

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Tuesday 13 October 2020 in Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon and by virtual means**

Members Present

Councillor S McGuigan, Chair

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

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mr Cassells, Director of Environment and Property
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services**
Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services**
Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health**
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services**
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control**
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Councillor Gildernew*

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

** Denotes Officers 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 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.

E192/20 Apologies

Councillor N McAleer.

E193/20 Declarations of Interest

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

E194/20 Chair's Business

In response to a query the Head of Property Services advised that a decision was previously taken to adopt a Council aligned policy in relation to access to cemeteries. The officer advised that Cottagequinn currently remains open 24/7 which is the same as all other Council cemeteries and that if there was a desire to have the cemetery locked to vehicular access between dusk and 8am this can be done but highlighted

that it would be a variation to Council policy. The officer also stated that there would be cost associated to locking the cemetery on a daily basis.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had raised the issue of anti social behaviour taking place at Cottagequinn cemetery at the September Council meeting. The Councillor stated that relatives were concerned with what was happening within the grounds of Cottagequinn and that the current activity could develop into vandalism. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that whilst it is practice to keep cemeteries open he felt that Cottagequinn is different as it is in a rural area. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Cottagequinn be closed at dusk and reopened at 8am for a temporary period with a review, the Councillor also stated he did not feel there would be any great cost associated with doing this and there may be potential to tie in with staff closing Dungannon Park.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to close Cottagequinn Cemetery at dusk and reopen again at 8am for a temporary period, with review.

Matters for Decision

E195/20 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing developments within Mid Ulster.

Site off Coolreaghs Road, Cookstown

Proposed by Councillor Buchanan
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Coolreaghs Road, Cookstown as Coolreaghs Manor.

Site off Desertmartin Road, Magherafelt

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Desertmartin Road, Magherafelt as Eden Park.

Site off Gortgonis Road, Coalisland

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name development off Gortgonis Road, Coalisland as Gortmanor Drive.

E196/20 Loneliness Network

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the development of a Mid Ulster Loneliness Network, the launch of the Network and a request for funding towards community projects.

Councillor Burton asked if this initiative is only targeted towards the Northern Trust area as she was aware of many within her electoral area who were struggling with mental health issues and isolation.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the initiative is led by the Northern Trust but the Network seeks to encompass all areas within Mid Ulster.

Councillor Burton asked if there would be a conflict between the Agewell project and this initiative. Councillor Burton also commended the Northern Trust as she felt they are more involved with these type of projects which are needed at this time of pandemic and asked if Council could engage with the Southern Trust for them to become involved as well.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that Council would follow up with the Southern Trust and added that the Loneliness Network is not only for older people but all age groups and does not impact negatively on the Agewell initiative but rather builds on bringing everything together.

Councillor O'Neill added to Councillor Burton's comments and stated that he felt a number of people in the Southern Trust area would be left vulnerable if the Southern Trust were not involved in the Loneliness Network.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the first meeting of the Network took place prior to lockdown and since then lockdown and COVID19 has brought challenges. The officer advised that the Southern Trust has been involved and will be involved in the Network but that the lead in this particular project is the Northern Trust.

Councillor Burton asked if the Southern Trust would also be giving funding to the Network like the Northern Trust.

The Head of Environmental Health stated she would have to check how the sources of funding for the Network have come together and would come back to the Councillor on this issue.

Councillor Burton asked that this information be made available prior to the October Council meeting.

Councillor McNamee stated that the Loneliness Network was an excellent programme which does not exclude people from the Southern Trust area applying.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that the network seeks to raise awareness of loneliness and its impacts and how best to address issues and support individuals.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- That Mid Ulster Council staff continue to assist partners in the development of the Loneliness Network and be Members of the Network.
 - To make a match funding contribution of £1,500 towards a pilot small grants programme.

