



28 November 2019

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in The Chamber, Dungannon at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Circular Road, DUNGANNON, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 28 November 2019 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill  
Chief Executive

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## AGENDA

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### Notice of Motions

14 Councillor Mallaghan to move

This Council supports the overwhelming response from Royal College of Nurses' (RCN) ballot in favour of industrial action; and the decision of other Health and Social Care (HSC) Trade Unions-including UNISON and NIPSA- decision to ballot members for industrial action.

Health and Social Care workers are the systems greatest assets and they are entitled to fair pay and conditions. Over 7,000 non-medical vacancies – including 3,000 nursing post vacancies - that currently exist within the HSC system are having a detrimental impact upon patient care and adding enormous pressure to the existing HSC workforce, who are doing everything they can to care for patients. Health and social care workers are taking action as they are no longer willing to see patients being denied the care to which they are entitled.

We call on the Permanent Secretary for Health to engage respectfully and meaningfully with Trade Union representatives on a pay deal.

Furthermore we call on this Council to convene an all-party meeting with the Trade Unions representing Health and Social Care Staff to hear directly the challenges they are facing and take such action therein to support staff and patient care at this time.

15 Councillor Kerr to move

That this Council, in the interests of all our residents, resolves;

to promote blood donation

to set up a meeting with the Blood Donation Service to consult on how this vital service can be better promoted to encourage employees and the wider public to donate to offer the use of council facilities for donation sessions to write to sporting and community organisations to promote blood donation.

16 Councillor Corry to move

This council will support the introduction of soft opt-out organ donation legislation here in the North which will follow the example led by the introduction of the same legislation in Wales (2015), Scotland and England (2020) and the calls from the Minister of Health in the South of Ireland, Simon Harris TD, for the same to be introduced there.

17 Councillor Doris to move

The Council writes to the Housing Executive and Permanent Secretary for department of Communities to ensure that victims of domestic abuse will have access to the same 'intimidation points' that are awarded to victims of sectarian, racial or disability abuse to ensure that they are prioritised and have the best possible chance of receiving enough housing points to be reallocated to a safe home. Further to that the Council liaise with groups such as Mid Ulster Women's Aid, Mid Ulster Association of Psychotherapy and any relative groups to ensure that victims are supported in being awarded a safe space to live free from intimidation.

**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.**

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18. Council confidential minutes of meeting held on 24 October 2019
19. Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) Confidential minutes of meeting held on 30 October 2019
20. Planning Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 5 November 2019
21. Policy and Resources Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 7 November 2019
22. Environment Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 12 November 2019
23. Development Committee confidential minutes of meeting held on 14 November 2019
24. Special Planning Committee (Development Plan) Confidential minutes of meeting held on 19 November 2019
25. Document for Sealing - Catering Agreement for Premises at Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House, Dungannon between Mid Ulster District Council and Sandra Brown.
26. Document for Sealing - Appointment of McAdam Design , Castlereagh Business Park ,Belfast as ICT for RDP – Additional Projects – Davagh Trails , Ballyronan Marina ,Washingbay and Portglenone trails/stands
27. Document for Sealing - Appointment of McAdam Design , Castlereagh Business Park , Belfast as ICT for Village Extension Programme - Maghera , Fivemiletown and Moydamlaght

Matters for Information



**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 24 October 2019 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Chair** Councillor Kearney

**Members Present** Councillors Ashton, Bell, Black, Brown, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Colvin, Corry, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Doris, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Glasgow, Graham, Hughes, Kerr, Mallaghan, McAleer, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, D McPeake, S McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, O'Neill, Quinn, Robinson and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance** Mr McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities  
Dr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Mr Cassells, Director of Environment & Property  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

**C194/19 Apologies**

Mullen and Totten

**C195/19 Declarations of Interest**

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

*Councillor Graham declared an interest in Aughnacloy Parish Church.*

**C196/19 Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Kearney referred to the news that thirty nine people had died in a refrigerator unit in Essex and stated that thoughts and prayers were with the families of the deceased.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney highlighted that St Mary's Primary School in Draperstown were the first school to be named a 'forest school' in the district and thus were leading the way in environmental issues.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney reminded Members of the scheduled Halloween events commencing on Saturday through until 31 October and encouraged everyone to enjoy the fireworks but to stay safe.

