



27 August 2020

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre, Cookstown and by virtual means Burn Road, Cookstown, Co Tyrone, BT80 8DN on Thursday, 27 August 2020 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

Anthony Tohill  
Chief Executive

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### Notice of Motions

- 10 Councillor O'Neill to move  
I call on the Mid Ulster Council to explore with DFI Roads a safer crossing at the 3 busy roads, Moor Road, Washingbay Road, and the Gortgonis Road that leads

onto the canal walk in Coalisland that is clearly a very dangerous situation for everyone that uses the walk daily.

**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

11. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 23 July 2020
12. Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 4 August 2020
13. Rural Development Village Extension Programme
14. Document for Sealing: Grant of Easement between Mid Ulster District Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited in respect of lands at Maghera Leisure Centre.

Matters for Information

**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 23 July 2020 in the Burnavon Arts and Cultural Centre, Cookstown and by virtual means**

**Chair** Councillor Mallaghan

**Members Present** Councillors Ashton, Bell, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Corry, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew\*, Glasgow, Graham, Corry ,Hughes, Kearney, Kerr, N McAleer, McFlynn, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McNamee, D McPeake, S McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, Mullen (7.04pm), Oneill, Quinn, Robinson, Totten and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance** Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Ms McNamee, ICT|

\* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

*The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan 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.*

**C132/20 Apologies**

Councillor Doris and S McAleer

**C133/20 Declarations of Interest**

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

## **C134/20 Chair's Business**

Councillor Buchanan congratulated local man Stuart Dallas who started his football career in Coagh Football Club and now plays for Leeds United who earned promotion to the premier League having been crowned champions after sixteen years. It was highlighted that Stuart Dallas the Northern Ireland star capped off a brilliant Championship-winning season by being named Leeds United Players' Player of the Year.

Councillor Cuddy concurred stating that he too was a Leeds United supporter!

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated he would send a letter of congratulations to Mr Dallas.

**Resolved** That the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan forward a letter of congratulations to Stuart Dallas for being named Leeds United Players' Player of the Year and playing on the team which earned Leeds United promotion to the Premier League.

Councillor Clarke referred to farmers and the £25m set aside in response to COVID 19 and highlighted some of the issues faced by farmers in recent months. He referred to the farm business application grants but stated that for suckler farmers it was difficult to demonstrate the loss.

Councillor Mullen entered the meeting at 7.04pm

Councillor Clarke highlighted the number of cattle held in barns whilst the Marts have been closed and the loss of earnings and additional costs for feeding suckler farmers have faced yet they are not recognised within the grant schemes.

Councillor Clarke requested that Council send a letter highlighting the concern to the Minister for DAERA.

### *Declaration of Interest*

*Councillor Clarke declared a conflict of interest as a farmer.*

Councillor Mckinney concurred and reflected back to a motion brought by Councillor Brown earlier in February and his proposed amendment which was rejected. He emphasised if the primary producer is not supported the product will disappear and welcomed the turnaround.

Councillor McLean stated he appreciated the matter which had been highlighted and had no problem lobbying any department but emphasised that unless the Minister for Finance released the monies the Minister of DAERA could not allocate it. Councillor McLean further highlighted that £25m would not go far and stated that

the whole of the NI Assembly faced the same challenges as there was not an endless pot of money.

Councillor McKinney on a point of clarification stated that there was approximately £6m unallocated and this should be distributed to farmers.

Councillor Kearney stated the funding should be available to all.

**Resolved** That Council to write a letter to Minister of DAERA to express its concerns regarding;

- (i) Lack of support to Suckler farmers who have been severely impacted by COVID 19;
- (ii) Time delay in monies from funding programmes reaching the farmers; and
- (iii) The delay in the launch of tranche two of tier two of the Farm Investment Programme

**C135/20 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 25 June 2020**

Councillor Kerr drew attention to *C114/20 Chair’s Business – Black Lives Matter* and highlighted a further human rights issue in relation to Liam Campbell who was facing extradition from the Republic of Ireland to Lithuania and raised concerns about the prisons in Lithuania some of which had previously been found to be in breach of the Convention of Human Rights. Councillor Kerr stated that he did not believe the man would receive a fair trial and requested that Council oppose the extradition of this man.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated whilst he agreed with the sentiment of Councillor Kerr’s comments he could not relate it back to Black Lives Matter and stated that it should have been raised as an item in Chair’s business or via a notice of motion.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he welcomed the ruling of the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan that the comments did not relate to the item in the previous minute and was in fact a political statement which had nothing to do with Mid Ulster district.

Councillor Wilson concurred with Councillor Cuthbertson.

Councillor Monteith accepted the Chair’s decision as it was final but echoed the concerns expressed by Councillor Kerr.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that if the Councillor so wished he could raise through proper process in August.

Councillor Monteith drew attention to C124/20 Notice of Motion in relation to the lighting of Council buildings and commended the publicity surrounding it but stated

that less than a month later we see government picking one worker over another in relation to pay increases. He emphasised that the general public was heartfelt in their appreciation of the NHS shown through displaying rainbows and clapping but now there was clear variations being made in essential workers such as those in care homes, shop keepers who keep risking their lives to serve others and clapping does not pay the rent. Councillor Monteith stated that Council needed to raise the matter loud and clear that we can't go back to the minimum wage, he stated that sick payments were the worst in Western Europe and Council needed to be proactive.

Councillor Kerr thanked the Chair for his comments and reiterated the comments of Councillor Monteith.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 25 June 2020 (C112/20 – C124/20 and C131/20) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C136/20 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” Policy and Resources Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 2 July 2020**

Councillor Glasgow drew attention to *PR104/20 Implementation of Review on Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016* and stated that he fully supported the recommendations referring to previous difficulties with the implementation of the one arm bin collection unit in rural Cookstown and the changing of Graveyard openings and stated that lack of broadband in many areas led to online communication being ineffective and thus he would support the committees approach as detailed.

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved** That the minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 2 July (PR096 – PR111/20 and PR125/20) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C137/20 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” Planning Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 6 July 2020**

Councillor Bell drew attention to *P056/20 Receive Report on Council's Consideration of Application by Dalradian Gold Ltd (LA10/2017/1249/F)* and referred to the discussion and stated that he felt it had been the mind of the

committee to proceed with a working group to oversee Council' response to the public enquiry and sought clarification on same stressing its urgency.

Councillor S McPeake concurred it was his understanding also and stated a working group should be established without haste.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan concurred.

Councillor McFlynn stated it was her understanding also and stated whilst the planning application was not in Mid Ulster it would have major impacts on the Dark Sky Project and the health and wellbeing of the community.

**Resolved** That a working group of Councillors tasked with response to Public Enquiry for Application by Dalradian Gold Ltd (LA10/2017/1249/F) be established.

Councillor McKinney expressed concern in the breakdown of ICT meeting links at the planning committee and highlighted similar problems at a recent Policy and Resources committee and stated that as progress is made to move out of lock down Council needs to reflect on how it does business. He stated that protocol did not allow the meetings to move on until connections were resumed but poor broadband in rural areas was a major issue.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that he could concur with comments in relation to technology but stated it was important that the public had an opportunity to listen and observe as well as those Members connecting remotely. He stated that staff were endeavouring to do their best and Members should be supportive of them as they continue to deliver vital services. The Chair stated that he had met with the Chief Executive regarding the matter and the issue was under review.

Councillor McNamee welcomed the new build application for Holy Trinity College, Cookstown.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan read out a car registration number and advised the owner needed to go to the vehicle.

*Councillor Clarke left the meeting at 7.26pm*

Councillor McKinney clarified that he had no issue with officers and stated it was the equipment they are expected to use emphasising that equipment needed to be up to specification for the task and if new equipment was needed there should be no holdback on attaining it. He reiterated he had no issues with staff especially those who had worked through the lockdown.

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to *LA09/2019/1259/F* and stated whilst he understood the advice given by the Planning Manager he expressed concern on the loss of retail space in Dungannon town and stated that the heart was being taken out of Dungannon.

Councillor Cuddy stated that it was difficult enough to be a retailer and expressed frustration at the decision stating it was changing the character of the town and asked if the decision could be looked at in more depth.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated the decision had been made.

Councillor Monteith accepted the decision but concurred that as in other streets such as William Street and Irish Street the character of the town was changing and such decisions were detrimental to the retail and other properties in the area. He stated in the past people complained about licenced premises now complaints were received about flats.

*Councillor Clarke returned to the meeting at 7.31pm*

Councillor Monteith stated that such actions need to stop and Council needed to plan to try to keep retail outlets going in the town.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that such stipulations needed to be incorporated in the development plan as the planning committee had to make decisions in line with current policy.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 6 July 2020 (P051/20 – P056/20 and P062/20) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C138/20 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” Environment Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2020**

Councillor Kerr drew attention to *E139/20 Bus Shelter Update* and asked if Council could explore options for provision of a bus shelter at Stewartstown that had been identified by Translink who currently had no budget for provision.

In response the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that Council would explore and consider implications of further options for a bus shelter at Stewartstown

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to *E145/20 Entertainment Licences* and spoke of the impact of the night time economy in Moy Village stating that his telephone was ‘red hot’ and urgent action was needed from both Council and PSNI needed to take action as residents were going berserk at the ongoing situation. He highlighted an example where on one evening over 100 people did not gain entry into licenced premises and remained in the village, running through and urinating in gardens and generally displaying unacceptable behaviour especially during the

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COVID 19 restrictions. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that it was a tragedy waiting to happen as it was a short distance to the river and he had been shown one video of a person collapsing in close proximity to the water.

Councillor Cuddy stated Moy was a lovely village and had a variety of evening entertainment and stated that the situation arising needed to be managed and thus he felt it was important for the DEA Councillors to meet and endeavour to manage the situation. He said Moy had a rich night time economy which offered entertainment to many who enjoyed it in a proper manner. Councillor Cuddy proposed that a DEA meeting be arranged to establish a way forward.

Councillor Molloy concurred stating that the needs of both residents and businesses needed to be addressed. He emphasised that people needed to adhere to the restrictions and go home in a respectable manner and supported Councillor Cuddy's proposal for a DEA meeting with officers responsible for various functions.

Councillor Monteith stated that he too had been speaking to residents and it was hoped that following the massive outburst of premises opening the situation would ease. He stated there are powers already in place and Council must address the issues of the residents who were putting up with an intolerable situation.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the local Policing and Community Safety Partnership should be involved in the process.

Councillor Burton stated not to take away from what was happening in Moy advised that Fivemiletown area had previously experienced similar issues and the Chamber of Commerce had been working hard to maintain local businesses on Main Street.

Councillor McFlynn, Chair of the PCSP stated she would have a conversation with the PCSP manager.

**Resolved** A Dungannon DEA meeting to be convened to discuss ongoing impact of anti-social behaviour in Moy village impacted by the restricted numbers in licensed premises due to COVID 19. PCSP to be included in the process.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 (E131/20 – E152/20 and E157/20) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C139/20 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” Development Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2020**

Councillor Burton drew attention to *D088/20 Chair's Business Carleton Cottage* and stated for clarity that only part of the roof had collapsed and emphasised that a multi-agency approach would be required and asked if officers could arrange a meeting as soon as possible to drive the issue forward as the cottage was of great historical interest.

Councillor Kerr sought an update in relation to *D093/20 Continuation of Northern Ireland Forest Schools* within Council Area and asked if there was any update to address issues raised.

In response the Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that officers would report back.

Councillor Colvin drew attention to *D092/20 Review of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Service Level Agreements 2020/21* and stated whilst he was not on the committee he had noted the comments of Councillor Wilson and stated that he would concur with the nature of the service level agreements in that you are paid to deliver a service and thus if you don't deliver in full you should not receive payment in full. He stressed that moving forward to set budgets reality needs to set in and he would concur with the comments of Councillor Wilson noted in the minutes.

Councillor Cuddy drew attention to recommendations made at *D094/20 Walk NI Consortium 2020/21* and reiterated that there was great potential for tourism in walkways. He highlighted that many of the Gaelic Clubs had walkways around them and emphasised that provision of walkways and promotion of same was not that costly and they would be in situ for decades to come for many to enjoy scenic Mid Ulster.

Councillor Cuddy drew attention to *D103/20 Culture & Arts Service Improvement Plan 2020/2021* and stated he looked forward to future proposals for provision for historical visitor experiences.