E197/20 Response to the Food Standards Agency's consultation on Building on the success of the front-of-pack nutrition labelling in the UK

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of the Food Standards Agency's consultation on the success of the front of pack nutrition labelling in the UK.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to respond to the Food Standards Agency's consultation on the success of the front of pack nutrition labelling in the UK as outlined at appendix 1 of the report. Draft response to be submitted in advance of the deadline of 21 October 2020 and confirmed after October Council meeting.

E198/20 Bus Shelter Update

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

The Head of Technical Services referred to request for bus shelter in Moygashel and that the application fails to reach the required numbers. The officer advised that there are no bus shelters in Moygashel but that there are other bus stops in the village in which the required numbers for a bus shelter would be exceeded. The Head of Technical Services pointed out that if a bus shelter was located at the site requested then users may then go to this location as opposed to some of the other bus stops.

Councillor Cuthbertson advised that Moygashel has four bus stops but that only one of these locations is suitable for a bus shelter. The Councillor felt that some further consideration was needed in respect of this location as he believed if a bus shelter was sited that particular bus stop would be used more.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to appendix 1 – table 4 and the request for a bus shelter at Tirkane Road, Maghera and that he felt this request will have to be withdrawn as there were objections to the site identified. The Councillor advised that the only other site along that stretch of road was opposite the GAA club however DfI Roads had some road safety concerns regarding this location. Councillor B McGuigan stated that as there appeared to be alternative arrangements in place at this requested location a bus shelter may not be justified at this time.

Councillor B McGuigan also referred to the bus shelter for Culnady village and that this seems to be progressing and residents will be glad to see this getting over the line.

The Head of Technical Services advised that he would bring back a report regarding the request at Tirkane Road, Maghera next month.

In relation to request for Moygashel the Head of Technical Services stated it was up to Members to decide how they wanted to move forward. The officer advised that as it stands the request does not meet policy but because it is the only location suitable in Moygashel it could be considered further to community consultation.

Councillor Wilson stated that he felt that the bus shelter policy needed to be reviewed and referred to one of the requests in which 24 survey letters were sent out and only 4 responded and therefore the bus shelter can go ahead and another situation in which 1 letter was sent out subsequently returned and the bus shelter can go ahead. Councillor Wilson stated that the situation in Moygashel also needed further consideration. Councillor Wilson proposed that the Bus Shelter policy be reviewed.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that community consultation be carried out in respect of Moygashel site which he felt would show the desire for it in the village with a decision to be taken at a later date pending the outcome of a review of the Bus Shelter policy.

The Head of Technical Services stated that the community consultation can go ahead in respect of Moygashel and that a review of the policy can also be undertaken. The officer advised that those within 50m of a proposed site for a bus shelter be written to hence the variance in numbers depending on how built up the area is.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that officers would facilitate a workshop to review the Bus Shelter policy.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To install bus shelters at the following locations as they have met all the criteria in the Bus Shelter Policy (Section 1.2, Point 4) –
 - Millview, Dunnamore
 - The Square, Stewartstown
 - Omagh Road, Ballygawley
 - Glebe Court, Castlecaulfield
 - Kildrum Estate, Galbally
 - To remove the following from the Bus Shelter Register as they have not met the criteria in the Bus Shelter Policy (Section 1.2, Point 4) –
 - Derrychrin PS, Ballinderry
 - Meenagh Park, Coalisland
 - To conduct a review of the Bus Shelter policy
 - To carry out community consultation in respect of request for bus shelter in Moygashel

