Councillor Ashton stated she did not see how this Ulster Scots policy was going to address the demand for cultural promotion of Ulster Scots.

The Director of Culture and Leisure advised that Council is currently developing a Culture and Arts Strategy and is in the process of identifying need/demand for Ulster Scots. The Director advised that Council already deliver some events and activities which support the Ulster Scots culture and that discussions are ongoing as to how to develop an Ulster Scots programme.

Councillor Elattar entered the meeting at 7.15 pm.

Councillor Cuddy again referred to the 40% of the population of the District who would like to see greater promotion of the Ulster Scots culture and did not see how this policy would make this happen.

The Chief Executive advised that Council had a budget in place for regional minority languages.

Councillor S McGuigan felt that the 60/40 split in population referred to was misleading and stated that Mid Ulster was the fastest growing Irish language area and that Council needed to reflect this.

Councillor Cuddy stated there was a need to find a reasonable balance in relation to languages and culture.

The Director of Culture and Leisure explained that the Irish language is already more developed within the District but that cultural arts grants are available for everyone. The Director advised that work on Ulster Scots needed to start from the ground up and that officers are researching the development of Ulster Scots in Mid Ulster.

Councillor Cuddy expressed a feeling that there was nothing in Mid Ulster which supported Ulster Scots and that some extra funding may be needed.

Councillor McPeake advised that there were no barriers to funding as schemes were open to all. The Councillor stated that he wanted to see an expansive culture and arts programme for Mid Ulster.

Councillor Bateson felt there was a difference between cultural development and language which was difficult to measure.

The Director of Culture and Leisure reassured Members that officers are working on the development of Ulster Scots.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that –
- (I) The recommendations of the EQIA Decision Report be approved.
 - (II) The Draft Ulster-Scots Language Policy be referred to the Good Relations Working Group for consideration and mitigation.

Councillor Ashton left the meeting at 7.24 pm

PR141/16 Response to Draft Programme for Government

The Chief Executive presented previously circulated report which advised Members of Council's response to consultation on Draft Programme for Government.

Councillor Ashton returned to the meeting at 7.26 pm and Councillor M Quinn left the meeting at 7.27 pm and returned at 7.29 pm during the Chief Executive's presentation of the report.

Councillor Gildernew stated he would like to see future development of Ulster Canal mentioned within the document.

The Chief Executive clarified that priorities listed within the document were not in order of preference.

In response to Councillor S McGuigan's question in relation to bypass for Dungannon the Chief Executive advised that comment on this was included within the response paper.

Councillor Cuddy stated that a lot of work still had to be done with regard to getting a bypass for Dungannon.

The Chief Executive advised that preparation work in relation to a bypass would be carried out by Roads Service.

Councillor McPeake felt that funding for the capital works listed under Priority 4 – Education should not be constrained to those schools mentioned but rather left open to include other capital works schemes. Councillor McPeake also felt comment should be made under Priority 11 – Brexit on the effect an exit from the EU will have on agriculture and the agri food sector.

Councillor Molloy referred to Priority 9 – Utilities and felt that comment should be included to stress the importance of getting the North/South Interconnector in place. Councillor Molloy stated that some companies throughout Mid Ulster are in urgent need of an improved electricity supply otherwise they may have to move out of the District.

Councillor McKinney expressed the need for an acute hospital in Mid Ulster and that comment should be included in response to reflect this.

Councillor Molloy stated that Mid Ulster had the fastest growing population across Northern Ireland which will need to be catered for by hospital provision.

Councillors Ashton and Elattar concurred with comments in relation to potential for hospital provision within Mid Ulster.

Councillor S McGuigan referred to recent press article which stated that Moy Park were making plans following the decision to exit the EU which includes new headquarters in the Republic of Ireland.

The Chief Executive advised that amendments would be made to the response document which were reflective of tonight's discussion following which the document would be submitted prior to deadline of 22 July 2016.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to submit the Mid Ulster District Council response to the Draft Programme for Government Framework 2016-2021 as circulated and incorporating the comments as discussed above.