Councillor Ashton referred to Councillor Colvin's comments regarding service level agreements and stated that the matter was discussed at committee and the decision was made to pay for this year due to the exceptional circumstances. She advised that concern had been raised in relation to targets and a clear message was to go back to organisations but due to COVID 19 and the difficulties faced it was important to support organisations. Councillor Ashton acknowledged that going forward savings would have to be made.

Councillor Ashton commended the Orange Order in the leadership displayed over the Twelfth of July celebrations.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referring to Service Level Agreements stated that many of the organisations had been first out to help during the crisis.

Councillor Kerr in relation to service level agreements reiterated comments made at the committee that if a community group is falling below targets this should be flagged early and not at the end of the year.

Proposed by Councillor Corry  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 9 July 2020 (D086/20 – D105/20 and D110/20) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

#### **C140/20 Requests for Civic Recognition**

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval for the previously circulated report on civic recognition requests from Members, in line with the stated Council Policy, as detailed within the report at appendix a.

Councillor Wilson requested that Lillie Crooks and Jackie Burns be upgraded to civic reception status as they had represented their country in line with criteria.

In response the Head of Democratic Services stated that the report had been prepared pre March 2020 and at that stage had not represented their country but had been selected. He stated the requests had been pending for a number of months and he would check the status.

Councillor Wilson advised that both individuals had now represented their country and as such should be upgraded.

Council Molloy sought clarification as to the categorisation of St Patrick's Academy All Ireland Camogie winners.

In response to Councillor McLean's query the Head of Democratic Services advised that a meeting of the civic recognition working group was set for 26 August 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That approval be given to

- (i) submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report and be dealt with as previously resolved by April council in that recipients receive a letter together with an award, where appropriate;
- (ii) that upon clarification the required criteria is now met by Lillie Crooks and Jackie Burns and thus be upgraded to Civic Reception category

#### **Matters for Information**

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## **C141/20 Correspondence**

Members noted previously circulated report providing correspondence received for the attention of Council.

Councillor Monteith referred to the correspondence from Youth Work Policy Team, Department of Education and proposed that the offer be taken up by officers to meet with Mr McGee the Senior Youth Worker as what is currently happening is not addressing the needs of young people and they are really missing out.

*Councillor McAleer returned to the meeting 7.52 pm*

*Councillor Black left the meeting 7.52pm*

Councillor McNamee expressed concern and disappointment in relation to the letter received from Department for Infrastructure in that whilst Minister Mallon had suggested a meeting with the Project Team, who were excellent, it was important to have connection with the Ministers themselves and thus the non-attendance of Minister Mallon at the meeting scheduled for 4 August was frustrating.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan shared the frustration stating that a number of Ministers had afforded the Council an opportunity for a meeting.

Councillor Kerr seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal for a meeting highlighting that in Coalisland especially there was many mental health issues and youth clubs play a major roll particularly in relation to the pandemic. He highlighted that they do a great work.

Councillor Colvin said Council must invest in young people as many become disillusioned and if lives fall apart it is more costly to try to repair. He stated it should not just be about money young people need rescued and supported before it all goes wrong.

Councillor Molloy concurred.

Councillor Monteith stated if officers could progress meeting and if required DEA Members could attend.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That Council's Community Development Team meet with the Senior Youth Worker and establish ongoing dialogue.

Councillor Molloy referred to a letter received by Members from Coach Operators in Northern Ireland (CONI) which highlighted how many operators were on the point of collapse due to the COVID19 crisis yet were falling through the gaps in relation to

funding and were not involved in meetings in relation to the transport industry. He stated that Council should write as requested to the Minister to support them.

Councillor Wilson concurred with Councillor Molloy stating that Translink is heavily subsidised yet these private businesses deliver sterling service.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**Resolved** That Council write to the Minister for the Economy expressing concern at the lack of support to private Coach Operators in Northern Ireland (CONI) as result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### **C142/20 Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

Members considered the previously circulated report.

Councillor D McPeake referred to NIHE Irish Travellers Accommodation Strategy 2020-2025 and stated that Council should respond and also that the working group established by Council had not met in recent times.

The Head of Democratic Services stated he would follow up on the working group.

Councillor Kerr supported Councillor D McPeake's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that delegated authority could be given to Policy and Resources committee to deal with consultation if required.

Proposed by Councillor D McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That Council

- (i) Submit response to Consultation on NIHE Irish Travellers Accommodation Strategy 2020 -2025; and
- (ii) Resume the Travellers Working Group meeting(s) to initially consider response.

#### **C143/20 Mid South West Region Growth Deal Report**

Members noted the previously circulated report.

Councillor Monteith stated that he had raised the issue previously that whilst any funding is welcome he would question the relevancy in the new economic environment and he believed Council needed to take wider issues on board highlighting the forthcoming workshop regarding the antipoverty strategy and the subsequent document which should be central in all decisions together with the rights of workers. He stated that Council could not preach at others if they did not

start at their own door. He continued saying that if there was to be substantial money for capital projects workers' rights must be enshrined and that whilst the report covered many aspects it required buy in and consultation with all of Mid Ulster citizens not just big businesses especially if it was to change the economy for all.

Councillor Kerr concurred with Councillor Monteith's comments and stated that it should not be led by big businesses, trade unions should be recognised, zero hour contracts extinct and it should be discussed completed at every level of the post COVID19 society. He emphasised that no one know what communities would look like at the end of furlough and other financial support mechanisms.

Councillor Cuddy referred to Councillor Monteith's comments and stated that what he was saying is right the needs for all must be considered and needs to be reflected in the capital projects within the southwest region. He stated Council had been lobbying for many of these projects for years and now was the opportunity to create wealth, to get key projects in place and subsequent wealth would follow.

*Councillor Milne left the meeting at 8.04 pm*

Councillor McLean stated that the Councillors on the committee leading the process had identified over-arching strategic projects in line with the growth deal criteria which would improve infrastructure and then the follow on from this should lead to improvements in areas aforementioned. He emphasised that the councillors on the group had ensured that this area would not be left behind.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan concurred that that there was criteria that the region must adhere to and highlighted that much emphasis was placed on training, skills and apprenticeships for young people and there would be significant benefits to them. He advised that a portion of the project is in relation to infrastructure but there was also a strong focus on training young people to allow them to new destinations in the workplace. He emphasised there was no social aspect to the programme.

Councillor Monteith stated he was aware that there had been a lot of work done but emphasised as a Councillor it was his job to raise the concern of his community. He stated that 'trickle down' economics leads to poverty and left people unable to pay the rent. He stated that yes roads needed to be built but at every opportunity he would raise the plight of people especially those disadvantaged. He again reiterated that the 'Anti Poverty' document should be central to all decisions.

Councillor Cuddy stated that Council wanted to create wealth to help young men and women attain better salaries but emphasised if we don't accept the growth deal the area would end up with nothing.

Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 8.16 pm

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that he accepted the comments of Councillor Monteith but stated that opportunities within the growth deal had not been ever seen before.

## **Notice of Motion**

### **C144/20 Notice of Motion**

Councillor Clarke moved the motion as undernoted:

*“That Mid Ulster District Council resolves to take the necessary steps to have Davagh Dark Sky Park officially designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site”*

*Councillor Clarke stated, “the recent official recognition of Davagh Forest International Dark Sky Park by the IDA Board of Directors has moved The Dark Sky Park Area to a new level of interest locally, nationally and internationally.*

*The Davagh Dark Skies Park is remarkable for much more than its Dark Skies which can also be understood as being unaffected by light pollution from surrounding areas and towns. This is why the solar system is much clearer than is the norm. It is not a co-incidence that at the elevation of Davagh and its surroundings, valley and mists do not interfere with viewing the solar system. Given the importance of the Solar System to the earliest residents it is reasonable to conclude that this is as good an explanation as any as to why humans settled in the area surrounding and including the Dark Sky Park Area in such great numbers over thousands of years.*

*Harry and June Welsh in their Book “The Prehistoric Burial Sites of Northern Ireland” all 479 pages A4 size state “Many burial sites incorporate a wide range of burial monuments, some spanning long periods of time and several demonstrate significant clustering of burial monuments, such as at Broughderg in County Tyrone, with no less than 59 individual monuments, including 28 burial cairns. A further 60 burial monuments are present nearby, suggesting the presence of an extensive sacred area”. The Giant’s Grave which is a Wedge Tomb and part of the archaeological offering in Davagh is a perfect example of this.*

*Also located within the Davagh Dark Sky Park Area is a site known as Eagles Rock. Eagles Rock is described in Earth Science Conservation Review as amongst the oldest seen in Northern Ireland. Part of what is known as the Corvanaghan Formation it is concluded that it is close to 1000 million years of age. The Earth Science Review also concludes “that Eagles Rock is a site of National importance offering an opportunity to study a wide range of lithologies and structures representative of the Corvanaghan Formation. This site forms an important part of the Central Tyrone Inlier which remains one of the least understood and most enigmatic component “terrane” of the Precambrian basement of Northern Ireland and will no doubt be the subject of future scientific studies.*

*The Ice Age impacted on the landscape of the Dark Sky Park Area with an Esker running in an Easterly direction almost from Beaghmore Stone Circles through Davagh where it's known as the Davagh Esker.*

*I believe that The Davagh Dark Sky Park contains a number of elements of significance which meet the criteria for designation of a World Heritage Site.*

*Primary of course is the IDA officially recognised Dark Sky Park.*

*Secondly there is the very obvious connection between the clear skies of the area and the dense human population which for thousands of years has lived in the area as evidenced by wide variety of remains and the vast number of those remains.*

*Thirdly there is the Geological importance of the Eagles Rock given its age and its important place in the Corvanaghan Geological Formation.*

*Fourthly there is the Ice age impact which left the Davagh Esker behind which provides the setting for many Archaeological sites.*

*Finally there are opportunities to study Blanket Bog and opportunity to study Blanket Bog reinstatement. A diverse range of habitat much of which is now extremely rare locally or nationally exists within the Dark Sky Park.*

*Astrology, Archaeology, Geology and Ecology are all key elements within the Davagh Dark Sky Park."*

Councillor Clarke proposed the motion

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan proposed an amendment to the motion to read

*"That Mid Ulster District Council resolves to explore the necessary steps to have Davagh Dark Sky Park officially designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site"*

Councillor Clarke accepted the amendment and all agreed.

Councillor Corry seconded the motion stating,

"I would like to second Cllr Clarke's motion. Davagh and Beaghmore have been described as "the middle of nowhere, centre of the universe" I think this is very apt, Eagles Rock is part of the foundations of Ireland. The area was clearly of huge significance to our ancestors who cleared the land 6000 years ago for agriculture and then abandoned this to create the stone circles, rows and cairns we now know, for reasons not yet fully understood.

Many believe the site is of great astronomical importance, it is aligned with the sunset of the summer solstice. It also has some of the darkest skies in the world, which has been IDA recognised. This is definitely to be treasured that in our Council

area we can see clear night skies, stars, planets, comets and other phenomenon, especially when much of the planet is now so badly effected by light pollution, they can barely see a star.

Councillor Clarke has outlined the reasons why we believe Davagh should and could be a world heritage site and the potential this could bring to the area. We are extremely lucky to have a jewel like Davagh on our doorstep. What we already know about this amazing area needs to be protected and there is also so much more to be discovered.”

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan reflected that what has transformed at Davagh is powerful and the tourism and infrastructure was all falling into place. He stated that this was the next natural step to take in relation to this spectacular site noting that Stonehenge was a younger site and we see and hear of its significance.

Councillor McLean welcomed the amendment and stated he would like to see the outworking of the exploration and the associated costings and available funding.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that this item would no doubt be raised through both Policy & Resources and Development Committees.

Councillor Colvin stated it was a fascinating area and he too welcomed the amendment as the impact on the whole area needed to be taken into account.

Councillor Hughes stated that the SDLP would support the motion which would put the area on the world map.

*Councillor N McAleer left the meeting at 8.25pm.*

Councillor Glasgow stated that it was an interesting and exciting process adding that in a recent document he had read noted 32 sites listed under UNESCO. He advised that in a report written by the Department in Scotland which highlighted the pros and cons emphasised that the key initiative is to get the balance right as to what serves the community and economy and what would bring restrictions. He further advised that the document highlighted that the costs had three layers and consideration must be given to planning decisions, businesses and the community.

Councillor Cuddy stated he did not know the area well but his concern would be the time and effort required to attain the status and its impact on local planning but if it could be established it would be great.

Councillor McKinney stated he would have concern with regard to planning decisions highlighting that the country was moving out of lockdown and needed to be mindful of the impact on businesses and Council must consider the broader picture before committing.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan highlighted that the emphasis of the motion was to explore options.