E199/20 Provision of Defibrillators (AEDs) in Mid Ulster

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure presented previously circulated report which advised on the Mid Ulster District Council – Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Procedure and the rollout of devices across the Mid Ulster area.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure highlighted that there was some work required in getting all defibrillators registered as it has become evident that not all defibrillators in the community are registered at the moment.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to table 1 within the report which states there are no settlement gaps in Dungannon and that he had previously requested that a defibrillator be sited at Gardner's Hall in Dungannon. Since making the request the Councillor stated that the boxing club, who use a property next to Gardner's Hall, have advised that they have a defibrillator and that they would be content if it was sited outside, if Council would facilitate this, and that the device could then service both buildings. Councillor Cuthbertson asked how many sites within table 1 of the report belong to the Council and proposed that Council move ahead with installing defibrillators at Council Civic Amenity Sites, at Council sites within table 1 of the report and that potential funding under the General Power of Competence be identified for other sites within the table.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated he did not believe it would be an issue for Council to facilitate siting a defibrillator outside Gardner's Hall and that officers would liaise with the boxing club in this regard. In relation to Council facilities within table 1 of the report the Director advised that Council have direct involvement with Portglenone Walkway, playpark in Upperlands, Grant Ancestral Home, Drum Manor Forest Park and Lough Fea Walkway, but that he would need to check as regards to sites at Caledon, Tullyhogue and Curran. The Director advised that since the report has been issued officers have become aware that other sites identified within table 1 are reasonably well serviced but that this would be formalised.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to the map which identified where defibrillators are located across the District and stated that whilst the area seems to be well serviced there are gaps. The Councillor also spoke in relation to the defibrillators already in place and that there would have been volunteers trained on how to use these devices at the time and asked if these volunteers are still in place or who manages this.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that when the scheme was set up in 2014 it was primarily the health trusts who took the lead, since then the lead has moved to Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and Council has been working with the Ambulance Service and partners. The Director advised that the Ambulance Service have a co-ordinator in place but unfortunately this person has been on long term sick leave for a number of months so there is a gap there at the moment. The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the provision of training rests with Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and the Council have worked in the past with the Ambulance Service and partners to support the delivery of the Restart a Heart campaign.

Councillor Graham thanked officers for their report and commended them for the work put into it. The Councillor felt that the approach outlined within the report is fair

to everyone and that she hoped the matter can now be progressed. Councillor Graham felt that to have no defibrillators in rural areas was shocking.

Councillor McNamee stated he also welcomed the report which showed there is a good spread of defibrillators across Mid Ulster but that there are still some gaps which need to be filled. The Councillor stated that there were a number of places within table 1 of the report with links to the Council as already identified and a number in which it has since been found have provision. Councillor McNamee stated that it would be good to see everywhere covered and that there are other groups who can come on board in providing devices.

Councillor Glasgow stated that the report was detailed and had been worth waiting the month for. The Councillor stated that there do appear to be gaps but as previously stated there may be a number of defibrillators which have not yet been registered and that there was some communication needed to get groups to register their devices as they do serve a lifesaving purpose. Councillor Glasgow seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor Wilson commended officers on the report and also referred to the defibrillators not registered and that this is a big task in order to get them registered. The Councillor stated that what is being proposed is a good news story but that within this good news story it also needs to be publicised that defibrillators are there to save lives and should not be vandalised as there have been instances of wall mounted defibrillators outside properties being smashed.

Councillor Burton agreed with Councillor Wilson's comments and that a defibrillator is a life saving device which should not be vandalised. The Councillor thanked officers for the detailed report and also referred to the previous presentation by the Ambulance Service which also informed Members. Councillor Burton advised that there is a defibrillator sited in Caledon and it would important to have this added to the list as it is a rural area.

Councillor S McAleer also thanked officers for the important piece of work and stated that it is good to know there are defibrillators in place if they are needed. The Councillor advised that there are a number of people in the community trained to use a defibrillator.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated he would convey the Member's comments to the officer team . Moving forward, the Director stated that officers will link in with sporting clubs who may have a defibrillator but have not got it registered and also link with the Ambulance Service to provide additional support to local groups going forward subject to NIAS current work pressures at present.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to his previous comments with regard to training and if there is a way of getting in contact with those who have defibrillators already in place to ensure systems are up to date and there are people trained in their use.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised the officer team will work closely with Mid Ulster Community Resuscitation group and partners to link with sports clubs and community groups who already have facilities and assist with support for any new groups .