PR142/16 Internet Use Policy

The Director of Finance presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the Draft Internet Use Policy, it was noted however that as some Members use a personal email account the policy may need to be amended to accommodate for this.

Councillor McPeake asked if the adoption of the policy meant that Members could no longer use personal email accounts.

The Director of Finance advised that the policy will be amended to reflect that some Members use a personal email account and that those Members can continue to use their own account. Members were advised that using a council device can be subject to monitoring.

The Chair, Councillor Gildernew advised that Dungannon Council had in the past paid for cost of internet connection and that this was now costing him £60 per month. Councillor Gildernew felt that Mid Ulster Council should offer some reimbursement for internet charges.

The Director of Finance stated that the issue raised by Councillor Gildernew was different to the matter being tabled which was to consider the management of council devices on council property.

In response to Councillor Elattar's question the Director of Finance advised that the purpose of the policy was to try to control internet access for the protection of both a Councillor/employee and the Council. The Director stated he understood there appeared to be some conflict in relation to Members use of personal email accounts and that this would be amended.

Councillor Ashton proposed that the policy be amended to reflect that some Members use a personal email account.

Councillor M Quinn stated that search results which he uses on his own home device also appears in the search history of his council device.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to adopt the Internet Use Policy subject to amendment which takes into consideration some Members who use a personal email account.

PR143/16 Elected Member Development Charter

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which gave consideration as to whether Council should sign up to and commit to the achievement of an Elected Member Development Charter.

Councillor McPeake declared interest in this item.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to commit to working towards achieving the Elected Member Development Charter at a cost of £1935.

Matters for Information

PR144/16 Public Service Commission

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which updated Members on the winding up of the Public Service Commission (PSC) which ceased with effect from 31 March 2016.

Members noted the content of the report.

PR145/16 Elected Member Development Steering Group

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which provided Members with the Report and Action Notes of the most recent Elected Member Development Steering Group (EMDSG) meeting to provide an update on regional activities being progressed.

Members noted the content of the report.

PR146/16 Audit of Inequalities

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report on the Audit of Inequalities relevant to the function of Mid Ulster District Council in line with the Section 75 categories as listed in the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Members noted the report.

Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

Resolved That items PR147/16 to PR151/16 be taken as confidential business.

PR152/16 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 8.08 pm.

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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	The Somme Association - Somme/Guilleont Tour 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Thursday 1st September – Monday 5th September
2.1.2	Brexit: Making sense of the crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tuesday 6th September, Baby Grand, Grand Opera House, Belfast 9.00am – 4.00pm
2.1.3	APSE Annual Seminar incorporating the APSE Service Awards 2016 Survival of the Fittest: Ensuring a future for local government's frontline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 7-8th September 2016 Derry/Londonderry
2.1.4	Northern Ireland Planning Conference: planning for investment and delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Thursday 13th October 2016 Baby Grand, Belfast 9.00am – 1.00pm <p style="text-align: center;">Approval sought for Planning Officer to Attend.</p>

3	Key Issues
3.1	N/A

4	Resources
4.1	<u>Financial</u>
4.1.1	The Somme Association - Somme/Guillemont Tour 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Estimated cost is £620 + £100 for Single room supplement plus travel and subsistence.