Councillor Doris referred to an issue highlighted in the Dungannon Herald referring to the numbers of women and children escaping domestic abuse. Councillor Doris stated she had been shocked to learn that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive did not award points for intimidation in relation to domestic abuse yet if abuse was for example racial the highest number of points could be allocated. Highlighting that there were equality issues Councillor Doris stated if someone was brave enough to speak out they should be supported and it would be her intention to bring a motion to a future meeting of Council on this issue.

Councillor Monteith thanked the Chair, Councillor Kearney for the opportunity to speak in relation to the Dalradian mining company who it has been brought to all Members attention are listed as one of the sponsors for the Mid Ulster Mail Business Excellence Awards for 2019 together with Mid Ulster Council. He stated he supported local businesses as a member of the Development Committee which its July meeting agreed to sponsor the Small Medium Enterprise award. He was however emphatic that if at that time he had been aware that Dalradian was to be a sponsor also he would have objected. He made mention of a similar situation a number of years ago and stated that it was inappropriate for Council to be associated with the aforementioned company then and it still was now. He stressed that for Council to sponsor awards alongside Dalradian Gold Mining was to condone their 'charm campaign' in the business community and like himself Council should be totally opposed.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

That Council write to the Mid Ulster Mail to advise that Council sponsorship is dependent on the Mid Ulster Business Awards disassociating themselves from the Dalradian Company

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that the Awards were now in their ninth year and there were 14 categories, of which Council in July 2019 had approved the recommendation of the Development Committee to sponsor one such category. He highlighted that Johnston Press were the main sponsors and reminded members that the recommendation resolved at the July Council meeting was two-fold as undernoted.

- (i) approval be granted to Mid Ulster District Council sponsoring the Mid Ulster Business Awards in 2019/20 at Category Sponsorship £1,750 + Vat (SME Business of the Year Award Category); and
- (ii) a comprehensive review of Council sponsorship of the event be completed prior to the 2020/2021 event

Councillor Kerr seconded Councillor Monteith's proposal.

Councillor Kerr reiterated that Council should be doing its utmost to disassociate itself with the company. He reminded Members that Council was opposed to large scale mining and that multi-national companies were renowned for destroying small 'tight knit' communities and mentioned the impact such activity would have on Greencastle if it was permitted in that area. He pleaded to Council to fight the multi nationals and stated that he praised all those participating in what was a dignified protest.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that Council was opposed to fracking and mentioned the unanimous decision taken at the Planning Committee and stressed that the message had gone out from Council and a stand had been taken.

Councillor McGinley stated he would concur with all concerned who had raised the issue. He stated that Council had given clear direction regarding mining in the Sperrins and sought clarity on the proposal.

The proposal was clarified as undernoted

That Council write to the Mid Ulster Mail and advise them that Council sponsorship is dependent on the Mid Ulster Business Awards disassociating themselves with the Dalradian Company.

*Councillor S McGuigan entered the meeting at 7.10pm*

The Chair Councillor Kearney advised that there was no rescinding motion at the time of the decision and thus Council would have to carry out its decision.

Councillor Monteith stated that you only needed to rescind a motion if you were overturning the decision.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that Council had made the decision to sponsor an award.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that Councillor Monteith's proposal would change what was resolved at July Council, as aforementioned. He referred to Standing Order 24, "Rescission of a Preceding Resolution

- (1) No motion to rescind any resolution passed within the preceding six months, and no motion or amendment to the same effect as one which has been rejected within the preceding six months, shall be proposed by a member unless the notice thereof given in pursuance of Standing Order 16.1 bears the names of at least 15% of the members of the Council." The Deputy Chief Executive said that his learned view would be that the proposal would undo the resolve.

Councillor Monteith asked the Chair, Councillor Kearney if this was his ruling.

The Chair Councillor Kearney stated yes.

Councillor Monteith repeated that his proposal was not to withdraw sponsorship to the event, it was to sponsor with an added condition. He stated that the interpretation of standing order in his opinion was wrong and stated that to rescind is when you were contradicting the motion, a direct action against.

Councillor McGinley stated that it was not a Council event thus it was the event organisers responsibility.

Councillor McGinley proposed

In regard to Dalradian Category Sponsorship at the Mid Ulster Business Awards, that Council write to the event organisers, Mid Ulster Mail, highlighting the concerns of the council, the concerns and anxiety of the local community and state Council's opposition to gold mining in the Sperrins.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated he had listened carefully to the support and whilst he recognised the concern, it was his view that the event organisers and chief sponsor should reflect on the concerns expressed.

