



27 October 2022

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in
The Chamber, Dungannon and by virtual means Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 19:00 to transact the
business noted below.

A link to join the meeting through the Council's remote meeting platform will follow.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

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This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the
Council's You Tube site [Live Broadcast Link](#)
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Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in
the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item
and the nature of their interest.
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This Council recognises the significant investment in rural communities and businesses, and the wider economy derived from the Single Farm Payment under the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP); agrees that CAP Single Farm Payments were critical to farm profitability, particularly for small family farms; is concerned with the significant uncertainty facing our farming community with the loss of CAP Single Farm Payments as a result of Brexit and the end of the replacement Basic Payment Scheme worth £300 million a year, beyond 2024; and calls on the British Government and the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to set out urgently what replacement funds will be put in place to support our farmers and the wider agricultural sector.

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

Matters for Decision

19. Reconvened Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 20 September 2022 (Decisions previously ratified)
20. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 22 September 2022
21. Planning Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 4 October 2022
22. Policy & Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 6 October 2022

23. Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 11 October 2022
24. Development Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 13 October 2022
25. Document for Sealing: IST Award - Thomas Clarke's NEC Document

Matters for Information

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 20 September 2022 by Virtual Means (Reconvened)

Members Present

Councillor S McAleer*, Chair

Councillors Ashton*, Buchanan (5.12 pm)*, Cuddy*, Elattar*, Gildernew*, Kearney*, S McGuigan*, McKinney (5.08 pm)*, McLean*, S McPeake*, Molloy*

Officers in Attendance

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive**
Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment**
Mrs Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)**
Mrs Dyson, Head of Human Resources (HoHR)**
Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Service and Finance (SD: CSF)**
Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)**
Ms McNally, Assistant Director of Finance, Legal, Governance and Transformation** (AD: CSF)**
Ms Mezza**, Head of Marketing and Communications
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT**
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer**

* Denotes members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 4.34 pm

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

PR159/22 Notice of Recording

This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's YouTube site.

PR160/22 Apologies

Councillor Forde, Doris, Quinn and Totten.

PR161/22 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Molloy declared an interest in PR169/22 Purchase of Lands at Drumcoo from Dungannon Enterprise Centre – Completion.

PR162/22 Chairs Business

The Chair drew members attention to attached minutes from 8 September 2022.

The Chair advised that the SD: CSF wished to raise an item under Confidential Business.

Matters for Decision

PR163/22 Request(s) to Illuminate Council Property – September 2022

The SD: ODSP presented previously circulated report which considered requests to illuminate/light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness of and mark;

- Children's Cancer Awareness – Children's Cancer Awareness Month
- RVH Liver Support Group – Organ Donation
- Hear our Voices – Non Verbal Campaign
- Cancer Focus NI – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- DoJ Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Campaign – Awareness Day
- North West Migrants Forum – Black History Month
- Disability Action NI – International Day of Disabled

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan and
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to illuminate the three designated Council properties as follows –

- Monday 26 September 2022, Children's Cancer: Gold
- Wednesday 28 September 2022, Organ Donation Week: Pink
- Friday 30 September 2022, Hear our Voices: Purple & Yellow
- Saturday 1 October 2022, Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Pink & Teal
- Tuesday 18 October 2022, Modern Day Slavery & Human Trafficking: Red
- Friday 21 October 2022, Black History Month: Red
- Saturday 3 December 2022, International Day of Disabled: Purple

PR164/22 Member Services

None.

Matters for Information

PR165/22 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 July 2022

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 7 July 2022.

PR166/22 Update: Introduction of Autism (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (Autism Legislation)

Members noted update on recent updated legislation relating to Autism, in the context of updated legislation which passed the NI Assembly in the form of the Autism (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

Councillor Kearney welcomed the report and said that it may be worthwhile touching base with FACTS in Magherafelt as they carry out tremendous work.

The SD: ODSP reassured member that this would be followed up by the relevant Officer.

He advised that Officers had been in contact with FACTS in the past but that the Corporate Policy & Equality Officer would continue to liaise with the FACTS group on their activities.

PR167/22 Performance Improvement Annual Assessment Report 2021-2022: General Duty to Improve

Members noted progress made towards discharging its General Duty to Improve under Part 12 of the Local Government (NI) act 2014 by way of an annual self-assessment report 2021 to 2022.

The live stream ended at 4.40 pm.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR168/22 to PR180/22.

Matters for Decision

PR168/22	Employment Relations Matter
PR169/22	Purchase of Lands at Drumcoo from Dungannon Enterprise Centre - Completion
PR170/22	Staffing Matters for Decision
PR171/22	Access route Design Fees for lands at Desertcreat
PR172/22	Transformation
PR173/22	Annual Accounts for 12 Months Ended 31 March 2022

- PR174/22 Wide Area Network Service Tender Procurement (ABC Council) Update
- PR175/22 Connecting Pomeroy Update
- PR176/22 Leisure Services VAT Claim Update

Matters for Information

- PR162/22 Chair's Business (Continued)
- PR177/22 Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 July 2022
- PR178/22 Staffing Matters for Information
- PR179/22 Managing Employee Attendance
- PR180/22 Financial Report for 3 Months Ending 30 June 2022

PR181/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 4.30 pm and concluded at 5.52 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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

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

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

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 22 September 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by virtual means

Chair Councillor Corry

Members Present Councillors Bell, Black, Brown*, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris*, Gildernew*, Glasgow, Graham, Kearney, Kerr, Martin*, N McAleer 7.15pm, S McAleer*, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan*, McKinney*, McLean, McNamee*, D McPeake*, S McPeake*, Milne*, Molloy, Mullen, Oneill*, Quinn, Robinson, Totten*, and Wilson

Officers in Attendance Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
 Ms Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment
 Ms Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisational Development Strategy and Performance (SD:ODSP)**
 Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing** (AD: HLW)
 Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure (DPHI)
 Ms Linney, Assistant Director of Development (AD:Dev)
 Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E)
 Ms McKeown, Assistant Director of Economic, Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes** (AD: EDT&SP)
 Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications**
 Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisational Development, Strategy & Performance (AD:ODSP)
 Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Service and Finance (SD:CSF)**
 Ms Totten, Community Planning Coordinator
 Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

Agenda Item 5: Deputation Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Grainia Long**	Chief Executive
John McCartan	South Region Manager
Sharon Crooks	Mid Ulster Manager
Leanne Vincent**	
Andy Kennedy**	
Sinead Collins**	
Marie Foy**	
Roisin O'Neill**	

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The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

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

C164/22 Notice of Recording

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

C165/22 Apologies

Councillors Ashton, Colvin, Elattar, Forde, Mallaghan, Monteith and Mullen

C166/22 Declarations of Interest

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

C167/22 Chair's Business

The Chair, Councillor Corry stated, Members, this is the first meeting of the Council since the death of Queen Elizabeth and so it is fitting that I once again offer my condolences and express my sympathies to the many people across our council area, particularly those from a unionist tradition, who are feeling this loss deeply.

Queen Elizabeth made a huge contribution to reconciliation and building peace on this island, and it is important that we acknowledge that important role.

The Chair, Councillor Corry invited comments.

Councillor McLean said, "Thank you Chair for allowing me to speak, I'm sure I don't really need to remind Council of the events which have taken place within our nation since our last Council meeting in the passing of our monarch Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and it's in relation to that event that I want to make my following remarks.

First and foremost I would like to offer my deepest sympathy and that of this Council to the Royal family on the death of our late majesty Queen Elizabeth and assure them of our thoughts and prayers on their great loss, that of a mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother remembering that death is a very sombre and sobering occasion no matter whose home or family it visits. I further propose that this Council passes on our deepest condolences by way of letter to the Royal Family on her Majesty's passing. In conclusion I believe it would be remiss of me if I didn't state the part this Council played during the relaxation of the current "no flags policy position" in allowing the union flag to be flown at half-mast on the main council building here in Dungannon on this very sombre but special occasion. I firmly believe it was the right thing to do but more importantly it demonstrated maturity within all the main political parties."

Councillor Glasgow commented, "Madam Chair on behalf of the Ulster Unionist Group I pass on our sincere condolences to the Royal Family on the sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

Since the sad news was announced on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we have seen at World, National and local level the millions of people who have paid their respects to Her Majesty. Over the period of State Mourning people from right across Mid Ulster have paid their respects to the Queen by signing books of condolences, laying floral tributes, attending services of reflection, private moments of prayer and reflection and standing in line waiting to see Her Majesty lying in State. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was devoted to carrying out her duty and had previously made her devotion to service known, in 1952 on her 21st Birthday Queen Elizabeth outlined in her radio broadcast said

"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

In 2011 when Her Majesty visited the Republic of Ireland she made comment in her speech in Dublin

"What were once only hopes for the future have now come to pass; it is almost exactly 13 years since the overwhelming majority of people in Ireland and Northern Ireland voted in favour of the agreement signed on Good Friday 1998, paving the way for Northern Ireland to become the exciting and inspirational place that it is today."

In her Coronation address Her Majesty made promises to the people and held her promises, "Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust. Therefore I am sure that this, my Coronation, is not the symbol of a power and a splendour that are gone but a declaration of our hopes for the future, and for the years I may, by God's Grace and Mercy, be given to reign and serve you as your Queen. Parliamentary institutions, with their free speech and respect for the rights of minorities, and the inspiration of a broad tolerance in thought and expression - all this we conceive to be a precious part of our way of life and outlook. I ask you now to cherish them - and practise them too; then we can go forward together in peace, seeking justice and freedom for all."

We all have much to learn from the words and actions of Her Majesty the Queen and what she has said and done in her 70 years dedicated service to the people. She was a Queen for all, a lady who understood what was occurring around her, she showed true and genuine leadership taking on the most difficult of situations and working towards calm & fair solution. Tonight we must not forget that Her Majesty was also a wife, a mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother and tonight there is a family bereaved from their loss and we must remember this.

We mourn for our Queen, a Queen who has shown us and the entire world the true spirit of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth. Her actions throughout her service says it all, Her Majesty will be missed greatly by us all, but we will always remember her. Her legacy will live on through her son in his service to the people His Majesty King Charles III who is no stranger to Mid Ulster and is welcome back anytime.

Madam Chair, the past two weeks have seen us, as a Local Government Authority, doing what was required for the people of our District! They have turned out in their thousands to pay their respects following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Unfortunately, they have been hurt and angered by the actions of the Nationalist Councillors of this Council, preventing the Union Flag from being flown on the Council Offices in Cookstown and Magherafelt. The perceived lack of respect is extremely disappointing, especially in light of the fact that Sinn Féin's Michelle O'Neill and Alex Maskey actually attended the Queen's funeral. Also, the Council's lack of acknowledgement that the facilities would be closed that day because it was a Bank Holiday granted due to the death of the Queen, smacks of a deliberate intention not to recognise the Queen and the Royal Family in any way. It is something that the Council has been and will continue to be judged on by the people of our District. Hopefully going forward as our great Queen taught us we can learn from our mistakes."

Councillor Quinn in behalf of the SDLP shared condolences with unionist neighbours and those who respected the Queen. He said for himself he was not a big fan of the monarchy family but many across the district had been affected by her death and had felt a great loss. He reflected that she represented many people and although having suffered personal loss during the troubles had played a key role in reconciliation. He spoke of her visit to Ireland in 2011 when she went out of her way and spoke in Irish and had gained much respect. Councillor Quinn also acknowledged her visit to the Garden of Remembrance which was a massive step for her personally.

He also reminded Members that the great poet Seamus Heaney had in a poem said no toast would be raised to the Queen but yet here he was during her visit raising a toast. This in itself, he concluded spoke of the impact she had.

Councillor N McAleer entered the meeting at 7.15 pm

Councillor Kerr spoke of how the Queen had been born to a life of wealth and privilege which during the current cost of living crisis was hard to stomach. He asked that it be put on record that he did not support the union flag being flown and noted that neither he nor the other independent Councillors had been included in discussions which resulted in this action. He posed the question that should for example, an Irish President pass away would the Council in tune with the nationalist community show respect in flying the tri colour?

In response, the Chief Executive said the uniqueness of the situation spoke for itself and his engagement had been direct and immediate with the party leaders. The response and decision was taken given the feeling of many in Mid Ulster at the time. He said the direction he took was with agreement of the majority of the membership of Council. He concluded by stating that each mandate was equal but should such a unique instance occur in the future he would act likewise.

The Chair, Councillor Corry said should a situation arise in the future such as the example mentioned she would trust the same respect would be displayed.

The Chair, Councillor Corry said that whilst the last number of weeks have naturally been quieter than normal and more reflective, there were a few things of note which

had occurred since July Council. She spoke of the amazing evening of fireworks and lights at Ballyronan Marina at the end of August at which thousands of people turned out and the feedback had been overwhelming positive. The Chair expressed delight at the opportunity to attend Mid Ulster Pride last month where again large crowds celebrated the diversity of the community in a very positive way. She said that wherever she goes be it a large-scale event like Lumarina, or small gardening workshops like the one in Maghera Walled Garden there is a very real sense that people are enjoying the opportunity to gather again and share experiences. She said that in October she hoped to be seeing similar crowds at the Halloween events. The Chair congratulated Council staff teams from parks, leisure, environment and property who all contributed to the award of the latest green flags for the walled garden, Dungannon Park, The Hill of The O'Neill and, for the first time, Davagh Forest. Special mention was also given to 50 staff members from across the Council who completed their 'Just a Minute' training. This means that anyone who may face communication barriers and who shows a JAM card has the confidence that they can discreetly say that they need a little more time to engage with or access one of Council services.

The Chair, Councillor Corry highlighted the opportunity to embrace diversity Cookstown cultural parade and international breakfast at Hill of The O'Neill in the coming weekend which would provide a good opportunity to welcome people to the district. In conclusion the Chair made special mention that this would be the last Council meeting for Mark Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure and Ursula Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications who will be leaving the Council at the end of September.

Councillor Kerr stated that on the 9 August, two unionist councillors had made embarrassing remarks about his local GAA Club Coalisland Na Fianna. He said that Councillor Cuthbertson's obsession with attacking anything remotely Irish led him to make a fool of himself and a further unionist councillor who had not checked that the claims he was making were correct released a statement to outdo him. He said that Councillor Cuthbertson must spend his days scrolling social media to find something to be angry about. Councillor Kerr said that the obsession with demonising the Irish culture had led to Councillor Cuthbertson attacking Coalisland on a few occasions and called him to explain how the embarrassing incident had happened, asked both Councillors involved to apologise to Coalisland Na Fianna and the Hughes family. He concluded by requesting Councillor Cuthbertson to stop attacking his culture.

Councillor Quinn said that the comments and lack of apology for same had caused much anger in the community of Coalisland. He said that the comments attacked the event, those attending it together with the participating teams and in his view the incident had brought the Council into disrepute as it was a member attacking a local GAA event which simple research would have highlighted that the assumptions made were wrong. Councillor Quinn concluded that it would be appropriate for the Councillor to make an apology.

The Chair, Councillor Corry provided opportunity for Councillor Cuthbertson to comment.

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed sympathy to King Charles III on the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II and reflected on the many who had been saddened by

her death. He paid tribute to the people of Dungannon area who had expressed their sorrow, travelled to Hillsborough, left floral tributes and paid tribute to members of the Royal British Legion who had represented the area in London.

Councillor Cuthbertson reflected on Members referring to his use of social media and said they seem to have a great knowledge of it. He stated he would not be apologising to the GAA who continue to idolise terrorists, should it be recent or 100 years ago. He said speaking of social media a memory had appeared earlier in the day of Thomas Clarke's GAC fans and members of the public wearing Thomas Clarke's shirts singing a sectarian and misogynistic song for which there had never been an apology.

The Chair, Councillor Corry reminded Councillor Cuthbertson that he had been asked to respond to the comments made about the hurt caused to the Hughes family.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he was trying to do that but his microphone had been cut.

Again Councillor Cuthbertson spoke of the songs, tournaments named after IRA terrorists and said the list was continual.

The Chair, Councillor Corry again reminded Councillor Cuthbertson to respond to the matter in hand and not go over matters previously discussed.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked did the Chair, not wish to hear about the past.

The Chief Executive, reminded Members that the Chair's word was final.

The Chair, Councillor Corry said it was evident Councillor Cuthbertson did not wish to respond on the matter being discussed and moved on.

Councillor S McPeake highlighted the recent success enjoyed by Lavey GAC ladies team who in the first year of participating in the tournament had won the Ladies Junior Championship for County Derry.

C168/22 Deputation form Housing Executive

The Chair, Councillor Corry welcomed NIHE Chief Executive Ms Grainne Long and her colleagues to the meeting. Ms Long delivered presentation providing an overview of the annual update of the Housing Investment Plan for Mid Ulster.

The Chair, Councillor Corry thanked Ms Long for the presentation and said she had been born and reared in a NIHE house and it was close to her heart and she looked forward to long term investment. The Chair also spoke of the homeless figures and the plight of victims of domestic abuse trying to find temporary accommodation. She said very often people were placed miles away from their family, friends, support network and schools. She also highlighted that many people did not understand the method of making application for social housing. She concluded that it was very difficult at times for people to attain points to meet the criteria for housing and again this impacts temporary accommodation.

In response Ms Long said that prior to covid there was an upward curve in relation to homelessness but this had been accentuated with covid as many who 'sofa surfed' no longer had the option of staying amongst friends and this had drove the statistics up. She further acknowledged that the voluntary and community sector had to reduce the number of places due to capacity permitted and thus this had led to a rapid increase in lack of places. Ms Long acknowledged the homeless figures had risen sharply and said as she made presentations to each council the need for increased availability of temporary accommodation was prevalent. She further stated that the private sector rental market was losing landlords and that the NIHE were endeavouring to bring forward additional housing stock. She concluded that her team meet with landlords to seek accommodation and even lease from them and requested that if Members were aware of any opportunities that they make contact with NIHE as they were very keen to talk.

Councillor S McPeake thanked the team for the presentation and acknowledged the difficult task the NIHE had. He thanked the local teams who were always accommodating to Members and thanked Council staff for their endeavours with the Housing Forum. He spoke of rural housing needs test and referred to a test carried out in Gulladuff when there had been a tremendous response of 45 applications, of which 14 were deemed eligible but only two had deemed to be in housing stress but opportunities had remained at zero. He said local people had made much effort to participate in the housing test process and the outcome had been very disappointing. He said that there was little point raising expectations when there is nothing to deliver.

Ms Long said she understood and said it was difficult to reflect need correctly and not raise expectations. She said some councils are seeking these tests and that she had noted a number of points but would welcome a conversation in the future as to how the procedure could be improved. She said the numbers drive the ability to assess and determine need, it in turns helps planners to determine planning, gives social housing associations the opportunity to seek land in places but all of this raises the expectations and it is a difficult process.

Ms Collins said she too understood the frustration expressed by Councillor S McPeake and acknowledged whilst the rural housing needs process is not always successful it is vital that people come forward. She said that with place shaping in mind the figures can be reviewed should a proposal come forward for the village. Ms Collins concluded that without land availability it is very difficult to deliver.

Councillor Kerr asked if NIHE would be introducing extra measures to assist tenants in coping with the cost of living crisis. He also said he appreciated the fact that NIHE had not been able to invest in housing stock for over twenty years but drew attention to the difference in NIHE rents and social housing rents. He also proposed that NIHE host DEA meetings with Members as they did previously. Councillor Kerr highlighted the fact that there is no mechanism to control rents and no legislation for private landlords. He concluded by highlighting that many European countries were freezing rents in response to the cost of living crisis.

Ms Long outlined a number of measures that NIHE were implementing in response to the cost of living crisis to include energy efficiency advice, warm home schemes

noting that some schemes were mean tested. She highlighted much of the advice was available to the general public also and stated that if people did not qualify for grants the NIHE advisors endeavoured to direct people to other agencies. Ms Long also made reference to oil buying clubs which provided savings due to bulk buying. She advised that the NIHE had met with the Consumer Council and in order to help tenants were running a financial inclusion programme that had debt managers providing monetary and budget advice to up to 200 tenants per month. Some of those tenants were now seeking housing benefits and some 5700 claimants who had a short fall in rent between April and June had received help. Ms Long spoke of the shortfall in budget as the rents charged did not provide sufficient income for improvement programmes. She said that year on year the shortfall was increasing and thus there was no long term financial plan for maintenance but stressed that the tenants deserve the best and the NIHE needed to be in a position to borrow and a sustainable rent introduced over a period of time was required.

Mr McCartan in response to the call for DEA meetings said the NIHE were willing to participate in same. He outlined support for tenants and detailed a grant being funded by the Department for Communities and encouraged Members to make contact and refer people to the NIHE as it was imperative all the money was utilised.

Councillor Molloy thanked the NIHE for the presentation and said that all would have heard the announcement regarding the rise in interest rates which would be no doubt passed onto tenants of private landlords. He said that in Dungannon the rents were particularly high and thus there was even more pressure on people making the decision to heat or eat. He reflected that homelessness was on the rise and it was his hope that measures in place would assist those experiencing particular pressures.

Councillor Cuthbertson paid tribute to the NIHE representatives working in the Dungannon office and said they always provided an answer even though it may not be the one wanted!

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to three things, (i) the number of calls received from constituents regarding poor workmanship thus there was a need to have work checked; (ii) time involved in processing land transfers for example a recent transfer at Tamnamore took a particularly long time, he also referred to a number of private issues which perhaps took years; and (iii) in relation to the heating and energy cost crisis he asked was there a target to have all NIHE homes fitted with PVC windows and doors and if there was a target date what was it? He concluded that he understood that the response was may not be immediately available.

Ms Long in response to Members queries said that homelessness was rising and the NIHE was still facing housing challenges and were in emergency response mode. She reiterated that the NIHE were struggling to both allocate and find permanent housing and the fact was that next year the situation may not have improved but that every spare penny is allocated to homelessness.

With regard to the quality of workmanship she said that when contractors are in place there is a team of inspectors together with programme managers and as such she would like to follow up on individual cases as she would also do with land transfers.

Mr Kennedy referred to the NIHE funding shortfall and said that year on year the backlog is increasing. He said that life cycle for windows is replacement after 30 years but there was a backlog across every element of work and until sufficient funding was acquired it would be difficult to determine time frames.

Councillor Burton thanked the NIHE team and said that the interagency meetings and walks of the areas provide good insight. She highlighted some houses for example in Castlecaulfield where the pavements at the rear of the houses were in disrepair, the hedges were overgrown and trees were blocking light from windows. She said complaints had also been received about leaves falling from trees and causing major issues on paths and gardens. Councillor Burton also highlighted steps at Castle Place, Castlecaulfield and spoke of people with mobility issues experiencing difficulty in getting bins up and down same. She requested that perhaps a slope would be beneficial.

Ms Long said that any immediate health and safety concerns should be reported as soon as possible at local offices. She said that in general as people age their original home may not be fit for purpose and it is not always easy to provide solutions and reiterated that a longer term investment plan was needed to make homes fit for purpose.

Mr Kennedy said that there was an environment budget for grounds maintenance and said that there are many schemes but sometimes issues arose as areas external to estates had been adopted by DfI. He said he would follow up with local offices and again reiterated that investment situation was not good and thus the focus tended to be on the home not the environment.

Councillor McFlynn expressed her thanks to the representatives of NIHE who throughout the covid period had always been available to respond. She said that daily everyone was hearing about the cost of living crisis and thus she was delighted that schemes such as affordable warmth were being extended. She stressed that homes needed to be energy efficient and called for new building schemes to include single person homes and one or two bedroom apartments. Councillor McFlynn also requested an updated list of contacts.

Ms Long stated that her job is made easier by regional managers and their teams and welcomed the positive comments. She reiterated that they were keen to work with council on affordable warmth schemes, that many NIHE homes still had oil heating and that would prove challenging as would the huge rise in the cost of gas. She said that in respect of new builds and single person dwellings again this goes back to needs testing and highlighted that many council areas did not want single person dwellings but preferred family housing.

Ms Crooks said she would issue an updated contact list and thanked Members for their support.

The Chair, Councillor Corry thanked the NIHE team for their presentation and the team withdrew from the meeting at 8.52pm

Matters for Decision

C169/22 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2022

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to C141/22 Chair’s business, he advised he had not attended the Environment Committee in September as it took place during the period of national mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth II but that as far as he was aware no report had been presented in relation to the updating of Darren Clarke signage. He requested that update be provided.

Councillor S McPeake drew attention to C141/22 Chair’s Business in relation to his remarks about the late Colm McGurk and requested that the entire transcript be recorded in the minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 28 July 2022 (C138/22-C152/22 and C163/22) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

C170/22 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2022

Councillor Wilson drew attention to the impact on planning applications caused by DfI Roads and other statutory agencies delayed responses that were impacting sizeable investments coming to the district. He said at a prior meeting it had been suggested that DfI appoint a specific officer to liaise with planning section to drive these projects forward. He requested that the matter be raised at the scheduled Council meeting with DfI and extended his apologies that he would not be in attendance.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson’s query the Chief Executive confirmed that the Planning Committee had delegated authority with regard to planning applications and that the accuracy of the minutes are ratified by Council.

Councillor Cuddy concurred with Councillor Wilson’s comments and raised the matter of Old Eglish Road former Manse Road, Dungannon for which there was possibility of investment of 150 homes. He said there was a road traffic issue at the site and requested that it be raised at the Council meeting with DfI scheduled for next week.

The Chair, Councillor Corry confirmed that the matters would be raised.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 2 August 2022 (P097/22-P104/22 and P109/22) transacted in Open Business

having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

C171/22 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2022

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 (P110/22-P115/22 and P120/22) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

C172/22 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 8 September 2022

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor McLean and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held on Thursday 8 September (PR154/22 –PR158/22) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C173/22 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2022

Councillor Kerr drew attention to E197/22 Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets Survey Results and welcomed the change of name on recommended that is Stewartstown Road to Moss Road, Coalisland. He commended the residents who had led the campaign for the change.

Councillor Kerr also drew attention to E209/22 Biodiversity – 6 month update April – September 2022 and proposed that DEA meetings be held with DfI to adopt the diversity plan regarding roundabouts as he felt it would be useful for elected Members to contribute to discussion. He requested that the matter be raised at the scheduled meeting with DfI Roads on 29 September.

The Chair, Councillor Corry agreed to have it raised at the meeting.