4.1.2	<p>Brexit: Making sense of the crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Delegate fee £195 plus vat = £234 plus travel and subsistence
4.1.3	<p>APSE Annual Seminar incorporating the APSE Service Awards 2016 Survival of the Fittest: Ensuring a future for local government's frontline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Full Seminar Attendance £399 + VAT plus travel and subsistence · Day Delegate £209 + VAT plus travel and subsistence · Day Delegate Wednesday plus evening function £239 +VAT plus travel and subsistence · Day Delegate Thursday plus Awards £295+Vat plus travel and subsistence
4.1.4	<p>Northern Ireland Planning Conference: planning for investment and delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Delegate Fee £170 +VAT plus travel and subsistence

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

**Costs and itinerary
subject to change.**



Somme/Guillemont Tour 2016

1st September – 5th September 2016

Provisional Itinerary

“Subject to change”

The **estimated** price is **£620.00 per person** (excludes personal insurance)

Includes: Flights (Belfast to London return), luxury coach travel throughout with experienced courier. Ferry crossings. 3 Star hotel accommodation is **twin bedrooms** with private facilities (**there will be a single room supplement of £100.00**), buffet breakfast included.

For booking conditions see below

All travel arrangements are made through **Laffin Travel** – an ABTA Bonded Agent

Thursday 1st September 2016:- Depart Belfast City Airport for London Gatwick. Coach to Dover for ferry crossing to Calais then on to the Hotel in Arras.

Friday 2nd September 2016:- Depart Hotel for full days visit into Belgium where visits will include the 16th (Irish) Division Memorial at Wytshaete, the Pool of Peace at Spanbroekmolen and Lone Tree Cemetery. Lunch at leisure in Ypres. After lunch the Tyne Cot Memorial and Cemetery and the Sanctuary Wood. The evening service at the Menin Gate.

Saturday 3rd September 2016:- Services today at the Ulster Memorial Tower and the Cross of Sacrifice to the 16th (Irish) Division at Guillemont, lunch today is included in the cost of the tour. Evening at Leisure in Arras.

Sunday 4th September 2016:- Depart for full day's tour in the Arras and Somme areas. Visits will include Vimy Ridge, Notre Dame de Lorette, The Ulster Memorial Tower and Thiepval Wood followed by the South African Memorial at Delville Wood and other sites in the Somme area. Lunch today is included in the price. Evening at leisure in Arras.

Monday 5th September 2016:- . Travel to Calais for ferry crossing to Dover and on to London then Belfast.

To reserve a place on this tour, please complete the slip below. A **deposit of £150 per person** is payable on booking (**non-refundable**) N.B. **No bookings will be accepted without a deposit. Final payments and the names of those travelling must be received before Monday 4th July 2016. The airline have a policy on group fares and will charge £80 for any amendments after this date.**

Please make cheques payable to **The Somme Association:** and send to Mrs Carol Walker, Director, Somme Association, Somme Heritage Centre, 233 Bangor Road, Newtownards. BT23 7PH.

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Please reserve.....Place(s) on the 2016 Somme/Guillemont Tour

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Signed.....Date.....

Full names of those travelling.....

Booking Conditions:

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Name of Insurance Company and policy number.....

BREXIT: Making sense of the crisis

Conference examining the implications for Northern Ireland

Tuesday 6th September 2016 • Baby Grand, Grand Opera House, Belfast

Programme just announced!

What will the shock Brexit vote mean for Northern Ireland? It is difficult to think of an area of public policy where the European Union does not have an impact so what will life outside its borders look like in Northern Ireland and what will be the impact economically, politically and socially? Whatever the UK's negotiations with Europe bring, we are in for a seismic change, with the potential to have even more impact than the years of political unrest.

These issues will all be explored via a high profile panel of local and visiting speakers at agendaNi's Brexit conference – places are limited so secure yours now!

Issues discussed will include:

- ✓ Examining our **new relationship** with Europe
- ✓ The **process** for leaving the EU
- ✓ What are our future **trade options**
- ✓ Doing **business** post Brexit: opportunities & challenges
- ✓ How will our **agri food** industry respond?
- ✓ Brexit: a game changer for **local government**
- ✓ Future **funding landscape**
- ✓ Impact on **voluntary / community** sector
- ✓ Keeping Northern Ireland open for **tourism**
- ✓ How will **cross border relations** be affected
- ✓ What will Brexit mean for **public services**?
- ✓ Maintaining **connectivity**
- ✓ Brexit and the **retail** sector