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To install AED units at all Council Civic Amenity Sites unless suitable provision is already available at or in close proximity to the site.
 - To prioritise the rollout of the additional AEDs as identified at remaining Council managed sites as identified at Table 1 within report.
 - To identify potential for eligible funding under the General Power of Competence Programme to support the above arrangements if support funding is not available.

E200/20 Fly Tipping Protocol

The Head of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to agree a new Fly Tipping Protocol with NI Environment Agency.

Councillor Burton stated that Council has had issues in the past regarding the removal of waste and felt that it is also important that landowners are not left in a situation in which they become an easy target for the NIEA in getting material removed. The Councillor asked if the protocol comes with any more teeth than the one before as she would have some concern. Councillor Burton also stated that NILGA have pushed on this matter and that Councils needed a collective voice as this is an issue which affects all Council areas.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that there was a joint working group between representatives from Council and NIEA and that this protocol helps to define who is responsible for what. The Director stated that Articles 4 and 5 have been an ongoing issue and that Councils are of one voice that they are strongly resistant to the changes being proposed by the Department in relation to Article 5 re. enforcement powers. The Director of Environment and Property stated that the protocol deals with the clean up of waste and who deals with what and relates more to Article 4. The Director advised that the legislation that the Department are trying to enact has been there for some time and could be enacted tomorrow if it was the Department desire to do so. The Director of Environment and Property advised that the Department have been proactive in talking to Council as there are significant implications in terms of resources as certain powers will be passed to Council and Councils are not keen to agree to this until resource implications are mapped out. The Director continued that there are examples in which Council has worked proactively with NIEA in getting waste removed and that there is a good working relationship with the Agency at the moment. The Director of Environment and Property advised that the protocol clarifies Council's position in relation to what it collects, what volume it collects and where Council will collect it from, the protocol also sets out what NIEA will do. The Director stated that the majority of the former 26 Councils signed up to the previous protocol and this protocol is not significantly different.

Councillor Glasgow stated that this matter has been discussed at numerous NILGA meetings and that other Councils are experiencing similar issues. The Councillor asked for clarification on whether the protocol outlines the responsibilities between Council and NIEA.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the protocol outlines responsibilities in terms of volumes of waste that will be collected, the types of waste that will be collected and who it will be collected by. The Director stated that the protocol sets out that Councils will collect up to 20m² of ordinary fly tipped waste (non hazardous) and advised that this is what has been happening up to now. The Director advised that when hazardous waste has been encountered then NIEA have dealt with this.

Councillor Glasgow stated that he was content that the protocol sets out where everyone stands as he felt that NIEA have shied away from the clearing of waste previously. The Councillor stated that he did not want Council to be left with something that will cost money and put a strain on resources in the future.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that the protocol will be brought before a number of Councils in the coming months and that officers were aware of the sensitivities and issues regarding fly tipping. The Director advised that Council was clear in its position and that it was not content that the NIEA try to foist more powers onto Council in relation to enforcement.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to Councils participation in the piloting of an app and asked if the app will include a map of fly tipping hot spot areas.

The Head of Environmental Services advised that the app will include a map as it is believed to be an essential component of the app.

Councillor McFlynn stated that fly tipping seems to have been on the increase in recent months and commended staff who have gone out to clear up the waste. The Councillor felt that NIEA often offload a lot of responsibility to Councils and that NIEA should be more proactive in trying to bring offenders to Court as enforcement is important.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the amended Fly Tipping Protocol for agreement with the NI Environment Agency as set out at Appendix 1 to report with further discussion on legal controls around Article 5.