Councillor Quinn drew attention to E202/22 Dual Language signage and asked that officers follow up on the sign placed Gort Manor estate instead of Gort Manor Drive.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 13 September 2022 (E192/22-E209/22 and E226/22) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C174/22 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15 September 2022

Councillor Wilson drew attention to D141/22 Economic Development Report Brown Signage Audit and welcomed same. He said there was a number of places that do not have brown signs at all which were major tourist attractions and whilst Council was highlighting what they had they should also take cognisance of businesses who feel the need for additional signs. He concluded that whilst there was criteria to be met to attain brown signage it would be useful to collect all relevant data.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that a few years ago Ranfurly House had been removed and as an example said that signage at St Anne’s just detailed The Hill of The O’Neill. He said when the attraction had been opened it was named Ranfurly House and The Hill of The O’Neill and requested that this was reinstated.

The Chief Executive said that all comments would be taken on board with regard to the Brown Signage Audit.

Councillor Molloy drew attention to D130/22 Chair’s Business regarding Railway Park DEA meeting and said that officers had endeavoured to schedule a meeting which had to be cancelled but said he would like this rescheduled as soon as possible.

Councillor Burton asked if tourism officers had the opportunity to feed into the audit as they are often lobbied regarding brown signage. She said a commitment had been given to have a periodic review of brown signage but this had not happened to date.

In response the Chief Executive advised Tourism Officers would take a lead on the project and that all issues would be addressed including ongoing discussion regarding criteria.

Councillor Kearney concurred with Councillor Burton and said that there was also some instances when signage should be removed. He also stressed the importance of maintenance of brown signs in order that they were in good condition.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That the Minutes of the Development Committee held on Thursday 15 September 2022 (D127/22 – D144/22 and D149/22) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C175/22 Receive and Consider Decisions Recommended in “Open Business” at the Reconvened Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2022

Councillor Wilson drew attention to the request to illuminate Council buildings for Hear Our Voices and stated the colours should be purple and yellow.

In response the AD: ODPS said he would have the colours updated.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

Resolved That the Decisions Recommended at the reconvened Policy & Resources Committee held on Thursday 20 September 2022 transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

C176/22 Conferences, Seminars & Training

The AD: ODPS sought approval for the previously circulated report on conferences, training and seminars.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor N McAleer and

Resolved That approval be given to submitted requests for conferences, seminars and training as outlined in the appendix A and B to the report.

C177/22 Civic Recognition Requests

The AD: ODSP sought approval for the previously circulated report on civic recognition requests from Members, in line with the stated Council Policy, and as detailed within the report at appendix A.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor N McAleer and

Resolved That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition detailed at appendix A as outlined in the report.

Matters for Information

C178/22 Consultations

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That Members note the previously circulated report on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.

The live broadcast concluded at 8.40 pm

Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved: That items C179/22 to C188/22 be taken as confidential business.

Matters for Decision

- (i) Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 28 July 2022
- (ii) Planning Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 2 August 2022
- (iii) Planning Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 6 September 2022
- (iv) Environment Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 13 September 2022
- (v) Development Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 15 September 2022
- (vi) Policy & Resources Committee confidential decisions recommended at meeting held on 20 September 2022
- (vii) Audit Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 20 September 2022
- (viii) Document for Sealing - Deed of variation in relation to the lease to lands situated at Tobermore Playing Fields
- (ix) Document for Sealing - Project Agreement between MUDC and Thomas Clarkes GAC
- (x) Document for Sealing - Deed of Variation: Cahore Playing Fields

The Meeting returned to open business.

C189/22 Presentation to Council Officers on Departure from Council

The Chair, Councillor Corry said that as stated at the start of the meeting Mark Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure and Ursula Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications will be leaving Council at the end of the month. She said that both have contributed greatly to the success of Council and extended best wishes to Mark as he retires and Ursula as she takes up a new post outside Council in October. She concluded, wishing them both success in the future.

Councillor McLean said he had not known either officer until the formation of Mid Ulster District Council but the courtesy and professionalism of both had been evident from day one. He said people don't usually say good things unless you are leaving but both had done a great job and their style and mannerism of delivery would be missed across the council team and indeed wider Mid Ulster.

Councillor Glasgow said he too had come to know Mark and Ursula at the commencement of Mid Ulster District Council and had always found them to be professional and helpful. He said Ursula's professionalism had been demonstrated at the royal visit to Cookstown when she had kept all Members in check but had

delivered a good job and a well-remembered visit was enjoyed by all. He concluded that both would be missed.

Councillor Kearney on behalf of the SDLP acknowledged their service and said all could agree that both were approachable and resilient. He said that Mark had got all the big ticket jobs at Council and said he had also been a lifelong friend of his late brother. He said that Ursula had provided a valuable service to all who had served as Chair or vice Chair and had kept them all up to date in the fast moving world of communications!

Councillor Kerr thanked both officers for their professionalism and wished them all the best for the future.

Councillor Molloy on behalf of the Sinn Féin party said that both in their professional approach had taken Mid Ulster to a new level.

The Chief Executive advised that staff would pay tribute to both officers in their final week with Council but said that Ursula had come to Mid Ulster and put her stamp on how things should and could be done and drove forward the new corporate identity. He concluded that she left the legacy of driving forward the digital strategy but had always been destined to better things and commended her on attaining a national job which was closer to home

The Chief Executive said that he had worked with Mark for some 30 years and would miss his professionalism and friendship. He said he had always been extremely diligent and the team had great faith in him. He said that the Coalisland Environmental Improvement Scheme had been a huge success due to his diligence and hard work as had many other schemes. He concluded that Mark now deserved the time with his family and indeed farming.

The Chair, Councillor Corry presented gifts.

In response Mark thanked everyone for their kind words and said he had found it a great joy to work in Cookstown then Mid Ulster over a career which had spanned almost four decades. He said that if you enjoy doing something it is not a chore and he had enjoyed his work and met many interesting people. He said he was leaving a great team and his work had been a blessing to him. He said you should always hope to leave a place better than you found it and he had achieved this and hoped all would be blessed moving forward.

In response Ursula said that her career in Local Government had spanned 27 years of which the last eight had been in Mid Ulster. She said it had been challenging and rewarding but the opportunity which had presented itself was too good to turn down. She concluded saying it had been a pleasure working with Members and the various Chairs and deputies over the years and extended her thanks to all.

C190/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.00 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A - Introductory Remarks from Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to our meeting of Mid Ulster District Council in the Chamber, Dungannon whether you have joined us remotely or in the Chamber.

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

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

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

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda – apologies and then a roll call of members in attendance.

Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 29 September 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by virtual means

Chair Councillor Corry

Members Present Councillors Ashton*, Black*, Brown*, Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Elattar*, Glasgow*, Graham*, Kerr*, Mallaghan*, Martin*, N McAleer*, S McAleer*, McFlynn*, B McGuigan*, S McGuigan*, McKinney*, D McPeake*, S McPeake, Milne*, Molloy*, Monteith*, Mullen, Quinn* and Totten*

Officers in Attendance Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

Agenda Item 5: Department for Infrastructure (Roads)

Mr Daniel Healy, Department for Infrastructure
Mr Neill Bratton, Department for Infrastructure
Ms Lesley Maxwell, Department for Infrastructure

* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

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

C191/22 Notice of Recording

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

C192/22 Apologies

Councillors Cuddy, Kearney, S McAleer and Totten

C193/22 Declarations of Interest

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

C194/22 Chair's Business

None

C195/22 Deputation: Department for Infrastructure (Roads)

The Chair, Councillor Corry welcomed the DfI (Roads) Western Manager, Mr Daniel Healy to the meeting. Mr Healy presented the previously circulated report. The Chair, Councillor Corry thanked Mr Healy for the presentation and invited Members questions.

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked Mr Healy for the report and extended thanks also to local officers for responding to queries. He drew attention to page 20 of the report “Mid Ulster District (South) Over the past year 4,290 notifications of intention to excavate in the highway were made by the various utilities in the Mid Ulster District (South) Council area, of which 222 were subject to inspection. Of those reinstatements inspected 2.4% were classified as unsatisfactory.” Councillor Cuthbertson said he felt that this appeared to be very low. He also referred to the housing estates in Dungannon and throughout Mid Ulster that had had no investment for 40 plus years and said whilst he understood budget restraints, without a programme for upgrading/repair year on year the list would get longer. He emphasised the need for a programme to bring them up to standard.

Councillor Cuthbertson further outlined that prior to the covid pandemic the main road through Moygashel had been scheduled to be resurfaced together with Ranfurly Crescent area in Dungannon. He said these did not appear to be on the list. Councillor Cuthbertson concluded by welcoming the update on Dungannon Bypass and seeking clarification as to the date of the pending report.

In response Mr Healy stated that with regards to the Bypass schemes the Regional Strategic Transport Network Plan progress could not be made without a Minister in place. He highlighted that the Climate Change Act would also impact the scheme and reviews would have to be completed and that a publication date was unknown.

With regard to comments regarding housing estates Mr Healy concurred that they were suffering but the available budget was insufficient and critical roads or areas posing health and safety risks took priority. In relation to footpath inspections Mr Healy said the statistics referred to locations where inspections had been carried out but unfortunately there was insufficient staff to carry out inspections at all works. With regard to road schemes previously listed he said they were most likely victim of prioritisation as other roads may have deteriorated and thus the greater need dictates how funding is allocated. He said should DfI receive additional funding such schemes would be reconsidered.

The Chair, Councillor Corry stated that such schemes could be brought forward at DEA meetings.

Councillor Kerr highlighted that he had raised at the Council meeting the previous week the roundabout at upper Clonoe. He highlighted he would like to see a biodiversity scheme at the roundabout but said he would raise at the forthcoming DEA meeting.

Councillor Kerr drew attention to references to works planned for Torrent DEA throughout the report and said he would be disappointed should the works slip due to prioritisation of other jobs. He reflected on the Coalisland Public Realm Scheme and drew attention to roundabouts that had missed the scheme but required works which he would detail at the DEA meeting but again highlighted it would be good for both Council and DfI to progress biodiversity schemes.

In response Mr Healy concurred with Councillor Kerr that some of the schemes listed within the report may well slip again should greater priorities arise. He stated that he understood Members frustration when this happened and highlighted that a recent scheme in Cookstown had incurred a 40% increase in cost yet there had been no increase in works and the DfI budget remained static.

Councillor Kerr again referred to the Public Realm Scheme in Coalisland and the missed opportunity for improving the roundabouts as part of the scheme. He said he understood it had been as a result of problems within the remit of the tender but that he was happy for DfI to discuss further in the future.

Mr Healy said this would be followed up at the DEA meeting.

Councillor S McPeake thanked Mr Healy for the report and extended his thanks to all staff Conal, Neil, Donna, Johnny who are all responsive to Members requests. He drew attention to recent works on the A6 and said he had received calls requesting an additional right hand turning lane near the Broagh Road junction turnoff. He said that the resurfacing works will increase speed and motorists turning right were petrified as there was no refuge on the road from passing traffic. He stated there was right hand turning lanes at other junctions even one leading to a dead end. He said whilst they welcomed the upgrade on the A6 at this particular section of road it was important to get it right.

In response Mr Healy stated that he had been briefed recently on that road section had given an undertaking that Mr Bratton would look at the request within the context of the current road scheme to include the additional lane.

Councillor B McGuigan thanked Mr Healy for the presentation and said he would welcome an opportunity to meet with him in person. He commended the DfI officers whom he had worked closely with especially in relation to such schemes as the A6. With regard to the right hand turning lane he stated he would concur with and support Councillor S McPeake's request for one at the Broagh Road turnoff similar to that at Ranaghan Road turnoff. He said whilst the A6 is a good road from Belfast to Castledawson one section of road leading onto the main road to Derry had been left out and DfI and Council

should be lobbying to have this on the national network to complete linkage between the two cities.

Councillor B McGuigan expressed support for Active Travel Schemes which are well received on the ground but said there should be more connection between elected members and DfI on local schemes. He said Members are out on the ground, are aware of footfall and linkages and in partnership schemes could be identified and delivered. He said it was his understanding that the Minister for DfI had committed funding to top up the Active Travel Schemes initiative and it would be beneficial for all areas.

In response, Mr Healy said he would like to see the A6 dualled in its entirety but the cost benefit rationale does not give it high enough priority to secure funding. He said DfI would be happy to progress if funding did become available.

Mr Healy concurred with comments regarding the Active Travel Scheme and said that the Minister had been committed to developing it. He said DfI was currently interviewing for a director to lead the project and agreed with Councillor B McGuigan that Council and DfI should develop a partnership approach to integrate schemes.

Councillor McFlynn thanked Mr Healy for the presentation and commended staff at local offices for their ongoing work especially in what had been a difficult year. She welcomed the fact that contracts were now in place for resurfacing works and lobbied for the stretch of road between The Loup and Coagh. Councillor McFlynn welcomed the pedestrian crossing at Moneymore which had taken approximately 10 years to come to fruition and extended particular thanks to DfI Officers on getting the project over the line stressing that it would improve road safety for many.

Councillor McFlynn drew attention to King Street, Magherafelt and the need for a pedestrian crossing especially for children crossing the road to go to school and pedestrians attending places of worship. She said that she hoped that DfI would see the significance for the schemes aforementioned. Councillor McFlynn concurred with previous comments in relation to right hand turning lanes and the need for the complete dualling of the A6. She concluded emphasising that road markings are refreshed when required and stated that she hoped the local team received sufficient funding to carry out their planned road schemes.

In response, Mr Healy said that he would speak to his team regarding the request for a pedestrian crossing at King Street. With regard to road markings he said that DfI have a rolling contract to renew/refresh road markings but asked that if any were posing a safety issue that they are reported expediently either to an officer or online. He said there was budget to address safety issues.

Councillor Graham in Councillor Cuddy's absence raised the issue of the lack of footpath on Manse Road Dungannon at Eglish Road and Beechvalley. She

highlighted that there was a new housing development and asked why when it was being planned that the footpath had not been provided.

Also on behalf of Councillor Cuddy, Councillor Graham asked why the tunnel at the road of Dungannon Park had been filled in when Council had made representation to preserve same.

Councillor Graham sought clarity as to the extent of the road resurfacing scheme at Granville saying that it appears to stop at the 30mph sign and no indication of works until you reach the industrial estate. She asked why this stretch of road had not been included in the scheme.

Mr Healy said he had done some background reading regarding the issue raised in relation to the footpath at Manse Road, he said this did appear to have been a missed opportunity. He said that there would be opportunity to review under the Active Travel Schemes. With regard to the tunnel at Dungannon Park Mr Healy said he was unaware of the circumstances but there may have been a structural defect but he would report back.

With regard to Granville Road Mr Healy confirmed the scheme stretches from Murdocks at town side for 1.8km but he would outline it on a map and share with the Member. He said this could be further discussed at relevant DEA meeting.

Councillor Quinn thanked Mr Healy for the presentation and commended local staff but said that response times had slowed down somewhat. He said response times were perhaps three to four weeks but sometimes it would be helpful to have requests acknowledged quicker especially if the matters were urgent. He commended the Public Realm Scheme in Coalisland and stated you would not recognise the town but the glaring issue now was the state of the road and requested the promised resurfacing.

Councillor Quinn also drew attention to the Mountjoy Road at Brocagh football field and advised that three cars had come off the road over one weekend. He said the matter is raised regularly and there is a history of accidents and whilst no one has been hurt to date it was only a matter of time and thus he would beg to have the matter addressed.

In response Mr Healy said that the DfI Customer Charter says responses should be within 15 working days and it would be his hope that staff are achieving that, yet he did understand that sometimes a more immediate response is required and thus they would endeavour to be more expedient. Regarding the resurfacing in Coalisland Mr Healy stated it was most likely a casualty of prioritisation. With regard to the Mountjoy Road he said an assessment would be carried out especially in light of the accidents aforementioned.

Councillor Molloy advised that Manse Road had been raised on many occasions by both himself and Councillor Cuddy. He said there had been a missed opportunity to realign the road and put in a footpath and he would

welcome a scheme. He concurred with Councillor Cuthbertson's comments regarding roads in housing estates and said many had been ravaged by utilities and stated they had both raised this on occasions. He further highlighted that small towns and villages do not benefit from urban regeneration schemes and many were crying out for some form of investment especially in relation to footpaths and village squares. He said collectively councils and DfI needed to lobby DAERA and DfC to get a funding pot for improvements in small towns and villages.

Mr Healy said that again he would concur with the issues raised in relation to housing estates but the budget allocation simply did not stretch to permit works to be carried out. He said budget has to go to major roads which are priority. Mr Healy also concurred about the need for an investment fund for small towns and villages and said he had asked DfC but would welcome opportunity to work with council on the matter.

Councillor Burton welcomed the team to the meeting and expressed concern with regard to the ongoing condition of rural roads which often are listed for works, then due to priority budgeting slip off the list and remedial works are not carried out. She highlighted a section of road between Caledon and Aughnacloy where there appears to be a leak, advising that NI Water would also be involved. Highlighting that the route is protected, that Caledon Estate says that it is neglect of infrastructure but that if people hit the water after dark it is dangerous. Councillor Burton further highlighted that a new state of the art childcare facility had opened in Caledon but the road leading to it was full of potholes. Drawing attention to footpaths Councillor Burton said many in villages were not fit for purpose and shared examples such as a lady falling on uneven paving in Castlecaulfield and paving stones in Caledon whereby if you step on one they are flooded with water.

Councillor Burton asked if Main Street in Clogher was due to be upgraded and advised she had been lobbied for additional car parking bays. She also drew attention to the active travel scheme that had been delivered at Eglish and stated it was great to see people using the footpath which had provided a safe route to the shops.

Councillor Burton said that there should be departmental funding for village improvements, she also drew attention to overgrown trees stating that DfI had the power to deal with such instances and advised she had also raised the matter with NILGA to lobby for improved legislation. Concluding comments Councillor Burton said that road signage especially at 'T' junctions and bad corners needed attention as some were actually lying in hedgerows and requested that an updated list of contacts be forwarded to Members.

Mr Healy speaking on the surface water issue in Caledon said in such instances Members should also flag the issue to NI Water to investigate leaks.

Councillor Burton said that both DfI and Members should write as it was a public safety issue and there was strength in unity.

Mr Healy said that DfI would inspect the road and ascertain the cause of the surface water. With regard to the potholes on rural roads he said that many of the potholes were under 50mm which was the criteria for repair. With regard to pavements in Castlecaulfield Mr Healy requested that such instances are reported online as, if it is, a safety issue DfI are duty bound to address but again work has to be prioritised and incidents have to meet the intervention criteria.

In relation to fallen trees Mr Healy advised that works within DfI were ongoing to formulate a new policy but this was currently not completed. He advised that DfI endeavour to work with landowners as to go down the route of enforcements takes resources from other tasks. Mr Healy advised that there were massive vacancies within the staff structure and until posts were filled only so much could be done but reassured that a recruitment process was ongoing. With regard to missing signage, Mr Healy advised that the online reporting system was the most expedient method of reporting. He also gave an undertaking that the section offices would forward updated contact lists.

Councillor McKinney thanked DfI representatives for the presentation and drew attention to the road improvements at Tobermore to Maghera and welcomed the project saying it was great to see the number of people on it. Councillor McKinney requested that DfI investigate the addition of a new third lane at junction Tobermore (from Glenshane side) heading towards Cookstown as this would alleviate traffic congestion. He said traffic coming from Draperstown had to wait and indicated there was a possibility of land availability to allow this and requested officers follow this up. He mentioned planned road improvements for Aughrim Road/Bells Hill Road which had been discussed for approximately ten years and highlighted there had been quite a number of accidents. Councillor McKinney sought clarity as to when works would be delivered.

Mr Healy advised that he would report back to the Council where on the list planned works for Aughrim Road was and the likelihood of delivery in the current year. He clarified the request for a third lane on the Tobermore A29 at the junction of Maghera Road and said he would have the request assessed.

The Chief Executive thanked Mr Healy, his team and Members for their contributions to discussion.

Speaking to Ms Maxwell the Chief Executive extended sympathy to her on the death of her father, Robert Mulligan who had passed away during the covid pandemic. He spoke of Robert, a true gentleman and how he had served as a local councillor both on Mid Ulster and the legacy Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council.

The Chief Executive drew attention to the A5 proposed works and advised that together with the Chair, Councillor Corry they had met with the Minister for Department for Infrastructure to discuss its progress an area of which had particular significance to the district. He also spoke of the A29 running through the heart of Mid Ulster and stated that DfI Western Division had it

listed as a priority but emphasised that it was imperative that central DfI recognised the importance of the A29 as it was one of three strategic cross border routes. He highlighted the importance of DfI estimating investment on more than volume stressing that economic and social factors needed to be prioritised otherwise funding would always go to the East and favour routes for example in Belfast.

The Chief Executive stressed that both Cookstown and Dungannon generate £2m to the NI Economy per annum which would be multiplied if heavy goods vehicles were moved from the main towns. He welcomed the partnership approach Council and DfI Roads had and advised that some £40m would be allotted to the project via the Mid Southwest Growth Deal and stressed the importance of having the SOB updated by Christmas. The Chief Executive said that economically Dungannon is the biggest town thus there is no point getting traffic around Cookstown to have traffic congestion from Carland on through Dungannon.

With regard to the possibility of a bypass for Dungannon the Chief Executive acknowledged that there was no line on the map for a bypass but planners were revisiting this and whilst there was previous attempts at defining a line Council was committed to the task and would invest to get the economic case over the line.

Referring to the discussion regarding financial support schemes for village projects he advised that Members had embraced Active Travel Schemes and Council would endeavour to work in partnership to bring schemes to fruition. He said Council would welcome village realm schemes for populations under 5k stressing that this 5k criteria had to be reviewed. He stated Council would endeavour to bring all relevant departments such as DAERA, DfC and DfI Roads to the table. He concluded that Coalisland Public Realm Scheme had been a game changer that would be a great legacy and welcomed partnership working to achieve such ends.

Mr Healy said that progress was being made on the A29 and the bypass scheme for Dungannon would be a game changer. He welcomed working in partnership with the Council and said he was more than willing to assist Council in negotiations and greatly appreciated the offer of Council working to identify a route and he would welcome round table discussions on same. In relation to village schemes Mr Healy said he would be glad to be part of round table discussions in order that DfI could play a role in delivery of regeneration schemes.

The Chair, Councillor Corry welcomed the success of Public Realm Schemes and stated she looked forward to the conclusion of the Maghera scheme. She too stressed the need for round table discussions to drive forward a funding scheme with criteria relevant to villages. She commended the Active Travel Schemes and spoke of the need for better road network linking Belfast and Derry highlighting the need for improvements on linkage roads Dungiven to Castledawson. The Chair, concluded welcoming progress on the Cookstown

Bypass and emphasised the need to progress a bypass for Dungannon together with works on the A5.

C190/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.26 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A - Introductory Remarks from Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to our meeting of Mid Ulster District Council in the Chamber, Dungannon whether you have joined us remotely or in the Chamber.

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

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

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

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda – apologies and then a roll call of members in attendance.

Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 4 October 2022 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by virtual means

Members Present

Councillor Brown, Chair

Councillors Bell, Black*, Brown, Clarke*, Colvin, Corry, Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Mallaghan*, Martin*, McFlynn, McKinney, D McPeake*, S McPeake, Quinn*, Robinson

Officers in Attendance

Dr Boomer, Service Director of Planning (SD: PI)
Mr Bowman, Head of Strategic Planning (HSP)
Ms Doyle, Head of Local Planning (HLP)
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer (SPO)
Mr McClean, Senior Planning Officer (SPO)
Ms McKinless, Senior Planning Officer (SPO)
Ms Scott, Council Solicitor
Mr Stewart, Senior Planning Officer (SPO)
Mr McClean, Senior Planning Officer (SPO)
Ms McNamee, ICT Support**
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Councillor Gildernew***

LA09/2020/0903/F	Joe Diamond***
LA09/2021/1773/F	Oonagh Given***
LA09/2021/1779/O	Chris Mullan***
LA09/2019/0179/F	Keith Buchanan MLA***
LA09/2019/0179/F	Martin Grainger***
LA09/2019/0179/F	Daniel McCusker
LA09/2019/0179/F	Chris Cassidy***
LA09/2020/1140/O	Joe McNulty
LA09/2020/1140/O	Eamon Cushnahan***
LA09/2020/1615/F	Christopher Quinn***

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

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan who was attending virtually, the Deputy Chair, Councillor Brown took the Chair.

P121/22 Notice of Recording

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

P122/22 Apologies

Cllr Mallaghan

P123/22 Declarations of Interest

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

P124/22 Chair's Business

The SD: PI drew members attention to previously circulated addendum and said that there were a few items listed in which they should be aware of.

He referred to first letter which was addressed to the Chief Executive from DfI in relation to Amendment to the Footway (Prohibition of Waiting) Order which was essential saying that some vehicles were parking next to a bus stand which was causing issues to members of the public, not only those wishing to alight the bus but also pedestrians, particularly those with visual impairments who wish to walk along the footpath.

What DfI wished to do was amend the Footway (Prohibition of Waiting) Order to prohibit vehicles waiting on the footway adjacent to a bus stand and sought any comments from the Council they may have on the proposal.

He felt that the Planning Committee did not need to respond as this was more about tidying up what the legislation should say.

Councillor Cuthbertson felt that this should be more an issue for the Environment Committee as they receive correspondence regularly and was surprised to see it at this committee.

The SD: PI said that he wanted to bring to members attention but did not strike him that there needed to be an input.

The SD: PI referred to letter from Department for the Economy (Minerals and Petroleum Branch) and advised members that there had been a debate regarding prospecting licences, one currently in diamonds which related to special metals and minerals which raised concerns. Council has been informed that these licences would be granted and at this stage all Planning can do is just note it.

The SD: PI updated members on statistics which are published each quarter and said that he wished to put his own spin on things due to the context.

In the first quarter of this year, planning discarded their computer system and stopped issuing decisions from end April until July and people assumed that the system would totally crash regarding decision making. When this was put into context, 390 applications were received which indicates that people were still investing in Mid Ulster because it was the third largest amongst all the authorities and only slightly behind Belfast City Council. He advised that 238 decisions were issued despite the period having been seriously cut, with a 17.9% average performance which was not seen to be good, but we were still mid table compared to other authorities. He felt that there was a need to be careful with these statistics, when decisions are not issued they are not counted against us. He expected that when moving through the summer period and autumn period processing times would fall as the focus is on trying to get out these older applications determined and reduce our backlog.