Speakers include:



Jane Morrice
Member & former Vice
President
**European Economic &
Social Committee**

David Gavaghan
Chairman
CBI Northern Ireland

Declan Billington
Chair
**NI Food & Drink
Association**

Derek McCallan
Chief Executive
NILGA

Seamus McAleavey
Chief Executive
NICVA

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Chief Executive
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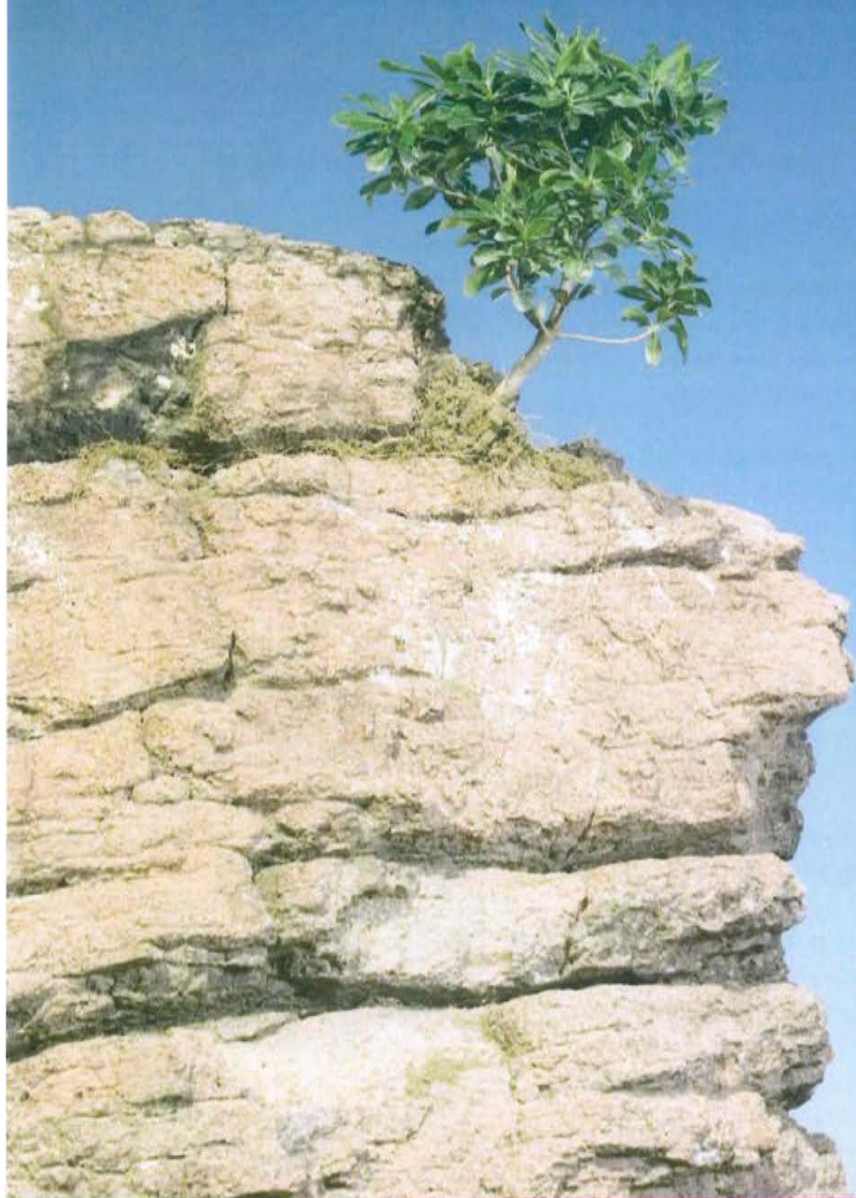
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apse annual seminar 2016

7-8 September 2016, Derry / Londonderry

Millennium Forum, Newmarket Street, City Centre

Survival of the fittest: Ensuring a future for local government's frontline



Featuring the APSE service awards 2016

Wednesday 7 September

Tuesday 6 September

Welcome Evening Reception

A welcome reception for delegates and exhibitors to meet in advance of the seminar and enjoy some light refreshments and a welcome from Derry / Londonderry.