E201/20 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - The A6 Castledawson By-Pass (Abandonment and Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to the A6 Castledawson By-Pass (Abandonment and Stopping Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that whilst a part time 20mph speed limit at schools is welcome it is not widespread across the Council area. The Councillor also referred to a recent meeting with DfI at which it was reported that unless the Department bring in a third party contractor the likelihood of this work going ahead is slim as staff

are not allowed to erect signage at the moment due to social distancing requirements. Councillor Cuthbertson referred to lack of gateway signage at Moygashel and Aughnacloy and that Police are debating whether speed limits are enforceable in these areas due to the gateway signs being in such poor condition. The Councillor stated that while he welcomed the proposal from DfI he would be fearful of when the work will actually be done unless a third party contractor is brought in.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to the A6 Castledawson By-Pass (Abandonment and Stopping Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020.

E202/20 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – The Private Accesses on the A6 Castledawson By-Pass (Stopping-Up) Order (NI) 2020

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to the Private Accesses on the A6 Castledawson By-Pass (Stopping Up) Order (NI) 2020.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to the Private Accesses on the A6 Castledawson By-Pass (Stopping Up) Order (NI) 2020.

E203/20 DfI Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council - Proposed No Waiting at Any Time, Loading and Unloading Not Permitted – Back Lane, Draperstown

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to Proposed No Waiting as Any Time, Loading and Unloading Not Permitted – Back Lane, Draperstown.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to Proposed No Waiting as Any Time, Loading and Unloading Not Permitted – Back Lane, Draperstown.

E204/20 DfI Roads Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council - Proposed Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time, Loading and Unloading Not Permitted – Bank Square, Maghera

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to Proposed Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time, Loading and Unloading Not Permitted – Bank Square, Maghera.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to Proposed Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time, Loading and Unloading Not Permitted – Bank Square, Maghera.

E205/20 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - Proposed 30mph and 40mph Speed Limit – Moyola Road, Castledawson

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to Proposed 30mph and 40mph Speed Limit – Moyola Road, Castledawson.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to Proposed 30mph and 40mph Speed Limit – Moyola Road, Castledawson.

E206/20 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - Proposed Part Time 20mph Speed Limit at Schools

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to Proposed Part Time 20mph Speed Limit at Schools.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to Proposed Part Time 20mph Speed Limit at Schools.

E207/20 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Sullenboy Park, Cookstown

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Sullenboy Park, Cookstown.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to Proposed Provision of a Disabled Persons' Parking Bay at Sullenboy Park, Cookstown.

Matters for Information

E208/20 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 September 2020

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 September 2020.

E209/20 Building Control Workload

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

E210/20 Entertainment Licensing Applications

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

E211/20 Dual Language Signage Requests

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

Councillor Graham referred to point 2.1 within the report which states that... *“Council is tasked with the responsibility to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English”*. The Councillor asked why this is not done and stated that she felt if it was done there would be less vandalism of signage. Councillor Graham stated that there was no vandalism to signage whenever there was three languages on signage erected by the former Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council.

Councillor McNamee stated that the reason why signage is erected the way it is is because it is Council policy.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had raised issues in the past and felt that the policy needed to be looked at again. The Councillor stated that there were numerous elected members on social media advertising to communities that help can be given to get free signage and that this was disappointing as there is nothing free about the signage as the ratepayer is paying for it.

Councillor Wilson stated he had raised earlier in the meeting about bus shelters in relation to the surveys being sent out and the responses coming back and that he felt there was a similar issue here. Councillor Wilson proposed that the dual language policy be reviewed in relation to how the surveys are sent out/responded to.

Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor Wilson's proposal.

Councillor McNamee stated that the working group spent a lot of time to arrive at the policy, that the policy has not been in place that long and that he would propose that the policy remains as is.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor Wilson's proposal –

For – 6

Against – 7

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that the policy in relation to Dual Language Signage remains as is.

E212/20 Dual Language Signage Surveys

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

Councillor Graham referred to point 3.22 of the report in which a survey was requested and undertaken of Derry Road, Coalisland. The Councillor stated that 19 survey letters were issued and none were returned meaning that the person who requested the survey did not even respond. Councillor Graham asked how much this exercise cost Council as it seemed to have been a complete waste of time and money. The Councillor also asked who checks the requests coming in as she felt there are so many costs that needed to be investigated and reported back on and that Council needed to be careful in how it was spending its money as Councillors were answerable to the electorate.