The SD: PI advised that there was an issue with enforcement and usually this Council was ranked at the top of the statistics table but due to Covid and the team being down, this was the lowest this Council had ever been, but had no doubt that this would be addressed as we move forward.

He said that one thing that concerned him was that when we went into the summer having 1080 live applications which was a strain on officers and was the largest of all authorities and the highest number of old applications. He stated that he fully expected that there would be a huge push to try and get on top of the number of applications which were being held down and to hit a better performance figure. He hoped by the New Year that this Council would be returning to pre Covid performance.

In referring to the new computer system he stated that two sets of lists were issued to members, Applications Received and Decisions Made and in the past decisions made were quite small and the reason for this was the computer generated lists based on the wrong field as set up by the Department. Under the old computer system he needed all 11 councils and the Department to agree a change and as a result of this minor errors were left unfixed. However, now we were in control of the new system officer were able to make the necessary change to ensure that members get the correct information and they will note that the decision made list is now much larger.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said although he welcomed this, he would like to see the number of applications reduced and felt if there was an opportunity for an extra drive between now and the winter months that this should be investigated.

Councillor Colvin agreed with comments made by the Chair and advised that he finds the new computer system easy to use which was better than the previous iteration of it and congratulated everyone involved.

He enquired which authority had the second highest number of applications.

The SD: PI advised that Newry, Mourne & Down were the second highest as they would have significantly more. He said that a lot of neighbouring Councils would have only half of the applications which this Council has and the same number of staff which seemed unfair where resourcing was concerned. ABC Council which is

the biggest Council for the number of residents actually have slightly lower than this Council. The remainder of the Councils would have approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of what we have and we have substantially more than most other authorities and given we have one of the smallest populations, our ratio of applications per head of population is the highest. What is fascinating is the makeup of the applications as everyone assumes that Mid Ulster has only houses in the countryside which is untrue as we get a higher ratio of applications which are industrial, renewable and civic compared to most other Councils, which actually indicates that Mid Ulster is a place where people want to invest and in turn create employment, resulting in people always looking for houses due to the income generated here.

Councillor McKinney concurred with previous comments and was aware that Mid Ulster was the capital of manufacturing, processing and any other business type and took us longer to get the applications through the system and not just straight forward like a dwelling. When officers go into a manufacturing or industrial site, this takes longer and cuts the response time down, but felt that the number of applications were encouraging, especially in these current times where people wished to advance forward in industry and new dwellings. He said that he was aware that it was a long hard road and everyone wants to progress quicker, but it was important to get it right.

The Chair referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination and sought approval to have the following applications deferred from tonight's meeting schedule for an office meeting/submission of further information –

Agenda Item 5.2 – LA09/2021/1366/F – 5 No. Glamping Pods and associated external works at 170m SE of 52 Derrycourtney Road, Caledon for Jim Moore

Agenda Item 5.3 – LA09/2021/1449/O – Dwelling and garage within a cluster site at 15m E of 6 Tamnadeese Road, Castledawson for Derek Fulton

Agenda Item 5.4 – LA09/2021/1773/F – Retention of coach yard and ramp for washing own coaches as an extension to established business at lands immediately to rear and NW of 30B Killyneill Road, Dungannon for Stephen Davison

Agenda Item 5.9 – LA09/2022/0388/F – Access road to existing Retail Park at 125m E of UNIT5K Shivers Business Park, 21 Hillhead Road, Toomebridge for Shivers Business Park

Agenda Item 5.10 - LA09/2022/0414/F - Dwelling and domestic garage on infill/gap site at 65m NE of 37 Liskittle Road, Tullagh Beg, Stewartstown for Mr Stephen Rodgers

Agenda Item 5.12 - LA09/2022/0518/O - Farm dwelling & garage at approx 130m W of 59 Glengomna Road, Draperstown for Mr Dermot Bradley

Agenda Item 5.14 - LA09/2022/0602/O - Dwelling and garage at 83m NW of 30 Eden Road, Portglenone for David Patton

Agenda Item 5.15 – LA09/2022/0618/O – Dwelling & garage at lands opposite 33 Lough Road, Ballymaguigan for Martin Doyle

Agenda Item 5.16 – LA09/2022/0619/O – Dwelling & garage at 75m W of 20 Lough Road, Ballymaguigan for Oliver O'Neill

Agenda Item 5.17 – LA09/2022/0645/O – Dwelling and domestic garage at 70m N of 135A Five Mile Straight, Maghera for Patrick McKenna

Agenda Item 5.18 – LA09/2022/0685/O - 2 Storey dwelling and garage to rear of 68 Drumconvis Road, Coagh for Frances Harkness

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That the planning applications listed above be deferred for an office meeting/submission of information as outlined.

Matters for Decision

P125/22 Planning Applications for Determination

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

LA09/2020/0903/F Detached garage to rear of existing dwelling at approximately 11m NE of No 21A Culbane Road, Portglenone for Ger McPeake

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2020/0903/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2020/0903/F be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2021/1366/F 5 No. glamping pods and associated external works at 170M SE of 52 Derrycourtney Road, Caledon for Mr Jim Moore

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2021/1449/O Dwelling and garage within a cluster site at 15m E of 6 Tamnadeese Road, Castledawson for Derek Fulton

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2021/1773/F Retention of coach yard and ramp as an extension to established business at lands immediately to rear and NW of 30B Killyneill Road, Dungannon for Mr Stephen Davison

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2021/1799/O Single dwelling (2 storey) & garage at NE of 128 Old Ballygawley Road, Dungannon for Mr B Conlon

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2021/1799/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2021/1799/O be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/0066/F Replacement dwelling at 24 Derrychrin Road, Coagh, Cookstown for Paul Mallon

Ms McKinless (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2022/0066/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor S McPeake referred to building with the red roof and enquired if there was any evidence to indicate that this was a dwelling as he can see the modern one which had similarities with the garage.

The SD: PI advised that No. 24 was once a dwelling but what clearly happened was it was demolished and replaced by a garage. The trouble with applications with this nature is the way that policy is addressed as this was a site where there was a building which has the essential characteristics of a dwelling, so its present appears to be a garage from photographic evidence.

Councillor S McPeake enquired if the agent submitted any evidence to support the application.

Ms McKinless (SPO) said that the only evidence in which the agent submitted was the overhead photograph which was taken in 1995 which indicated at one stage that it previously was a dwelling. She said that the case officer had liaised with Building Control department and sought evidence from them and they had confirmed that a certificate was issued authorising that this was a detached garage.

Councillor McFlynn enquired if there was an opportunity for the agent or the applicant to submit further information, but would be supportive of what is agreed tonight.

The SD: PI said that the purpose of putting applications to planning committee was that it alerts people to approach officers and seek an office meeting, which hasn't occurred. As members rightly know Officers always like to give people a chance to have their say, but we cannot automatically defer every refusal as this did not make sense either otherwise what was the point of the process. The problem for him listening here like everyone else was that there used to be a dwelling on the site.

Councillor McKinney enquired if the overhead photographs relating to No. 26 were the same as they looked to be two different buildings.

The SD: PI said that by looking at the overhead photograph No. 24 was once clearly a dwelling and characteristics to demonstrate its existence, but was not there anymore and obvious that there was another building in front of that. This has now been replaced by a garage and the other building has been demolished, resulting in a building no longer being on the site and replaced by a garage in definition because applicants applied for a garage.

Councillor McKinney said that he understood what the SD: PI was saying but from what he could see, it didn't look to be the same site and didn't match up.

The SD: PI agreed that by looking at the overhead photographs it did look like that but they were taken at two different angles which was confusing but was still the same bungalow.

Ms McKinless (SPO) advised that in 1991 there was approval granted for an extension and improvements to No. 26 dwelling which may explain the changes in the photographs.

Councillor McKinney said that although he could understand the update, this was in 1991 and this was taken 1995 which was nearly 5 years later.

The SD: PI said that when you look at the photograph the form of the window seems to be the same and the aerial photo shows the pillars and porch and the other photograph shows a bungalow which seems to be the same.

Councillor Clarke said that when you look at the site location plan, there was a cluster of houses in the area, even if you exclude the building referred to. He said that there was already 3 dwellings there and would it make any difference if it as situated where it was proposed.

The SD: PI said his own view would be that it could classed as a potential infill.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Clarke

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/0066/F be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor Glasgow said that when this application comes back to committee it would be useful if ordnance survey aerial view maps were provided to see the layout of the land.

LA09/2022/0089/O Replacement dwelling and retention of existing building to be used as an outbuilding at 375M SE of 103 Moneymore Road, Cookstown for Mr Harold Kane

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2022/0089/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/0089/O be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/0208/F Temporary erection (for 3 years) of modified shipping containers & lightweight structures at Site SW of & Immediately adjacent to 27 Market Square, Dungannon for Dungannon Enterprise Centre

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2022/0208/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that this application was situated on Council property.

All members in attendance declared an interest in the above application.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/0208/F be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/0388/F Access road to existing retail park at 125M E of UNIT5K Shivers Business Park, 21 Hillhead Road, Toomebridge for Shivers Business Park

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2022/0414/F Dwelling and domestic garage on infill/gap site at 65m NE of 37 Liskittle Road, Tullagh Beg, Stewartstown for Mr Stephen Rodgers

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2022/0442/RM Single storey dwelling and garage between 255 & 259 Orritor Road, Orritor, Cookstown (Entering of Church Road) for Mr Serghei & Mrs Tanya Hamchecici

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2022/0442/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Councillor Bell said that he would be happy to approve the recommendation.

Councillor Glasgow said that he noted an objection within the report which was a civil matter in regards to a sewer and enquired if it was a common occurrence *that* planning would be over a sewage line. He said that he was aware of the electricity line going to seven houses and assumed that Power NI wouldn't be a consultee as everything was overhead. He was a bit concerned regarding the sewage element

and appreciated that it was a civil matter between the applicant and the objector but enquired if this was a common occurrence.

The SD: PI advised if it was a Water Service sewer, it would always be wise to try and not build over a sewer, but you can get agreement to build over a sewer or a water main. Normally the agreement gives rights to Water Service to dig it all up and this is why we try to avoid it. Sometimes it may be difficult as this may be for a disabled annex or something, but it would be best to avoid if possible. There are lots of septic tanks discharge pipes going through neighbouring lands and in this instance any concerns should basically be addressed between the two affected parties privately.

Councillor McKinney enquired if NI Water were content with this as usually this was a leeway agreement.

Ms McKinless (SPO) advised that as this was a reserved matter application on the back of an outline, NI Water were not consulted, Roads Service were the only consultee. The case officer within the report referred to the fact that the sewer issue was raised at outline and was advised to be a civil matter which would be resolved between the parties concerned, also electric cable was also deemed a civil matter.

Councillor Clarke said that he was aware of the layout of the site but was hard to know as the land strokes in two or three different directions as there would be a sewage system on down past the church and school. He said if this was within the remit of NI Water and Electricity then they would have a leeway. He felt that this committee could make a decision but then any disputes would be between the applicant and the objector and would be happy to support the recommendation.

Councillor Glasgow said that he appreciated the information and when he looked up the information on the block plan on the portal and the words sewer line caught his eye on the plan running diagonal. House no. 259 the footpath runs in front of that which comes out onto the main Orritor Road which give him cause for concern as it seemed to be leaning towards the road and could be quite weird having that next to a main road. If NI Water wasn't consulted, they wouldn't have any business to look into it and that was why he raised the issue to double check there was no mains connection.

The SD: PI said that it would be his view if someone raised an issue, that this would be a civil matter and we are not judicators, but it would be right and proper for this Council to defer this until contact was made with the landowner and advise that we have had that representation and enquire how this was catered for.

The Chair enquired if Councillor Bell was still in support of approving the recommendation.

Councillor Bell said that he had listened to the debate and it looked like things had taken a turn. Dr Boomer's input outlined the fact of being more prudent and making sure that everything was being looked at and no comeback. He felt that although he would have been happy to support the recommendation, it would be more sensible to go away and look at this to make sure there was no repercussions and suggested that this application be deferred for one month until everything was looked at.

The SD: PI said that officers were not in a position to refuse the application but a deferral would be about making sure that both parties are aware and any disagreement is resolved by the two parties themselves.

Councillor Clarke concurred with what Councillor Bell had said.

Councillor McKinney felt that one month was a very tight timeline for officers and this may be the case in an ideal world but people may have other commitments and may not respond until the day before and may not happen.

The SD: PI agreed with the member that due to other work commitments it may not be feasible for officers to commit to speak to someone in a short timeframe. He said that in his opinion it wasn't a huge issue and anticipated it moving along quite quickly.

Proposed by Councillor Bell
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/0442/RM be deferred for clarification from applicant re objection letter.

**LA09/2022/0518/O Farm dwelling & garage at approx. 130m W of 59
Glengomna Road, Draperstown for Mr Dermot Bradley**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

**LA09/2022/0573/O Site for dwelling and garage adjacent and S of 35B Kilrea
Road, Upperlands, Maghera for Mr & Mrs P Caskey**

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2022/0573/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/0573/O be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2022/0602/O Dwelling and garage at 83m NW of 30 Eden Road,
Portglenone for David Patton**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

**LA09/2022/0618/O Dwelling and garage at lands opposite 33 Lough Road,
Ballymaguigan for Martin Doyle**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

**LA09/2022/0619/O Dwelling and garage at 75m W of 20 Lough Road,
Ballymaguigan for Oliver O'Neill**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2022/0645/O Dwelling and domestic garage at 70m N of 135A Five Mile Straight, Maghera for Patrick McKenna

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2022/0685/O 2 storey dwelling and garage to rear of 68 Drumconvis Road, Coagh for Frances Harkness

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting earlier in the meeting.

LA09/2022/0719/RM Single storey dwelling and garage at site 80M NE of 130 Creagh Road, Castledawson for Paddy Henry

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2022/0719/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/0719/RM be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2022/1085/F Single storey rear extension at 46 Davison Villas, Castledawson for Mr Noel McMullan

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2022/1085/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake

Resolved That planning application LA09/2022/1085/F be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2019/0179/F To continue use of the land and factory without complying with condition 12 of M/2011/0126/F seeking variation of opening hours condition Monday – Friday from 6am – 8pm (amended noise report) at lands 70M S of 177 Annagher Road, Coalisland for Dmac Engineering

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0179/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

He drew members attention to statement within the addendum from the agent, Chris Cassidy in relation to the above application.

Councillor McKinney enquired how much over 40 dB was the noise reading.

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) said that it well exceeded the 40 dB limit.

The Chair advised that a request to speak in favour of the application and invited Mr Grainger to address the committee.

Mr Grainger referred to the noise report in which he had read and said that there may be times where noise from Dmac could impact on residential amenity, which may be a speculative conclusion, far too ambiguous and really turns a planning decisions into a potential lottery depending on what things might or might not happen. That same paragraph refers to their report in 2021 which has a BS 4142 reading of +7 Db which under no circumstances is a condition for refusal, it would need to be at least 10 or more.

Mr Grainger said that there was a joint measurement carried out in March and it was agreed that sound from Dmac was not significant on the comments that morning and if was like that, then there would be no problem. He also wished to point out that the guidelines pointed out that noise standards are set so that the majority of people are not annoyed by noise and no defining standards which says that nobody would be affected by noise. He said that he would be interested to figure out where that 40 dB came from as that does not make any sense to him as being part of a relevant standard and the dB needed revaluation.

Mr Cassidy advised that Dmac had a stringent management plan to ensure that noise does not omit from their factory. This plan ensures that all the exterior doors are enclosed with no outdoor activity taking place prior to 7am, additionally all extractor fans are on timers and do not operate before 8am and managers employed by the company to ensure that all these actions are complied with. Following the implementation of this policy a site visit was carried out by Environmental Health and consultation indicating that the noise environment was dominated by bird song during the duration of the visit. We are advising tonight that certain measurements were taken and it was stated that it exceeded the limit, our experts have not the chance to examine these. He said as Councillors, they would be irresponsible to go against Environmental Health recommendations and in this application they haven't made any, in essence they are sitting on the fence and have not seen any of their evidence. Many of the members of planning committee have visited the site themselves, it is a well-managed factory where noise outside the building cannot be heard and if this decision was rectified tonight, it has the potential to seriously affect 150 jobs. Environmental Health have confirmed that the sound levels are low and a solution here is achievable, but it requires co-operation within Environmental Health. The company believe that a future deferral for one month would be beneficial and are willing to sit down with planning staff, Environmental Health and their own acoustic expert. At the next meeting a full concise report can be presented where a recommendation from Environmental Health can be put in front of members to enable a fully informed decision.

The SD: PI said that he felt the need to intervene as there was a requirement to correct some things to make sure members were not mistakenly misled. Environmental Health does not tell planning to approve or refuse decisions and only advise if something causes harm to residential amenity. The starting point of this application was that it was the first decision the new Mid Ulster Council ever made to

approve this and this was approved with conditions which were agreeable at the time and when these conditions are put on it because they are necessary and without them the planning application would be refused. We have an application before us tonight because complaints have been raised regarding operating hours outside of pre agreed conditions. Officers have visited the site on a number of occasions and there was an impression tonight by Mr Cassidy that the building always operated with its doors being closed, however our visits have shown that this is not always the case. In the issue of noise is not about an absolute noise level but more about whether a significant change in noise levels to the deterioration to residential amenities has occurred. If it was based on public safety, noise levels could be much higher i.e. perforation of eardrums etc. This is where it gets tricky with Dmac as it is situated on the edge of Coalisland but was in the rural area and surrounded by properties within the rural area and noise levels in rural areas are much lower than suburban areas.

The SD advised that members will recall Creagh Concrete where a change to opening hours was permitted but only to allow workers to go into the site to clean machinery but not operate the machinery which struck him as a sensible approach as it did not cause significant noise and this was suggested to Dmac. They also have machines which need maintaining and he had suggested this but it appears they did not take him up on that offer. He said that the case officer reminded the business of this suggestion and nothing came back to address that. He reminded members the hours of operation had been the subject of a prosecution and that he did not wish to take further action. The bottom line is why would you be deferring it to him if he has already given a sensible way forward. He enquired if Mr Cassidy would now be prepared to change the application around on what he had suggested.

Mr Cassidy said that they would have happily worked with Dr Boomer on his suggestion made, but no-one had made this suggestion to them.

The SD: PI refuted Mr Cassidy's comments and said that this was witnessed by Dmac themselves and Environmental Health.

The SD: PI enquired if Mr Cassidy was prepared to submit information to show that no machinery would be operating and no lorries being loaded outside the core hours and then he could ask Environmental Health to assess that.

Mr Cassidy agreed and said that if this had been offered to him previously he would have jumped at the opportunity.

Councillor S McPeake felt that this was a sensible way forward proposed by Dr Boomer. He said that prior to this he was confused by listening to Mr Grainger and what was in his report and what was in our report, and still was unsure where the whole thing sits. He said that he was one of the members to visit the site that day and to him the way the area was bounded and what members saw and heard, went a long way in satisfying him that it was a good set up. He felt that this would be a sensible way forward as he was confused by listening to Mr Grainger and querying Environmental Health and agreed with Mr Cassidy in saying that Environmental Health didn't come down hard and saying that you shouldn't be doing this. Dr Boomer said that Environmental Health don't necessarily do that but still the different readings and his observations on the day tended for him to think that it was a good

operation and felt if the agent is happy with a meeting to trash out the hours and the working conditions, then he would be fully supportive of it.

Councillor Black said that he would be of the similar view to Councillor S McPeake and some clarity given around the figures and noise assessment would be useful as there seems to be some willingness from the agent on a way forward. He said that he would be happy to second proposal for a deferral.

Councillor Glasgow felt that there was only so much Dr Boomer could do and now was down to the willingness from the agent. He advised members that he had looked up the Environmental Health report on the portal which was very good and felt the interesting bit regarding decibels (dB) and hopes to hear back to a future meeting. He said that he was more interested in hearing an update regarding the site visit on the 5th May where it talked about occasional and impulsive noises and should be relayed back to Environmental Health. He enquired if Environmental Health were out doing a survey and if someone drops a lump of steel which would put it above the recommendation, it would be horrible to think that this would automatically bring a decision that you can't have it and also the comments dominated by bird song and traffic. He commended the report and said that it was very good and felt that this was something which should be taken back and looked at.

The Planning Manager said if someone was living next door to a business which operated with steel girders, clanking of machines and loading of lorries at 6 am in the morning and not a great night's sleep, which would most certainly annoy you and felt that respect should be shown here. It was a good decision at the time for Dmac, but the bottom line here is that these companies needs to abide by the decisions and conditions as set out. Noise at 6 am in the morning is very different to noise at midday.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake
Seconded by Councillor Black and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2019/0179/F be deferred for one month for submission of additional information.

LA09/2020/1140/O Dwelling on a farm with a detached garage between 104 Ballygawley Road and an agricultural building 100m NE of 104 Ballygawley Road, Glenadush for Mr Bernard McAleer

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2020/1140/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr McNulty stated that a dwelling in this site was refused for a Mrs Gillen in 1999, a proposal for two dwellings on the same site was also refused by planners in 2010 for six different reasons including 13 and 14 of CTY10 for this same applicant Mr McAleer. Mr McClean (SPO) came and examined the site and had a very detailed

and comprehensive report on the portal and the report should be read in full. The case officer stated “that there should never have been a dwelling in this site in any circumstances” he also stated for the same reason the planners’ refusal in 2010. Mr Marrion (SPO) visited the site in September 2021 and took a photograph of 8 sheep in a field and within his report he states that he had seen 8 sheep on the site, therefore he deemed the site as an active farm with this visual information. Since that visit it had transpired that an examination of herd books belonging to the applicant and grid plan references, the applicant did not have one animal of any description on this site ever. We contend that the applicant does not have the 6 year active farmer stipulation on proposed site which Mr Marrion (SPO) is aware of. The herd book location is at Killymeal Road, Dungannon where details are evident on the portal. He felt that this was a deceitful act by the applicant to fool senior planners that the sheep on the site were his and on his flock book when planners visited the site. On 14 December the applicant’s architect made the following written statement “we concede that the client is not an active farmer nor the field in an active farm” which is also evident on the portal. The applicant was not an active farmer all his life and went for farming when field was refused and he is not a small farmer refused a dwelling who has farmed for generations or for his family. The applicant bought this site in 2007/08 for £70k at the top of the boom and failed to sell it recently. The Lamont, Re Judicial Review speaks for itself, it must be an established group of buildings on the farm. This rule and the 6 year rule was passed to deter speculators who bought a small piece of ground and use farming as a means to achieve dwellings in the countryside, these rules are there to protect farmers and the landscape also. The published advice does not state that a single dwelling such as a stable even large, can be considered as an established group of buildings on a farm. The Judge in the highest court of Northern Ireland is very clearly stating that a single building no matter how large does not fit the policy and felt that it would be very prudent and sensible to accept the ruling from a High Court Judge of Northern Ireland and not to overthrow his opinion.

Councillor McFlynn left the meeting at 8.17 pm and returned at 8.19 pm.

Councillor Bell left the meeting at 8.17 pm and returned at 8.19 pm.

The Chair advised that a request to speak in support of the application had been received and invited Mr Cushnahan to address the committee.

Mr Cushnahan advised that DfI Roads had no objections subject to conditions which were achievable and the case officer has addressed all concerns in meticulous detail. The case officer has established that this application was an active farm business for more than 6 years and we accept that there is only one building on the holding and as such the application does not comply with CTY10 as any new building could not be sited to visually within a cluster with a group of farm buildings. It’s our understanding that policy calls for an established group of buildings on a farm which will integrate with its surroundings. It should be noted that there is an agricultural building on the other side of the western boundary hedge which is adjacent to the applicant’s shed and a number of detached dwellings, garages and large sheds lining the applicant’s eastern boundary. Although these buildings are not within the applicant’s site, they do provide a context of a cluster, with this proposal will be site within. The case officer indicates that the site characteristics is such that conditions are applied to the outline permission to restrict the ridge height

from floor level and retain mature hedging etc. then the house could integrate and be acceptable. It is our hope that the committee members that a stringent interpretation of this policy isn't duly harsh and in this instance we humbly request the committee exercise their power to approve this application as an exception to policy. The applicant accepts conditions indicated in an earlier deferral report.

In response to a member's query, Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that figure 3 shows the site as it was in 2020. He said that there was a building to the right hand corner but that it was not the applicant's field.

The SD: PI said that it was evident that there was a building there, but you cannot say buildings when they belong to someone else. When a judge makes a ruling, he is not making up a policy or a decision on the planning application of the case site and what he has said is that the officers has misinterpreted the policy and in that instance he was flagging up the policy and whether there was buildings on the farm. He said whether you like a policy or not an exception can be made if there is good planning reason for it and this was obviously a matter for the decision makers. In reference to comments made by an officer stating that there should never be a building on the site, would be careful on citing anything like that as no-one knows what happens in the world overtime and policies and rules change and if it was prior to 2010 it would have been a different policy. He referred to comment made about deception and would have to distance officers and members of the committee on any comments made because that is the view of the person who is against this application. The farm was registered for a business number in 2019 and has been registered for 3 years and it's his understanding that the business number relates to cattle.

Mr Marrion (SPO) confirmed that the business number related to cattle and sheep.

The SD: PI said that officers spent a lot of time determining whether this shed would get approval in the first place and a lot of views given. There were some views that this building was going to be used for other purposes, but he recalled that there would be farm activity relating to special type of cattle and sheep from Scotland and keeping cattle on the land meets criteria. He said that he could understand the objector's point of view, but we actually know from decisions which were previously made that a business is where a transaction takes place and this could also be related to selling hay and not as simple as having livestock which has to occur over a 6 year period. The notion of active isn't even clear and could be the keeping of livestock, growing of food stuff and plants or just be keeping land in good agricultural condition which we decided before that these tests were met.

He stated that if it was decided that things were not going to be met, then why was this decision made previously and does not mean to say that we don't get it wrong, but there was a need to get it sorted out.

In relation to the buildings we would have to give a good reason why it would be turned down and can see that it may be a bit harsh as it was a huge building and could be seen as 2 small buildings and need to see if it could be treated as an exception. This could be done as you would need to determine if the spirit of the policy was being met and what was there was a farm and a building was clearly used

as a farm, the position of the dwelling was going to be clustering to give it an impression of a farm group.