To be held at The Guildhall from 7.30 - 9.30.

Wednesday 7 September

9:00am Registration, coffee and exhibition viewing

10:00am **Session 1: The Local Government Challenge: A picture from across the UK**

Welcome address

A symposium panel of expert speakers will present the challenges and opportunities for local government from across the UK.

Panel members:

Sally Loudon, Chief Executive, COSLA

Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, NILGA

Ask the panel: Audience Q&A

11.30am Coffee and exhibition viewing

12.00pm **Session 2: Funding the frontline**

Chair: Ellen Cavanagh, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Sustainable local government finance. A reality or pipe-dream?

- The UK picture of local government finance
- What do we need to change our fortunes?
- A new dynamic of funding. How do we reform the system?

Speaker: Dr Peter Kenway, New Policy Institute

The impact on liveability and neighbourhood services

- Fighting our corner for a piece of the funding pie
- What are the ancillary costs to the public purse of running down our frontline neighbourhood services?
- Fight or flight? Five ways we can sustain our liveability services

Speaker: Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE

Democracy and governance: Bringing accountability to chaos

- Understanding the need for accountability in public services
 - How can we exercise governance over a fragmented public services base?
 - The future role of elected members and local public services
- Speaker:** Professor Steven Griggs, De Montfort University

1.00pm Lunch and exhibition viewing

2.00pm **Session 3: Tackling the big issues**

Chair: Cllr Martin Reilly, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Delivering Homes for All

- Planning: what needs to change to deliver new build homes?
 - Creating quality neighbourhoods
 - Homes that deliver on social outcomes
 - Building homes for rent
- Speaker:** Michael Chang, Projects and Policy Manager, Town and Country Planning Association

Environment and public realm

- Keeping a coastal town looking bright
 - Tackling innovation in streetscene and refuse collection
 - Developing new ways of working and new public expectations
- Speaker:** Richard Bradley, Head of City Clean and City Parks, Brighton & Hove District Council

Employment and skills in local areas

- The role of local councils in supporting employment and skills
- Creating new options for apprenticeship and building local capacity
- The findings of APSE and NLGN research

Speaker: Jessica Studdart, Assistant Director, NLGN

3.00pm Exhibition viewing and refreshments

3.30 Operational hubs

Forum 1

Highways, Street Lighting and Winter Maintenance

Forum 2

Housing and Building Maintenance

Forum 3

Refuse, Streetscene and Public Realm

Forum 4

School Meals and Facilities

Forum 5

Sport, Leisure and Public Health

4.45pm Close of seminar day one

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the City Hotel.

6.45pm AGM registration

7.00pm AGM commences

8.00pm AGM reception and evening meal with Guest Speaker

The APSE AGM is open to all member authorities and you are encouraged to ensure your own local authority is represented at this important meeting

Thursday 8 September

9.00am Registration coffee and exhibition viewing

10:00am **Session 4: An international perspective on local and municipal government**

Managing demand and innovation in Antwerp's municipal services

- How we organise our municipal areas
- What services we provide
- The funding and demand issues
- Innovation in service delivery

Speaker: Luc De Rooms, Provincie Antwerpen, Belgium

Spanish Lessons! Gaining the most from Waste as a resource

- Using waste within a circular economy
- Developing bespoke facilities to maximise recycling
- Generating green energy from waste

Speaker: TBC

Derry City and Strabane: A new vision

- Using cross border and international connections
- The City of Culture legacy:
- Development of our public realm and infrastructure

