

Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by virtual means

Members Present Councillor S McGuigan

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Brown*, Cuthbertson, Glasgow* (7.17pm), Graham, Kearney, N McAleer, S McAleer*, B McGuigan, McNamee*, Milne, O'Neill*, Totten, Wilson

Officers in Attendance

Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment
Mr Fox, Principal Building Control Officer**
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services**
Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services**
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services**
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

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

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

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.

E144/22 Notice of Recording

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

E145/22 Apologies

None

E146/22 Declarations of Interest

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

E147/22 Chair's Business

Councillor S McGuigan extended thanks to the previous Chair Councillor Brown and Deputy Chair for their work in the past year. He welcomed Deputy Chair Councillor Graham to her role. The Chair, Councillor S McGuigan extended thanks to staff for ongoing work.

Matters for Decision

E148/22 Bus Shelters Update

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

In response to Councillor N McAleer the Head of Technical Services advised that officers were seeking transfer of lands, awaiting a valuation from Lands and Property Services but that he would follow up with Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to proposed bus shelter at Millix Road and stated it would be nice to have it in place for September.

Councillor Kearney drew attention to the possible need of an alternative site regarding shelter at Innishrush Village and said he would liaise with officer regarding a possible alternative.

Councillor Burton requested that a review/tidy up of rural bus shelters take place prior to the schools resuming in September.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Wilson

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Move from stage 5 of the application process – 1Nr, Killeeshil Road, Ballygawley.
- (ii) 1nr application to move to approval to install stage - Millix Road, Ballygawley

E149/22 DfI Roads Proposal to MUDC - Parking and Waiting Restrictions in Coalisland

The AD: Director of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to a proposal from DfI Roads to introduce parking and waiting restrictions in Coalisland.

Councillor Cuthbertson welcomed this proposal and stated that Members had received notification in relation to the public realm.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed introduction of parking and waiting restrictions in Coalisland.

E150/22 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - Reposition Proposed Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Tullywiggan Cottages

The AD: Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to a proposal from DfI Roads to reposition the proposed disabled persons' parking bay at Tullywiggan Cottages on Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed disabled persons' parking bay at Tullywiggan Cottages on Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown.

E151/22 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The AD: Property Services presented previously circulated report which advised of requests for naming of new streets with residential Housing Developments within Mid Ulster District Council. The Building Control Department has received a request for the naming of a street within a proposed residential development as follows:

- Site off Fairlea Heights, Moneymore

The options submitted are as noted below:

1. *Fairlea Manor*
2. *Fairlea Mews*
3. *Fairlea Park*

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Graham

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to go with the preferred option of Fairlea Manor

Matters for Information

E152/22 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 10 May 2022

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 10 May 2022.

It was noted that Cllr S McAleer had attended the committee in person on 10 May 2022.

E153/22 Building Control Workload

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

E154/22 Dual Language Signage Requests

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

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to the three requests and stated that although for different areas they all appear to be from the same template. He also added that in previous submissions the address although redacted had been included but this did not appear to be so.

E155/22 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E156/22 Update on Refuse Collection Route Optimisation Project

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on route optimisation and changes to the refuse collection service.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if there was only a driver operating the vehicle how bins would be checked for cross contamination.

In response the AD: ES stated that it was fair comment but as time had progressed there was less cross contamination of waste but advised the situation would be monitored.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that the system had been in operation in Magherafelt for some ten years and there had been no complaints thus must be working well.

E157/22 Updated Covid 19 Guidance – Funerals

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the latest guidance from the Department of Health on the Handling of Infection Risks when Caring for the Deceased and Managing Funerals.

Councillor Cuthbertson welcomed the fact that procedures for funerals was going back to normal and referred to media coverage whereby allegations had been made towards another council in relation to burial grounds and the room in graves. He stated that the programme had referred to people having to pay for specialised digs

to ascertain if there was space in the graves. He sought clarity as to if this would impact Mid Ulster.

In response the AD:ES said he was unaware but would seek clarity regarding the matter.

E158/22 Environment Directorate Department Plan 2022/23

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the content of the annual Departmental Plan for the Environment Directorate for the period 2022/23.

Live broadcast ended at 7.17 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor N McAleer

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 E159/22 to E166/22.

Matters for Decision

- E159/22 Contract for Hire of Heavy Plan at Council Waste Facilities
- E160/22 Biowaste Contract - Temporary Surcharges
- E161/22 Award of ICT for Dungannon Park Lake and Ballysaggart Lough Reservoirs

Matters for Information

- E162/22 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 10 May 2022
- E163/22 Capital Framework - ICT Contracts Update
- E164/22 Capital Framework - IST Contracts Update
- E165/22 Capital Projects - Scoping Contracts Update
- E166/22 Off-Street Car Parking Update 2021-2022

E167/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.28 pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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

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

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

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