

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt and by virtual means**

Members Present

Councillor S McGuigan, Chair

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

**Officers in
Attendance**

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

**Others in
Attendance**

Councillor McFlynn***

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

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

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

E057/23 Notice of Recording

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

E058/23 Apologies

None.

E059/23 Declarations of Interest

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

E060/23 Chair's Business

None.

Matters for Decision

E061/23 DfI Roads proposed 8 Metre Length Restriction – Lisnawery Road, Augher (Mullaghmore Bridge)

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce an 8 metre length restriction on Lisnawery Road, Augher (Mullaghmore Bridge).

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce an 8 metre length restriction on Lisnawery Road, Augher (Mullaghmore Bridge).

E062/23 DfI Roads proposed Introduction of No Waiting At Any Time, Loading And Unloading Permitted – Molesworth Road, Cookstown

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time, Loading And Unloading Permitted – Molesworth Road, Cookstown.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time, Loading And Unloading Permitted – Molesworth Road, Cookstown.

E063/23 DfI Roads proposed Speed Limit Reduction To 20mph – Ballygittle Road, Killen, Stewartstown

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal to reduce an existing stretch of 30mph to 20mph on Ballygittle Road, Killen, Stewartstown.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposal to reduce an existing stretch of 30mph to 20mph on Ballygittle Road, Killen, Stewartstown.

E064/23 Street Naming and Property Numbering

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

Site off Mullagh Road, Maghera

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Mullagh Road, Maghera as Oakfield View.

Site off Mill Road, Aughnacloy

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Graham and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Mill Road, Aughnacloy as Millview.

Site off Orritor Road, Orritor, Cookstown

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor N McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Orritor Road, Orritor, Cookstown as School Garden.

E065/23 Street Renaming

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) presented previously circulated report which considered the renaming of a street in a new residential Housing Development within Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor Milne advised that the contractor had been in contact with him and requested that the development be named Hillside Manor.

Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Milne's proposal.

The AD: PS highlighted that the three names put forward for consideration are Hillside, Hillside Way and Hillside Hall.

Councillor Milne referred to previous disagreement with the contractor relating to the name of the development and that they had been in contact with him to request the name Hillside Manor.

The AD: PS advised that the development was previously named as Hillside Drive in July 2022 and that the developer had now put forward the three options as outlined.

Councillor Brown stated that if the developer had been in contact with Councillor Milne to request Hillside Manor then he felt the proposal should be taken and that officers then go back to the developer.

Councillor Wilson stated that the developer had submitted the three options and was now putting forward a fourth and questioned why there was a need to submit the three options in the first place.

The AD: PS advised that up to three names are sought from the developer to ensure that Council policy is met and that the options being put forward link with the locality of the development.

Councillor Milne stated that he had received an email from the developer outlining their request for Hillside Manor.

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan stated that the proposal to name the development as Hillside Manor would be accepted.

Councillor Wilson stated he did not have an issue with the name now being requested but that he did have an issue with the process being followed tonight.

The Strategic Director of Environment stated she appreciated the Member's frustration and that Council does have a policy in place in relation to street naming. The SD: Env stated that officers will need to ensure that the name now being put forward meets the policy and criteria therein in case there is another development of the same name and there is no conflict. The SD: Env asked for some time to review the request for Hillside Manor and that the matter would be brought back to April Committee.

Councillors Milne and Brown were agreeable to the suggestion put forward by the Strategic Director of Environment.

Councillor B McGuigan suggested that the developer also submit their request for Hillside Manor in the interim.

The AD: Env asked that the developer would confirm their request for Hillside Manor and that this can then be considered under the normal criteria.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that officers consider the request for naming of development off Killyfaddy Road, Magherafelt as Hillside Manor in line with Council policy.

E066/23 Consultation on the Draft Circular Economy Strategy for NI

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services (AD: ES) presented previously circulated report which advised on a public consultation for a draft Circular Economy Strategy for NI.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that the report and consultation was something to be welcomed. The Councillor referred to the amount of waste generated and the dependence on raw materials and that products end up being disposed of often within a very short time. Councillor B McGuigan stated that the world's resources will end up not being sustainable and that waste materials will have to be reused. The Councillor stated that the plan needs to be deliverable and that Council has its part to play along with the private sector. Councillor B McGuigan stated that Council should support the strategy going forward and that he felt there was scope to progress this matter through Community Wealth Building and the Climate Change Working Group. The Councillor stated that the biggest test will be the delivery of the plan and that Slovenia had good examples of circular economy delivery plans which could be learned from. Councillor B McGuigan stated that his party would also be feeding into the consultation.