Speaker: John Kelpie, Chief Executive, Derry City and Strabane District Council

Ask the panel: Audience Q&A

11.00am Coffee and exhibition viewing

11.30am **Session 5: Finding the money for the big issues!**

Utilising your local authority assets for income generation

- Developing an asset investment strategy
- What are the parameters for you to invest
- Managing risk. Gaining new sources of incomes

Speaker: David Bentley, CIPFA

Oxford's journey to income generation

- Recognising the problem and taking action to bridge the funding gap
- Taking a commercial approach but maintaining a public service ethos

Speaker: Tim Sadler, Executive Director, Community Services, Oxford City Council

Robin Hood Energy

- Investing in renewables
 - Generating new sources of green income to help your less well-off residents and services!
 - Gaining political buy-in
 - How much can you make! The APSE Energy and Robin Hood collaboration
- Speaker:** Gail Scholes, Head of Energy Services, Robin Hood Energy, Nottingham City Council

1.00pm Lunch and exhibition viewing

Session 6: Demand management and performance improvement

Better management of the public realm and waste resources

- Scotland's national litter strategy
- Working towards a zero waste and circular economy
- The financial and environmental imperatives

Speaker: Charlie Devine, Head of Resource Management, Zero Waste Scotland

Digital transformation

- Making digitisation work to find savings
- Avoiding social exclusion
- Managing change but including citizens and staff
- Making digitisation work for frontline services

Speaker: TBC

Using performance to drive service improvements

- Performance improvement
 - How do we fit people and organisation development into a performance framework
 - Ensuring organisational goals are translated to delivery on the frontline
- Speaker:** Dermot O'Hara, Director – People Strategies, Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland

3:00pm

Motivational session: Onwards and Upwards!

Motivational speaker and sneak preview of 'Promoting Excellence' an APSE and ITN Productions film showcasing excellence in public service delivery.

4.00pm Close of seminar day two

APSE Annual Service Awards Charity Dinner 2016

The APSE service awards 2016 will be hosted at Foyle Arena, Derry

Pre-dinner reception will commence at 7.00pm along with the premier launch of 'Promoting Excellence' in association with ITN productions.

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Conference programme

0900	<p>Chairman's welcome and introduction: Stewart Beattie, QC</p> <p>MINISTERIAL ADDRESS: <i>Planning for investment</i> Chris Hazzard, MLA Minister for Infrastructure <i>(invited)</i></p> <p><i>Planning law update</i> Grant McBurney Planning & Environmental Law Team Carson McDowell</p> <p><i>Local development planning: A key role in the planning process</i> John Linden, Head of Planning Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council</p> <p><i>Implementing planning policy: A Councillor's experience to date</i> Cllr Sean Clarke, Chair, Planning Committee Mid Ulster District Council</p> <p><i>Building planning and sustainable energy capacity of town planners: The SPECIAL project</i> Henk van der Kamp, Head of School of Transport Engineering, Environment and Planning Dublin Institute of Technology</p> <p>Questions & answers / Panel discussion</p>	1130	<p><i>Pre-application community consultation: A valuable addition to the planning process</i> David Kerr, Director – Public Affairs, Community & Stakeholder Engagement Strategic Planning</p> <p><i>The new planning system: A developer's perspective</i> Trudy Harbinson, Planner WDR & RT Taggart</p> <p><i>Key heritage issues in planning</i> Brian McKervey Head of Heritage Development and Change Department for Communities</p> <p><i>Establishing Scotland's first town centre Simplified Planning Zone</i> Kevin Dalrymple Development Plans and Housing Strategy Team Leader Renfrewshire Council</p> <p><i>Developing large scale housing projects under the new planning system</i> Niall Sheridan Group Director of Development & Assets Choice Housing Ireland Ltd</p> <p><i>Understanding the importance of environmental regulations in plan making and development management</i> Speaker tbc</p> <p>Questions & answers / Panel discussion</p>
1100	<p>Morning coffee / networking break</p>		

1300 Conference lunch / networking break



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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 range of issues which may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.

3	Key Issues																		
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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