The Head of Building Control advised that the requests were being dealt with within the current staff resource and there is one member of staff who primarily deals with the requests as they come in and this is not being exceeded. The officer advised that each request is verified with the electoral register that the person requesting the signage is a resident on the street/road before being reported to the Environment Committee.

Councillor Glasgow stated it is disappointing that a person puts in a request and then does not respond to the survey and that he felt questions are going to be asked on this by the public. Councillor Glasgow also felt that costings should be brought back in relation to this particular request.

Councillor O'Neill advised that there was already an Irish sign in the area and that the request may have been put forward in error.

Councillor Glasgow asked how the request had got through the system if what Councillor O'Neill said was correct and there was already signage in place and that Members are being told the requests are checked.

The Head of Building Control advised that no signage has been erected at this location during Mid Ulster time and under this policy. The officer advised that there was no record kept of dual language signage erected under the former Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council.

E213/20 Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on current enforcement arrangements for the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to letter recently sent by Council to businesses and asked for an update in relation to Council's role and would officers be going out to inspect premises on the back of the letter sent out and is the Council now an enforcement body.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that COVID regulations have undergone a number of revisions to date and that when the enforcement process was brought through the NI Executive a report was brought to Council in May at which enforcement staff were designated for specific regulations. The Director advised that Council were still waiting for clarity of the enforcement process to be defined in these recent amendments and until the regulations are released this is unclear. The Director advised that Council have been working with PSNI who are the lead enforcement agency for all COVID regulations. The Director advised that officers have been very proactive in providing support and guidance to businesses in relation to the regulations and that a number of visits to businesses have been undertaken, he advised that over 300 inspections have been carried out as part of the support and guidance to premises to date.

The Director advised that at the end of last week the NI Executive requested that Councils correspond directly with businesses to emphasise the importance of social distancing measures and this is why the letter had been circulated. The Director advised that unfortunately the rate of infection is increasing in Northern Ireland with a current rate of approximately 400 live infections per 100,000 of population and that Mid Ulster has the third highest rate in Northern Ireland, however this can change daily. The Director stated that it was important to re-emphasise the message to businesses and everyone in the community to follow the advice and guidance. In relation to the enforcement regulations, the Director advised that officers will wait to see the detail of the regulations and enforcement controls and if this is received in the coming days then a further report will be brought to the October Council meeting.

E214/20 Covid 19 Heating installation – Chamber and Chair's Office, Magherafelt Office

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the installation of new radiators and pipework in Magherafelt Chamber and Chair's office in lieu of air conditioned heating amid COVID 19 advice.

E215/20 Together We Recycle (Recycle Week 2020)

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the recent Together We Recycle campaign.

E216/20 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - Coolshinney Park, Magherafelt (Abandonment) Order (NI) 2020 – S.R.2020 No. 206

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the commencement of an Abandonment Order issued by DfI Roads in relation to Coolshinney Park, Magherafelt.

Live broadcast ended at 20.26 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill 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 E217/20 to E230/20.

Matters for Decision

E217/20	Dog Kennelling Contract
E218/20	Re-tendering for the Ageing Well project for MUDC
E219/20	Tender report for the appointment of a Vehicle Supplier
E220/20	Tender report for the appointment of Contractors to a framework for Construction works (M&E)
E221/20	Grave Digging & Associated Works Tender
E222/20	Procurement Framework for Washroom Services
E223/20	Tender report for the appointment of a Ride on Lawnmower Supplier
E224/20	Leasing of former (closed) landfill site at Drumshambo
E225/20	Coalisland Recycling Centre Improvement Works

Matters for Information

E226/20	Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 September 2020
E227/20	Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update
E228/20	Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
E229/20	Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
E230/20	Burnavon Arts and Cultural Centre Reception Area Refurbishment

E231/20 Duration of Meeting

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.50 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 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.