Councillor Mallaghan seconded Councillor McGinley's proposal.

Councillor Monteith stated he had no difficulty with the proposal but was emphatic that he would not have agreed had he known the other sponsors. He proposed that a letter should be sent to other sponsors to make them aware of Council's opposition to Dalradian and abuse on the natural heritage of the district.

Councillor Quinn concurred with what had been said reiterating that the event was not Council's but it was important to remember that it was for local businesses. He mentioned the emails which had been received by Members and stressed that Council had ensured that they were against the destruction of its natural heritage.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney put Councillor McGinley's proposal to the vote.

For	38
Against	0

### **Matters for Decision**

**C197/19      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Council Meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2019**

Proposed by Councillor Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Council held on Thursday 26 September 2019 (C163/19 – C181/19 and C193/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C198/19      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday October 2019**

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 1 October 2019 (P116/19 – P125/19 and P130/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.



**C199/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3 October 2019**

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 3 October 2019 (PR166/19 – PR174/19 and PR185/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

**C200/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 October 2019**

Councillor McNamee stated that at the most recent Regional Minority Languages Working Group a report had been brought to the group outlining damage to 93 dual language signs, which he said no doubt cost thousands to the ratepayer. He said that this was not only a significant cost to the ratepayer but was also damaging community relations and requested that the report detailing the costings be brought to the meeting with the PSNI scheduled prior to the Environment Committee on 12 November 2019.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 8 October 2019 (E217/19 – E241/19 and E252/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing were considered and adopted.

**C201/19 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Development Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2019**

Councillor McNamee referred to the proposed Cookstown Bypass and a presentation made by Killymoon Golf Club to a special meeting of the Development Committee regarding their future plans and the impact the preferred route of the bypass would have. Councillor McNamee proposed that a Cookstown DEA meeting be arranged with DfI Roads in order that groups such as the golf club could plan for the future.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**Resolved** That Council seek a meeting with Department for Infrastructure Roads in order to discuss proposed Cookstown Bypass with the DEA Members.

Proposed by Councillor Corry  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Development Committee held on Thursday 10 October 2019 (D159/19 – D175/19 and D181/19) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated, were considered and adopted.

## **C202/19 Conferences, Seminars & Training Report**

Approval was sought for the undernoted for attendance of Councillors and Council Officers as outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

(i) Member Approvals

- **NILGA – Environmental Impact Assessment Essentials – What Councillors Need to Know**

Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim – Friday 25 October 2019 (10.30am – 1.00pm)  
Travel and subsistence

- **NILGA – Scrutiny and Challenge Masterclass**

Antrim Civic Centre, Antrim – Friday 1 November 2019 – 12.30 pm

- **Planning for Change: Planning in Times of Change – ICLRD Annual Conference**

The Great Hall, Ulster University – Magee Campus, Derry/Londonderry  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Conference Fee: £65 (+ booking charges)  
Travel and subsistence

- **Agenda NI Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2019**

Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle – Thursday 7 November 2019  
Conference Fee: £165 + Vat = £198  
Travel and subsistence

- **The Tackling Paramilitarism Programme's Annual Conference Shaping a Better Future Together**

Mossley Hill, Newtownabbey - Tuesday 12 November 2019  
No Conference Fee  
Travel and subsistence

- **Northern Ireland Planning Conference 2019**

Titanic, Belfast – Wednesday 20 November 2019  
Conference Fee: £195 + Vat = £234  
Travel and subsistence

(ii) Officer Approvals

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/No)
The Power of Walking	14/11/19	1	Belfast	No
PPMA Annual Conference	05/12/19	2	SHHP	No
NI Planning Conference 2019	20/11/19	1	Belfast	Yes (£195)
Shaping a Better Future Together	12/11/19	1	Newtownabbey	No
British Trust for Ornithology	09/11/19	1	Oxford Island	Yes (£25)

Proposed by Councillor Colvin  
Seconded by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That the attendance of Members and Officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required for attendees.

### **C203/19 Civic Recognition Requests**

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.

Councillor Kerr requested that his name be added to letters of congratulations to Coalisland Fianna, Coalisland Credit Union and Eimear Colton.