Councillor S McPeake stated that people were nervous and reflected that Councillor Clarke had shared the heritage of the site, he had lived in the area for a life time and was passionate about it and the people he represents. He stated that yes the planning committee would have considerations but much of the nervousness was not realistic as many of the issues could be dealt with and Council should put their trust in what councillor Clarke was proposing for the greater good of the district.

Councillor Clarke in closing thanked Members for their comments and stated he had thought about the proposal for a long time. He stated there was many local initiatives springing up such as cottages being developed and that is what we want to see. He stated it was not just a local project but an Ulster project. He stated that funding, the growth deal, strategic projects, rural development, DAERA may afford opportunities as the return will be far beyond the cost which will put Mid Ulster in a different race.

*Councillor Mullen left the meeting at 8.34 pm*

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan given the cross party consensus declared the motion carried.

Councillor Clarke thanked Members for their support and stated it was a step forward and in the future all would see the benefits.

Members of the public left the meeting.

**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.**

*The live broad cast concluded at 8.36 pm*

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

**Resolved** That items C145/20- C151/20 be taken as confidential business

#### **Matters for Decision**

- (i) Council Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 25 June 2020
- (ii) Policy and Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 2 July 2020
- (iii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 6 July 2020
- (iv) Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 7 July 2020
- (iv) Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 9 July 2020

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- (v) Contract for the Collection and Processing of Residual Waste

**C152/20 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.50 pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Annex A - Introductory Remarks from Chairperson**

Good evening and welcome to our meeting of Mid Ulster District Council in the Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre, Cookstown whether you have joined us remotely or in the auditorium.

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 please raise your hand in the normal way and keep raised until advised to lower it
- 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.



**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 4 August 2020 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by Virtual Means**

**Members Present**

Councillor S McPeake, Chair

Councillors Bell, Black, Brown, Clarke, Colvin, Cuthbertson, Gildernew\*, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McFlynn, McKinney, D McPeake, Quinn, Robinson

**Officers in Attendance**

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management  
Ms Kearney, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor  
Mr Brown, ICT Support  
Ms Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

Councillor B McGuigan  
Councillors Cuddy\*, McLean\*

LA09/2019/1367/O

Chris Cassidy  
Cllr Brian McGuigan

LA09/2019/1540/O

Chris Cassidy  
Cllr Brian McGuigan

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

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

*The Chair, Councillor S McPeake 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 Committee in the Chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.*

*The Chair also referred to addendum which had been circulated earlier in the day and asked if everyone had seen this document and had time to read it.*

*All confirmed that they had seen the addendum and had time to read it.*

**P063/20      Apologies**

None.

**P064/20      Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in planning application LA09/2018/1693/F – Housing Development with 14 dwellings, associated site works; installation of 5 speed control ramps, signs and lighting along the Dunamore Road between 28-40 Dunamore Road at lands SW of 30 Dunamore Road and roadworks between 28-40 Dunamore Road, Dunamore for Des Keenan.

Councillor Mallaghan declared an interest in planning application LA09/2019/0305/O – Health care facility accommodation for multiple doctor surgeries and ancillary uses commonly associated with a medical centre; retail, café and car parking primarily accessed off existing Loy Street public car park at 2, 4, 6 and 8 Loy Street, Cookstown and lands to the rear of Nos 4 to 12 Loy Street, Cookstown for MACM (NI) Ltd.

Councillor S McPeake declared an interest in planning application LA09/2019/1543/F – Change of house type and garage from approved H/2014/0441/F) at 20m SE of 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim for Sean McPeake

Councillor S McPeake declared an interest in planning application LA09/2019/1562/RM – Dwelling & garage 50m NE of 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim for Sean McPeake

## **P064/20      Chair's Business**

The Planning Manager referred to application which was brought to last month's planning committee meeting regarding an application for housing in Dungannon and Cookstown. He said that there was a lengthy objection to it and legally the Council could not make a determination on the application.

This was because under the Act and Regulations certain procedures and wording needed to be followed in relation to pre community consultation.

He said that it was decided to put the application to one side to allow for the pre-application community consultation to be carried out in accordance with the Regulations.

Councillor Kearney sought permission for a 5-minute recess at 9 pm to give the committee an opportunity to withdraw from the meeting to honor the late John Hume to show solidarity with the people of Derry and Ireland.

The Chair agreed to Councillor Kearney's request.

The Planning Manager referred to tonight's agenda and advised due to Covid-19 situation, refusals outlined in Agenda item 4 were being deferred for this committee which was a first. He said that as this was the middle of the summer and people away on holidays, they may not have the opportunity to know their application was being brought forward for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That all refusals on Agenda Item 4 as listed below be deferred for Office Meetings.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that he understood that one or two applications needed deferring but felt as these were being collated from around 20 July, there was ample time to get it sorted. He said that in his opinion there seemed to be an issue with August meetings every year and unless this committee treats this as a meeting rather than a holiday meeting we were not going to get anywhere and felt that this was quite excessive.

The Chair advised that he could only see this as progress as automatic meetings provided an opportunity for applicants to have their applications brought forward in a fair and impartial way and it was a credit to Mid Ulster Council as some other Councils do not have a meeting in August.

The Planning Manager felt that there seemed to be some confusion amongst some committee members as Mid Ulster does not have a standard approach of taking a recess in August. He stated that there has been no consideration of refusals from March and as most people seek a deferral, it was only fair to give them the opportunity. He said that Mid Ulster wants to give everyone an opportunity and be fair to everyone.

Councillor McKinney concurred with Dr Boomer and stated that he would be happy to agree to the deferrals and give people an opportunity to build up their case and would have no issues.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **P065/20 Planning Applications for Determination**

The Chair, Councillor S McPeake 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/withdrawn –

Agenda item 4.7 – LA09/2019/1394/O – Dwelling and detached garage, 40m E of 12 Newline Road, Cookstown for Laura Rafferty

Agenda item 4.8 – LA09/2019/1418/F – Site for dwelling & domestic garage at approx. 60m NW of 124 Lurgylea Road, Dungannon for Christopher Kelly

Agenda item 4.9 – LA09/2019/1432/O - Site for dwelling and garage 100m NW of No. 84 Loup Road, Moneymore for Michael O'Boyle

Agenda item 4.10 – LA09/2019/1484/O - Site for dwelling at 50m E of No. 91 Aughrim Road, Magherafelt for Keith Fulton

Agenda item 4.12 – LA09/2019/1553/F – Retention of two storey seminar/training room, office and store at 12 Ballynahone Road, Maghera for Emergency Medical Services (NI) Ltd

Agenda item 4.14 – LA09/2019/1638/F – Infill sites for 2 dwellings and garages adjacent to 7 Coalpit Road, Dungannon for Shaun Kelly

Agenda item 4.15 – LA19/2020/0022/O – Dwelling (infill site) at land adjacent to and S of 14 Drumkee Road, Dungannon for Noel Stephenson

Agenda item 4.16 – LA09/2020/0047/O – Site for dwelling & garage approx. 60m W of 121A Desertmartin Road, Moneymore for Henry and Mark Miller

Agenda item 4.17 – LA09/2020/0062/O – Dwelling at site behind 11 Lodge Villas, Donaghmore for Brian Gates

Agenda item 4.18 – LA09/2020/0179/O – Farm dwelling approx. 71m W of 41 Aughagranna Road, Stewartstown for Brian Morris

Agenda item 4.19 – LA09/2020/0194/O – Dwelling and domestic garage 100m SW of 4 Moboy Road, Pomeroy for Dean McNally

Agenda item 4.20 – LA09/2020/0387/O – Dwelling and garage 82m W of 64 Carralooan Road, The Woods, Magherafelt for John Gribbin

Agenda item 4.21 – LA09/2020/0564/O – Dwelling and garage at lands between 121 & 127 Thornhill Road, Pomeroy for Cathal Hayden

Agenda item 5.2 - LA09/2019/1158/O Dwelling and garage 50m SE of 8 Scotts Road, Ballyrogull for Thomas McVey - *withdrawn*

**LA069/2018/1612/F Additional high welfare broiler poultry house (to house 37,500 max birds), 2 no. feed bins, reception hut/ generator store and associated works at the existing poultry farm approx. 200m NE of No. 106 Knockmany Road, Augher for Roy Wright**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1612/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2018/1612/F approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/1693/F Housing development with 14 dwellings, associated site works; installation of 5 speed control ramps, signs and lighting along the Dunamore Road at lands SW of 30 Dunamore Road and roadworks between 28-40 Dunamore Road, Dunamore for Des Keenan**

*Councillor Mallaghan withdrew to the public gallery.*

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1693/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2018/1693/F approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/0305/O Health care facility accommodation for multiple doctor surgeries and ancillary uses commonly associated with a medical centre; retail, café and car parking primarily accessed off existing Loy Street public car park at 2, 4, 6 and 8 Loy Street, Cookstown and lands to the rear of Nos 4 to 12 Loy Street, Cookstown for MACM (NI) Ltd**

*Councillor Cuthbertson declared an interest in the above item.*

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0305/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2019/0305/O approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

*Councillor Mallaghan returned to the meeting.*

**LA09/2019/0718/LBC Replacement of windows and doors at 41 Castletown Road, Aughnacloy for Felicity Dunlop**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0718/LBC which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2019/0718/LBC approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/0869/O Dwelling and domestic garage at site to the rear and N of 24 Washingbay Road, Lower Annagher, Coalisland for Mr & Mrs G McClure**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0869/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Bell

Seconded by Councillor Quinn and

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2019/0869/O approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/1035/F Change of use from smoking area to beer garden with external bar, smoking area and toilet facility at LJs Tavern, 62 Rainey Street, Magherafelt for JP Forbes**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/1035/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2019/1035/F approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/1394/O Dwelling and detached garage, 40m E of 12 Newline Road, Cookstown for Laura Rafferty**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2019/1418/F Site for dwelling & domestic garage at approx. 60m NW of 124 Lurgylea Road, Dungannon for Christopher Kelly**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2019/1432/O Site for dwelling and garage 100m NW of No. 84 Loup Road, Moneymore for Michael O'Boyle**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2019/1484/O Site for dwelling at 50m E of No. 91 Aughrim Road, Magherafelt for Keith Fulton**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2019/1543/F Change of house type and garage (from approved H/2014/0441/F) at 20m SE of 29 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim for Mr Sean McPeake**

*The Chair, Councillor S McPeake withdrew to the public gallery.*

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Glasgow took the Chair.

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/1543/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor D McPeake

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2019/1543/F approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/1553/F Retention of two storey seminar/training room, office and store at 12 Ballynahone Road, Maghera for Emergency Medical Services (NI) Ltd**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2019/1562/RM Dwelling & garage 50m NE of 28 Broagh Road, Knockloughrim for Sean McPeake**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/1542/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application be LA09/2019/1562/RM approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

*Councillor S McPeake returned to the meeting and took the Chair.*

**LA09/2019/1638/F Infill sites for 2 dwellings and garages adjacent to 7 Coalpit Road, Dungannon for Shaun Kelly**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2020/0022/O Dwelling (infill site) at land adjacent to and S of 14 Drumkee Road, Dungannon for Noel Stephenson**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2020/0047/O Site for dwelling & garage approx. 60m W of 121A Desertmartin Road, Moneymore for Mr Henry and Mark Miller**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2020/0062/O Detached dwelling at site behind 11 Lodge Villas, Donaghmore for Brian Gates**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2020/0179/O Farm dwelling approx. 71m W of 41 Aughnagranna Road, Stewartstown for Brian Morris**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2020/0194/O Dwelling and domestic garage 100m SW of 4 Moboy Road, Pomeroy for Dean McNally**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2020/0387/O Dwelling and garage 82m W of 64 Carralooan Road, The Woods, Magherafelt for John Gribbin**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2020/0564/O Dwelling and garage at lands between 121 & 127 Thornhill Road, Pomeroy for Cathal Hayden**

Agreed that application be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2019/0787/O Dwelling and garage 40m SW of 44 Moyagoney Road, Portglenone for Paul Madden**

The Planning Manager sought permission to have planning application LA09/2019/0787/O deferred for one month to allow for the submission of further information and opportunity for Officers to access.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0787/O be deferred for one month to allow for the submission of further information.

**LA09/2019/1158/O Dwelling and garage 50m SE of 8 Scotts Road, Ballyrogully for Thomas McVey**

Application withdrawn.