Mr Marrion (SPO) said there was a suggestion the shed was being used as a cattle store and advised that he was liaising with enforcement officers as there was an enforcement on this which was not closed, but there is nothing to suggest that it was being used for anything untoward.

Councillor Cuthbertson agreed that it was a little complicated but evidence did show that there was an active farm business and referred to suggestion of a site meeting, he asked if the case officer would explain the site again to members and where the shed was located that was approved in 2018. He said that from memory it was his understanding that the applicant had to move the building to the other side of the field to accommodate objectors. He advised that the committee did not hear about the impact of this proposed dwelling would have on the neighbouring properties and would be keen to hear views and possibly a site meeting to trash that out.

The SD: PI confirmed that the shed was moved to an alternative site and felt that it was the right thing to do as no-one wanted a huge shed at their back door.

Mr Marrion (SPO) advised that previous objections lodged were with regard to nuisance from the agricultural building. There is two lanes which run to property at the back with a high hedge along the laneway.

The SD: PI said if the case was that it could be better sited, would the applicant be prepared to consider this and stated that the siting was easily sorted which could be looked at. He said that this was not about siting and more about the principle and about moving to that stage and members saying that they were really going to make an exception to the policy. If members had sympathy to make an exception he would feel very strongly in instances like this to go out and look at it and then come back and tell us whether it should be classed as an exception.

Councillor S McPeake said that the issue he had was around the principle opposed to the siting. We heard from the objector that his clear view was that it was not an entitled business, then the case officer advising that it was current and active business for 6 years and if that was the factual way of it, then the other tests fall into place. He believed that we were dealing with a small bit of semantics here as there was already one shed in-situ, with quite a big curtilage around the shed and if there had of been another smaller shed or building beside it, then this would have been classed as two buildings and wouldn't have this issue. He referred to the recommendation which did not stand out in terms of undue integration, it integrates well with a low level house wouldn't unduly impact on the landscape. He said that although he was sympathetic to the objector, if it meets the requirement of the business as there was already one shed there he would be happy to second proposal for a site visit.

The SD: PI said that his feeling of the policy is that you really have to look at what the purpose of the policy is and this is about clustering buildings together and that rural houses in the rural area keep what the characteristics of what is a traditional farm house in the grouping. He felt that if members had seen this on site and their view that it was put in the appropriate place, it would read what you would expect it

to read for that reason that it was a building on a farm and this would be making an exception. On that basis he felt that this should be a reasonable way to make a decision and the only reason he was suggesting to look at it was because he was conscious there was an objection and felt for both parties they deserve that.

Councillor McKinney said that he didn't believe that it was a farm business as it has been active for 3 years which overlooks the 6 year rule. If a person owned a goat and owned a piece of land the size of this room, it would need to be registered to be a flock number as goats and sheep are known as one animal on a flock record book and a requirement to have a business ID number. He said if he remembered correctly, the site was under 7.5 acres which may be a hobby farm and cannot determine if it was a farm business or not and would like that clarified by Department of Agriculture. He recollected that this shed was approved for the benefit for the welfare of sheep to rest in the winter months and said that although he doesn't know a great deal about sheep, he felt the size of the shed and the number of sheep referred to within the report did not match up. It was previously stated that the farm number referred to in 2011, but this is a new number applied in 2019 and there were applicants before who were short of 1 or 2 months from the 6 year rule and they were turned down and felt there was a need to be consistent as one rule should be for all.

Mr McNulty advised that it was out of the applicant's name for a number of years until 2015 and was previously in his son's name who resided in England in terms of Land Registry.

The SD: PI advised that the applicant was in ownership of the land from 2015 which was 7 years. He said that Mr McNulty was correct in what he was saying but planning and Department of Agriculture's rules were for different purposes and this was where it got tricky especially when rules were changed regarding farm payments etc. Policy does not make any differential what type of farm business it was and all it asked for is evidence that there has been a business which involved transactions, which may include many things including selling of products like hay, produce etc. and also that land is kept in good agricultural condition or environmental condition and then this is deemed to be active.

Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 8.52 pm and returned at 8.54 pm.

Councillor Colvin said that he had listened to Dr Boomer very carefully who was our resident expert on these matters. He said that it was his understanding that essentially what was being said here was that this application ticks a lot of boxes and one little area of policy which it doesn't meet which was the whole clustering situation. He said that it has already been proposed and seconded by other members that it would be beneficial to go out and look at the site on the ground which would provide all the relevant information. He agreed with the suggestion of a site meeting.

Mr Marrion (SPO) in response to members query advised that he could not confirm what the other sheds were used for, but could say that planning permission was granted for the large grey shed.

Councillor Bell sought clarity in relation to the spirit of the policy as there was already a building there and did recall in the past where there were conversations around if someone genuinely wanted to farm land but did not have a farm building, that they were being disadvantaged to go ahead and build a dwelling on that particular piece of farming land. He said therefore it would prevent an aspiring farmer from actually going into farming.

The SD: PI advised that approval was granted even though there hadn't been a building as it was quite feasible to have a farm but not have a building and a classical example could be that it was a family holding and land given to one son within the last 7 or 8 years which he may be farming a few times a year which could be classed as an exception as it has been through careful consideration of the known facts. He said that his interpretation was that the policy was about visual matters and that this was the only reason why it should be looked at.

Councillor Clarke concurred with Councillor Bell and said that he had always concerns around this as there was a huge disadvantage within the rural countryside as there could be 100 acres of land but no buildings or trees. He enquired why the policy specifies buildings, with approximately 10,000 farmers within this region who were farming land without buildings. He said that there was more to farms than a building and really needs to be investigated in the future as this policy does not suite all active farms.

The Chair said that this was a point well-made but this was a debate for another night.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2020/1140/O be deferred for a site visit.

LA09/2020/1615/F Dwelling with integrated annex and garages at site adjacent to 18 Lowertown Road, Dungannon for Brian Wilson

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2020/1615/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2020/1615/F be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2021/0860/O Dwelling and garage at site adjacent to 27 Waterfoot Road, Ballymagaigan, Magherafelt for Jim O'Neill

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2021/0860/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2021/0860/O be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2021/0952/F Extension to existing curtilage & domestic storage shed at 45m S of 211A Washingbay Road, Coalisland for Mr Tony McCuskey

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2021/0952/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

Resolved That planning application LA09/2021/0952/F be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

LA09/2021/1497/F Retention of existing access, walls and pillars (amended plans) at 22 Ballynagowan Road, Stewartstown, Dungannon for Enda & Nuala Devlin

Members considered previously circulated report and addendum on planning applications LA09/2021/1497/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

Resolved That planning application LA09/2021/1497/F be approved subject to Conditions as per the officer's report.

Matters for Information

P126/22 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 6 September 2022

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 6 September 2022.

P127/22 Receive Report on Invitation from Caledon Regeneration Partnership

Members noted report on Caledon Regeneration Partnership Invite to co-design new Village Community Plan and Conservation Area Design Guidance.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 9.02 pm

Live broadcast ended at 9.02 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Robinson
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items P128/22 to P131/22.

Matters for Decision

P128/22 Local Development Plan

Matters for Information

P129/22 Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 6 September 2022

P130/22 Enforcement Cases Opened

P131/22 Enforcement Cases Closed

P132/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 9.15 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the meeting of Mid Ulster District Council's Planning Committee in the Chamber, Magherafelt and virtually.

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

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

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening, I will ask each member to confirm whether you are for or against the proposal or abstaining from voting
- For members attending remotely, note that by voting on any application, you are confirming that you were in attendance for the duration of, and that you heard and saw all relevant information in connection with the application you vote on
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting. When finished please put your audio to mute
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- An Addendum was emailed to all Committee Members at 5pm today. There is also a hard copy on each desk in the Chamber. Can all members attending remotely please confirm that they received the Addendum and that have had sufficient time to review it?
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to so everyone has a clear understanding
- For members of the public that are exercising a right to speak by remote means, please ensure that you are able to hear and be heard by councillors, officers and any others requesting speaking rights on the particular application. If this isn't the case you must advise the Chair immediately. Please note that once your application has been decided, you will be removed from the meeting. If you wish to view the rest of the meeting, please join the live link.
- Can I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or the use of any other means to enable persons not present to see or hear any

proceedings (whether now or later), or making a contemporaneous oral report of any of the proceedings are all prohibited acts.

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.



ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 4 October 2022

Additional information has been received on the following items since the agenda was issued.

Chairs Business –

- Letter from DfI informing MUDC of an amendment to the Footway (Prohibition of Waiting) Order;
- Letter from DfE informing MUDC of award of Mineral Prospecting Licenses.

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
6.1	Email from agent	Members to note

Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 6 October 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by Virtual Means

Members Present

Councillor S McAleer, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Cuddy, Elattar*, Forde*, Gildernew*, Kearney, S McGuigan*, McKinney, McLean, S McPeake*, Molloy, Quinn, Totten*

Officers in Attendance

Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive
Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment (SD: Env)
Mrs Canavan, Strategic Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (SD: ODSP)
Mrs Dyson, Head of Human Resources (HoHR)**
Ms Linney, Assistant Director of Development (AD: Dev)**
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services (HoTS)**
Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement (HoSS&E)
Ms McNally, Assistant Director of Finance, Legal, Governance and Transformation (AD: FLG&T)**
Mr Moffett, Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (AD: ODSP)
Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT (HoICT)**
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS)**
Mr Tohill, Strategic Director of Corporate Service and Finance (SD: CSF)
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Councillors Kerr***, N McAleer***

* Denotes members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

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

PR182/22 Notice of Recording

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

PR183/22 Apologies

Councillor Doris.

PR184/22 Declarations of Interest

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

PR185/22 Chairs Business

Councillor Molloy advised that he had been approached by a number of businesses in Dungannon Town Centre who he stated are bemused as to what is happening regarding public realm in the town. Councillor Molloy stated that the public realm scheme completed approximately three years ago however Department for Infrastructure have still not adopted some of the works. The Councillor stated there are a number of snagging lists and also referred to a fall which had happened in the town last weekend and that the person had sustained injuries. Councillor Molloy asked for an update in relation to the finishing off of the public realm scheme and the adoption of the works by Department for Infrastructure.

The Chief Executive advised that a report will come before the Environment Committee next week which will provide update in relation to snagging lists and completion of the public realm scheme in Dungannon.

The Chair, Councillor S McAleer advised that agenda item 6 – Gortgonis Health and Wellbeing Hub would be taken in confidential business.

Matters for Decision

PR186/22 Capital Discretionary Grant

The Assistant Director of Development (AD: Dev) presented previously circulated report which sought approval for use of reserve capital funding.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to release £100,000 from reserve capital funding for use as part of the Capital Discretionary Grant.

PR187/22 Requests to Illuminate Council Property

The Assistant Director of Organisation Development, Strategy and Performance (AD: ODSP) presented previously circulated report which considered requests to illuminate/light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness of and mark;

- Dyslexia Awareness (NI)
- Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS)
- Diabetes UK (Northern Ireland)

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor Elattar and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to illuminate the three designated Council properties as follows –

- Saturday 8 October 2022, International Dyslexia Day: Turquoise
- Tuesday 25 October 2022, POTS Awareness Day: Purple
- Monday 14 November 2022, World Diabetes Day: Blue

PR188/22 Member Services

None.

Matters for Information

PR189/22 Minutes of adjourned Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 September 2022

Members noted Minutes of adjourned Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 September 2022.

PR190/22 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 September 2022

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 September 2022.

PR191/22 IT Service Plan Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the current system and service plan for ICT services.

Live broadcast ended at 7.06 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR192/22 to PR202/22.

Matters for Decision

PR192/22	Gortgonis Health and Wellbeing Hub
PR193/22	Council Organisational Structure: Proposal
PR194/22	Land and Property Update
PR195/22	ICT Fees Management Update – RDP and VEP Programmes
PR196/22	Staffing Matters for Decision
PR197/22	Procurement of Valuation Services

Matters for Information

PR198/22	Policy and Resources Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 20 September 2022
PR199/22	Staffing Matters for Information
PR200/22	Financial Report for 5 months ending 31 August 2022
PR201/22	Contracts and DAC Update
PR202/22	FFNI Project Update

PR203/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.57 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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- Should we need to take a vote this evening I will ask each member to confirm whether they are for or against the proposal or abstaining
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Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda - apologies and then roll call of all other Members in attendance.

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 11 October 2022 in Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon and by virtual means**

Members Present

Councillor S McGuigan

Councillors Brown, Buchanan, Burton*, Cuthbertson,
Glasgow* (7.02 pm), Graham, Kearney*, N McAleer,
S McAleer, B McGuigan, McNamee*, O'Neill*, Totten*,
Wilson

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment (SD:
Env)
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services (HoTS)**
Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services
(AD: ES)**
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services (AD:
PS)
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Councillor Quinn***
Ms Largy, Solicitor, Belfast City Council

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

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

E227/22 Notice of Recording

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

E228/22 Apologies

Councillor Milne.

E229/22 Declarations of Interest

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

E230/22 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

E231/22 Review of Waste Collection Service Policy

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) presented previously circulated report which sought approval for an updated Waste Collection Service policy following review.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was happy to propose the updated policy but that in relation to the Common Collections Guidance and the proposed changes to black bin and mixed dry recyclable collections the Councillor stated he would be totally opposed to these. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that there is a good system in Mid Ulster which is possibly the best throughout all of the Councils. The Councillor stated the system works well and there was no need to fix something that is not broken. Councillor Cuthbertson stated he wanted to be clear going forward to the consultation that he would be opposed to changes to the black bin and mixed dry recyclables collections.

Councillor Brown stated he agreed with Councillor Cuthbertson's comments and questioned if the system is not broken why changes are needed. Councillor Brown stated he was happy to second Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal in relation to the updated policy but that he did not agree with the proposals within the Common Collections Guidance, the Councillor felt there was no need for these proposals and collections should be left as they are.

Councillor Glasgow stated he also agreed with previous comments and highlighted that Mid Ulster has one of the highest rates of recycling and he would therefore not be in the mindset of making changes. The Councillor stated that Council has recently spent a lot of money on OAV bin lorries and that he would be concerned if there was to be a move to smaller collection boxes for dry recyclables in the future. Councillor Glasgow encouraged everyone to express their views in the forthcoming consultation.

Councillor Buchanan concurred with all other comments and that he would prefer black bin collections to remain as a 240 litre bin collection on a fortnightly basis and that glass, paper and card is kept with the other blue bin waste.

Councillor B McGuigan stated he did not feel changing to a 180 litre bin for collection of residual waste would be a good idea but that moving a 240 litre bin to a three weekly collection may be a better option to encourage as much blue bin and food caddy use as possible.

Councillor Burton stated that the public are precious about their bin service and that Council need to take on board what the public expect Council to deliver. The Councillor also concurred with previous speakers and felt that Council needed to put a lot of thought into what is being proposed, she highlighted that the public should also have the opportunity to feedback on the proposals. Councillor Burton questioned if black bins are regularly full when collected and also referred to issue in Aughnacloy in which a brown bin has not been collected in three weeks.

The AD: ES stated that Members have made good comments tonight which he would agree with, the officer advised that the report highlights what is being proposed and that Council will have opportunity to respond at consultation stage. The AD: ES agreed that a lot of black bins are not regularly full which was one the surprising things he had noticed from a day spent on a bin lorry. The AD: ES stated that if Councillor Burton sends further details in relation to the brown bin which is not being emptied then he would look into the matter.

Councillor Wilson highlighted that the development of Common Collections Guidance is being taken forward by DAERA and that nothing can be done until a policy paper has been produced at which stage Council can respond.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the updated Waste Collection Service Policy as set out at appendix 1 of report.

E232/22 River Blackwater Update

The Strategic Director of Environment (SD: Env) presented previously circulated report which provided update on activities relating to the River Blackwater.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan stated he appreciated the issues outlined but felt that option two is something Council should be considering.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he agreed with the principle of the project as he felt it would open up tourism into Tamnamore and Moy and would be welcome in the area. The Councillor stated he was happy that Council is pushing for something to be done and working with Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council but expressed some concern that this Council will get bogged down into something that it has no responsibility to pay for. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Council should not be taking the financial burden and should also be pressing the case with the relevant departments.

Councillor Quinn stated he did not think anyone would deny the tourist potential of opening up the River Blackwater and that this is something he would continue to push for. The Councillor referred to the mouth of the Blackwater which he felt this

Council owns one half of the opening and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council owning the other half. Councillor Quinn stated that the Victorians cut the Maghery Channel as the mouth of the river was not easily accessible but that he felt technology should have advanced in this respect since then. The Councillor highlighted that the difficulty with using the Maghery side for the likes of Lough Neagh Rescue is that it puts 15 minutes on to getting up the Blackwater which can be the difference between life and death in some situations. Councillor Quinn referred to the Maghery Channel and that there is still a lot to be worked out in respect of potentially clearing this channel. The Councillor stated he did not feel this project is something that this Council should be taking on on its own and that Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council along with other departments need to be involved. Councillor Quinn again stated that the tourism potential from the project is fantastic and also highlighted the lifesaving ability and the added 15 minutes to getting up the River Blackwater.

Councillor O'Neill felt that option two is the only way forward but that Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council should not be going solo with the project and that this Council also needs to show leadership. The Councillor stated that if money needs to be spent then this should happen to get the project up and running.

Councillor Kearney advised that he sits on Lough Neagh Partnership and ICBAN and therefore declared an interest on the matter. The Councillor stated he was glad to see the matter under consideration tonight.

Councillor Brown referred to meeting of Lough Neagh Partnership on 1 September at which it was agreed that Mid Ulster Council would take the lead on and coordinate tenders. The Councillor questioned why this Council was taking the lead as the Maghery Channel falls mainly within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council area. Councillor Brown stated he had no difficulty in this Council partnering with Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon along with all other departments and agencies but felt that the other Council should be taking the lead on this issue.

The SD: Env stated that the issue was initially raised by Members of this Council and that officers started to look at options as part of the river is within this Council area. The SD: Env advised that through looking at options available it has become apparent that the preferred option may not be within this Council area. The SD: Env stated that Members in Mid Ulster are more energised about dealing with the issues and taking the project forward and felt that if this Council does not take the lead then she felt the project will go nowhere. The SD: Env advised that this Council is not working alone and that it wants to work in partnership with Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon and other departments. Members were also assured that Council would not be making any unnecessary expenditure if it did not have responsibility to do so. The SD: Env stated that the report tonight seeks to look at determining the role of the statutory agencies, the feasibility and cost of such a project.

Councillor Brown stated he appreciated the comments of the Strategic Director of Environment and asked if Lough Neagh Partnership were included in discussions.

The SD: Env advised that Lough Neagh Partnership are part of the process and have been involved in previous workshops held. A further meeting with them has also been organised in the coming weeks.

Councillor Wilson referred to the role of statutory agencies and that officers should be meeting with these agencies to establish their responsibilities and when this response has been received Council can assess how to proceed. The Councillor stated that this is an important stretch of water and that works are clearly required but there have been previous cases of statutory agencies stepping aside because Council has taken a project on. Councillor Wilson stated he did not think it was Council's responsibility to dredge a river and that statutory agencies needed to step up to the plate before Council considered further expenditure.

The SD: Env advised that officers have been meeting with the statutory agencies and that they are part of the process. The SD: Env stated that the difficulty is that there is nothing to say who is responsible for what and that this needs to be determined before Council expends too much money.

Councillor Wilson stated that officers should be clear on who is responsible for what before any money is spent.

The SD: Env asked if Members were saying they did not want any survey work done until responsibility has been legally determined. If that was the case then the report recommendation would be required to be changed.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan stated that Members appeared to be content with the concept however some concerns have been raised in relation to responsibilities and that subject to these being resolved Council should proceed with the survey work. The Chair asked if Members were happy to progress the survey work.

Councillor Wilson proposed to include the survey work but that this should only happen after clarification from the statutory agencies regarding their responsibilities

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor Wilson's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council –

- To work to determine responsibility of statutory agencies in relation to dredging of channel of River Blackwater.
- Depending on outcome of who has responsibility, Council may progress undertaking required survey work subject to Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council agreeing to work in partnership and funding 50% of the cost of fees (approx. £40k) for legal and technical survey work required at this stage.

Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 7.28 pm.

E233/22 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - Parking and Waiting Restrictions Charlemont Street, Moy

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to Proposed introduction of Parking and Waiting Restrictions at Charlemont Street, Moy.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was content to propose but asked if the department are putting in restrictions did this mean there would be enforcement. The Councillor stated there is an issue with parking in The Square, Moy and that there is enforcement in the area once a month. The Councillor stated it was easy to put restrictions in place but if they are not enforced then they are pointless. Councillor Cuthbertson requested that correspondence be sent to the Department asking if parking enforcement would be more regular in Moy.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed introduction of Parking and Waiting Restrictions at Charlemont Street, Moy.
 - To write to the Department to ask how often parking enforcement will take place in Moy.

E234/22 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - One Way System – Layby on A6 Glenshane Road, opposite Ranaghan Road

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to Proposed introduction of a One Way System - Layby on A6 Glenshane Road, opposite Ranaghan Road.

Councillor B McGuigan proposed the recommendation and stated that there are safety upgrades to the A6 in the area.

Councillor S McAleer seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposal.

Councillor Kearney stated that the A6 road in is area is currently under a lot of pressure and that anything that can be done to alleviate this pressure is helpful.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed introduction of a One Way System - Layby on A6 Glenshane Road, opposite Ranaghan Road.

E235/22 Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) presented previously circulated report which advised of request for the renaming and renumbering of an existing

street and sought approval to undertake a survey of all applicable residents on the street/road in question.

Councillor B McGuigan stated he was happy to propose that the survey be undertaken as this issue has been a nightmare for residents for a number of years. The Councillor referred to three roads running parallel which are all under one postcode and that numbers are spread across the three roads which inevitably causes issues for emergency services. Councillor B McGuigan stated that the renaming of the road will be a starting point and that he hoped the residents would return the survey agreeing to rename the road.

Councillor Brown seconded Councillor B McGuigan's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to proceed with the Street Renaming Survey of the Cahore Road (branch road), Draperstown, to all occupiers of each property as listed on the Electoral Register of the road, in accordance with the Policy for Street Naming and Numbering.

Matters for Information

E236/22 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 13 September 2022

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 13 September 2022.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had asked at the Council meeting for the signage for Darren Clarke to be updated and asked if there had been any progress on this matter.

The SD: Env stated she would come back to the Councillor with an update.

E237/22 Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition Results 2022

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Translink Ulster in Bloom 2022 competition results.

Councillor Burton highlighted that Mid Ulster did very well in the Ulster in Bloom competition this year and that an enjoyable afternoon had been spent recognising the work put in by volunteers at the awards ceremony. The Councillor stated she did not know how Council could ever fully appreciate the service of volunteers but felt that there should be some feedback to the various groups as there is a lot of work undertaken which often goes unnoticed but that she felt their work does help to bring people to the area. Councillor Burton stated that some groups have also experienced set backs by way of anti social behaviour but that they have kept going and it is a credit to them. The Councillor paid tribute to the work that is done through Ulster in Bloom and also Translink and NILGA who contribute to the running of the competition.

Councillor Kearney concurred with Councillor Burton's comments and commended the Assistant Director of Environmental Services and his staff for their assistance at the awards ceremony and also the support given to the towns and villages from the District who entered the competition. The Councillor highlighted Donaghmore who also won a gold award for village category at the Britain in Bloom Awards yesterday. Councillor Kearney also highlighted that Northern Ireland won three gold awards out of the eight overall categories and that three community champions also came from Northern Ireland. The Councillor felt that Council should always remember the civic pride and community spirit that is to be found across the towns and villages and that every assistance should be given to the Environmental Services officers in the year ahead.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 7.37 pm.

E238/22 Bin Ovation App Update

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined usage of the Bin Ovation App.

Councillor Wilson referred to recent press article which stated that the tops of milk cartons are not recyclable. The Councillor asked if this report was correct and if so, that it needs to be highlighted to the public.

The AD: ES stated that this is not something which has been highlighted by either of the two reprocessors of dry recyclables. If the report is true then consideration would have to be given as to how to communicate the message to the public or whether tops could be removed at reprocessing stage. The AD: ES stated that officers would await news from reprocessors on the matter.

E239/22 Bus Shelters Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on current bus shelter status.

E240/22 Building Control Workload

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

E241/22 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E242/22 Dual Language Signage Surveys

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

E243/22 Dual Language Signage Requests

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

Live broadcast ended at 7.41 pm.

Councillor Burton left the meeting at 7.41 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor S McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E244/22 to E252/22.

Matters for Decision

- E244/22 Award of Contract for the Collection, Treatment and Recycling / Recovery of Textiles from Recycling Centres
- E245/22 Sustainability Zero Carbon Co-operative and Smart Grid Ireland
- E246/22 Extension of Fire & Security Contractor
- E247/22 Entertainment Licensing – The Elk

Matters for Information

- E248/22 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 13 September 2022
- E249/22 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E250/22 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E251/22 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update
- E252/22 Disposal/Sale of Assets - Fleet and Plant

E253/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.30 pm.

CHAIR _____ DATE _____

9 – Environment Committee (11.10.22)

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Thursday 13 October 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon and by Virtual Means**

Members Present

Councillor Black, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton*, Clarke*, Corry* (7.15 pm), Cuddy, Elattar*, Kerr, McNamee*, Milne*, Molloy*, Monteith, Quinn*, Wilson

Officers in Attendance

Mr Black, Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing
Ms Linney**, Assistant Director of Development
Ms McKeown**, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes
Mr Brown**, ICT Support
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Councillors S McAleer and S McGuigan

Deputation:

Knockmany Runners Club: Development of Lumford's Glen
Ms Donna McKenna
Ms Oonagh Armstrong
Mr Conor McCarroll
Mr Gerry McCaffrey

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The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Clarke who was attending virtually, the Deputy Chair, Councillor Black took the Chair.

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

D150/22 Notice of Recording

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D151/22 Apologies

Councillor Martin.

D152/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chair, Councillor Black reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest drawing attention in particular to agenda item on grants. He stated that if Members had already declared the interest it did not need reiterated.

Councillor S McAleer advised that although she was not a member of Development Committee declared an interest in the Deputation (Knockmany Runners Club) as was the Chairperson of the group.