Councillor Mallaghan requested that his name be added to letter of congratulations to Galbally Pearses;

Councillor Mallaghan also requested that a letter of congratulations also be sent to Rock St Patrick's County Tyrone Junior Championship

Councillor Clarke requested a letter to be forwarded to O'Donovan Rossa Magherafelt on winning County Derry Senior Championship for the first time since 1978.

Councillor Burton requested that her name be added to letters to Donaghmore Horticultural Society and Stewartstown Village on success in Ulster in Bloom.

Proposed by Councillor Milne  
Proposed by Councillor S McPeake and

**Resolved** That subject to the foregoing, approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report.

## **C204/19 Chair of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report to confirm the holding of the Policing & Community Safety Partnership position of Chair in the years from 2020 to 2023 (i.e 2021-21, 2021-2022 and 2022-23).

**Resolved** That the Policing & Community Safety Partnership position of Chair in the be appointed

Year 2 2020-2021	SDLP
Year 3 2021-2022	DUP
Year 4 2022-2023	Sinn Féin

## **Matters for Information**

### **C205/19 Correspondence**

Members noted previously circulated report providing correspondence received for the attention of Council as outlined:

- Head of Operations, The Executive Office
- Policy & Outreach Officer, Advice NI
- Permanent Secretary, Department of Health
- Commissioner, NI Commissioner for Children & Young People

Councillor Mallaghan drew attention to correspondence received from the Policy & Outreach Officer of Advice NI.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved** That Council write a letter to the Northern Ireland Civil Service, Mr David Sterling supporting the extension to the Mitigations Package to Northern Ireland.

Councillor Mallaghan drew attention to correspondence received from the Commissioner, NI Commissioner for Children & Young People and stated that Council should lend its support. It was confirmed that the Chair, Councillor Kearney was organising an event to mark the anniversary.

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That Council illuminate designated buildings as appropriate in blue to coincide with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rights of the Child (20 November 2019) and highlight the occasion on Social Media outlets.

## **C206/19      Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

Members noted the previously circulated report on Consultation notified to Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor S McPeake drew attention to the consultation regarding the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation and requested that Council submit a response.

The Director of Business and Communities highlighted that the consultation response would require to be brought to Policy & Resources Committee which would require delegated powers due to the closing date.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved**      That Council submit a response to the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation with the consultation response to be brought to Policy & Resources Committee

*Councillor Burton left the meeting at 7.30pm*

Councillor B McGuigan drew attention to the consultation from DAERA (Environment Strategy for NI) public consultation and stated that giving the issues raised earlier in relation to precious metals a consultation response should be brought to the Environment Committee;

Proposed Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

**Resolved**      That a consultation response in relation to the DAERA (Environment Strategy for NI) is brought to Environment Committee.

Councillor McGinley drew attention to the undernoted consultations and stated that they too should be referred back to Environment Committee suggesting perhaps a workshop to discuss.

- (i) Department for Communities: Liquor licensing laws in Northern Ireland: Consultation response to be brought to the Environment Committee; and
- (ii) DAERA – Waste Management Plan for NI - Consultation response be brought to Environment Committee

**Resolved**      That responses for aforementioned consultations be brought to the Environment Committee.

## **C207/19      Notice of Motion**

Councillor Molloy moved motion as undernoted:

*“That this Council carefully consider all Council organised events and where possible and practical allocate ‘quiet hours’ to facilitate visits and attendance by*

*children & young adults with disability requirements and special needs. Further to that, the Council further liaise and consult with local special learning centres, disability groups and the National Autistic Society in order to facilitate visits to events on both a group and individual basis”*

Councillor Molloy stated that the motion related to future Council events and highlighted that as the Christmas period approached he wanted to bring the motion so that steps could be taken at the planning stage for events particularly aimed at younger residents. Councillor Molloy stated that it was well documented that many special needs children can be greatly helped by quiet hours, reduction in noise, bright lights and crowds. He highlighted that quiet hours have been rolled out by small numbers of shops, shopping centres and other facilities in recent years and have proven to be very beneficial not only for parents, children and families as a unit but also for the shops and staff themselves. Councillor Molloy stated that he fully appreciated that there may be some who were more au fait with the complexities of the wide range of various disability needs, but that he would ask that for appropriate events that officers and staff liaise with various stakeholder groups to see what can be put in place.