**LA09/2019/1367/O Dwelling and domestic garage at site adjacent to 2a Tonaght Road, Draperstown for Mr Jim Hegarty**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning applications LA09/2019/1367/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Cassidy thanked the committee for allowing him the opportunity to address the meeting tonight and advised that this application was for an infill opportunity. He stated that there were three buildings kept between them and that the shed was deemed as

lawful as it had a concrete floor with a solid construction which had been there for approximately 15 years. He stated that the bottom shed only accommodated one additional house and felt that it met the policy as this was three buildings and not three dwellings and only a gap between the buildings.

The Planning Manager sought clarity on what the building was and enquired if it was the small steel structure in the corner of the field.

The Chair advised that a Certificate of Lawfulness was sought for the building to confirm its usage for planning purposes.

Mr Cassidy concurred with the Chair and said that previously it was suggested by the Planning Department that if a Certificate of Lawfulness was granted that this would be a satisfactory measure for the planners. He stated that the applicant had spent £1000 obtaining the certificate.

The Planning Manager asked if there was a record that this had been said. Ms McCullagh advised that the applicant had been advised that a certificate may be applied for by the agent if they wish for consideration to be given to it as a lawful building.

The Planning Manager referred to concerning issues in the past regarding the approval of a sheep shed and advised members there was a need to err on the side of caution.

Ms McCullagh advised that the reason for refusal regarding this application was the ribbon development.

The Planning Manager referred to policy where there was a gap between 2 buildings it may be considered as infill, but only where it would integrate and be in character of the area.

Councillor Clarke said that his recollection of the application was that the size of the structure was not a consideration and felt that there was no definition.

The Planning Manager stated that in planning law any permanent structure can be viewed as a building.

Councillor Clarke stated that it looks as if there were three buildings, next to siting and scale etc and felt there could be an opportunity if to integrate another building if it meets the conditions.

Councillor McKinney said that he knew the road well and felt there was a fine line here due to what might be and might not be acceptable, but would like to give the application the benefit of the doubt as nobody was in a position to say whether it was lawful or not. He referred to a previous application which was approved for a building outside Swatragh which had no floor and agreed that this application should be given justification.

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

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the site and stated that he knew the road really well and, in his view, there were two issues here. Firstly, the structure has been there as long as he could remember which was used by a farmer in the field, which integrates the site very well as there was visible vegetation and secondly, any impact on the rural character and the area with the siting of another building wouldn't impact in any way.

The Planning Manager referred to the drawing and stated that it indicated a small house up towards the boundary of the site and following logic would there be a site for another building.

Councillor B McGuigan advised that the gateway on the left of the building located on the left-hand corner of the field was where the building was used by the farmer.

The Planning Manager enquired if the proposed building could be sited towards the centre. He referred to the report where it stated there was no frontage and asked for clarification.

Ms McCullagh advised that the door of the shed was facing towards the southern boundary, and the boundaries agreements suggests that it was well defined with a strong hedge, and around the Sixtowns Road there were trees and hedges defined in that field.

The Planning Manager asked the agent if the applicant would be content with the notion of agreeing to another site within a more central location.

Mr Cassidy said that his applicant would be very happy to agree to the Planning Manager's suggestion of having a more central location.

The Planning Manager said that this could work as the bungalow would be integrate against the existing buildings and hedgerows and should not change the character of the area.

Councillor Clarke referring to the frontage, felt that the site was very similar to the two frontages already there.

Councillor Bell said that he would be happy to approve the application after listening to the debate and felt that everything was taken into account by Dr Boomer and his officers.

Councillor Colvin said that he was astonished that there was building on the site, and if we accept all these little buildings, they will pop up all over the place, but having listened to Dr Boomer's reasonings he would be happy to second the proposal.

The Chair advised that this application was not a clear cut matter, but there was a building on site for 15 years and although he could thoroughly understand Councillor Colvin's point, there was an onus on this committee to make a decision on each application on their own individual merit.

Councillor Black said that it was important that the application was lawfully accepted as it was only acceptable if it doesn't change the character of the area.

The Planning Manager said that he would be happy to proceed with an approval. The rationale being that that the site can be viewed as being within a ribbon, even though the shed did not in itself provide a good book end. However, the natural attributes of the site being small triangular with good boundary mitigated against any adverse impact on rural character. This was on the basis conditions be attached height, siting, landscaping and access.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/1367/O be approved subject to conditions outlined by the planning department.

**LA09/2019/1376/O Dwelling and garage on a gap site 50m S of 39 Baladoogh Lane, Cookstown for Patrick McAleer**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning applications LA09/2019/1376/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Mallaghan advised that he knew that part of the world well and would be familiar with the road. He said that he was aware of the dereliction of the existing site where there was frontage, garden and gates etc and in terms of where there was interruption, two or three sites between sites was the case for rural Tyrone. He referred to the more modern bungalow across the road compared to the small house on an acre of land and said that he did not think it was a million miles away and felt it did not warrant a refusal and should be recommended for approval. He suggested a site visit as a possible way forward and asked that this be considered by the Planning Manager.

The Planning Manager enquired about the terms of dereliction and asked if the wall plate met with replacement standards, with Ms McCullagh agreeing it was a possibility.

In response to Planning Manager's query regarding the frontage, Ms McCullagh advised that the problem was that the site was not big enough to accommodate three houses and further advised that there was a previous permission which was not implemented.

In response to query, Ms McCullagh advised that previous permission had been granted on 24 October 2000 but never developed and had now lapsed.

The Planning Manager in referring to previous planning approval, stated that these were granted under different conditions, with policy now stating permission for up to two houses on the site. He said that he had hoped that the previous application was still alive as in his view this works against the application. He stated that there could have been some leeway if the application was still alive as previous permission showed there could've been a possibility to get another house in there.

Councillor Mallaghan said as a planning committee member he was unaware of the 2000 planning permission and wasn't solid in his thinking.

The Planning Manager felt that a site meeting may be of benefit as in some cases it may elevate some concerns.

Councillor Bell stated that there was space in-between and it could be argued that there could've been four or five houses there at one time. He said that there seemed to be a certain amount of space and nowhere was it stated that the space was too narrow.

The Planning Manager suggested that a site meeting be arranged, and common sense applied when dealing with this sort of thing.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/1376/O be deferred for a site visit.

**LA09/2019/1415/F Replacement dwelling 60m E of 5 Drumgarrell Road, Cookstown for D Conway**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning applications LA09/2019/1415/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Bell sought clarification from those members which attended the site meeting to seek their opinions on whether they thought the dwelling was habitable.

Councillor Glasgow said that it was a very interesting site meeting and certainly was merited and stated that when they entered the house the first thing, they saw was a fireplace and felt that pictures do tell a story. He said that in his personal opinion this dwelling was not for agricultural use and that the tin outside was a deterrent for the adverse weather conditions. He was assured that there was evidence there to suggest that it was previously a family home, as windows were intact and could visibly see external walls which fell within the remit of planning approval.

Councillor McFlynn concurred with Councillor Glasgow and said that four people had entered the house and felt that it was structurally sound, with windows and fireplace intact, concrete flooring all the way out to the entrance, paving and stone visible. She said that in her opinion she would also agree that this previously had been a family home which was lived in.

The Planning Manager said that by looking at the photos he felt that some work had been done quite recently and was far from convinced that it was last used as a dwelling. However, he point out that the policy does not require that the last use was as a dwelling, but that it began life as a dwelling and still retained the essential characteristics of the dwelling. He understood that members who had visited the site took the view it did have those essential characteristics.

Councillor Colvin stated that he was also in attendance and could see why officers were hesitant to recommend approval previously but agreed that it met policy.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/1415/F be approved.

*Councillor McKinney left the meeting at 8.12 pm.*

**LA09/2019/1540/F Dwelling and garage between 29 & 31 Macknagh Lane, Maghera for Padraig McGuigan**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented report on planning applications LA09/2019/1540/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

*Councillor McKinney returned to the meeting at 8.16 pm.*

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

Mr Cassidy referred to policy 5.33 which states that a road frontage includes a footpath or private lane. Buildings sited back, staggered or at angles and with gaps between them can still represent ribbon development, if they have a common frontage.

He referred previously circulated correspondence and said that image 1 showed an aerial view of the site. The buildings sited back from the road have a frontage to the road of 35 metres as depicted in images 2 & 3. The area along the frontage was well kept in formal gardens and has electrics installed for a gate. The gaps depicted in red respects the size of frontages on either side.

The Planning Manager stated that this application was back to whole issue of character again and looking at the site, three houses were artificially put along the front and were fairly large.

Ms McCullagh agreed that they were prominent but low storey.

The Planning Manager said what was there was a small tin shed and felt as there was no authorisation it could not be given weight. He stated that the photographs seemed to indicate sizeable distances in a big open field, which would show a house being visible and not closed off and the whole point of policy was that infill in a ribbon meant that there would be no impact in relation to integration or change to rural character. In this instance it appeared the dwelling would not integrate and would lead to a change in rural character.

The Chair advised that a request to speak had been received and invited Councillor B McGuigan to address the committee.

Councillor B McGuigan said that he had listened to the arguments outlined and stated that he had visited the site last Friday to see for himself and by looking at the aerial photos, this did not merit justification. In terms of frontage No. 29 had a substantial frontage, laneways, cables, gate to the front, green area which were kept very well, long type grass etc which continues all along the way to the next house. He advised that 35 metres of frontage was a lot more than the average realm within the countryside and as the road drops away no buildings would be impacting on the landscape along the frontage. He concluded by saying that the aerial view does not do it justice as one side

shows a different view and referred to 5.33 of the policy and stated that there were exceptions which showed no massive impact.

The Planning Manager said that to clarify, policy does not take in a laneway, policy states that there could be an infill and a dwelling could be classed as an infill.

He advised that containment, and rural character were key consideration and felt that a site meeting could be beneficial in this case.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin  
Seconded by Councillor Black and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/1540/F be deferred for a site visit.

**P066/20      Receive Consultation Response to Fermanagh & Omagh Council on  
LA10/2020/0206/F**

The Head of Development Management presented report and sought members agreement on Mid Ulster District Council's response to a consultation request from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council for planning application LA10/2020/0206/F for an energy storage facility consisting of 2 no. battery storage compounds, customer electrical substation compound, a grid electrical substation compound, rainwater harvesting area, site access track and other associated infrastructure, site to be surrounded by deer fencing, 5 no. CCTV locations and gates, South of Classic Marble (Showers) Ltd, 31 Garvaghy Bridge Road, Garvaghy, Dungannon for Engie Developments Ireland Ltd.

Councillor Robinson advised that he knew the area very well and would have some concerns as this comes out onto a protected route of the A5. He said that this road emerges onto the passing lane from Omagh and was a short distance before the entrance which could cause serious problems due to the volume of traffic and high speed on this stretch of road, but wanted the committee to know he wasn't against progress but would have major issues around road safety concerns.

The Head of Development Management advised that this had been accessed already in 2019.

Councillor Robinson advised that there was already a small factory operating at the site.

The Planning Manager stated that Fermanagh & Omagh needed to determine with Roads Service on the safety aspect and said that Mid Ulster Council doesn't have to determine the proposal legitimates, only to give comment and it can choose to give no comment.

Councillor Cuthbertson concurred with Councillor Robinson's comments and stated that the entrance was coming out onto Mid Ulster's area and access onto the protected route and referred to comment by Head of Development Management regarding decision

taken in 2019 and said that Mid Ulster Council did not make the decision and would second Councillor Robinson's proposal if he wished to make one.

Councillor Robinson said he would like his concerns mentioned in the response.

The Planning Manager said that it was reasonable to change comments to say Mid Ulster District Council was mindful that this was a protected route and could have issues regarding road safety.

Councillor Clarke concurred with comments and stated that there was also a hump in the road and a setting sun, and he also raised concern as it wasn't a safe part of the road.

The Chair said that there was a need to focus on the movement of traffic and felt that these comments needed to be implemented into the response.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that this was a minor road in bad condition going to a windfarm and felt there was considerable amount of time to get it sorted.

The Planning Manager agreed to add to the point on alternative access.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

**Resolved** That agree to the following response being issued to Omagh & Fermanagh District Council Planning Department:

- Mid Ulster District Council have no concerns in relation to the access for the development and long-term visual impacts of this development provided a robust and properly detailed traffic management plan and landscaping and maintenance proposals are agreed prior to commencement of development and properly condition for implementation.
- In addition to the recommended response reported on to the Committee, members asked that Fermanagh and Omagh Council give special attention to traffic and road safety due to the increased use of the access onto a Protected Route and fully investigate the alternative minor road as an alternative means of accessing the site.