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 6 – Development Report – Community Grants, Good Relations Grant - Sollus School of Highland Dance as his granddaughter was part of the group.

D153/22 Chair's Business

The Chair advised that Councillor Wilson wished to raise an issue under Chair's Business.

Councillor Wilson sought clarification on how many members of a team which was being recognised could attend the Civic Awards event when they are being invited as one team.

The SD: C&P advised that he would investigate the matter and respond to the member directly with an update tomorrow.

Councillor Wilson said that this would be appreciated as there was an event taking place next week which included a number of teams.

D154/22 Deputation: Knockmany Runners Club: Development of Lumford's Glen

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives of Lumford's Glen Rejuvenation Project and invited them to address the committee.

Ms McKenna thanked members for the opportunity to present to committee tonight. (appendix).

She advised that the group were not just a running club, but also a volunteer group with genuine interest in encouraging people to get outdoors in the beautiful Clogher Valley countryside. Lumford's Glen consists of a Waterfall and a Glen Route. The waterfall leads to a stunning natural 60 foot waterfall and the glen trail route ranging in distance to approximately 1.4 miles and if re-established would create a new 3.7 mile (6km) loop to incorporate Knockmany Cairn and the Waterfall.

Ms McKenna updated members on the heritage associated with Lumford's Glen and why they felt it should be restored and who would most benefit from it.

She said that the local Clogher Valley Community and the recently increased footfall in Knockmany would extend to Lumford's Glen:

- Local Schools (including preschools, primary and secondary)
- Sure Start
- Local Sports Teams
- Clogher Valley Walking Group and associated local walking groups (including Knockatallan, Dungannon, Cooneen)
- Knockmany Running Club
- Knockmany Forest Ramblers

The Chair thanked Ms McKenna for her impressive presentation which had included a lot of interesting history and what it could become going forward. He hoped that the Council could work in partnership which could benefit a lot of people in that area.

Councillor Burton said that she was delighted to have Donna, Conor, Gerry and Oonagh in attendance at this meeting tonight and was just sorry that she wasn't actually in the chamber, but had another meeting to go to. She advised that Lumford's Glen has been brought up and referenced very regularly and especially over the period of Covid, she was regularly contacted by people wanting to use and did use Lumford's Glen for walking and whilst some did deem that although it wasn't a safe place to walk, they had such fond memories from back in the day from when they visited as children. She said that she was in attendance at the night in Knockmany when the group received the Queen's Award and was absolutely delighted to see how many people that came out from the tiniest tots to the older generation. She commended the work which the group has put into Knockmany to develop the carpark and the change in facilities etc. which bodes very well and she felt that this was the next progression. At this point, Councillor Burton wished to pay tribute to MUDC staff as they receive a lot of requests from Councillors and in turn they have to go and seek out opportunities to carry out these studies. She was delighted to say that through Slieve Beagh Partnership which included (Fermanagh & Omagh Council, Monaghan County Council and Mid Ulster District Council), that confirmation had come through that the Shared Island Fund through that partnership, that there would be a feasibility and scoping study to see what we can do and was also delighted that the maps were widened out so it was assured that Lumford's Glen will go forward in that. She felt that this was a real positive meeting and the history that has been brought to light and as one of the local Councillors, she was thinking more about the tourism product and what it could bring, but it was also now evident with the historical side of it which was a wonderful thing that this Council should be getting more involved in. Over a period of time there will be workshops and consultations and would encourage people right across the Clogher Valley to get involved in so that when capital funding is opened that we are basically shovel ready to bring this project to a more live part. She said that there was a substantial amount of funding over the three councils but we will certainly have our part in that.

Councillor Burton concluded by thanking Donna and her team for coming to committee tonight and reassured them that the Council were totally on board with what the group was trying to achieve and to ensure that places that possibly can have the opportunity

to carry out equestrian, cycling and walking activities, that this should be all built into this feasibility study which will all come out in the consultation and really looked forward to working with the group.

The Chair invited the AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes to provide an update to what Councillor Burton alluded to regarding funding which may have been secured.

The AD: EDT&SP said that Slieve Beagh Partnership is a grouping of three Councils; (Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Monaghan County Council and Mid Ulster District Council). Two elected representatives serve on the partnership from each of the three Councils. Mid Ulster's serving members are Councillors Burton and S McGuigan. Tourism staff from each Council area also represented on the Partnership.

The Partnership identified a funding opportunity through the Shared Island Fund (SIF) and worked together to make a bid for funding. Monaghan County Council acted as the lead partner in terms of making the funding submission. The Partnership have recently been advised they've been successful in obtaining €145,000 funding to undertake a comprehensive feasibility study of the wider Slieve Beagh area which includes Lumford's Glen, Knockmany Forest etc in the Mid Ulster District. She advised the feasibility study would allow for scoping work to be carried out across a range of work packages, including walking, cycling, equestrian, signage/public art, hero attractor, investor engagement and accommodation and ancillary services.

The AD: EDT&SP said that the work would be publicly tendered under the stewardship of the lead Council, Monaghan County Council. She reminded Members that Mid Ulster District Council has previously agreed to co-fund the feasibility study with a financial contribution of £5,000, and the two partner Councils had agreed to do likewise. She said that there were exciting times ahead for the Sliabh Beagh area as they start to map out their requirements, however, she added there is much work to do once a successful organization is on board to undertake the Feasibility Study. This will involve widespread consultation at the appropriate time with the community, whilst also seeking Members views to shape the plans. When this Study is complete, it will prove to be a very valuable document and position the Partnership to make bids for capital funding as opportunities arise.

Councillor Molloy thanked Donna for her presentation and commended her on the content. He said that he had walked around Lumford's Glen, Knockmany and into St. Patrick's Chair and Well and up into Knockatallen and said that the whole area was a hidden gem for a lot of people when they discover it. He advised that the whole River Blackwater Catchment area and Blackwater Valley and all feeds into the same project of Slieve Beagh and all comes in together as a massive package if this was all developed in the right way and not talking about overuse but more about people coming to use it, to appreciate it for what it is and wished the group well for the future and hoped they get over the line on it.

Councillor Cuddy said that this was a great project and had spent a lot of time around the area when he was young and agreed that it was a beautiful area which had loads of potential and hoped that work could be carried out on it in the future. He said that it was very important to follow the policies.

The Chair said that he took on board the member's point but this was a good news story which was recent, where funding was secured and progressed as part of the scoping study which was touched upon within the presentation which was useful for the group to hear that when they were in attendance tonight.

Councillor S McAleer declared earlier in the meeting that she was Chairperson of Knockmany Runners and was delighted that the group were facilitated for the presentation. She said that in her opinion that no group works harder and probably why they received the Queen's Award this year, everything is voluntary and can assure that when they are involved in any project that it was backed 100% by the local community. She referred to the pride that this would take in the local community if this goes ahead with a scoping study and technical design officers coming in, it will meet the needs of the people and since the redevelopment of Knockmany has been carried out, Lumford's Glen is mentioned by everybody now and they are living in hope of a positive outcome. She thanked Donna and her team for all their hard work and attending the committee tonight to provide their impressive presentation.

Councillor Ashton said that although she wasn't a Clogher Valley Councillor, she was a local resident to Knockmany and commended the group on their recent award and very well deserved as they had done a lot of work around the trails which were currently opened. She referred to all the work Councillor Burton had done in the area with the group to try and open up those trails and said that it was great to hear the good news story that things were developing well and to give the group our support in whatever format that can take whether from Officers or Councillors, but felt that it was great that there was a local organisation which were willing to take such keen interest in driving this solely forward.

Councillor S McGuigan said that although he was not a member of the Development committee, he would like to say a few words of support as a Clogher Valley Councillor and a member of Slieve Beagh Partnership. He said that there was great delight in receiving the initial funding and hoped that it would allow for a number of projects to be supported right across that region.

Councillor S McGuigan declared an interest in Knockmany as he was part of Killeeshil Running Club which used Knockmany facilities for many years.

He said that the group had shown leadership in taking this initiative forward and even the project which they had taken up to now and one of the aspects of being shovel ready is having a good community group which stands the test of time and said that he was fully supportive of the group and they should be commended.

The Chair thanked Donna and her team for coming in to speak with members tonight and felt that it was useful for the committee to hear what the group had to say and hoped they were encouraged by the comments from the committee and welcome the positive news of the potential for a scoping study around all of this.

The group left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Councillor S McGuigan and S McAleer left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Matters for Decision

D155/22 Development Report

The AD: Development presented previously circulated report which provided update and sought approval on the following:

- **Rolling Community Grants 2022-23**
- **Chatty Places – Let’s Get Together**
- **Community Grants Review - Festive Lights**
- **Development Department Update**

It was

Proposed by Kerr
Seconded by Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the following:

- **Rolling Community Grants 2022-23**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the allocation of the Community Grants as recommended in appendix 1 of the Officers report.

- **Chatty Places – Let’s Get Together**

Councillor Monteith felt that this was a good idea, but was aware of a number of other community initiatives which were talking about similar ideas and felt that it would be important that there was co-ordination so that people were sharing the same information. He said that this was not going to suit everyone, either in the rural or urban setting, but felt it was important that the Council acts as a contact point for other community groups and facilities which were proposing or if not the same or similar type of ideas. He felt that it would be important to help the community to publicise their groups as the Council were lucky in the fact they can access more avenues to the media and would be confident if the feelers were put out, most rural communities would have something up and running and was also aware of some urban settings that were thinking the same. He felt that it was a good idea but it would benefit from having a bit of work being done on sending word out to various community groups to see what else is out there.

Councillor Corry concurred with Councillor Monteith’s comments and was aware of one café in Stewartstown called Café Connect which was a Chatty Space launched last week through Mid Ulster Loneliness Network along with the Northern Trust and felt that it could be something that our project could be tied in with as she was aware of a number of cafés looking to broaden this out. She felt that it would be beneficial that there was no duplication and for everyone to work together to try and get a good spread of urban and rural.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Chatty Places – Let's Get Together in our towns of Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt and for officers to reach out our community partners and promote any similar types of initiatives operating across the District.

- **Community Grants Review - Festive Lights**

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Community Grants Review Festive Lights Awards as recommended in appendix 2 of the Officers report. That it be further recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee that consideration be given to providing additional 'one off – in year' funding to support current recipients with costs to replace current lighting stock.

- **Development Department Update**

Councillor Monteith referred to the Cost of Living Crisis and said that a proposal was put forward by himself and Councillor Kerr a few months ago regarding a hardship fund and it was said at the time, similar to what Derry and Strabane Council were also saying that they hadn't anything worked out and nothing more could be done. Now, we see from the media two weeks ago, Derry and Strabane have now launched an initiative regarding a hardship fund.

Councillor Monteith proposed that officers engage with Derry and Strabane District Council to see the mechanism in which they are facilitating this and that as far as he was aware that it was being done through community initiatives. He said that it was his understanding that it was a one off payment of £100 to help people in need.

He proposed that Officers revisit this as it was previously agreed to do so and felt that as another Council has gone through the nitty-gritty of how to do it, there was now an opportunity to sit down and talk to them and bring a report back to the next Development Committee meeting on how to proceed. He said that this was a matter of urgency, because if this was not done now, it would run into December, January and would result in it being too late.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that our Officers liaise with Derry and Strabane District Council Officers regarding the hardship fund in which they have launched and that a report be brought back to next month's Development Committee meeting to see if this Council can facilitate something similar.

Councillor Kerr said that he was happy to support Councillor Monteith's recommendation and was also aware of the report in the media regarding the Cost of Living Grant being awarded by Derry and Strabane District Council. He felt that this was a great opportunity for a local authority to intervene on behalf of the residents as he

was aware of a lot of people facing hardships and although there was initiatives launched, he believes that this Council should be offering any extra support necessary and it was imperative that a report is brought back to the next committee to get it from theory to practicable as soon as possible.

The Chair agreed that it would be useful for the AD: Development to reach out to Derry and Strabane Council to see if there was a template which could be used by this Council to try and achieve something local.

The AD: Development advised that in relation to timeline, members should be aware that this would be double committee as it would have to be brought to Development and P&R as there were budgetary issues.

Councillor Monteith advised that there used to be a community element to the Development report and this was why he was raising this issue here. It has been brought to his attention issues relating to Loane House and enquired if it would be possible for our community planning department liaise with the Southern Trust. He said that concerns has arisen that staff working in Loane House on a number of occasions had to deal with patients with severe mental health problems which were placed there as there were no other beds or facilities for them to go. He felt that in fairness Loane House was a fantastic facility but staff were not trained to deal with mental health issues and asked that clarity be sought on what was the provision for in-house mental health within this area and what was being done to elevate pressure on staff. He said that staff were under severe pressure and asked if our community planning department would take the matter up with the Southern Trust.

Councillor Monteith stated that also in the past there was an item on the agenda for Leisure Services. He said that he had already liaised with the AD: HL&W regarding disabled access to swimming pools and it had been raised here before about trying to be a leading Council in relation to disabled access. He advised that he met with a parent whose disabled son was a wheelchair user and was unable to access facilities in Dungannon Leisure Centre due to the lack of staff resources to provide the support the young boy needs.

It was proposed by Councillor Monteith that a report be brought to Development Committee before the December meeting on what provision can be provided within our swimming pools and leisure centres and what were the gaps as it was unacceptable for disabled people not being able to access our services. He said that there were a lot more opportunities for able bodied people to avail of leisure including football clubs and community initiatives and there was onus on this Council to look out for the more marginalised group. He felt that it would be useful to talk to the various disability needs organisations to make sure we are doing our best and the fact we are putting a provision in place so as to provide for them. He said that by speaking to various staff members, there were specific needs but it may be beneficial to reach out to Special Olympics Ireland, Paralympics Ireland, Swim Ulster and all those different organisations who were probably getting funding for full time coaches dealing with Paralympic and Special Olympic stuff and may be able to buy into their expertise.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a report be brought to Development Committee if not next month, then December on what provision can be provided within our swimming pools and leisure centres for disabled persons.

Councillor Corry concurred with comments made by Councillor Monteith regarding access to swimming pools and said that she would be very happy to support that as it was something she was passionate about and everyone having access to our services and possibly tie in with Mid Ulster Disability Forum also.

D156/22 Economic Development Report – OBFD

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following:

- **Covid19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme**
- **Christmas Off Street Car Parking Charges Dungannon and Magherafelt**
- **Dungannon Traders Association Proposal**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the key activities as listed below in the Economic Development Report – OBFD.

- **Covid19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve authority for the Chief Executive to sign DfC's Covid-19 Recovery Programme Letter of Variance on Appendix 1, dated 9 September 2022, which grants an extension to the period of funding to 31 March 2023 and approve immediate return of Letter of Variance to DfC following the Development Committee Meeting in October 2022 to meet DfC's response timeframe.

- **Christmas Off Street Car Parking Charges Dungannon and Magherafelt**

Councillor Monteith said that he would be happy to support the recommendation but would also propose to look at free parking for all car parks in Dungannon and if elected representatives of Magherafelt feel it's of benefit to them they should also pursue it. This matter has been doing its rounds for years and felt that there should be free parking as we struggle to get footfall of people in and around the town centres for shopping and doing their bits and pieces and when speaking to people they advise that they go to out of town facilities due to free parking. A number of businesses have closed down due to not enough parking close to their business or if there is, parking has to be paid for and the reality is there is now a necessity for free car parking in a town centre environment. If there is a concern regarding all day parkers, he believed that a bit of imagination and a bit of thought could be used to deal with that situation and

should not be used at all stages to prevent a service that was no longer a luxury and long beyond a necessity.

He advised that he would be happy to agree to the proposed 10 pence tariff for the 6 weeks but also proposed that officers revisit the idea of free parking for various carparks in Dungannon on a permanent basis.

Councillor Kerr said that he would be happy to second Councillor Monteith's proposal as there were a lot of businesses closing down due to the cost of living crisis and free car-parking in the high street would go a long way of getting people back out in increasing the footfall within Mid Ulster.

Councillor Ashton said that although she appreciated where Councillor Monteith was coming from, Council had already been here before with certain issues arising and lobbying taking place. There was hinder within the town due to all day parkers and although she agreed with the issue of revisiting, felt there was also a need to be careful that we do not make a problem worse. She appreciated that this was revisited a number of years ago and we had witnessed the problems and issues which it created.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve –

- (i) The temporary reduced tariff for the first 3 hours of 10 pence in all Off Street Pay & Display Car Parks in Dungannon and Magherafelt from Saturday 26 November 2022 to Saturday 7 January 2023 (6-week period) at a cost to Council of £24,000.
- (ii) To revisit the idea of free parking for various carparks in Dungannon on a permanent basis.

• **Dungannon Traders Association Proposal**

Councillor Monteith felt that this was a good idea and initiative from traders and should be promoted as much as possible.

Councillor Ashton said that she had no issue with the proposal but sought clarity on the rationale for the nominated day to get footfall into the town. She enquired if the traders anticipated opening on the Sunday to benefit from that.

The AD: EDT&SP stated that she would like to think a number of the businesses would open in the town to benefit from the additional footfall from the event. She said that her team would liaise with the traders to encourage them to open but it cannot be guaranteed, as it will be a choice for each business to make. She said that the main reason why the traders selected Sunday to hold their event was due to the need for a partial road closure and if the road was closed on the Saturday this would impact businesses trading on a busy Saturday pre-Christmas. She also stated that it was her understanding that the Events Space at Feeney's Lane would like to open that day too which would generate a bit of activity in the town and to encourage people to go in.

Councillor Wilson said as a Councillor coming from a town without parking charges and hoped that it would remain that way, there were a couple of issues he wished to highlight on. When this Council took over the carparks as part of the reorganisation of local government, carparks became the remit of local councils, we still pay DfI Roads

for those car parks and a charge still levied against us and wondered if this Council could write to the Stormont Department responsible that in light of the current situation, would they look at reducing carparking charges to local authorities to help bring footfall into towns. He stated that the money that is given to DfI was supposed to be funding to maintain roads and unfortunately he was not at the meeting last Monday night although he had asked for a question to be asked which didn't appear in the answers issued today. He said that members around the chamber will be aware that housing estates were bereft of any tarring or repairs and money should go towards that and asked if it would be acceptable for a proposal as a committee write to the relevant Stormont department asking them to weaver the fees that they charge local authorities.

The Chair felt that this matter would be the remit of the Environment Committee and felt it would be more beneficial to raise the issue there.

Councillor Wilson said that he would raise the issue at the next Environment Committee.

Councillor Cuddy in referring to the Feeney's Lane project, congratulated the AD: EDT&SP and her team as this initiative had great potential going forward and was great to see the two organisations working together for the good of Dungannon.

Councillor Molloy said that this was a fantastic initiative which brought something different, new and possible footfall into Dungannon on the Sunday before Christmas when it was much needed and got the logic around Sunday rather than Saturday because of the road closure. He enquired if our own facilities would be open in the Market Square on that Sunday as well.

The AD: EDT&SP advised that she is liaising with the relevant officers to make the necessary arrangements so that Council facilities would be open when an event is taking place in the town centre.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the request from Dungannon Traders Association to reassign Council's budget this financial year totalling £5,500 from the Heels on the Hill event to the new Dungannon Jingle Ball Run event which is proposed will take place on Sunday 18th December from 4pm – 7pm.

That it be recommended to the Council that the matter of town centre parking charges be referred to the Environment Committee to consider and in so doing request that the Environment Committee write to the Department of Infrastructure to request a reduction in car parking fees for local government.

Matters for Information

D157/22 Minutes of Development Committee held on 15 September 2022

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 15 September 2022.

Councillor Kerr referred to D135/22 and enquired if there was any further update on the Cappagh Regeneration Project.

The SD: Communities & Place advised the AD: HL&W had communicated with the Cappagh group and officers were due to discuss how to progress the NEA fund at a board of our outdoor recreation projects next week. Once there was a timeline, then re-engagement will take place with the Cappagh group to make sure they are involved as part of the consideration of going forward to appoint the consultant, and when this takes place, the group will obviously be engaged with the whole process. He said that the project was moving forward and although maybe not moving forward at a quick of a pace as first hoped, we were working towards a deadline of 31 March 2023. He advised that there were other departments involved across the organisations and there was a requirement to make sure there was co-ordination to line up the resources to bring it to completion before the deadline of 31 March.

Councillor Kerr also referred to D131/22 where reference was made to Dungannon and Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal and wondered if there was any update on the Gortgonis Leisure Centre Project.

The SD: Communities & Place advised that there would be a report being brought back to P&R committee next month in relation to Gortgonis and members will be updated on the current situation at this meeting.

Councillor Monteith referred to page 34 wished to clarify as a matter of accuracy that he had declared an interest in Ballysaggart Area Community Association and not Ballysaggart Lough.

He referred to the anticipated two DEA meetings where were agreed last month, one which was proposed by Councillor Molloy and one by himself in relation to issues around Ballysaggart Lough, Railway Park and Ann Street and accepted there were issues around that some of those meetings were unable to happen, it was extremely disappointing that 4 weeks later we were no further on. He said that elected members were none the wiser on what or what not was happening and felt again this was symptomatic of the drift that occurs in the Council towards bigger capital projects and takes Councillors to almost ask questions on a continual basis in order to move things forward and could argue that this was a member's role but could also argue that when a decision was made it should be implemented. In order to move things forward we were at a stage now where it would be helpful, as obviously other Councillors in other DEA's can make recommendations themselves, but felt we were at a stage where we need to look at the corporate governance of the organisation and there was a need to fit into the corporate governance and corporate structure regular DEA meetings where issues specific particular DEAs can be dealt with on a monthly or bimonthly basis. The committees which are supposed to deal with policy and strategy matters and members are forced to bring up operational issues, which may relate to contracts which were specific to local DEAs and a lot not needs to be done if there was a regular contact point for Councillors on the particular issues that have already been agreed by Council and no need for them to come back and forward to be discussed at committee meetings, progress reports brought forward and Councillors be in a position to talk to the senior officers dealing with these issues. He felt that there should also be an opportunity to talk on smaller issues within their local DEAs, whether it relates to

environmental health or dog matters issues or whatever the case may be and felt that this would definitely be a benefit within the corporate structure. In his opinion, we were long past that point due to the concept of our committees about being about policy and strategy, was not working because everyone is forced to be bogged down on local issues which were DEA specific.

He urged that these DEA meetings which were alluded to in the previous minutes happen with the upmost urgency and felt there also needed to be an urgent discussion across the Council in relation to corporate structure to facilitate localised meetings, as we do it with roads, operational utilities and strategy agencies. We were well past the point where this would be a benefit to this organisation and would allow the committee structure to work more strategically and would allow Councillors better access to their day to day or week to week information on what or what not was going on within the DEA.

The Chair was confident that Officers would follow up the DEA meetings Councillor Monteith referred to.

The SD: Communities & Place advised that there was a meeting in the diary for the Railway Park site visit which was on the back of a decision which was taken at Development committee last month.

He said that in relation to the wider issues, members will be aware that this Council has a very ambitious capital programme and the P&R committee agreed the revised programme in July. There is work ongoing with Senior Management Team being led by the SD: Environment in terms of reviewing our governance in relation to the capital framework and that will include how we as an organisation and Councillors input into structuring and prioritising our capital programmes, how we make sure we bring projects to a state of shovel readiness, that we can maximise any external opportunities. This may take time working through this process and as we move along this journey, officers will do their very best to make sure members were kept up to date, but there were a lot of projects which were currently live at the minute. He said that he heard members frustration, but assured them that there was work going on in the background to try and put a little structure in governance in moving forward and members will be engaged at the right time as part of that process.

Councillor Monteith referred to D144/22 and enquired if there was any update on the Dog Friendly Park facilities.

The AD: HL&W advised that there had been a meeting with Dogs Trust NI and officers were doing some scoping and benchmarking with other Councils where these facilities were currently in. Officers were currently investigating this issue and hoped to bring a report back to the December committee meeting.

Councillor Quinn referred to a matter which had been brought to his attention in relation to Roughan Lough regarding the lack of life saving equipment at the site. He asked if this was something that officers could investigate as this was an area which was very popular with fishers and swimmers and would be important to get this sorted.

The SD: Communities & Place advised the member that this would be looked at, but was not sure if this was Council's responsibility or remit, but would look at it and if something needed to be done then this would be addressed.

D158/22 Air Quality Report 2022

Members noted update on the current air quality in the Mid Ulster District Council area, and of the ongoing monitoring currently being undertaken in relation to this.

Councillor Molloy advised that he along with Councillor Monteith had mentioned this numerous times around the consistent reports that members get each year around the results relating to the monitoring. Consistently the two highest were the end of McKee's Terrace, Newell Road, Dungannon and Charlemont Street, Moy and whilst there has been a slight reduction we cannot continuously take a note, we need to liaise with the relevant authorities to address this as these people living in a residential area are being affected on a daily basis and work needs to be done to try and elevate the problem.

Councillor Monteith concurred with Councillor Molloy's comments 100% and said that we had received this report on an annual basis which was continually above the recommended limits. It's not good enough that we receive this report every year, this needs actioned immediately as there are people living in these areas susceptible to this high pollution. He said that he had raised this issue before with Environmental Health regarding the fitness of these homes and the air outside not fit for human beings to breathing, inadequate protection behind a single piece of glass where people are living and sleeping and asked how it could be safe for those people to be living there.

Councillor Monteith felt that an urgent meeting needs to be called with Councillors, Roads Service and Environmental Health to look at different legislation available, not just for air pollution but for those homes and people who live there. Air outside those people's homes this last 6 to 7 years has not been fit for people to breathe, never mind people who live there and not fit for human use.

He felt that there was a duty of care on this Council to inform the residents that they were living in an area which for the last 6 to 7 years the air was not fit for human use. We need to up the ante on this and treat this with the seriousness which it is.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

That an urgent meeting be arranged with DEA Councillors and Environmental Health asking that a pro-active attitude be brought on using all the legislation available at our disposal in dealing with this now rather than sitting hoping that the figures decrease, this was not good enough for the people living there and a duty of care on this Council as a public body to inform the residents living in those areas of the very serious air pollution in their area.

He said that he had spoken to some residents and felt it was wrong that they haven't been informed and asked that they be contacted as a matter of utmost urgency.

Seconded by Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr said that he would be happy to second the proposal and totally agreed that residents should be informed ASAP as the air that they breathe was not fit for human consumption.