Councillor Kearney stated that some of our European neighbours are well ahead and that a lot could be learned from them in terms of circular economies.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

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

E067/23 Bus Shelters Update

The Head of Technical Services (HoTS) presented previously circulated report which provided update on current bus shelter status.

Councillor Kearney asked if the bus shelters on order had arrived yet.

The Assistant Director of Property Services (AD: PS) advised that approval was obtained from the P&R Committee for a bulk order of bus shelters and that there is a lead in time for these to be delivered. The AD: PS stated he would come back in relation to a timeframe.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that application for Annaghmore Road, Cookstown proceed to stage 6 of the process.

Matters for Information

E068/23 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 14 February 2023

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 14 February 2023.

E069/23 Public/bank holiday working arrangements for 2023/24

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined the proposed public/bank holiday working arrangements for Environmental Services department for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

E070/23 Town and Village Award Competition Entries for 2023

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of entries to the Best Kept and Ulster in Bloom Competitions for 2023.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the striking of the rate meeting and the proposal adopted by Sinn Féin and SDLP in relation to ceasing to cut grass inside 30mph limits. The Councillor asked if there has been any engagement with the towns and villages entering competitions on whether this decision will affect their chances to be as successful as they have been in recent years in those competitions.

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services advised that there has been some discussion and drew attention to the report to be considered later in the meeting in relation to the working group.

E071/23 Building Control Workload

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

E072/23 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E073/23 Dual Language Signage Surveys

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

E074/23 Dual Language Signage Requests

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

Cuthbertson referred to appendix 2 and 3 of report in relation to request from resident of Bush Road and request from resident of Coalpit Road. The Councillor stated that whilst he was not an expert, anyone could see that the handwriting is identical in both requests and asked how this would be the case. Councillor Cuthbertson asked for more information in relation to the request for Bush Road, he stated this is a long road and enquired if the request is for Bush Road, Dungannon or Bush Road, Coalisland. The Councillor asked if those developments whose front doors open out onto the Bush Road will be consulted.

The Assistant Director of Property Services advised that the request would be for the entire length of the Bush Road based on the postal addresses along the road.

Councillor Cuthbertson again referred to the identical writing for the two requests for two different areas and asked how this would be and also if there is someone with an extra line in their address before Bush Road if they will be consulted. The Councillor referred to Lisnaclin Terrace, Bush Road, Dungannon and that these houses face on to the Bush Road.

The AD: PS advised that it would be addressable properties with an address on Bush Road who will be consulted based on Pointer data and electoral register.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that there are up to ten developments with an address on Bush Road and stated that it will be a significant piece of work to consult with all properties at significant expense to Council. The Councillor stated that Council cannot afford to keep the recycling centre open in Coalisland but is going to go to the expense of consultation when there is up to 1000 houses to be consulted. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that the request in relation to Bush Road does not proceed until there is more clarity on how many houses this will affect.

Councillor McNamee stated that there is a policy in place and proposed that officers continue to progress the requests in line with policy.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the mention of several developments along the Bush Road and that he would be sure that these developments would all have their own separate names and are not named Bush Road. The Councillor stated that Council is not at the point of forensically testing writing or who submitted a request. Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that his proposal was that the request in relation to Bush Road does not proceed until there is clarity in relation to the number of developments that are facing on to the Bush Road and there is an extra line in their address. The Councillor stated that this could work into up to 1000 houses and that there is a cost issue. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that budgets are tight and that

there is no budget to keep the recycling centre open in Coalisland and further to this there is no budget for dual language signage that he was aware of.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 7

Against – 9

The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan declared the proposal lost and that the matter would proceed.

Live broadcast ended at 7.28 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton

Seconded by Councillor Wilson 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 E075/23 to E088/23.

Matters for Decision

- E075/23 Greenvale Hotel Entertainment License Renewal
- E076/23 Gribbens Bar Entertainment License Application
- E077/23 Fire and Security Tender report
- E078/23 Public Procurement Frameworks
- E079/23 Levelling Up Fund Round 2 – Successful Bid
- E080/23 Application for Memorial Tree on Council Property
- E081/23 Contract for Landscaping Works at Coolhill Cemetery
- E082/23 Extension to contracts for processing of dry recyclables
- E083/23 Working Group Terms of Reference

Matters for Information

- E084/23 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 14 February 2023
- E085/23 Innovate UK Net Zero Living Programme – Funding Application
- E086/23 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E087/23 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E088/23 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update

E089/23 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.58 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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

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

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

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