## **Matters for Information**

### **P067/20 Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2020**

Members noted Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2020.

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson 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 P068/20 to P071/20.

**Matters for Decision**

P068/20 Receive Enforcement Report

**Matters for Information**

P069/20 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2020

P070/20 Enforcement Cases Opened

P071/20 Enforcement Cases Closed

**P072/20 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 9.35 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 please raise your hand in the normal way and keep raised until advised to lower
- 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.



## ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

**FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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

ITEM	INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION REQUIRED
4.12	There are 6 Letters of support rather than 1, as noted in the report.	Members to note
5.2	Application has been withdrawn	Members to note
5.5	Additional letters of support received	Members to note

5 Drumgarrell Road,  
Killybearn,  
Cookstown  
Reference: LA09/2019/1415/F  
Address: 60 Meters east of 5 Drumgarrell Road  
Proposal: Replacement Dwelling



To Whom it may concern.

We note the application in question is on for rejection. Information has been submitted by Michael Donnelly saying his cattle were free to roam in and out of the building in question in relation to the replacement dwelling. We have lived in the area as stated previously for 36 years and Michael Donnelly only farmed the land between 2005 and 2010 approximately give or take a year. During my time living at 5 Drumgarrell road I have never seen any cattle in and out of the building. It should be taken into consideration, I have a direct line of site from my property onto the building. See attached a photo demonstrating I can view the building from my property. When I purchased my property in 1984 the building in question was exposed and gavels were present. The gavels fell due to adverse weather conditions and the building was eventually covered with tin.

Thomas John and Eileen Quinn



Reference: LA09/2019/1415/F  
Address: 60 Metres east of 5 Drumgarrell Road  
Proposal: Replacement Dwelling



After reviewing the information presented by both the planning case officer and objectors I would like to take this opportunity to respond to issues raised. After talking to residents in the area it is apparent they disagree with Michael Donnelly and Mary Quinn's version of events. They will be submitting information on this if they haven't already done so. The residents of 60, 40 and 35 years (Victor Nelson, Kevin Madden and Thomas and Eileen Quinn) have never seen cattle entering or leaving the dwelling. They also have stated they have recollection of the exposed building before it was protected by tin. As these residents have lived in and owned their properties in the area much longer than the objectors you would expect them to have a more extensive and accurate local knowledge of the dwelling and area.

In reference to picture 2 in Michael Donnelly's response there is absolutely nothing to identify it as being the dwelling in question. Farmers have access to many farming sheds and as this image has nothing in it to distinguish its location, it could quite simply be the internals of a shed anywhere. So, it far from conclusive and should be discarded in this instance.

The pictures provided by Mary Quinn don't have any relevance to this application and don't fit the narrative the objector is trying to create. Picture 2 provides more questions than answers from such a poor-quality picture it makes it hard to identify if the door is opened or closed and there is no depiction of bedding for cattle present in this or any of the photos.

Photo 3 shows a cow eating out of a trough and had nothing to do with the internals of the building.

Photo 4 is quite simply a cow in a field, whether it is in the area in question or not, its relevance is completely lost on me.

The report from case officer Emma McCullagh states that "the proposal failed to demonstrate that it exhibits the main characteristics of a dwelling". The report from the structural engineer states there are the "remains of a fireplace not present in agricultural building", "a living space/area", and "the building has been used for human habitation". This report and the previous pictures along with newly attached surely must demonstrate that the building demonstrates and exhibits the characteristics of a dwelling. Emma acknowledges that from the site visit that the "existing building was substantially intact with all external walls", had "evidence of domestic sized windows" and evidence of an "internal fire place".

I feel the images attached help better demonstrate the characteristics than ones already submitted in the application. Image 1 shows the front of the house with the front door and the window serving the main room and window serving bedroom (glass smashed out). This image also includes a traditional granite door step. Image 2 is a close view of the granite doorstep.

Image 3 shows the reverse angle and you can clearly see the fireplace which would be used for domestic purposes.

Images 4 shows the main room and door into the lean-to scullery. Image 5 is taken from the door into the scullery looking across the main room towards the

door which takes you into the bedroom. Image 6 shows a view through the door into the bedroom. Image 7 shows the rear of the house with the closest window being for the bedroom and the one beside it being for the main room.

#### Policy CTY 3, Replacement Dwellings

states planning permission will be granted for a replacement dwelling where the building to be replaced exhibits the essential characteristics of a dwelling and as a minimum all external structural walls are substantially intact. As you can see from the images included all of these features exist within the building to be replaced and all external walls are substantially intact.

The policy also states that for the purposes of this policy all references to 'dwellings' will include buildings previously used as dwellings. Substantial evidence has been submitted to demonstrate that building was previously used as a dwelling. Even if cattle had been roaming into the building as the objectors have stated this would have been by accident and certainly does not erase the fact that it was previously used as a dwelling, and thus is compliant with policy CTY 3. Having regard to the characteristics of the buildings it is clear that it was not designed or used for agricultural purposes.

I trust the above information is sufficient to demonstrate that the building meets the criteria for a replacement dwelling.

Declan Conway

Image 1



Image 2

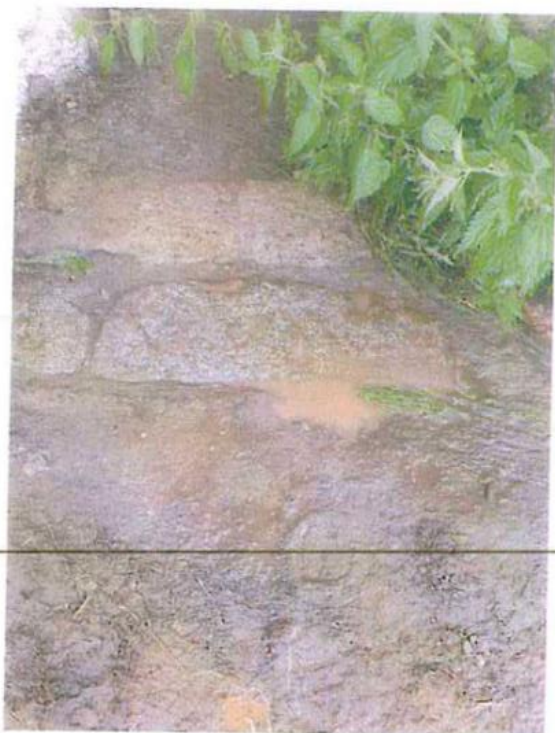


Image 3

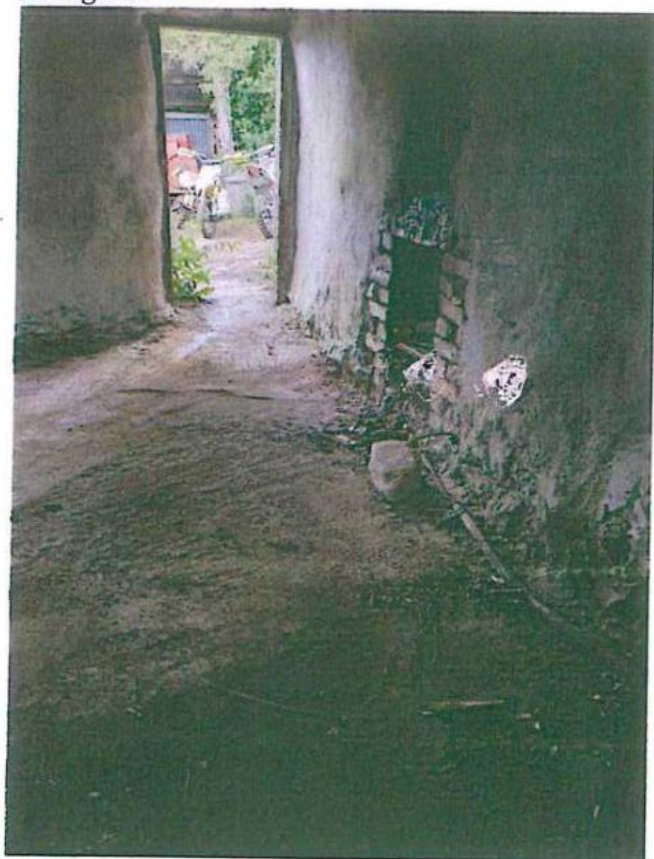


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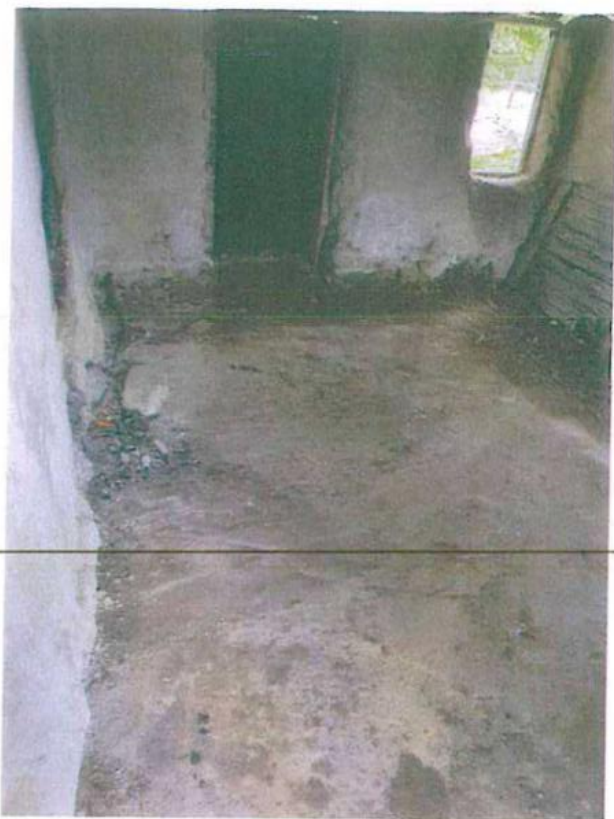


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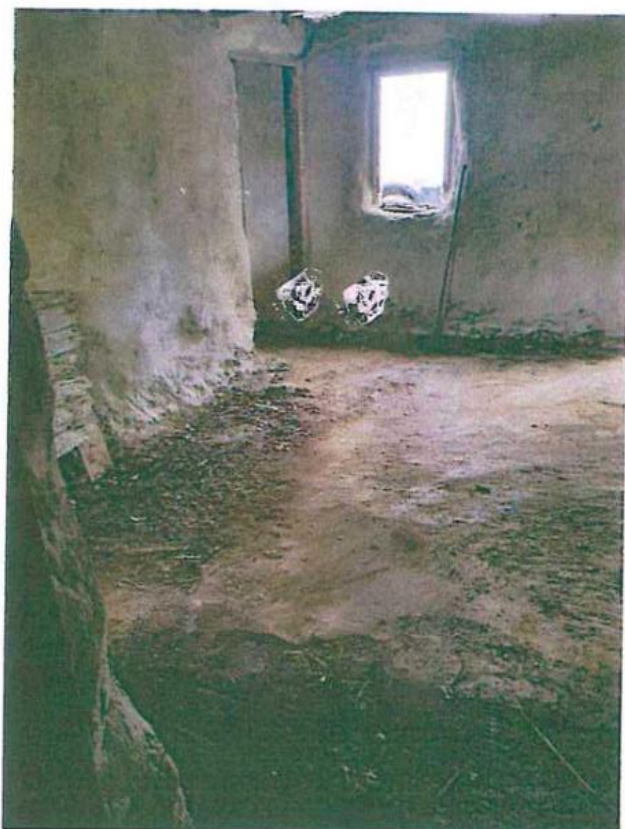


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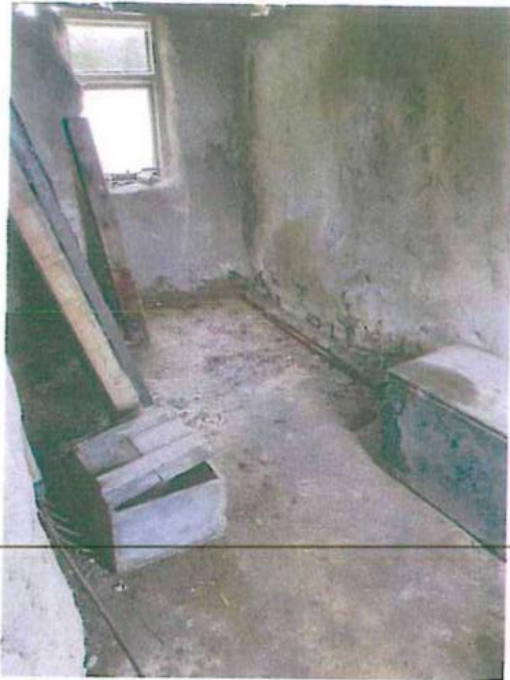


Image 7



24-07-20

Reference: LA09/2019/1415/F


Address: 60 Meters east of 5 Drumgarrell Road

Proposal: Replacement Dwelling

To Whom it may concern,

I note the application is on for rejection and have noticed inaccurate information has been provided by objectors. Michael Donnelly has stated his cattle roamed free between the two plots that weren't subdivided off at the time. He did not seek my permission to do so as I owned the land at the time. I then approached Michael Donnelly and presented him with a bill for grazing my section of the land and the bill remains unpaid. After the bill was presented I installed electric fencing to prevent his cattle coming onto my section of the land. He then stopped grazing my section of the land and shortly after stopped grazing the section owned by Mary Quinn. Therefore, his grievance may have gave him motive for such an objection. Picture 2 in his objection is not of inside the dwelling which I previously owned and there is nothing in the picture which would accurately identify it as being so. Having lived in the area for over 60 years and having farmed all lands in question I have never seen the protected dwelling used for housing cattle. The photos attached by Mary Quinn do not show any cattle coming in and out of the dwelling but only show them in an area around the dwelling. I have already stated in my previous letter of support the reasons for the dwelling being in the condition it is in attached pictures by the objectors. Which was to protect the dwelling from the elements after the gable walls were damaged by a storm.