The SD: Communities and Place referred to comments received and advised that the process is that officers present this report to members for information and we are not suggesting that we just sit back and hope that something changes. He stated that it was officers' suggestion within the report to bring together all the relevant stakeholders including elected members to look at what actions which can be taken to see if we can reduce the NO₂ pollutant in those two areas. He said that through AD: HL&W and his team, this will be moved forward at pace and get this meeting pulled together, with all the relevant stakeholders around the table and hopefully out of that a number of actions will be agreed.

In response to query, the SD: Communities and Place said that it was his understanding that air quality reports as far as he was aware were published on the Council's website, which were public data.

Councillor Monteith suggested that a letter is formulated to go to all residents in both areas informing them of the seriousness of the situation of the air quality within their area and although he cannot speak for the affected residents in Moy, he was aware that quite a number of the residents in McKee's Terrace in Dungannon had an issue with English and felt it was not good enough just to say that it was on the website.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

That a letter be formulated in a number of languages immediately or as soon as humanly possible after ratification at full Council meeting with all the relevant information and contact numbers in the event of anyone having concerns after they receive this letter, so they can get in contact with a designated officer from this Council to answer any queries they may have.

Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Councillor Molloy agreed that this would be a similar case in Charlemont Street, Moy as some of those residents which live in the multi-use flat properties, English was not their first language. He felt that it was telling that migrant workers were put into these properties and available to them, as you only have to sit outside these properties, look at the evidence of build-up on the windows and doors of the blackness and soot in which it accumulates and it's a telling sign of what people were breathing. He was happy to second the proposal of communicating with the residents as soon as possible.

The SD: Communities and Place suggested that this be based on legal advice and expert input.

Councillor Monteith said that he would have no issue as long as legal advice was sought before full Council and were in a position to do it, but would query legal advice being a necessity in this case. If there was a public health emergency issue being dealt with in the local area, then engagement would take place with local residents i.e. flooding and working together with Roads Service. He said that this was a public health

emergency and that Council were not treating it as such, for 6 to 7 years the air in these areas was not fit for human consumption and did not see why legal evidence or opinion should be sought as there was a duty of care for Council to protect our residents. If there was evidence of vermin within an area, this Council would have no difficulty in sending out letters to people without asking for permission.

The SD: Communities and Place stated that he wasn't indicating that this cannot be done but was suggesting that expert input be sought before moving forward with the recommendation.

The Chair said as this matter was being talked about in open business and on public record, in terms of letting people know, he couldn't imagine that there would be an issue with that. In terms of what the SD: Communities and Place suggested regarding legal opinion and as long as it was done before full Council ratification, could see no issue on this being moved forward.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that legal advice be sought before ratification at full Council in relation to a letter being sent to residents living at McKee's Terrace, Newell Road, Dungannon and Charlemont Street, Moy advising of concerns relating to air quality in their area. Letter to be formulated in a number of languages immediately or as soon as humanly possible after full Council with all the relevant information and contact numbers in the event of anyone having concerns after they receive this letter, so they can get in contact with a designated officer from this Council to answer any queries they may have.

Councillor Monteith said that as a point of clarity, the proper naming of Newell Road was actually New Well Road although he was aware that certain signage and local businesses indicated "Newell".

D159/22 Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme 2022

Members noted update which provided information on the successful applications that were awarded funding for the 2022 Mid Ulster District Council Live Here Love Here, Small Grants Scheme.

D160/22 Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2021

Members noted update which provided information on the recently published Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2021.

D161/22 Economic Development Report – OBFI

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the following:

- Gearing for Growth Seminar – 20 October 2022
- TRPSI Rural Business Development Grant Scheme 2022
- Tourism Development Group Minutes on 29 June 2022
- European Heritage Open Days
- The Shared Island Fund

- Blackwater River Update Report

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes referred to Blackwater River Update Report and said she wished to update members. At the last Development Committee meeting members asked that a report be brought back to committee in relation to the survey work required for the Blackwater, to work with ABC and progress to procurement of that and to initiate the works. She said that Members will see within their papers this evening, that a Blackwater Report was taken to the Environment Committee in October 2022 with the recommendation outlined on page 244 seeking approval that *“officers progress undertaking required survey work subject to Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Council agreeing to work in partnership and funding 50% of the cost of fees for legal and technical survey work required at this stage”*. However, the Environment Committee on the 11 October 2022 recommended that a legal opinion is sought in relation to the Department’s responsibility for undertaking the work on the River Blackwater before any money is spent by Council on carrying out further surveys. She said that this was the current position and wanted to update members accordingly.

Councillor Kerr said that by listening to the debate, there was some concern if this really belonged to ABC why Mid Ulster was taking such huge interest. He said that one of the key points when he had met with Lough Neagh Rescue in which he and Councillor Quinn had alluded to many times in the past, was the build-up of silt which denies and slows down the access of the volunteers of Lough Neagh Rescue is someone finds themselves in trouble. 5, 10, 15 minutes in water in this time of year could be life changing, the difference between saving a life or the worst consequences possible and there was requirement to move this project on. He said that this matter has been discussed for one year, seven months to be exact (19 months) and was very important that we get this project moving and reaffirmed the point that human life was at stake here if these decisions were not progressive and would be beneficial for the Lough Neagh area.

The Chair hoped that the legal advice which has been required will be forthcoming quickly to help move this forward.

Councillor Wilson advised that it was him that made the proposal at the Environment Committee meeting to take this legal route due to the fact of the issue relating to Lough Neagh Rescue. It is about the fact of this Council being a local authority spending money on something which is not our responsibility whatsoever and therefore the importance of this legal advice coming back on who actually owns it and whose responsibility it is which was vitally important. If it is the case that it is the responsibility of this Council, then we should move at full speed and if ABC’s they should then move at full speed.

Councillor Quinn said that he had no issues with getting legal advice and felt it was important to establish who is responsible and a collective leadership needs to be shown, not just from our Council and ABC, but from the relevant government departments also as this has been talked about for a long time. He was aware of two options being put on the paper, one was to go up through the mouth of the Blackwater and the other one was to go through the Maghery Canal and if we can get one of them

sorted at this point, we would be happy. It is vitally important that this Council does not spend money just for the sake of it and felt that everyone needed to put their shoulder to the wheel to get this sorted.

The Chair advised that this was a very important issue and should be brought to a head and will show where responsibility sits and if this means working collectively to try and move this forward, then this would be very welcome and to get the clarification to move it in a positive direction.

Live broadcast ended at 8.17 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst members consider items D162/22 to D164/22.

Matters for Decision

D162/22	Economic Development Report – CBFD
D163/22	Report on Funding and Accommodation Arrangements for RDP & Community Services Staff at Gortlowry House

Matters for Information

D164/22	Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 15 September 2022
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D165/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.28 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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

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

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
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LUMFORD'S GLEN REJUVENATION PROJECT

13th Oct 2022 – MUDC Development Committee



WHO ARE WE ?

Not just a running club, we are a volunteer group with a genuine interest in encouraging people to get outdoors in our beautiful Clogher Valley countryside.

In 2019; in collaboration with MUDC, Sport NI and DEARA, we successfully completed a project to improve facilities at Knockmany Forest. Projected Year 3 figures was 27,000 annually/2250 monthly. The current usage of Knockmany is approx 5000 per month which equates to 60,000 annually. (2021/2022). These numbers far exceeded our expectations.

We would now like to build on this success and rejuvenate Lumford's Glen adjacent to the main forest block of Knockmany Forest which was closed to the public in 2012 due to damage caused by rain-storms.



**IMPROVED
CARPARKING**



**CLEARING OF
PATHS AND
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ACCESS.**



**PROVISION
OF TOILET
FACILITIES,
CHANGING
PLACES
FACILITY,
KITCHEN AND
MEETING
ROOM**

WHAT IS LUMFORD'S GLEN?

THE WATERFALL

Lumford's Glen includes trails and steps which lead to a stunning natural 60-foot waterfall.

THE ROUTE

From it's own small carpark, the route to the waterfall through Lumford's Glen is approx. 1.4 miles (Image 1).

Re-establishing this existing trail would create a new 3.7 miles (6km) loop to incorporate Knockmany Cairn and the Waterfall... starting and ending at Knockmany carpark (Image 2).



IMAGE 1: LUMFORD'S GLEN TRAIL



IMAGE 2: KNOCKMANY/LUMFORD'S GLEN TRAIL

WHAT IS LUMFORD'S GLEN?



THE HERITAGE OF LUMFORD'S GLEN

- RECORDS INDICATE IT LIKELY PREDATES KNOCKMANY AS A BEAUTY AND TOURISM SPOT.

LETTERS FROM GEORGIAN IRELAND; THE CORRESPONDENCE OF MARY DELANY 1731-68 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT

Clogher 2 August 1748 "we went to Longford's Glinn (Glen).. The water that runs through it is a little bubbling brook instead of a river... as if frequented by...'nymps and fawns.

- THE GRAND JURY MAP OF TYRONE 1813 NAMES LUMFORDS GLEN AND CATARACT (WATERFALL); THE MAP OF 1837 REFERENCES THE GLEN WITH PATHS OUTLINED.

THE HERITAGE OF LUMFORD'S GLEN



THE AREA ONCE FORMED PART OF THE CECIL MANOR ESTATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BOUGHT THE LAND IN 1911, DEMOLISHED THE BIG HOUSE AND PLANTED THE CURRENT FOREST AREA.

IN 1829 SIR GEORGE SAVILLE RESIDED IN THE AGENTS HOUSE OF THE MANOR ESTATE AND AT THAT STAGE THE TRAILS IN LUMFORD'S GLEN WERE VERY MUCH USED BY GENTRY OF THE AREA AS A WALKWAY AND NATURAL TOURIST ATTRACTION.

THE AREA ALSO FORMS PART OF THE CARLTON TRAIL FROM KNOCKMANY FOREST AND LUMFORD'S GLEN TO SAINT MACARTAN'S CHURCH AUGHER.

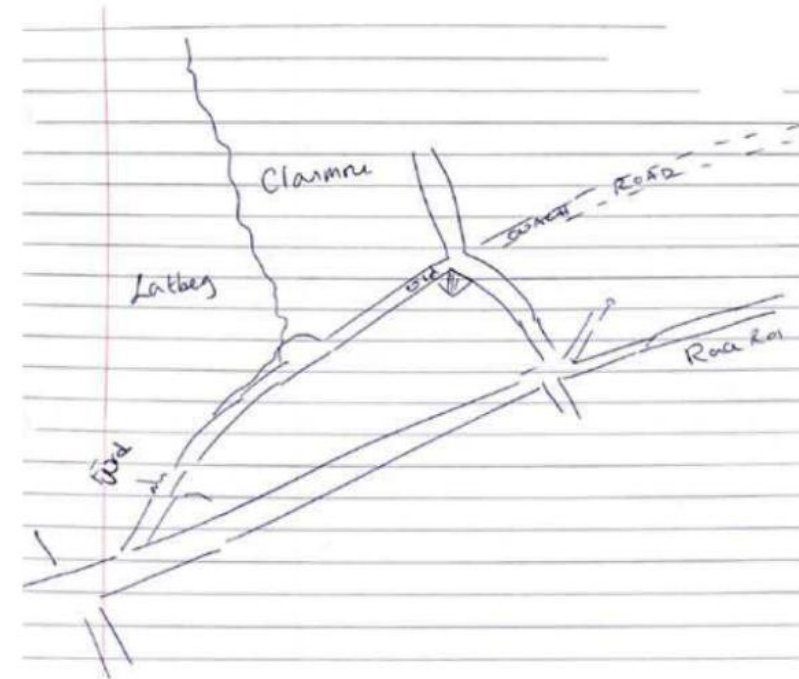
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THE OLD COACH ROAD

Previously known as the Old Coach Road, part of this trail was utilised by people getting the coach from Derry to Dublin which travelled from Newtonsaville along this route, crossing the existing fjord at the road and passing some of the current paths in Knockmany towards Augher, Clara and onwards to Monaghan.

THE WATER

The water flowing from the waterfall divides the Claremore and Latbeg townlands and feeds into the Blackwater catchment in Augher.



WHY SHOULD LUMFORD'S GLEN BE RESTORED ?

01

THE AREA IS A BEAUTIFUL TRAIL OF PATHS AND STEPS TO REACH THE WATERFALL. IT WOULD EXTEND THE CURRENT TRAILS ALREADY IN USE IN KNOCKMANY.

02

THE PATHS AND STEPS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE IT JUST NEEDS CLEARED AND MADE SAFE FOR THE PUBLIC TO ACCESS AND USE AGAIN.

03

THERE IS A HISTORY ASSOCIATED WITH LUMFORD'S GLEN WHICH SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO DISAPPEAR.

04

THE GROWTH IN NUMBERS USING KNOCKMANY FOREST SHOWS DEMAND WAS REAL. THE PANDEMIC CREATED A SUSTAINED INTEREST IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AND LUMFORD'S GLEN WILL PROVIDE EVEN MORE TRAILS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

05

THE PROJECT ALIGNS WITH THE COMMUNITIES SECTION OF THE MID ULSTER CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES (2020-24) "TO OPEN AND SUSTAIN ACCESSIBLE PATHWAYS TO PARTICIPATION IN LEISURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIESIN LOCAL COMMUNITIES".

06

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY HAVE ALL RESPONDED VERY POSITIVELY AT THE PROSPECT OF BEING ABLE TO VISIT LUMFORD'S GLEN AGAIN.

That's Lumford's Glen and I think the waterfall was known as The Mad Woman's Leap (pronounced lep), probably the White Lady! My children walked in it very often, an adventure, then a picnic, cheap too 😊

Beautiful place hopefully it is restored for the local community to enjoy 🙏🙏

Lumfords Glen used to go here as a child and run past this entry every week it really would love to see it restored

The waterfall in lumfords glen is easy 60ft from when it tips over the edge at the top until it hits the bottom!!! If you heard of this from someone I bet I'd drive an hr to see it..... This is in heart of the clogher valley!!

Great memories with mum and dad in lumfords glen as a child, it was a real adventure! would love to see it restored as no doubt the local community and those from further afield would come to enjoy!

Lumfords Glen happy memories here from a child loved the steps up to the waterfall its a magical place would be lovely to see it opening again for our kids to explore.

Lumfords Glen ... and the mad womens leap 😊 stunning place .. be fabulous to get it restored and accessible again so future generations can experience the beautiful setting just as we all did in our childhood !

WHO WILL BENEFIT?

The local Clogher Valley community and the recently increased footfall in Knockmany would extend to Lumford's Glen

- **Local schools**
 - **Pre, primary and secondary**
- **Sure Start**
- **Local sports teams**
- **Clogher Valley Walking Group and associated local walking groups (inc. Knockatallen, Dungannon, Coneen)**
- **Knockmany Running Club**
- **Knockmany Forest Ramblers**

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM MUDC?

TO PRIORITISE LUMFORD'S GLEN FOR A SCOPING STUDY



TO FOLLOW UP WITH PROGRESSING TO A TECHNICAL DESIGN ASSESSMENT OF LUMFORD'S GLEN



THERE IS ALREADY A LICENSED AGREEMENT IN PLACE BETWEEN MUDC AND FORESTRY FOR LUMFORD'S GLEN



Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 20 October 2022 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon and by Virtual Means

Members Present

Councillor Clarke, Chair

Councillors Black*, Burton (7.37 pm), Corry*, Doris*, Elattar*, Kerr, * Milne*, Molloy*, Quinn*

Officers in Attendance

Mr Black, Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Ms Linney**, Assistant Director of Development
Ms McKeown**, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes
Mr McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services and Engagement
Mr Kennedy**, ICT Support
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Councillor N McAleer

Deputations

CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille
Clonoe Rural Development Agency
Dungannon Swifts
Moortown St Malachy's GAC

* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

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

D166/22 Apologies

Councillors Ashton, Cuddy and Wilson.

D167/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chair Councillor Clarke reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest.

D168/22 Chair's Business

The Chair advised that questions would be taken after each completed presentation.

D169/22 CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives from CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille and invited them to address the committee (appendix 1).

Mr O'Neill thanked the committee for allowing them to make their presentation tonight which updated members on the Rise of Youth Membership, Development Plan and Financing.

He referred to the Development Plan and said that Phase 1 and 2 were complete and now were looking forward to the next Phases of 3,4,5 & 6 which included:

- Phase 3 - (Target £150,000)
Hurling Wall
NCC next Development Phase
Huge Benefits:
 - Sharpens Speed, agility & reactions
 - All weather & all Year
 - Improves hand eye co-ordination

- Phase 4 - (Target £150,000)
Rural Community Focal Point:
 - Exercise
 - Shared Family TimeAttracts new NCC Members

- Phase 5 - (Target £300,000)
Indoor Fall Facilities

- Phase 6 - (Target £120,000)
Access Lane
Parking & Floodlight upgrade

The Chair thanked the group for their presentation and said that it provided an update on what the Club has done to date and want their intentions were moving forward.

Councillor Kerr commended the group on their impressive presentation which indicated the ambitious plans they have and wanted to wish the club well on their endeavors over the next few years. He said that it was great to see hurling being recognised as usually it takes second seat to Gaelic football which took into the different areas like Coalisland, Clonoe, Derrylaughan, Loughshore, Brackaville and the wider area and was also great to see the provision of hurling strengthening in the area. He reiterated his best wishes for the group in their future intentions and wished to pass on his best of luck to Naomh Colum Cille this Saturday and hoped they take the championship home and make some history which would be great for

the Gaelic scene in East Tyrone. He also hoped they would be County Champions next week.

Councillor Molloy congratulated the group on their fantastic presentation and said that he was in the Chair last year when the Club had made their presentation similarly and at that time it was said that it would be great to see the Club progressing to be in a County final and winning the Benburb cup and bringing it back to the Loughshore and the area. Now 12 months on the team were in a final and only one game away from achieving that and wished the players, management and committee every success in that. In referring to the project, he said that it was great to see the ongoing development to date which was magnificent and also great to see the whole community getting behind not only the hurling and sports activities, but indeed the wider community coming together through the facilities of a walking track, which kept people safe from walking on the roads and also the social enterprise and social inclusion that this brings for the wider community. He wished that group well for the future and anything that members were help to help in any way they could.

Councillor Doris praised the club on their impressive presentation and video which was sharp and straight to the point. She concurred with previous member's comments and said that she also recalled the group coming into Council last year where it was stated that the Girls camogie was just starting out and was great that it was a good successful year for the Club. She said that she had visited the club and agreed what was stated within the presentation about the facilities being way behind, which was an understatement, as she witnessed the work which has been done but also needed to be done. She said that the club was much more than a sporting facility and was vitally important for all age groups as it provided different events including health & wellbeing courses and Irish language courses etc. She wished to reconfirm that any commitment that the Council can provide, then they would definitely try their best to help. She wished the Club the very best of luck for this coming Saturday in their championship.

Councillor Quinn concurred with previous members on an excellent presentation. He said that he had a great cup of tea down at the club at the weekend and for someone like himself who used to walk past that field and to see what it was now turned into was astonishing. He referred the quality of the Club was adding to hurling, not just within the Clonoe or Coalisland parish catchment area, but within the county in general and the buzz that it has now created which was excellent to see. He said that he had his Naomh Colum Cille flag flying outside his home at present and added that any help that was needed, he would be more than happy to try and provide for the club as it was a fantastic facility and looked forward to watching the team in the final next week. He wished the Club the very best of luck for next Saturday.

The Chair said that he recognised the commitment that the Club have put in and that the Council would be there to provide any help in any way they can. He wished the team the very best of luck in the Country Final on Saturday and if they successful it would be a great win for the area.

The representatives from CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille left the meeting at 7.14 pm.

D170/22 Clonoe Rural Development Agency

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives from Clonoe Rural Development Agency (CRDA) and invited them to address the committee (appendix 2).

Mr O'Neill updated members on the need identified, the lack of infrastructure within the community, nowhere for the younger and more senior members of the Clonoe community to congregate and socialise whilst these segments of this community population.

He said that CRDA had met over recent years to devise and plan for extensive infrastructure to be developed over the coming years which included:

- 1.5 km floodlit perimeter walkway around the development
- Community Hub meeting Rooms
- Outdoor Coffee Shop
- Large Outdoor Playground areas
- Wall-Ball Area
- Spectator Terrace and Cover Stand – fully accessible for wheelchair users
- 2 X New Training Football Fields

He concluded by saying that Clonoe Rural Development Agency believed that they were well placed to deliver Phase 1 of their overall Project to qualify for the Capital Discretionary Grant.

The Chair said that it was useful for the Council to see what the work which was being done and asked for members' comments.

Councillor Kerr thanked the club for their fantastic presentation and said it was great to see the members of Clonoe Rural Development Agency in attendance tonight. He said that it was great to see the ambitious plans which the club has for the long term and it was now the time and imperative that Clonoe was recognised as a village due to the rise in population through new housing developments. He said that more investment and infrastructure was needed and that there was no better place in Clonoe to provide it than the local Club as they provide a lot of resources to the community and for all ages, male and female. He wanted to pass on his best of luck to Clonoe Ladies in their forthcoming championship and wished the group well. He asked if the Club needed any help in any way, then do not hesitate to make contact. He hoped that within the next 8 to 10 years that the project will be a reality and that the Ulster Council and himself would help in every step of the way.

Councillor Quinn commended the group on an excellent presentation and said that it was great to see the 5k walkway which was obviously a fantastic facility. He hoped that help and support can be provided by the Council if need be as Clonoe was one of the fastest growing communities within our district and this project would not just be the local area but for everyone. He said that any help in which may be required that members would be happy to help in any way they can.

Councillor Molloy thanked the group for their excellent presentation and said that he was aware the Clonoe fell into a two DEA catchment areas, and he had a vested interest as a DEA Councillor for the area. He concurred with previous comments and said that everything which was being proposed was a great asset for the local and wider community area as it just didn't involve football but also included provision for walkers, young people, older people, social inclusion and safety aspect so people will not feel the need to be walking on the roads. He wished that group well and said that the Council will try and help in any way they can.

Councillor Doris commended the great presentation and added bonus of the video clip as it was great to see what the project would look like virtually in the future. She said that this was a community which kept growing including businesses and there was a need to have more facilities in that area due to the growing population. She referred to young mothers and said that she was glad to hear this being referred to as this was something that she received regular feedback on as they were a fairly socially isolated group. There is a lot of young families within Clonoe and the need was just going to grow a lot more. She said that it was impressive that the group had yet again included disability friendly aspects within the project as Clonoe had always gone above and beyond when thinking of other people's disabilities and how they could be involved in the Club within the community. She stated that this was a great project and shovel ready and Sinn Féin would continue to support in any way they possibly can.

The Chair said that it was easy to see what Clonoe group had delivered and how they progressed over the years as it was evident to see what they needed. He advised the group that the Council were here to help in any they could and wished them well for the future.

The representatives from CLG & CC Naomh Colum Cille left the meeting at 7.34 pm.

D171/22 Dungannon Swifts

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives of Dungannon Swifts FC and invited them to address the committee (appendix 3).

Mr Grant advised that Dungannon Swifts was a long established club which was formed in 1949. The club is a constituted sporting and community-based organisation and a NIFL Premiership Club (top tier NI football pyramid)

Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.37 pm.

The club's vision is to establish Dungannon Swifts Football Club as a leading Football Club in Northern Ireland through providing an environment in which young people can realise their full potential as Footballers. The Club also aim to make Dungannon Swifts a model of best practice in Football development.

The project will enable the Club to offer:

- Improved facilities for Dungannon Swifts FC teams at all levels

- Enabling other soccer clubs and sports clubs to use the facilities for their specific activities to help meet their needs e.g. Newmills FC, Mid Ulster Ladies
- Facility to host UEFA, International Representative and domestic show piece games (visitors to the area)
- Enhancement of community and sporting facilities in Dungannon and the wider region
- Potential for school usage and schools programme development
- Local charities and community groups offered space for activities
- A venue to host local, regional and international events
- Revenue created (not for profit) to be invested in volunteers, community programmes and the sustainability of facilities at Stangmore Park.

The Chair thanked the group for their impressive presentation and said that it was very helpful to clarify to committee what Club were doing and proposing to do and asked for members comments

Councillor Molloy thanked the group for their presentation which was excellent as always. He said that this was a broad spectrum of the residents of the wider Dungannon area and it was evident the good work in which the Swifts carry out and as the feeder club with Dungannon United Youth. He felt that it was great to help local talent as this was a top level team playing within the area and was also good to see where Clubs own their own facilities and now they were asking for a little bit of help, but not coming looking everything handed to them. It was good to see investment and reinvestment by the Club when they have some money collected that they reinvest this again. He wished the club all the very best with the project and future development of it.

Councillor Quinn thanked the group for their presentation and commended them on what they were doing. He said that he was a supporter of the Club and great to see local talent which has come out of the Club over the years like Conor Bradley and Darren Robinson. He said that this was an excellent Club which was cross community and we need a place like Swifts for young people to play on the big stage in which everyone is proud of. He wished the group all the best for the future and asked that any help that is required, not to be afraid to come forward.

Councillor Burton apologised to committee for being late as she was at another event. She said that it would be remiss of her not to acknowledge the efforts put in by Swifts Football Club in trying to progress and push ahead with their project. She stated that she was a former Minterburn's mummy when Swifts came to work with the children in that rural area years ago, which was a huge thing to them and now some of them have moved on to bigger and better things and sadly the school is now closed but will always remember the dedication the club had shown in helping these school children. She commended the work that the Club did within rural areas in that time and as a Clogher Valley Councillor which feeds in the area, and as someone else alluded to previously, the opportunities given both to girls and boys in terms of some of the work in which the Club is involved in is second to none. She thanked the group for coming along to provide their presentation tonight as it was good to see what the Club was involved in and trying to keep going and as a Council we will do our best to provide support in any way we possibly can.

The Chair thanked the group for their good presentation and the great comments from the Councillors and said that even though he lived quite a bit from Dungannon he was very aware of who the Club were and the great work they have carried out and are planning to carry out. He wished the Club the very best and that the Council would support and help them in any way they can.

The representatives from Dungannon Swifts FC left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

D172/22 Moortown St. Malachy's GAC

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives of Moortown St. Malachy's GAC and invited them to address the committee (appendix 4).

Mr Monaghan provided members with the history associated with Moortown St. Malachy's GAC from when it was established 99 years ago. Update was provided on the development of the Community Hub (Croí na Mona – Heart of Moortown), income sources, Club Moortown, Proposed Project, Business Plan, Need, Funding for Changing Rooms and Community Gym, Match Funding and Contingency Plan.

In the overall development of the Moortown St Malachy's Sports and Community Complex, this project represents the final essential phase. It will provide users of the site, both sports people and community people, with an up-to-date, fit for purpose facility which will be used on a daily basis throughout the year.

The Chair thanked the group for their presentation and asked for members comments.

Councillor Molloy said that it was an excellent presentation and impressive to see the fallback within the contingency plan in the event that some of the funding not going ahead. He said that being involved with Gaelic himself, that changing rooms were essential especially for the growth of involvement of young girls in football, it is essential that additional changing rooms is available which may be a challenge for a number of Clubs across the country going forward, but it was a necessity. He wished that Club all the very best for the future.

Councillor Quinn commended the group on their very good presentation and said that it was good to see the potential for good health being involved within the community. He said that he remembers playing against Moortown at the old field and to compare the two fields from then to now was hardly possible to believe. He said that Moortown was similar to Clonoe as it was a huge growing community with lots of activities taking place and lots of young people emerging. He referred to the growth of the ladies games around the Loughshore which was massive to be built in around Moortown especially. He was happy to provide any support in which the group required and looked forward to seeing continuous growth within the community.

Councillor Kerr congratulated the group on the great presentation and wished them well in this project in the long term. He concurred with previous comments and said that Moortown Seniors had a good year and wanted to pass on his best of luck to the

team and fair play to the Ladies and hoped like Clonoe that they get to the semi-final of Ulster and wished them every success in the long term.

Councillor Doris commended the great presentation and said that it was essential that females using the Club facilities have access to adequate changing facilities, where they feel safe. She said that she would be supportive of the project and anything that Sinn Féin can do they would be happy to help.

Councillor N McAleer thanked the group for their excellent presentation. He said that being local to the area he has witnessed the transformation Moortown has gone through over the past 10 years which has been spectacular. He referred to the Club, committee, volunteers and all those who have raised funds in the past and commended them on their very hard work. He said that he also would be very supportive of the application and wished the group the very best for the future.

The Chair thanked everyone which contributed to the meeting tonight and commended them in carrying out the good work already achieved on their projects and advised that the Council would make sure to assist them along the way where possible. He said that it was good to see such great work being done across Mid Ulster in the four different communities by four different independent organisations, over a period of time and still continuing to do it for the good of their communities.

Councillor Molloy commended all the excellent presentations brought to committee tonight and felt that their communities should be proud of the self-funding and facilities in which they provide, which showed the standard that was provided right across Mid Ulster.

D173/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.11 pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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Naomh Colm Cille Hurling & Camogie Club

Mid Ulster – Development
Committee

20th October 2022

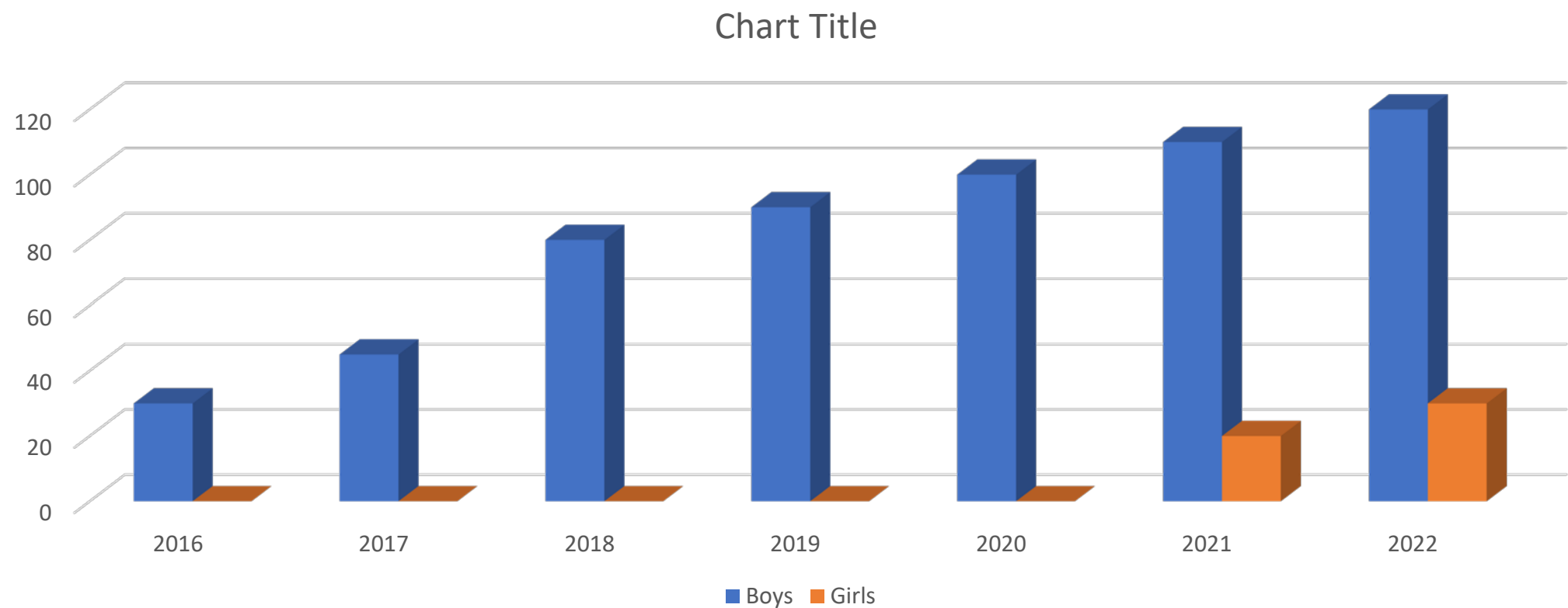
Presentation Agenda

The Rise of Youth Membership

The Development Plan

Financing

The Rise of Youth Membership



The Development Plan

We have been busy these few Years



Phase One (Complete)

Land Acquisition &
Pitch Drainage Upgrade

TARGET

£50,000



Naomh Colum Cille Hurling pitch has become the envy of many local sports teams. It is important to note that this wasn't always the case.

To help attract new playing members meant significant investment in ground works around the NCC pitch, so that members had a playing environment that was an enjoyable experience.

Club investment was required to purchase land adjacent to the pitch to help facilitate improved drainage. This investment along with a dedicated grounds maintenance team has created a playing surface that's among the best in the County.



Phase Two (Complete)

Pitch Acquisition, Pavilion Extension
& New Gym

TARGET

£80,000



The past 5 years have seen substantial increases in youth participation within NCC and as a result the club has invested in several areas.

The pitch has been purchased outright and the existing pavilion extended to cope with the growing membership. The extension to the pavilion now provides improved catering and meeting capabilities. Multiple playing Teams, Parents and the Club Committee use the hall and new kitchen facilities regularly during training, match days and group meetings.

A new gym has been installed to provide strength and conditioning for players to cope with the rigours of the game and option for non-players to use the gym through a family membership scheme.



The Development Plan – The Next Phase



Phase Three (Year 1-2) Hurling Wall

TARGET
£150,000

Naomh Colum Cille Hurling Club are planning to build a Hurling Wall facility to improve ball control and allow players to practise off-season and in all types of weather.

An hour on the wall either individually or as part of a team session allows a player to get hundreds of touches and it provides a huge aid in developing and mastering the skills of the game.

The benefits of having a Hurling Wall facility within Naomh Colum Cille will include:

- Sharpen your speed, agility & reactions
- Develop fantastic footwork
- Improve hand eye coordination
- Attract new members
- Recreational game for parents
- Fitness outlet for retired players



- The Hurling Wall
- NCC next Development Phase
- Huge Benefits:
 - Sharpens Speed, agility & reactions
 - All weather & All Year
 - Improves hand eye coordination

The Development Plan – The Next Phase



Phase Four (Year 2) Playground & Walking Track

TARGET
£150,000

Naomh Colum Cille plan to build a playground and walking track for kids and older people in the local rural community who may find it difficult to access these types of facilities in towns and residential areas.

Although a playground may seem like just fun, many benefits come from children spending time with other kids and using playground equipment. In addition to physical well-being, playgrounds can provide essential experiences and development for children in areas as diverse as social skills, creativity, problem-solving, reasoning and more. The playground will also provide the opportunity for children to enjoy physical and social activities whilst a sibling or a parent is participating in Hurling practice, training or matches.

The walking track in Naomh Colum Cille is designed to enhance the role of the club as a focal point for physical activity in the rural community. The track is hoped to bring new people and energy into the club by providing a central, safe and social space for people to walk and get physically and mentally active in the backdrop of Hurling Club activities. Parents can leave kids off at training or in full visibility of the playground and enjoy a healthy walk.



- Rural Community Focal Point:
 - Exercise
 - Shared Family Time
- Attracts new NCC members



Phase Five (Year 2-5)

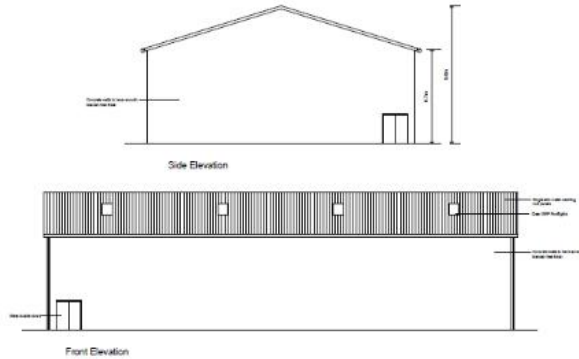
Indoor Hall Facilities

TARGET
£300,000

The new Club Hall will provide indoor facilities for the Hurling Club members and a rural Community centre that will give people an opportunity to socialise, learn and access key services of other providers who use the hall as a meeting point.

The Hall will offer year-round training facilities for the players and a more controlled initial starting point for our youngest players who commence at the tender age of 3. Club activities including AGMs, Committee meetings, End of Year Awards and Fundraising will all operate from the building.

Shared Hall access with other community groups will also be accommodated to make sure the building maximises its impact on the wider community.



Phase Six (Year 5)

Access Lane, Parking &
Floodlights Upgrade

TARGET
£120,000

The final stages of the Development Programme will see the existing access lane and parking upgraded to cope with the extra cars visiting or using the facilities.

The growth in Youth participation has resulted in the club fielding more and more teams in boys and girls age levels.

This achievement has created a pressure on pitch availability for training and matches, especially during the times year when it gets dark earlier. To help extend the pitch playing time the club plan to upgrade the existing floodlights to allow all teams to practise and train all year round.



The Development Plan – Future Phases

Finance

Hurling Wall, Playground & Walkway - £300,000

Loan Approved – Community Finance Ireland - £120,000

Dedicated Fundraising Committee £20,000

Grant - £40,000

Private Investor - £70,000

Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



- Infrastructure Development
- In attendance
- John Paul O'Neill
- Adrian Hughes
- Sean McCabe

Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



Identified Need.

Current lack of infrastructure for our community.

Nowhere for the younger and more senior members of our community to congregate and socialise.

These segments of our community population, continues to grow.

Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



Identified Solution and Plan.

CRDA have met over recent years to devise and plan for extensive infrastructure, to be developed over the coming years.

- 1 x 5km Floodlit Perimeter Walkway around the development.
- Community Hub meeting Rooms
- Outdoor Coffee Shop
- Large Outdoor Playground area.
- Wall-ball Area
- Spectator Terrace and Cover Stand - fully accessible for wheelchair users.
- 2 x New Training Football Fields

Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



Phase 1 of our plan, for which we are applying for the Capital Discretionary Grant is:

- 1 x Full Size Training Football Field

Including:

- Perimeter spectator fencing
- Ball Catch-Nets
- Associated Car Park and necessary Civil Works

Clonoe Rural Development Agency Capital Discretionary Grant Meeting with Mid Ulster Council



Progress to date:

- Development Land is acquired
 - Full Planning Permission is granted for overall plan
 - Funding has been secured.
 - Design Consultants have been appointed
 - Advance works already complete
 - le: Archeaological Dig completed & Site Clearance
 - Main Contractor to be appointed in Quarter 1 2023 and work commencing Spring 2023
 - Objective to have Phase 1 completed Autumn 2023
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- CRDA believe we are well placed to deliver Phase 1 of our overall Project to qualify for the Capital Discretionary Grant.



Dungannon Swifts FC

Mid Ulster District Council

Capital Discretionary Grants

Presentation

Thursday 20th October 2022



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council





Dungannon Swifts FC

The Premier Soccer Club in Tyrone

Stangmore Hub for Community



Club Background

- Long established club, Dungannon Swifts FC was formed in **1949**.
- The club are a constituted sporting and community-based organisation.
- NIFL Premiership Club (top tier NI football pyramid)

OUR VISION

To establish Dungannon Swifts Football Club as a leading Football Club in Northern Ireland through providing an environment in which young people can realise their full potential as Footballers. As such, we aim to make Dungannon Swifts Football Club a model of best practice in Football development.

So that Dungannon Swifts FC realises its vision, the Club has several objectives to:

- provide a **pathway** which encourages long-term player **development** for players of all ages
- provide **opportunities for children and young people** to enjoy football **participation** within a structured programme
- provide a **positive coaching experience** for all young players through the provision of **quality coaching** and development programmes of young players
- develop **effective partnerships** in the **local community** to support player development among young players Dungannon Swifts Football Club in the provision of its Development Programme.



Football..... the glue that binds us together

“Football clubs are constituent parts of our communities. There is such a thing as society and the beautiful game is a vital part of what makes it up.

We discovered during lockdown that we need our regular meeting points, our communities, our places to gather. Those institutions are the glue that binds us together.”

Gary Neville (2022)





No standing still, keep pushing forward.

Prestigious Harry Cavan Youth Cup winners 2022

Dungannon Swifts FC

Dungannon Swifts FC - VALUES

RESPECT: respecting our stakeholders, partners and young people in everything we do

INTEGRITY: operating with honesty and transparency in undertaking our work

EXCELLENCE: commitment to quality and focus in all aspects of our programme

PARTNERSHIP: commitment to building two-way partnerships with all our stakeholders

COMMUNITY ASSET

Dungannon Swifts Football Club and the facilities at Stangmore Park add value to the wider community.

We seek to create community development structure and to build resources that will enable the greater wellbeing and social inclusion for the people and groups of Dungannon and Mid Ulster District Council area.

We do so through community engagement in recreational activities such as sport, recreation, community development, wellbeing, active citizenship and leisure time.





Dungannon Swifts Football Club Chairman Keith Boyd said:

Flagship Football Facility Ambition

“The 3G pitch project has the potential to be a flagship facility for sports in the Western region and beyond. Dungannon Swifts is at the heart of the community and the club are committed to improve our home ground at Stangmore Park to include state-of-the-art training and match facilities that will not only benefit our club but the wider sporting community across the district. This will allow our club to further expand its activities, which, in turn, will allow even more young people to participate in sport. The club and its facilities are vital to Dungannon (the wider District) and its relationship with football/sport.”

OVERALL PROJECT DETAIL



- To **improve the football and community facility** sited at Dungannon Swifts Football Club at **Stangmore Park**, Dungannon.
- This Sports Capital Works Scheme, specifically, upgrading and improving existing structures to supply and install a **FIFA standard full size 3G pitch**
- improvement to the existing grass surface to become 3G surface will **increase our capacity** as a club to deliver **more sports opportunities** and **create a safe facility** for people of the to use for multiple sporting activity, principally football activities.
- The proposed project will create better sports facility to strengthen operating capacity of the club to **increase sports participation in the Mid Ulster District Council** area.
- **STRATEGIC FIT:** will support and maintain the capital infrastructure of the Dungannon Swifts Football Club facility and will align with the Irish FA strategic direction, **local Council Sport Facility Strategy**, and other government policy such as Sport NI and the Department for Communities.



Our vision is to build and sustain Dungannon Swifts and Stangmore Park in its important position within the District as a home of football, recreational, community and volunteering opportunity.

Project Vision

It is the clubs aim to generate wider community benefit through football, sport and non-sport activities, particularly in the areas of health and wellbeing, education skills and employment, social inclusion and volunteering by creating a sustainable model for delivery of new sporting and community facilities at Stangmore Park.

The proposed improvements aims to deliver benefits for the local community, schools, sports clubs and charities across the District and wider region.

This project will enable us to offer:

- ✓ Improve facilities for Dungannon Swifts FC teams at all levels.
- ✓ Enabling other soccer clubs and sports clubs to use the facilities for their specific activities to help meet their needs e.g., Newmills FC, Mid Ulster Ladies.
- ✓ facility to host UEFA, International Representative and domestic show piece games (visitors to the area)
- ✓ Enhancement of community and sporting facilities in Dungannon and the wider region.
- ✓ Potential for school usage and schools programme development.
- ✓ Local charities and community groups offered space for activities.
- ✓ A venue to host local, regional and international events.
- ✓ Revenue created (not for profit) to be invested in volunteers, community programmes and the sustainability of facilities at Stangmore Park.



PROJECT AIMS

- Construct **FIFA standard 3G pitch** to improve Football and Sports facility sited at Stangmore Park, Dungannon.
- improve the **health and wellbeing** of local people, including males/females, youth, older people and those in a rurally isolated area of the Mid Ulster area.
- enhance the **health and wellness benefits** of the local population through sports and first-rate facilities
- enhance **personal development** through sport by growing discipline, motivation and self confidence
- **improve accessibility to safe/secure sports facilities** in Mid Ulster District Council area for local community
- project will increase the **capacity of club** facilities to act as a **community hub** for sporting, charitable and wider community activity, ultimately adding value to the sporting, **social and community responsibility** of the club



The Stangmore 3G project will complement and help deliver across Mid Ulster District Council policy:

- **ECONOMIC GROWTH** (fitter and more active people are better equipped for the workplace and sustainable employment) The facility will help businesses do well and bring jobs to Mid Ulster through sports, recreation and community.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE** (Sporting, recreational and Community Infrastructure strengthened in the District Council). The 3G pitch will make the basic systems and services that Mid Ulster uses better in terms of capacity and physical sporting and community shared space.
- **EDUCATION AND SKILLS** (pitch users, volunteers and wider public will enhance skills and education through programming at the new 3G) The 3G will help people learn more and have the best chance in life through sport.
- **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** (Stangmore 3G pitch will deliver health and wellness opportunities through participation in sport and community cohesion). The 3G will help people live longer, healthier and more active lives through accessible and regular sports / recreational participation.
- **VIBRANT AND SAFE COMMUNITIES** (connected, happy and active communities using the 3G pitch) Sports is proven to enhance how the community feel safer and stronger.

The project will support the delivery of the **Mid Ulster (MUDC) Sports Facility Strategy**

The Stangmore Park 3G project aligns with the Strategy vision ‘Development of an evidence-based assessment of facility need, which will inform and prioritise future INVESTMENT IN, AND DEVELOPMENT OF, A NETWORK OF HIGH QUALITY SPORTS FACILITIES, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS FOR INCREASED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN MID ULSTER’.

The Stangmore Park 3G project particularly aligns with the **Sports Facilities Strategy recommendation 3**: A ***programme of pitch investment*** is developed based on MUDC, clubs and the Mid Ulster League, GAA, soccer and rugby, working together. This programme should prioritise 3G pitch provision on education sites where community use can be developed.



Project Finance

ITEM OR ACTIVITY	TOTAL COST
Excavate existing topsoil from proposed area (100m) and deposit in stockpile. Take off site.	£3,000
Excavate subsoil from proposed area and deposit in stockpile. Take off site.	£3,000
Grade subsoil base to required gradients.	£2,600
Excavate for and lay new 150mm twin wall main drain.	£2,100
Excavate for and lay new 80mm lateral drains at 5m centres.	£16,200
Construction of inspection pits.	£1,200
Supply and lay Terram 1000 geotextile layer between lateral drains.	£6,460
Supply and place 200mm layer of type 3 modified stone.	£51,000
Supply and place 50mm blinding layer to carpet area.	£18,620
Supply and lay shock pad, carpet and infill.	£205,200
Installation of sockets for goalposts.	£600
Testing of pitch installation to the required standards.	£3,000
PC Sum for irrigation system	£54,500
PC Sum for geogrid reinforcement over 25% pitch	£8,500
Totals	£375,980



3G Pitch Capital Investment Income

Funding Sources	Amount £
FIFA Funding Relief Plan	£300,000
Dungannon Swifts FC club contribution	£25,980
Mid Ulster District Council – Capital Discretionary Grant	£50,000
Total Income	£375,980



Thank You!

Any questions?



Comhairle Ceantair
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Moortown St Malachys

Presentation to MUDC October 2022

History of Moortown St Malachys

- Established 99 years ago
- Centenary in 2023
- Previously catered for male Gaelic Football
- Ladies branch established in 2017 and going from strength to strength
- Purchased new grounds in 2012

Recent Developments

- Purchase and development of 3 playing fields, one with floodlighting
- Building new Community Hub
- Community Walkway (Lighted)
- Ball wall and 4G practice area
- Basketball Court
- Entrance laneway
- 2 Carparks
- Spectator Steps

Overview



Community Hub

Croí na Mona – Heart of Moortown



Cost

- Total cost of overall development to date is

Two million, two hundred thousand pounds.

£2,200,000

Income Sources

The main sources of funding were:

Proceeds from sale of previous land

Various Grants including 2 major grants from SportNI and Rural Development

Moortown St Malachys Fundraising

Club Moortown

Friends of Moortown (Weekly lotto)

Club Moortown

Club Moortown is a voluntary scheme whereby individuals contribute £20 per month to help fund development projects. It is primarily used to repay capital and interest on the existing club loan which currently stands at £118,300. This loan will be paid off by 2028.

In preparation for the new development, 44 new members have been recruited in last two months, bringing total Club Moortown Membership to 112.

This demonstrates the commitment and support of the local community.

Proposed Project

Construction of Changing Rooms and Community Gym.

The proposed project is to construct 4 No Changing Rooms (2 male and 2 Female) and a Community Gym adjacent to the Community Hub on the site within St Malachy's Moortown GAC complex.

The changing rooms will include safe changing facilities for females and also disabled toilets.

The new building will incorporate a Solar Collector with photovoltaic panels in order to reduce carbon footprint.

Business Plan

A Business Plan for the project has been prepared and forwarded to MUDC.

This includes

- Capital Costs and Funding
- Operating Costs
- Cash Flow
- Risk Management
- Governance
- Contingency Plan

Need

The changing rooms are needed for users of the Community Hub, adjoining Playing Fields, Ball Wall, Basketball Court and Community Walkway. Users range from Under 6 upwards, both male and female.

The Community Hub facilitates a range of Health & Wellbeing and Social activities on a weekly basis, including Exercise Classes for Over 50s, Yoga, Pilates, Walking Club, Dance classes and Cookery Classes.

These are mainly organised by Loughshore Community Services (LCS)

The Community Hub is managed jointly by Moortown St Malachys and LCS

Funding for Changing Rooms and Community Gym

Grant sought from Community Ownership Fund	£229,125
Bank Loan	£100,000
Mid Ulster Council Discretionary Grant	£50,000
Moortown St Malachys GAC	£79,125
TOTAL	£458,250

Match Funding

Community Ownership Fund.

- Stage 1 (Eligibility) – Successful
- Stage 2. (Assessment) – Decision expected end October 2022.

Bank Loan

Agreed in principle. Formal application underway.

Moortown St Malachys.

Over 50% already raised. Remainder will be raised through fundraising events.

Contingency Plan

In the event of the Community Ownership Fund application being unsuccessful the project will be downgraded to 2 No Ladies Changing rooms and Community Gym on the Southern side of the Community Hub. This will reduce costs by £162,005

Danskebank Loan	100,000
MUDC Discretionary Grant	50,000
Moortown St Malachys GAC	146,245
Total	296,245

Conclusion

In the overall development of the Moortown St Malachys Sports and Community Complex, this project represents the final essential phase.

It will provide users of the site, both sports people and community people, with an up-to-date, fit for purpose facility which will be used on a daily basis throughout the year.

We ask that you support this project through the Discretionary Grant.

Report on	Festive Lights Funding – Delegated Authority
Date of Meeting	27 th October 2022
Reporting Officer	Ryan Black, Strategic Director of Communities and Place

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek delegated authority for the Policy and Resources Committee to consider a recommendation from the Development Committee, in regards to a 'one off' allocation from the Councils capital fund under the Festive Lights Fund 2022- 2023.
2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Festive Lights Fund</p> <p>At the October 2022 Development meeting, the Committee recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee consider the allocation of 'one off', in year, capital funding to support current recipients of the Councils Festive Lights Fund. This additional funding would allow groups to purchase additional festive lighting to add to, and /or replace their current stock.</p> <p>Planning by groups for the festive season has already commenced and confirmation of any additional funding provision under the scheme would require notification at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>As a result, the Council is being asked to consider providing Policy and Resources with the delegated authority to deal with this matter at their November meeting, to allow the committee decision to be communicated to groups soon after the meeting.</p>
3.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: NA
	Risk Management: NA
4	Screening & Impact Assessments

	Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA
	Rural Needs Implications: NA
5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <p>(i) Provide delegated authority to the Policy and Resources Committee to consider and make the final decision in respect of the Council Festive Lights Fund.</p>
6	List of Documents Attached
	None

Report on	Conferences, Seminars & Training
Date of Meeting	27 October 2022
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, AD: ODSP
Contact Officer	Eileen Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
2.0	Background
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2022-23 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members</p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to Members to attend training, conferences and seminars to better equip them in their role as elected representatives. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report is sought.</p>
3.2	<p>Officer Approvals</p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report is sought.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

	Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2022/2023 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 Elected Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix 2 Staff Conferences, Seminars & Training

Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
National Association of Councillors	25 th -27 th November 2022	Station Hotel, Carlisle	£350 plus VAT together with Travel and subsistence	
Government Events - Win More Funding Bids – How to Prepare and Manage	23 January 2023	Online	£495+VAT (discounts may apply)	Cllr Colvin

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Conference & AGM

Financial Crisis

Station Hotel, Carlisle

25th-27th November 2022

Delegate Booking Form

Name of
Delegate.....

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Organisation
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Delegate's Email
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Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if
reqd.....