Signed



1 Drumgarrell Road,  
Cookstown,  
Co Tyrone,  
BT808TA

Reference: LA09/2019/1415/F

Address: 60 Metres east of 5 Drumgarrell Road

Proposal: Replacement Dwelling

I have seen pictures submitted to object to the planning application by Declan Conway. The pictures were put in by Mary Quinn and Michael Donnelly. I remember the house to be replaced before it was covered with tin around 30 years ago and at this stage it had gable walls. It was later covered with tin. Of the 45 years I have lived here I have never seen cattle inside the building. I again would like to mention I am in support of the application

Signed:

*Kevin Madden* 30.7.2020





<b>Report on</b>	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 27 August 2020
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	<b>Purpose of Report</b>			
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> .			
1.2	In the context of the Coronavirus outbreak in March 2020, the Council has been transacting essential business only from this period. Reports on civic recognition have not been considered over this period			
2.0	<b>Background</b>			
2.1	All requests for recognition are to be submitted with Democratic Services using the pro-forma, <i>Request for Civic Recognition: Civic Honour &amp; 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	<b><u>Recognition</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Civic Honour:</b> 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></li><li><b>Civic Reception:</b> 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></table></li></ul>	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
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
2.3	<p><b><u>Processing the Request</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed against the policy/criteria</li> <li>• Reviewed to identify if recognition provided for similar achievement within 3 years prior to this</li> <li>• Requests meeting criteria will be recommended to Council for Civic Honour or Civic Reception</li> <li>• Requests not meeting criteria will be recommended to receive letter from Council Chair</li> </ul>
2.4	Appendix A details those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the revised policy.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
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 since the meeting of Council in February 2020 have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
3.2	Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Council has been transacting essential business only and reports/requests for same have not been brought to Council since the outbreak. It is proposed that requests as detailed in Appendix A, where agreed, should be dealt with as previously resolved by April Council that is, recipients will receive a letter together with award as appropriate.
3.3	Members will be aware it has been agreed to review the existing Policy and associated arrangements. A meeting of the Working Group is being scheduled for August 2020.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Members give consideration to approving civic recognition requests as presented and be dealt with as previously resolved by April Council in that recipients receive a letter together with an award, where appropriate.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A: Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval



## Appendix A: August 2020 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
Lara Devlin	Gaelic Life Ulster Schools Camogie Player of the Year	Cllr Kerr Cllr Monteith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li></ul>	For: N/A  Date: N/A

### 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
None		



<b>Report on</b>	Conferences, Seminars & Training
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27 August 2020
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Eileen Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
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.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2020-21 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<b>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members</b>  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 A to this report is sought.
.2	<b>Officer Approvals</b>  There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. There is currently no requests.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2019/20 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member
	Human: not applicable

	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training

## Appendix A

### Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests

### Conferences

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
NI Housing Conference	<i>Tuesday, 1 September 2020</i>	Virtual	£95 plus VAT	
Centre for Cross Border Studies' 21st Annual Conference "Reassessing and Reconfiguring North-South and East-West relations in a changing landscape"	Friday 25th September	Virtual	NIL	
<i>Policy Forum for Northern Ireland</i> Priorities for infrastructure - key projects, investment and delivery	<i>Wednesday, 21st October 2020</i>	Virtual	£190 plus VAT	
Agenda NI Northern Ireland Infrastructure Investment Conference 2020	<i>Thursday 5 November 2020</i>	Virtual	£185 + VAT @ 20% = £222	
Policy Forum NI The Future of Northern Ireland Energy Policy	<i>Wednesday, 18th November 2020</i>	Virtual	£190 + vat Alternatively for non attendees £95 + VAT	

# Online Conference

## Northern Ireland Housing Conference 2020

When: Tuesday 1 September 2020  
programme

**09:00**

Chairman's welcome and introduction

Opening address

**PRIORITIES FOR HOUSING IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Carál Ní Chuilín MLA**

**Minister for Communities**

Transformation

**TRANSFORMING SERVICES TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITIES**

**Jennifer Hawthorne OBE**, Regional Manager

**Northern Ireland Housing Executive**

Community investment

**CLARION FUTURES: COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TO TRANSFORM  
NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LIVES**

**Matt Parsonage**, Head of Communities

**Clarion Futures, Clarion Housing Group**

Funding

**FUNDING SOCIAL HOUSING DEALS WITH EXTERNAL INVESTMENT**

**Andrea McIlroy-Rose**, Head of Office, Belfast

**Pinsent Masons**

Welfare reform

**PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE: MEASURES TO AVERT THE  
WELFARE CRISIS**

**Kevin Higgins**, Head of Policy, **Advice NI and Welfare Reform**

**Mitigations Working Group**

**11.00**

Morning break

**11.20**

Housing First

**HOUSING FIRST IN SCOTLAND AND THE JOURNEY TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

**Margaret Ann Brünjes**, Chief Executive, **Homeless Network Scotland**

Future

**THE FUTURE SOCIAL HOUSING PROVIDER**

**Professor Paddy Gray OBE**, Chair, **Connswater Housing**

Vice Chair, **Glasgow Housing Association**, Board Member, **Wheatley Group**

Sustainable housing

**THE CHALLENGE OF DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL HOUSING**

**Diana Fitzsimons**, Chair, **Radius Housing**

Collaboration

**THE HOUSING ALLIANCE: COLLABORATION FOR BETTER RESULTS**

**John Hannigan**, CEO, **Circle Voluntary Housing Association**, Ireland

Supporting People

**MAKING SUPPORTING PEOPLE A PRIORITY**

**Patrick Thompson**, Deputy Chief Executive

**Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations**

**13:15**

Chairman's summary and conference close

Cost £95 plus VAT



## Draft Programme\*\*

“Reassessing and Reconfiguring North-South and East-West relations  
in a changing landscape”

Centre for Cross Border Studies Annual Conference 2020

25<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am	<b>Welcome</b> – Dr Helen Johnston, Chair, Centre for Cross Border Studies
10.10am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> – Dr Anthony Soares, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
10.20am	<b>Keynote</b> – Julian Smith MP Moderated by Maureen O'Reilly (CCBS)
11.00am	<b>Virtual coffee break</b>
11.20am	<b>The Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland</b> – Speaker to be announced
11.40am	<b>Governance, Divergence, Convergence: Implementing the Protocol and UK-wide frameworks</b> Chaired by Michael D'Arcy (CCBS) Katy Hayward (Queen's University Belfast) Federico Fabbrini (DCU) David Henig (ECIPE) Allie Renison (IoD)
1.00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00pm	<b>Welcome back (and launch of CCBS Journal)</b> – Dr Anthony Soares, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies
2.10pm	<b>Responding to COVID-19 on the island of Ireland</b> , Deirdre Heenan (UU)
2.50pm	<b>Healthy co-dependencies: Coordination across borders in response to COVID-19 and beyond Brexit</b> Chaired by Teresa O'Doherty (CCBS) Martin Unfried (ITEM, Maastricht University) Michael Tomlinson (Queen's University Belfast) Damien McCallion (Director General, CAWT) Joanne Morgan (CDHN)
4.20pm	<b>Close</b>

\*\* Please note timings and speakers may be subject to change



*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 Chair's opening remarks  
Paul Frew MLA, Vice-Chairperson, Assembly All Party Group on Construction
- 9.05 The vision for infrastructure in Northern Ireland following COVID-19  
Nichola Mallon MLA, Minister for Infrastructure  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 Delivering immediate infrastructure priorities for the 'new normal' - developing blue/green infrastructure projects, working with communities and business, and funding  
Derek McCallan, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association  
Craig McGuicken, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Environment Link  
Rachel Harrison, Associate Director, KPMG  
Caroline Bloomfield, Director, Sustrans NI & ROI  
Senior representative, public transport  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 Chair's closing remarks  
Paul Frew MLA, Vice-Chairperson, Assembly All Party Group on Construction
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 Chair's opening remarks  
Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.55 Ensuring the effective planning and delivery of long term infrastructure needs and projects  
Jo Aston, Managing Director, SONI  
Dr Eoin Magennis, Senior Economist, Ulster University  
Barry Nay, Head of Asset Management, NI Water  
Philip Stinson, Director, Turley  
Councillor John Hussey, Chair, Planning Committee, Belfast City Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 The role of City and Growth Deals in meeting Northern Ireland's infrastructure needs and the next steps in implementing the Deals  
Marie Ward, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council  
Senior representative, finance  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 Key infrastructure priorities for supporting towns and cities in their recovery  
Senior speaker to be announced  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks  
Member of the Legislative Assembly  
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland

## Northern Ireland Infrastructure Investment Conference 2020

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Virtual Conference

agendaNi is organizing the annual Infrastructure Investment Conference, delivered virtually this year the conference will provide a valuable opportunity to bring together key stakeholders to gain insight into the key elements required to create sustainable 21st century infrastructure. Infrastructure investment is a key building block for sustainable economic growth and is a key element in the New Decade, New Approach deal. In the short term, it will provide much needed employment and in the longer term, investing in important infrastructure projects will be key to ensuring Northern Ireland's ability to compete globally, enhance our connectivity and give us the potential to transform our economic future and enhance quality of life.

The New Decade, New Approach agreement has a new Investment Strategy that will cover all aspects of infrastructure: transport, water, health and education estates, and connectivity. This conference will provide an excellent opportunity to bring together the key stakeholders in developing and delivering Northern Ireland's infrastructure to look at how the current challenges surrounding the economy and infrastructure investment and delivery should be addressed.