Printed
Name.....
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Position.....Organisation.....
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INVOICE, email address for
invoice.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either: -Email a copy of this form to
Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

or Post form to NAC Bookings, Council Offices, 6 Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Co. Durham
DH7 6JJ

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £85 plus VAT per night. If you book the hotel direct the rate will be £135 inc VAT. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on arrival at the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)

Booking Condition: Please note that a charge is payable on any bookings cancelled. These charges will be kept to a minimum and will be in accordance with cost incurred by the NAC.

Nominations for Vice President

Voting on Nominations

Vice presidents address

National Secretary's Report

Cllr Brian Nelson

Papers to be available at the meeting

NAC Support Services

Annual accounts

Ald David Nicholson

Copies available at the meeting

Resolutions, to be given in writing 7 days before meeting.

Cllr Brian Nelson

Win More Funding Bids – How to Prepare and Manage a Grant Application

January 12, 2023

Online

AGENDA

9:20 Registration

9:30 Welcome and Overview

9:45 Part 1. What is the Grant Application Process?

- What rules and regulations govern grants?
- Overview of the process.
- Where to look to find grant opportunities
- How to select the best grant applications for your organisation.
- Understanding funders needs and how they score your bid.
- Exercise – Bid/No Bid process. How to win more by finding prime opportunities
- How to get your organisation application ready.
- Exercise – How to analyse the key eligibility requirements.

13:15 ▶ **Part 3. Bid application management planning**

- Best practice and project management tools for funding applications.
 - How to manage tasks against time and budget restraints.
 - Getting your subject matter experts onboard and productive.
 - Exercise – Sharing bid management best practice.
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14:30 ▶ **Break**

14:45 ▶ **Part 4. Making it work for you and your organisation**

- Building a long-term approach to bidding.
 - Using feedback to drive continual improvement.
 - A format for case studies – the ultimate evidence.
 - What is capture planning and using it to prepare for upcoming opportunities.
 - How to get the best from your wider team
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11:00 ▶ **Break**

11:15 ▶ **Part 2. Writing persuasive content**

- The biggest mistakes and how to avoid them.
 - Exercise – Engage your reader from the first line by planning answers/content and writing powerful headlines.
 - Re-structuring application responses for clarity and power.
 - Exercise – How to improve an application response.
 - Funding writing tips and tricks.
 - What does a robust budget look like?
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12:30 ▶ **Lunch**

16:00 ▶ **Questions and Answers**

16:15 ▶ **Trainers Summary and Close**

https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/win-more-funding-bids-how-to-prepare-and-manage-a-grant-application-12th-january-2023/?utm_medium=email&utm_content=click%20here&utm_campaign=grants%2011%2F10%2F22&utm_source=Adestra&utm_term=Grants



National Association of Councillors, AGM

26th November 2022
9:45
Station Hotel, Carlisle

Meeting called by:

Cllr Charlie Casey (Chairman)

Note taker:

Cllr Susan Nelson

Attendees:

Delegates to the NAC

Agenda topics

Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Charlie Casey

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of the 2021 AGM

Cllr Brian Nelson

Election of Chairman for 2 years

Chairman

(Nominations from England Region)

Voting on Nominations

New Chairman to be presented with the Chairman's

Chain of Office

Chairman's Address

New Chairman

Retiring Chairman's Address

Cllr Charlie Casey

Election of Vice Chairman

(Nominations from the Scotland Region)

Voting on Nominations

The New Vice Chairman to be presented with

The Vice Chairman's Chain of Office

Appointment of the New President, (2 year term)

The Retiring President Shall invest the new
President with the Chain of Office.

Cllr Marie Garrity

Presidents Address

Cllr Beth Adger

Retiring Presidents address

Cllr Marie Garrity

Election of Vice president (2 year term)

Approval – Conferences – October/November 2022**Approval – Conferences - Retrospective**

Details of Conferences	Service/ Directorate	No. Attending	Cost	Date	Location
Conveyancing Conference	Corporate Services/Finance	1	£100+ vat	18 th October 2022	Online
AVEA Annual Conference	Tourism- Chief Executive's	1	E 307 Approx.	17&18 Oct 22	Wexford
CIEH Beauty Conference	Env Health Communities & Place	1	£70	18 th October 22	OnLine

Approval – Conferences -

Details of Course	Service/ Directorate	No. Attending	Cost	Date	Location
International Tourism Trade Show	Tourism	3 – Charmian Bell, Allison O'Keefe & Mary McKeown	£444 p/person (contribution made by Tourism NI £517.50)	6 th to 8 th November (Approval granted Council Feb 22)	London

Report on	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 October 2022
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Assistant Director
Contact Officer	E Forde, Member Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report					
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council's current <i>Civic Honour and Receptions Policy</i> .					
2.0	Background					
2.1	All requests for recognition are to be submitted with Democratic Services using the pro-forma, <i>Request for Civic Recognition: Civic Honour & Civic Reception</i> . Requests for recognition are reviewed against the categories and associated criteria contained within the policy as detailed at 2.2.					
2.2	<p><u>Recognition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Civic Honour: recognition will be permissible when the following has been achieved at an All-Ireland, European, International, or National level:<table><tr><td>Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table>Civic Reception: will be permissible for individual, groups or organisations when:<table><tr><td>Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level</td></tr><tr><td>Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table> <p>Appendix A details those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the current policy.</p>	Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition	Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition	Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level	Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition	Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition
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Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition						
Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition						

3.0	Main Report
3.1	Implementation of the policy allows the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members. Recognition requests received from Members have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
3.2	Due to lifting of restrictions around COVID it has been the practice in recent months to resume hosting receptions where current guidance permits.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members give consideration to approving civic recognition requests as presented and be dealt with as appropriate.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval

Appendix A: October 2022 Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

Category: Civic Honour

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
	None			

Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Thomas Niblock	Irish Podcast Awards Best Sports Podcast in Ireland	Cllr Totten Cllr Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Chris Kearns	Irish News Ulster All Star Hurling Award (Half Back) GAA Hurling Team of the Year 2022	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith Cllr Oneill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Conan Heron	Ulster Title in 80kg Novices Ulster (Boxing)	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Shane McGuigan	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football	Cllr Kearney Cllr McFlynn Cllr Martin Cllr B McGuigan Cllr Corry Cllr S McPeake Cllr D McPeake Cllr Totten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Brendan Rogers	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Chrissy McKeague	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Conor McCluskey	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable

		Cllr Clarke Cllr Elattar Cllr Milne Cllr Bell		Date:
Conor Doherty	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Conor Glass	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Gareth McKinless	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Benny Heron	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Leanne Donnelly	Irish News Ulster GAA All Star Camogie	Cllr Molloy Cllr Gildernew Cllr S McGuigan Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Aine McAllister	Irish News Ulster GAA All Star Camogie	Cllr Kearney Cllr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Eglis GAC Under 14 seven Aside	Ulster Óg Spórt Champions 7 Aside Champions	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith Cllr Molloy Cllr Gildernew Cllr S McGuigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:

Gerard Donnelly	Irish Clay Target Shooting Association Irish Open Winner 2022	Cllr Totten Cllr Clarke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Eagles Special Olympics Team	Won Division One Football Championship. Ulster Title	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won first place at the competition 	For: Bocca Team Date:
Aliyah Rafferty	Represented Ireland in the European Youth Olympics in Slovakia Also Irish National Youth Championship Under 15 Girls National Road Race 2022	Cllr Molloy Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Achievement & • Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date: civic award 2017
Philomena Begley	60 th Year in Show Business representing the District across the world.	Cllr Mallaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Danyla Rudnickij	Ulster Novice Boxing Competition	Cllr Kerr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Cara Hilley	Won All Ireland Fleadh 12-15 Storytelling Competition	Cllr Kerr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Shannon Stevenson	Representing Ireland on Ladies Team for Aussie Rules	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing Country at International Level 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Kevin McSorley	Representing Ireland on Men's Team for Aussie Rules is also Team Captain	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:

Conor Hughes	Player with Aussie Rules Ireland Team Team won European Championship	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at International Level 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Mrs Burns Rainey Endowed School	Scorer on Irish Women's Over 55 Hockey Team Won the World Cup Bronze Medal	Cllr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at International Level 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Jack Haycock	Representing Ireland at the International Indoor Hockey	Cllr Wison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at International Level 	For: June 2019 (out of three year period) Date:
Mark Crooks	Representing Ireland at the International Indoor Hockey	Cllr Wison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representing Country at International Level 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Rachel Fannin	Gold in the Northern Ireland Social Media Awards	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Coalisland Credit Union	All Ireland All Star Credit Union	Cllr Kerr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For:Civic Award 2018 Credit Union of the year 2019,2020,2021 Letters
Linden Foods NI	World Steak Challenge (Dublin) World's Best Grass Fed Steak	Cllr Burton Cllr Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at the competition 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Clogher & District Pipe Band	All Ireland World Pipe Band Championships Winners of 3A Champions Band & Drum Corp	Cllr Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won first place at the competition 	For: Ulster champions Date: 2019

Amy Rose Mulligan	The EOS IT Ulster Schools Camogie All Star 2022	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Rachel Keenan	The EOS IT Ulster Schools Camogie All Star 2022	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Anna McDaid	The EOS IT Ulster Schools Camogie All Star 2022	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Sinead McGuigan	The EOS IT Ulster Schools Camogie All Star 2022	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Abi McNeill	The EOS IT Ulster Schools Camogie All Star 2022	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Blathnaid MLaughlin	The EOS IT Ulster Schools Camogie All Star 2022	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:
Eavanne Martin	The EOS IT Ulster Schools Camogie All Star 2022	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding Achievement 	For: Not Applicable Date:

Other: Letter from Council Chair

Where it is deemed that conditions/criteria have not been met for a civic reception, civic award or chair & deputy chair reception a letter from the Council Chair is recommended. This may also be in instances where recipients have previously received a reception or award for the same or similar achievement.

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by
Moortown St Malachys Senior Ladies	County Tyrone Intermediate Championship County Tyrone Intermediate League	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith Cllr N McAleer Cllr Bell
Brackaville GAA U15's	Won the Tyrone U15 Grade Four League Final	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith
Clonoe Senior Ladies	County Tyrone Junior Championship League Double 2022	Cllr Kerr, Cllr Monteith, Cllr Doris, Cllr Oneill
Ethan Doherty	Irish News Ulster GAA All Stars Men's Football	Cllr Kearney, Cllr McFlynn, Cllr Martin Cllr B McGuigan, Cllr Corry, Cllr S McPeake, Cllr D McPeake Cllr Totten, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Elattar, Cllr Milne, Cllr Bell Ulster College All Star Danske Bank Football All Stars 2020 (Cllr Kearney)
Newmills FC Reserve Team	Mid Ulster League Cup	Cllr Colvin

Darren Rafferty	Under 23 Irish National Time Trial Championship and 2 nd place in Under Irish National Road Race	Cllr Molloy Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith Received Civic Award in 2021 Irish National Champion (Junior U19) Road Race & Irish Junior Champion Junior U19) Time Trial
Adam Rafferty	Third place at the Irish Junior (U19) Time Trial Championship	Cllr Molloy
St Joseph's College, Coalisland	Apple Distinguished School 2022 – 2025	Cllr Kerr
Eglish Camogs Minors	County Tyrone League winners	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith
Eglish Seniors	County Tyrone Division 2 League Winners	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith
Donaghmore Under 16 Ladies	County Tyrone Grade 2 League	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith
Fianna McShane	Came 3 rd on first attempt at Competition in the All Ireland Fleadh U9 Cómhra	Cllr Kerr
Rainey Endowed School First XV	Retained the Arthur Topping Cup	Cllr McFlynn Cllr Kearney First XV received Civic Recognition in March 2022
Pomeroy GAA U15's	County Tyrone League Grade 3 Championship	Cllr Kerr

T J Quinn (Past Pupil – St Joseph’s College Coalisland)	Awarded St Joseph’s College, Coalisland Powerscreen Cup	Cllr Kerr
David Wright	Second place in the World Ploughing Championship – Reverseable Section	Cllr McLean
Tony O’Hagan	Managing the European Crusaders Ladies Team at the European Championship in Croatia	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith
Ireland Aussie Rules Team	Won the European Championship (the team has players from the district)	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith
The Irish Banshee’s	Won the European Championship Ireland Women’s Australian Rules National Side	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith
Damian Casey RIP (Posthumous award to be presented to family)	GAA Hurling Team of the Year 2022 Irish News All Star – Ulster Hurler of the Year 2022	Cllr `Molloy Cllr S McGuigan Cllr Gildernew Received Civic Award in 2021 as GAA Champions 15 (Hurling) nominated by Cllr Monteith
Oisin Ferrity	Irish National Youth Championship Irish Junior (19) Road Race	Cllr Molloy Received Civic Award Represented Cycling Ireland at UCI Junior Men's National Cup nominated by Cllr Kerr
Rebecca Edwards	Won Silver Medal European Rowing Championships Munich	Cllr Burton Received Civic Recognition 2021 – Medal in Olympics

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 th October 2022
Reporting Officer	Philip Moffett, AD Organizational Development, Strategy and Performance
Contact Officer	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Education	Every Child: The Department of Education's Corporate Plan 2023-28	This draft Corporate Plan will provide the Department with a clear strategic focus in the medium-to-long term. It outlines our priorities and will help us focus our efforts on making the best difference for children and young people in the context of finite resources.	15 th Nov 2022	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/departments-draft-2023-2028-corporate-plan		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
NI Housing Executive	Draft Corporate Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25	The Housing Executive's draft corporate plan has six high level objectives, a three year high level action plan (detailing some key initiatives we will undertake in the coming years) and a one year business plan.	14 th Dec 2022	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed

Electoral Office NI	Consultation on Revised Disability and Equality Action Plans	This consultation seeks view on EONI's draft Disability Action Plan and Equality Action Plan for the period 2022 – 2027.	15 th Dec 2022	
	Link to Consultation	http://www.eoni.org.uk/Utility/About-EONI/Consultations		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Yes	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Justice	Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR)	The current minimum age of (MACR) in Northern Ireland is 10 years old. Below this age, a child cannot be prosecuted or held liable for any criminal acts; above this age, they can face the full force of the law. NI's MACR is the lowest in Europe and substantially lower than 14 years, which the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child considers to be the very youngest age that a child should be held criminally liable.	23 rd Dec 2022	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-increasing-minimum-age-criminal-responsibility-ni		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Inpatient Dementia Services Consultation	This proposed future service model would see the creation of a specialist inpatient dementia unit within the Bluestone Mental	23 rd Dec 2022	

		Health unit on the Craigavon Area Hospital site.		
	Link to Consultation	https://southerntrust.hscni.net/involving-you/consultations/		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Waterways Ireland	Draft Equality Action Plan 2023-2025 and Draft Disability Action Plan 2023-2025	This consultation seeks view on Waterways Ireland draft Disability Action Plan and Equality Action Plan for the period 2022 – 2027.	10 January 2023	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.waterwaysireland.org/about-us/public-consultations		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	

Report on	Correspondence to Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 October 2022
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, AD: ODSP
Contact Officer	E Forde, Members Support Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Correspondence from Minister - Department for Infrastructure</p> <p>The Chief Executive has received correspondence from the Minister for the Department for Infrastructure regarding verge management for environmental benefit. Refer to Appendix A</p>
3.2	<p>Correspondence from Divisional Roads Manager (Western) - Department for Infrastructure</p> <p>The Chair has received correspondence from the Divisional Roads Manager, Western Division, Department for Infrastructure in response queries raised by Members arising from the Annual Report to Council in September 2022. Refer to Appendix B</p>
3.3	<p>Correspondence from Derry & Strabane District Council</p> <p>The Chief Executive has received correspondence from Derry & Strabane District Council requesting consideration of a motion carried by them concerning the Noah Donohoe Case. Refer to Appendix C</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Minister - Department for Infrastructure Appendix B: Divisional Roads Manager (Western) – Department for Infrastructure Appendix C: Derry & Strabane District Council

From the office of the Minister for Infrastructure
John O'Dowd MLA

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Your reference:
Our reference: SUB-2192-2022
3 October 2022

Adrian, a chara,

VERGE MANAGEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT

Today I am announcing a new approach to verge management across the entire road network and have attached the press release for your reference.

As you are all aware, the introduction of the Climate Act and the need to future proof how we deliver our services means we all have to look at alternative ways to do what we do but also protect the environment around us. I hope, like me, you too will understand the need to protect and create important habitats for wildlife and bees.

These new measures along with the planting of wildflowers will help nature, protect the environment, promote biodiversity and enable my Department to deliver on our commitments in support of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and is consistent with the aims of the National Pollinator Strategy.

We must do all that we can to address this very real climate emergency and I hope that as a council you too will support and adopt this change in direction.

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JOHN O'DOWD MLA
Minister for Infrastructure

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O'Dowd announces new approach to road verge management to protect the environment

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has announced a new approach to verge management across the road network to protect the environment.

The Department has a duty to maintain the road network and to cut grass to prevent overgrowth onto footways and carriageways, and to prevent the obstruction of sightlines and traffic signs.

The new approach increases the Department's focus on protecting wildlife and promoting biodiversity when managing roadside verges, and will support the actions needed to comply with the Climate Change Bill passed by the Assembly earlier this year.

From next year a single swathe will be cut along the verges on the strategic road network twice per year. Other areas that are needed for road safety purposes, such as for sight lines at junctions, will also be cut at least twice each year. A similar approach will be introduced on heavier trafficked rural roads and on lighter trafficked rural roads, one cut will be carried out late in the growing season.

John O' Dowd said: **"We all have a responsibility to protect the environment and it is something I take very seriously. My Department is responsible for the maintenance of the public road network and annually cuts about 45,000km of grass verges.**

This new approach aims to maintain the right balance between road safety and the control of weeds while achieving a greater focus on environmental protection.

I am determined to do all that I can to protect and create important habitats for wildlife, and the change that I am introducing will deliver on the commitments of my Department in support of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and is consistent with the aims of the National Pollinator Strategy. The introduction of these new measures along with leaving suitable areas of grass uncut and the planting of wildflowers will help nature and protect the environment. We must do all that we can to address the very real climate emergency.

It is well known that many other people and organisations cut roadside grass and I would take this opportunity to encourage them to consider if this is necessary, and where possible they should adopt a similar approach to what I have introduced for the benefit of the environment."

Jennifer Fulton from the Ulster Wildlife Trust said: “With many pollinator species in decline, roadside verges can provide a home and important food source for pollinators such as bees, butterflies and many other species. If managed sensitively, our verges have the potential to create a valuable nature recovery network making a positive contribution to the biodiversity and climate crises. Management is key – cutting less and cutting later. Some road verges need to be cut for safety but it is important not to cut more frequently than necessary. Most verges are cut in summer but where possible cutting should be left until autumn when flowers have set seed and pollinators are less active. It is very encouraging to see DfI take positive steps to manage their land for nature. ”

Notes to editors:

1. Additional cuts at specific locations may be required, to maintain sightlines for road safety purposes.
2. The delivery of new major road projects, such as the A6 Dungiven to Drumahoe Dualling scheme includes the provision of approximately 200,000m² of wildflower seeding.
3. The Department is keen to replicate the ‘Don’t Mow Let It Grow’ project which has been delivered in conjunction with Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Northern Ireland Environment Agency and others across more areas. The three-year pilot ‘Don’t Mow Let It Grow’ project involved the management of 20 road verges along with 18 Council park grassland areas.



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12th October 2022

Dear Councillor Corry,

DFI ROADS ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you again for the opportunity to present DfI Roads Annual Report to Council Members on the 29th September. Could you also pass on my thanks to all members for their kind words of welcome to Western Division.

At the meeting I undertook to follow up on a number of queries that were raised. Please find below a response to those queries that were not addressed at the meeting.

If you have any further questions regarding the responses below please contact Lesley, Neil or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Healy
Divisional Roads Manager
Western Division

Cllr Cuthbertson

Housing Estates in need of resurfacing not included in Report. Other previous requests for resurfacing still not listed

While I agree that the condition of roads in housing estates require attention, they do not tend to rank highly enough to be allocated the limited resource available to the Department for resurfacing. All roads not resurfaced during the current programme will remain on the prioritisation list for consideration in future resurfacing programmes.

All previous requests for resurfacing are considered when compiling the annual resurfacing programmes. Unfortunately, those previously requested resurfacing schemes not appearing on the current programme do not rank highly enough for inclusion in the current year. These issues will be addressed at local DEA meetings.

Cllr Kerr

Completion of a Roundabout scheme in Clonoe

Clonoe Roundabout was hit by vehicle earlier this year. DfI Roads Contractor repaired it following the accident. Unfortunately, within days it was hit by another car. The damage to the roundabout has been assessed and is not currently a hazard for road users. DfI Roads do not have any plans to carry out any further remedial work to it this year. However, the repair of the roundabout will remain on our list of outstanding non-critical repairs to be completed when resources allow.

Request for Biodiversity scheme at Clonoe Roundabout.

DfI are committed to protecting biodiversity and would be happy to liaise with council to facilitate a scheme that is consistent with the Departments policy for planting at roundabouts. Please contact Lesley Maxwell to advance this initiative.

Cllr McGuigan

Request for active travel schemes to be more integrated with council schemes

Council officials liaise with DfI Roads Green Blue Active Travel section on a regular basis to ensure there is a joined up approach to the schemes that are taken forward. However, I agree that cooperation on a more strategic masterplan of how these projects are integrated would be beneficial. To this end DfI Roads will continue to engage with Council on the active travel infrastructure development aspects contained in the Community Plan.

Cllr McFlynn

King St, Magherafelt request for crossing to be progressed

DfI Network Development are currently considering a further assessment and consultation exercise for the controlled pedestrian crossing on King Street following a request for a change of location from the junction of Fair Hill to the entrance for the school.

Network Development section will contact the Councillor McFlynn directly in relation to the outcome of the assessment and consultation exercise.

Cllr Graham

Query over why a tunnel under the road at (The Old Inn On The Park site) A29 Moy Road was infilled

These works were undertaken by NIW with the consent of DfI Roads to facilitate the laying of two sewers required to service the housing development approved for the Old Inn on the Park site.

The work was undertaken following consultation with MUDC, Planning and NIEA Historic Environment Division (HED) and Compliance with terms specified by those bodies.

The work has been undertaken in such a manner that the infill material can be removed at a later stage without damage to the fabric of the tunnel should any relevant body wish to put in place the infrastructure necessary to make use of the subway in the future.

Cllr Graham

Granville Road resurfacing extent

The extent of the resurfacing is from the Old Ballygawley Road junction (At Murdochs) for a distance of 1700m towards Granville but not including the stretch past Granville at this time.

Cllr Quinn

Query relating to delays in response times to queries issued to SO's

A brief review of the response times issued by Section Office staff has identified that a number of responses have fallen outside the timeframes contained in the DfI Roads Customer Charter. There are currently significant staffing pressures, particularly in Mid Ulster South Section Office, which are impacting on our ability to meet response times. There are steps being taken by DfI senior management to address the staffing issues; however, these are likely to take some time to fully implement. In the meantime staff will endeavour to answer all queries within the required period for response.

Cllr Quinn & Cllr Kerr

Mountjoy Road – can a LTSM scheme at this location be reviewed following recent spate of accidents

This request has been passed to my Network Development team to assess. Should a scheme be identified it will need to compete against other similar LTSM projects across the division for prioritisation and funding.

Cllr Burton

Caledon Road - check the source of standing water – surface water or NIWater?

I have asked DfI Inspectors to review the cause of standing water on this road. Should they determine the cause to be due to surface water then a works order will be issued to rectify the defect. The progress on this query will be addressed at the next DEA meeting.

Cllr Burton

Mill St Caledon road condition

Clogher Main St road condition/potholes

These queries have been passed onto DfI inspectors for follow up investigation. This and other issues raised will be addressed through the next DEA meeting.

Cllr Burton

Contact List update to councillors

An updated Mid Ulster contact list was sent to the Council on 05-10-22 for distribution.

Cllr McKinney

Tobermore Rd/A6 junction request for a review of recent accidents and LTSM scheme MUN

I have asked my Network Development Team to assess whether a left turn lane at the mini roundabout for traffic turning left from the A29 Maghera direction towards Magherafelt is feasible. A preliminary assessment would indicate that any dedicated left turn lane at this location would require demolition to frontage buildings which will impact significantly on the overall cost benefit ratio for any proposed scheme.

DfI Network Development section will assess the site under the criteria in RSPPG_E032 – for a minor improvement scheme and contact Councillor McKinney directly in relation the results of the assessment.

Cllr McKinney

Aughrim Rd hill section request for a review of accidents and LTSM scheme

Aughrim Rd/Gracefield Rd Junction upgrade. My LTSM team is aware of the accident history of this junction and has received previous requests to introduce an accident remedial scheme at this location. Unfortunately PSNI collision data currently only confirms two separate collisions at this location, one was recorded in 2020 and one in 2021, both were recorded as slight.

DfI Network Development section will assess the site under the criteria contained in RSPPG_E032 – for a minor improvement scheme and contact the Councillor McKinney directly in relation the results of the assessment.

Cllr Molloy

Resurfacing of Parks and Estates and smaller villages.

While the resurfacing of roads in parks, housing estates and smaller villages are no doubt necessary, they do not tend to rank highly enough to be allocated the limited resource available to the Department for resurfacing. All roads not resurfaced during the current programme will remain on the prioritisation list for consideration in future resurfacing programmes. These issues will be further addressed at the next DEA meetings.

Cllr Molloy

Interest in finding some kind of urban regeneration schemes for villages and small town and funding from DFI/DFC/ DAERA

The Department is happy to liaise with all stakeholders to help identify and develop plans for the regeneration of villages and small towns. Please contact Lesley or Neil for DfI representation on any groups bringing forward proposals in this area.



Derry City & Strabane
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Derry Cíttie & Strábane
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Our Ref: TJ/C399/22

17 October 2022

Mr Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council

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Dear Mr McCreesh

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 29 September 2022, the following Motion was passed:

That this Council writes to the British Secretary of State Chris Heaton-Harris to cancel the Public Interest Immunity Certificate that was issued in the case of Noah Donohoe. We need full truth and transparency into the death of this 14-year-old child. PII's have been known to hide truth and transparency in the past. That this motion be sent to the 10 other Councils in the North.

Furthermore, this Council supports the Donohoe family's call for Noah's inquest to be heard in front of a jury.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

John Kelpie
Chief Executive