### • Programme

9:00	<p><b>Chairman's welcome and introduction</b></p> <p><b>Ministerial Address</b> <i>Priorities for future infrastructure investment</i></p> <p><b>Nichola Mallon MLA</b> (invited) Minister for Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Water</b> <i>Investing for Northern Ireland's future</i></li></ul> <p><b>Sara Venning</b> CEO, Northern Ireland Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Transport</b> <i>Public transport investment in Northern Ireland</i></li></ul> <p><b>Chris Conway</b> Group Chief Executive, Translink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Questions &amp; answers / Panel discussion</b></li></ul>
	<p><b>Comfort Break</b></p>
10:30 am - 1:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Broadband</b> <i>Transforming Northern Ireland's communication infrastructure</i></li></ul> <p><b>Conal Henry</b></p>

	<p>Chair, <b>Fibrus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ports</b> <i>Investing in our ports infrastructure for a growing economy</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Trevor Anderson</b> Infrastructure and Business Transformation Director, <b>Belfast Harbour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Resilience</b> <i>Making Belfast a resilient city</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Clare McKeown</b> (invited) Sustainable Development Manager, <b>Belfast City Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sustainability</b> <i>Delivering responsible and sustainable infrastructure</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Emer Murnaghan</b> Head of Responsible Sustainable Business, <b>Graham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman's summary and conference close</li> </ul>
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## Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar

The future for Northern Ireland energy policy - the energy strategy and net zero targets, security of supply, and the impact on industry and consumers

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*



*Draft Agenda subject to change*

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| 8.30  | Registration  |
| 9.00  | <b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b><br><b>John Stewart MLA</b> , Member, Committee for the Economy  |
| 9.05  | <b><u>Energy Policy in Northern Ireland - key priorities for the energy strategy</u></b><br>Senior speaker confirmed from the <b>Department for the Economy</b><br>Questions and comments from the floor  |
| 9.30  | <b><u>The role of the energy sector in meeting the 2050 net zero targets</u></b><br><b>Dr David Joffe</b> , Head of Carbon Budgets, Committee on Climate Change<br><b>Dr Inna Vorushylo</b> , Project Lead, Zero-IN on NI Heat<br><b>Rachel Anderson</b> , Chair, Northern Ireland Renewables Industry Group<br><b>Charles Sheldon</b> , Director, Foresight Group<br>Senior speaker confirmed from <b>Phoenix Natural Gas</b><br>Questions and comments from the floor |
| 10.20 | Break   |
| 10.30 | <b><u>Next steps for the development of the grid and interconnectors</u></b><br><b>Jo Aston</b> , Managing Director, SONI   |
| 10.40 | <b><u>Ensuring security of supply and effective infrastructure to meet future energy needs</u></b><br>Senior representative, supply<br>Senior representative, infrastructure<br>Questions and comments from the floor from <b>Jo Aston</b> , Managing Director, SONI  |
| 11.20 | <b><u>Chair's closing remarks</u></b><br><b>John Stewart MLA</b> , Member, Committee for the Economy  |
| 11.25 | Break   |
| 11.35 | <b><u>Chair's opening remarks</u></b><br>Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly  |
| 11.40 | <b><u>Challenges for the market in the energy transition</u></b><br><b>Jenny Pyper</b> , Chief Executive, Utility Regulator<br>Questions and comments from the floor  |
| 12.00 | <b><u>Balancing priorities - costs, competition and fuel poverty</u></b><br><b>Pat Austin</b> , Director, National Energy Action Northern Ireland<br><b>Paulino Garcia</b> , Head of Energy Policy, The Consumer Council<br><b>Stephen Kelly</b> , Chief Executive, Manufacturing Northern Ireland<br>Senior analyst<br>Questions and comments from the floor   |
| 12.55 | <b><u>Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks</u></b><br>Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly<br><b>Sean Cudmore</b> , Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland  |

<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council – August 2020
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Correspondence from World Health Organisation (WHO)</b></p> <p>The Regional Director of the World Health Organisation has corresponded with the Council in response to a letter of 26<sup>th</sup> March from the Council regarding its efforts and direction on COVID-19.</p> <p>Appendix A refers to correspondence from the World Health Organisation</p>
3.2	<p><b>Correspondence from Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification of a Motion carried on domiciliary care service provision and the National Health Service generally.</p> <p>Appendix B refers to correspondence from Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council</p>
3.3	<p><b>Correspondence from Donegal County Council</b></p> <p>The Meetings Administrator of Donegal County Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification of a Motion carried in relation to gaps in the North West region for rail, motorway and other key infrastructure and calling on the Government to commit to funding the A 5.</p> <p>Appendix C refers to correspondence from Donegal County Council</p>
3.4	<b>Correspondence from Department of Education</b>

	<p>The Directorate for Promoting Collaboration Tackling Disadvantage has corresponded with Council to provide an update on the new Engage Programme.</p> <p>Appendix D refers to correspondence from Department of Education.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Correspondence from NILGA</b></p> <p>The NILGA Office Bearer Councillor Frances Burton has corresponded with the Council to express thanks and good wishes to the outgoing Chief Executive.</p> <p>Appendix E refers to correspondence from NILGA.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Correspondence from Department for Communities</b></p> <p>The Private Secretary of Department for Communities has corresponded with the Council to offer a meeting date of 28 October 2020 in response to letters of invitation received from Council in January regarding strategic priorities and March to view the Coalisland Public Realm Scheme.</p> <p>Appendix F refers to the correspondence from the Department for Communities.</p>
3.7	<p><b>Correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has corresponded with the Council seeking its support regarding a notice of motion in relation to 'Information regarding localised outbreaks of COVID Cases'.</p> <p>Appendix G refers to the correspondence from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p>
4.0	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Appendix A: World Health Organisation</p> <p>Appendix B: Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council</p>







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Dear Councillor Kearney,

Thank you for your kind letter of 26 March and for your appreciation of the work of the World Health Organization. We apologize for our late response, but the mail was delivered only recently.

In reply to your query about mass testing, please note that WHO strongly recommends all countries to undertake active case finding and testing together with timely contact tracing. This is the central strategy that all countries need to undertake to control COVID-19 transmission, as successfully shown in some countries such as in South East Asia. The WHO's case and contact definitions are set out in the WHO Interim guidance of 20 March 2020 (available at <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/global-surveillance-for-covid-v-19-final200321-rev.pdf>).

In addition, to monitor the full extent of circulation of the virus in the general population, WHO recommends testing for COVID-19 for persons presenting with acute respiratory illness via existing national sentinel surveillance sites in primary and secondary care. WHO is not recommending widespread testing of the population.

In these challenging times for all of us, WHO is ready to offer every possible support to the United Kingdom commitment to maintain containment alongside mitigation measures, to reduce the scale of transmission, and to safeguard the health care system of your country.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

  
Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge  
Regional Director

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Global surveillance for COVID-19 caused by human infection with COVID-19 virus. Interim guidance. 20 March 2020

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# Global surveillance for COVID-19 caused by human infection with COVID-19 virus

Interim guidance  
20 March 2020



## Background

This document summarises current WHO guidance on global surveillance for COVID-19 in humans, caused by infection with COVID-19 virus. This guidance should be read in conjunction with WHO's guidance on [preparedness, readiness and response activities](#), which strongly recommends active case finding and testing as well as contact tracing in all transmission scenarios. Aggregate reporting should be considered a temporary stop-gap measure only when individual case reporting is not possible. WHO will continue to update this guidance as new information about COVID-19 becomes available.

Updated information and other guidance on COVID-19 can be found on the WHO [COVID-19 website](#).

What is new:

- Updated case definition for a probable case
- Definition of transmission pattern
- Revision of the definition of a contact
- Update on global surveillance with aggregated data reporting

## Purpose of this document

This document provides guidance to Member States on implementation of global surveillance for COVID-19.

## Objectives of the surveillance

The objectives of the global surveillance are to:

1. Monitor trends in COVID-19 disease at national and global levels.
2. Rapidly detect new cases in countries where the virus is not circulating, and monitor cases in countries where the virus has started to circulate.
3. Provide epidemiological information to conduct risk assessments at the national, regional and global level.
4. Provide epidemiological information to guide preparedness and response measures.

## Case definitions for surveillance

Case and contact definitions are based on the current available information and are regularly revised as new information accumulates. Countries may need to adapt case definitions depending on their local epidemiological situation and other factors. All countries are encouraged to publish definitions used online and in regular situation reports, and to document periodic updates to definitions which may affect the interpretation of surveillance data.

### Suspect case

A. A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset;

OR

B. A patient with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case (see definition of contact) in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset;

OR

C. A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath; AND requiring hospitalization) AND in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

**Probable case**

A. A suspect case for whom testing for the COVID-19 virus is inconclusive.<sup>1</sup>

OR

B. A suspect case for whom testing could not be performed for any reason.

**Confirmed case**

A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

See laboratory guidance for details: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/laboratory-guidance>

**Contact**

A contact is a person who experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case:

1. Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
2. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
3. Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment; <sup>2</sup>OR
4. Other situations as indicated by local risk assessments.

Note: for confirmed asymptomatic cases, the period of contact is measured as the 2 days before through the 14 days after the *date on which the sample was taken* which led to confirmation.

**Classification of transmission scenarios**

WHO recommends using the following categories to describe transmission patterns at national and sub-national levels (wherever possible) to guide decisions for [preparedness, readiness and response activities](#).

**Table 1: Definition of the categories for transmission pattern**

Category number	Category name	Definition
1	No cases	Countries/territories/areas with no cases
2	Sporadic cases	Countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected
3	Clusters of cases	Countries/territories/areas experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures
4	Community transmission	Countries/area/territories experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains</li> <li>- Large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance</li> <li>- Multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area</li> </ul>

**Recommendations for laboratory testing**

Any persons meeting the criteria for testing should be tested for COVID-19 infection using [available molecular tests](#). However, depending on the intensity of the transmission, the number of cases and the laboratory capacity, only a subset of the suspect cases may be prioritized for testing.

<sup>1</sup> Inconclusive being the result of the test reported by the laboratory.

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization. Infection prevention and control during health care when COVID-19 is suspected

During community transmission WHO recommends prioritizing persons to be tested as indicated in the WHO [global testing strategy for COVID-19](#).

To monitor the full extent of the circulation of the virus in the general population, WHO recommends implementing testing for COVID-19 via existing national sentinel surveillance sites for influenza-like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory infection (SARI). Guidance will be made available at: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/surveillance-and-case-definitions>

## Recommendations for reporting surveillance data to WHO

National authorities may use either case-based reporting or aggregate reporting. In some circumstances, such as countries with areas experiencing different transmission patterns, a combination of both case-based and aggregate reporting could be considered. The decision to use case-based or aggregate reporting should be based on the capacity of health authorities and the number of cases. National authorities may move from case-based to aggregate reporting as the number of cases increases, and then back to case-based as the number of cases decreases.

### Case-based reporting:

WHO requests that national authorities report probable and confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection within 48 hours of identification, by providing the minimum data set outlined in the “Revised case reporting form for 2019 Novel Coronavirus of confirmed and probable cases” through the National Focal Point and the Regional Contact Point for International Health Regulations at the appropriate WHO regional office. A template for the revised line listing in Excel format with a data dictionary is available. If the outcome of the patient is not yet available at first reporting, an update of the line list should be provided as soon as outcome data becomes available, within 30 days of the first report.

Reporting of case-based data through the case report form is requested while the Ministry of Health is maintaining a case-based surveillance. When it is no longer feasible to report case-based data, countries are requested to provide aggregated data for surveillance.

### Aggregated reporting

For all countries to understand the epidemiology and trends of COVID-19, all Member States are requested to provide the following minimum set of aggregate counts, once weekly.

At national level:

- Weekly number of new confirmed cases
- Weekly number of new confirmed case deaths from COVID-19
- Weekly number of new confirmed cases hospitalised due to COVID-19 disease
- Weekly number of confirmed cases discharged
- Weekly number of persons tested for COVID-19
- Weekly number of new confirmed cases by age-group in years (using: 0-<5, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85 and above, age missing)
- Proportion of males among the new confirmed cases – calculated as the number of new confirmed cases in males, divided by the total new confirmed cases for which sex is known
- Weekly number of new confirmed case deaths by age-group in years (using: 0-<5, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85 and above, age missing)
- Proportion of males among the new confirmed case deaths – calculated as the number of new confirmed case deaths in males, divided by the total new confirmed case deaths for which sex is known

At subnational level:

- Transmission pattern by administrative level 1 as self-assessed by the Member State

Note: if it is not possible to assess transmission classification at administrative level 1, Member States should assign their highest level of transmission classification in any one area to the entire country.

Country meta-data:

Member States are encouraged to provide two types of meta-data:

1. Case definitions used by the country, provided once at start of reporting. Countries are further requested to notify any changes to case definitions, and the date these definitions came into effect.
2. The Epidemiological reporting week used by the country (i.e. Monday to Sunday, Sunday to Saturday, or Sunday to Thursday).

Countries are additionally requested to share national situation reports at whatever frequency they are produced.

The designated national authority is asked to provide data directly to the self-reporting platform, which will be publicly available without editing or filtering by WHO. Aggregate data will be made available to all Member States and the wider general public through the WHO website, may be pooled with other data to inform international response operations, and periodically published in WHO situation updates and other formats for the benefit of all Member States. Member states can self-report their data in two ways:

- Upload an Excel file directly into the system
- Manually enter data using the submission platform provided

All tools and further instructions for data submission are available at: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/surveillance-and-case-definitions>

WHO continues to monitor the situation closely for any changes that may affect this interim guidance. Should any factors change, WHO will issue a further update. Otherwise, this interim guidance document will expire 2 years after the date of publication.

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10 July 2020

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Dear Mr Tohill

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 28 May 2020, the following Motions were passed:

**That Council believes that care homes and the organisation and operation of domiciliary care services across the North should be brought back into the public ownership as part of the National Health Service.**

**That the COVID-19 crisis presents an unprecedented threat to public health. The scale of the crisis clearly demonstrates the critical role of a fully funded and protected public health service.**

**Council agrees that two divergent public health strategies to deal with a pandemic on the island of Ireland, North and South, is irrational, impractical and dangerous. Council calls for a fully integrated all-Ireland public health strategy.**

**Council supports the campaign for an all-Ireland health service free at the point of delivery from the cradle to the grave.**

**Council agrees to invite representatives from the all-Ireland health service campaign to make a presentation to Council.**

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter would be grateful for a response in relation thereto.

Yours sincerely

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**John Kelpie**  
**Chief Executive**



11<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

TO: Each Local Authority

RE: Notice of Motion

A Chara,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution:-

"That this Council calls on the new Government to address regional inequality, recognising that the Northwest of Ireland is the only region in Ireland without access to rail or motorway, and commits to funding the A5 as a priority - an essential infrastructural project for the people of Donegal".

Members asked that it be circulated to all local authorities along the A5 route.

Yours faithfully,

P.P. Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator



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To: Education Stakeholders

11 August 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

## **ENGAGE PROGRAMME**

I am writing to update you on proposals for the new Engage programme.

Minister Weir announced plans to deliver the programme on 30 June 2020, following agreement by the Executive, to help to address the impact that schools closures may have had on pupils in terms of lost learning.

Around £11.25 million has been set aside for the programme. It will enable schools to provide additional teaching support for pupils in both primary and post-primary schools, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The programme will be open to all schools, with the level of funding available to each school weighted according to the number of pupils and the proportion entitled to free school meals.

I have attached a summary paper which sets out the proposed aims and objectives of the programme. It explains that the programme will complement and enhance the existing work of schools in providing support for pupils to help them engage with learning following the period of lockdown. It will do this by enabling schools to provide child centred one to one, small group or team teaching support by qualified teachers to pupils the school identifies as most benefiting from additional support to engage with learning. The teaching programme will focus on supporting pupils to be motivated and engaged to learn and will be delivered by the school, linked to the curriculum, and focused on the areas where pupils would most benefit from additional teaching, practice and feedback.

I trust you will find the attached information helpful.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AlChambers."

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**Promoting Collaboration Tackling Disadvantage Directorate**  
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Annex: Summary - Overview of the Engage Programme

## **Summary - Overview of the Engage Programme**

### **What is the Engage Programme?**

- Given the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, **all** primary and post primary schools in Northern Ireland will receive funding to provide additional teaching resources.
- The Programme will provide child centred one to one, small group or team teaching support within school by qualified teachers to those pupils identified by schools as most benefiting from additional support to engage with learning following the COVID-19 period of lockdown.
- There is extensive evidence of the positive impact of high quality one to one and small group teaching as a support strategy for learning, particularly after a period of missed schooling. Support delivered by qualified teachers is likely to have the highest impact.
- The teaching programme will focus on supporting pupils to be motivated and engaged to learn and will be guided by the school, linked to the curriculum and focused on the areas where pupils would most benefit from additional teaching, practice and feedback.
- Schools can supplement the funding provided to deliver the programme with other funding available to schools for example from the Extended Schools Programme or via the Common Funding Formula in order to increase the level of support provided.

### **Programme Aim**

- To limit any long-term adverse impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on educational standards by supporting pupils' learning and engagement on their return to school through provision of high quality one to one, small group or team teaching support in every school in Northern Ireland

### **Programme Objectives**

- To provide an appropriately differentiated programme of child centred one to one, small group and/or team teaching support to pupils of **all** abilities who schools identify as those who would benefit from additional support to engage with learning following the COVID-19 period of lockdown.
- To support pupils to increase their confidence, engagement, motivation to learn and to develop the tools and skills they require to become independent learners.

- To develop and enhance pupils' skills, knowledge and understanding in the key cross-curricular skills of Using Mathematics, Communication and Using ICT.
- To support and enhance pupils' development of the whole curriculum thinking skills and personal capabilities
- To develop pupils' understanding of how they learn (meta-cognition) and their self-knowledge about explicit strategies and behaviours for learning to help build positive mind-sets, coping skills and resilience.
- To complement and enhance the existing work of schools (such as extended schools, special education needs and/or nurture provision) to provide support for pupils to engage with learning following the COVID-19 period of lockdown.

### **Which schools can access the programme?**

- Given the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, **all** primary and post-primary schools in Northern Ireland will be provided with varying levels of funding to provide additional teaching resource.
- Research indicates that there is a risk that the gains made in closing our attainment gap could be significantly impacted by the lockdown period. Most agree the consequences of the pandemic will be far reaching—for all children, but particularly for those from socially disadvantaged families.
- Consequently, **circa 400 schools with approximately average levels of Free School Meal entitlement** (a minimum of 28% of pupils) or higher will, dependent on number of pupils, be provided with funding to support either 0.2, 0.5, one or two additional teachers during the 2020/21 academic year providing **over 300 additional teachers across the system**.
- School closures and COVID-19 have nonetheless affected the whole community. In particular, it is clear that key workers may not have had the time or opportunity to provide as much learning support for their children as they would have wished.
- In recognition of this context, **all other primary and post-primary schools**, with Free School Meal Entitlement below 28%, will also receive funding to provide (depending on their size) 30, 45 or 60 substitute days during the 2020/21 school year in order to deliver a programme to support pupils to engage with learning.
- In this way the Programme is both targeted at those schools with concentrations of disadvantage but also provides universal support across all primary and post-primary schools.

### **Which pupils can access the programme?**

- Schools know their pupils best and will have autonomy and flexibility to use their professional judgement to decide which of their pupils and year groups will participate in the programme. They will also structure the programme within their school based on their own unique circumstances.
- The programme is aimed at pupils of **all** abilities identified by school as those who would most benefit from additional support to engage with learning following the COVID-19 lockdown period.
- Normal formative assessment approaches within the classroom setting will be the most useful way of identifying individual pupil learning needs and those pupils who will benefit from support from the programme to engage with learning. That approach will retain an emphasis on making pupils feel confident and secure in what they already know while supporting engagement with learning.

#### **How will recruitment be carried out?**

- Schools will decide themselves whether to employ additional staff either on a temporary basis or via NISTR to deliver the programme or use the funding available from the programme to backfill and allow an existing staff member(s) to deliver the Engage Programme.

#### **What are the targets for the Engage Programme and how will it be evaluated?**

- The Engage programme will not have specific targets for system wide improvement of Key Stage or examination outcomes, as the focus of the programme is to limit any long-term adverse impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on educational standards by supporting pupils' learning and engagement on their return to school. It will not be exclusively focussed on particular year groups.
- Rather schools will identify their intended outcomes and success criteria and will monitor and evaluate the impact of the programme using the Targeting Social Need (TSN) Planner. The emphasis for evaluation will be the impact on pupils' attitudes to and dispositions for learning, as well as their attainment. Evidenced-based judgements of the programme by schools will then inform further development of interventions.
- The [TSN Planner](#) will enable schools to plan for the year ahead, incorporating the Engage programme interventions within their overall plan for 2020/21. It also allows schools to review and report upon progress throughout the year. The TSN Planner must be completed by schools in order to be eligible for funding.
- At system level, a Strategic Oversight Group will be established to monitor the outworking of the Programme. The ETI will provide an overall evaluation of the

quality of the work within the programme and the outcomes for the teachers employed in the programme and the pupils targeted. Outputs from the TSN Planner will provide important information for ETI to draw upon.

### **Key Deliverables**

The key deliverables for the project are:

- Employment of c107 post primary school teachers in schools with 28% or high numbers of pupils entitled to Free School Meals.
- Employment of c216 primary school teachers during the 2020/21 academic year with 28% or higher numbers of pupils entitled to Free School Meals.
- Provision dependent on school size of 30, 45 or 60 days substitute cover during the 2020/21 academic year to support delivery of the programme in all primary and post-primary schools with less than 28% of pupils entitled to Free School Meals.



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19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Councillor Mallaghan

**For Full Council – Correspondence**

On behalf of the President and 11-council membership of NILGA, I write to express sincere thanks and good wishes to your outgoing Chief Executive, Mr. Anthony Tohill.

Anthony's strategic insights, substantial expertise and collective working across the 11 Councils, direction and drive will be missed by all in local government (as a member from the Council myself) Mid Ulster District in particular.

I know that in the future his new role in the local private sector will assist the sustainability and growth of the District.

Please convey the Association's good wishes and appreciation to Anthony and his family.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frances Burton'. The script is cursive and fluid.

Cllr. Frances Burton  
NILGA Office Bearer

cc. Cllr Martin Kearney, Mid Ulster District Council / NILGA Office Bearer



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Dear Martin,

## **INITIATIVES IN MID ULSTER**

Thank you for your letter dated 27 January 2020 to the then Minister Deirdre Hargey, requesting that she meet with a delegation from Mid Ulster District Council to discuss its strategic priorities. On 5 March 2020 you also kindly invited her to visit the Coalisland Public Realm Scheme.

Minister Ní Chuilín would be delighted to accept your invitation and would like to propose 28 October 2020 for this visit. I would be grateful if you could contact the Diary Team either by email at [private.office@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:private.office@communities-ni.gov.uk) or by calling 028 9051 2692 to advise if this date is acceptable, your availability on that day and a suitable location for this meeting.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, numbers of attendees will need to be limited and social distancing observed at all times.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**ROSHEEN THOMPSON  
PRIVATE SECRETARY**



Marie Ward  
Chief Executive

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Our ref: C/098/2020

4 August 2020

Mr Anthony Tohill  
CEO  
Mid Ulster District Council  
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Dear Mr Tohill

**Re: Information regarding Localised outbreaks of COVID Cases**

At a Meeting of Newry Mourne & Down District Council held on Monday 3 August 2020, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

***"That this Council supports the need for greater localised information from the Department of Health regarding localised outbreaks of COVID positive cases in the area. In the wake of the suspected localised outbreak in the Rowallane area, had local representatives' access to more specific information, a downturn in footfall and containment of anxiety in non-affected regions may have been prevented.***

***Therefore, this Council calls on the Department of Health and Public Health Agency to provide DEA specific information or to provide a helpline for Councillors to reduce this from happening to other areas going forward".***

During discussion Members expressed concern at misinformation, rumour and speculation regarding recent localised outbreaks of positive COVID cases within the District and the effect this was having on people and local businesses in hampering recovery and economic growth due to fear.

Members agreed it was essential that as elected representatives they needed to know exactly where clusters were occurring to prevent uncertainty and fear within communities.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have asked that the Department of Health and the Public Health Agency enable Councils across Northern Ireland to have some way of gaining more localised information.

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Members of Newry, Mourne and District Council unanimously agreed to this Motion and urge your Council to support it.

Yours sincerely

**Marie Ward**  
**Chief Executive**

<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27 August 2020
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Communities	Draft Disability Action Plan 2020-2024	This consultation seeks your views on the Department for Communities' draft Disability Action Plan. Under Section 49B of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Department for Communities is required to submit a Disability Action Plan to the Equality Commission, showing how it proposes to fulfil these duties in relation to its functions. The Plan covers the period 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2024 and will be updated or amended during its lifetime when required.	12 October 2020	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/draft-disability-action-plan-and-equality-action-plan">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/draft-disability-action-plan-and-equality-action-plan</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?			
	Yes/No (delete as appropriate)			
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure	Review of the Roads (Misc. Provision) Act (NI) 2010	The review is intended to gather information for an annual review in order to gauge how the legislation is operating in practice.	5pm on 24 September 2020	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Dfl_Special_Events">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Dfl_Special_Events</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?			
	Yes/No (delete as appropriate)			

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Northern Ireland Assembly (Committee for Communities)	Pension Schemes Bill	<p>The Bill passed its Second Stage on 7 July 2020; the Bill has been referred to the Committee for Communities, which has responsibility for the Committee Stage of the Bill.</p> <p>The Committee therefore wishes to hear views from all interested parties in order to assist it with its scrutiny of the Bill.</p>	9 September 2020	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/committees/2017-2022/communities/primary-legislation/pension-schemes-bill/call-for-evidence/">http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/committees/2017-2022/communities/primary-legislation/pension-schemes-bill/call-for-evidence/</a>		
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	Yes/No (delete as appropriate)			