Councillor Doris seconded the motion and advised she had been speaking to a representative of the Autistic society who had spoken of the difficulties in bringing children for example to see ‘santa’ and highlighted that some local businesses such as the Oaks Centre had organised quiet hours and emphasised that Council must follow suite as every child deserves to be able to attend events.

Councillor Kerr fully supported the motion and stated that he too had spoken with organisations and families and that Council needed to look at a long term strategy as like in many walks of life more could be done. He also commended representatives of the National Autistic Society in Coalisland on the excellent work they carry out.

Councillor Wilson stated that the UUP would support the motion emphasising that Council events needed to be inclusive for everyone.

Councillor Quinn said the SDLP would support the motion stating that dealing with special needs could be challenging and more understanding was needed.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney spoke of a recent visit to Buddy Bear and how he had ‘got his eyes opened’ to the challenges often faced.

Councillor McLean stated that the DUP would support the motion

Councillor Molloy thanked all Members for their support and stated that much of the works is carried out by family members and the voluntary sector and thus anything Council can do to help would be hugely beneficial.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney put the motion to the vote.

FOR            37

The Chair, Councillor Kearney declared the motion carried.

## C208/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor McAleer moved motion as undernoted:

*“This Council acknowledges the Employers for Childcare 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Childcare Survey which is based on research with over 3,600 parents and childcare providers and is the most extensive study of its kind in Northern Ireland. The report reveals that the average cost of full-time childcare place in Northern Ireland is £166 per week and that half of all families are spending more than 20% of their overall household income on childcare – a figure that rises to 63% for lone parent households”.*

*“Council further notes that three years ago, parties in the Assembly unanimously supported an SDLP proposal to provide 20 hours free universal childcare with a plan for an increase to 30 hours. This Council supports the call for vital and urgent reform of investment in our childcare sector. This research provides a robust evidence base highlighting why childcare needs to be a key and immediate priority for any re-formed Executive. This Council resolves to write to all Political Party Leaders to ask them to support 30 hours basis free childcare provision for working parents”.*

Councillor McAleer speaking on the motion stated,

“Since the first Northern Ireland Childcare Survey was reported in 2010 the average cost of a full-time childcare place has increased faster than wages when adjusted for inflation. Care comes with a cost and a cost which the providers fully deserve. My issue is not with the providers but with central Government. Childcare providers have substantial over heads and in the last year almost 73% of childcare providers reported an increase in their overall expenditure. This situation is completely unsustainable. Urgent action is required to ensure that quality childcare is affordable both for families to access and for childcare providers to deliver.

The 2019 Northern Ireland Childcare Costs Survey shows that childcare remains the highest monthly bill for working families after mortgage or rent payments. Worryingly, the survey also revealed that 41% of parents had to use savings, loans or credit cards to pay for the cost of childcare. Almost half of all parents represented in the survey experienced a change in their working hours. One in five mothers decreased their hours of work or left work altogether last year, compared to 6% of fathers. 45% of mothers attributed this change to the cost of childcare.

The provision of 30 hours free childcare for working parents similar to existing schemes elsewhere could be potentially life-changing for many working parents- relieving the financial pressures of childcare and affording parents the opportunity to return to work. A reformed childcare system will also bring benefits to our economy, including diversifying the workforce and creating jobs in the childcare sector. The importance of childcare as an economic enabler cannot be overlooked. Any restored Executive must prioritise legislation for an affordable, accessible and high-quality childcare system in its Programme for Government. We must create a fairer society whereby no family is forced into debt to cover childcare costs. I ask members here tonight to support this motion.”

Councillor McFlynn seconded the motion.

Councillor Wilson stated that the UUP was happy to support the motion and said affordable accessible childcare should be a key priority for all parties. He highlighted that childcare costs were rising annually and many Members were helping provide care within their family circle. Councillor Wilson stated that not everyone had an extended network of family and friends and the huge cost of childcare led to some parents simply not being able to afford to work. He highlighted that the issue had been previously considered by the Assembly and said it was disgraceful that a 'Childcare Strategy' was awaiting ministerial sign off but due to the stalemate at Stormont it was gathering dust like so many other decisions and as it was a devolved matter Westminster were not doing anything to progress it. Councillor Wilson stated that this was another example of how the farce at Stormont is impacting on the lives of ordinary working people. Expressing disappointment at the Department of Education cuts on the extended school programme Councillor Wilson highlighted that the money which was not a significant amount in the overall scheme of things helped run school breakfast clubs which in providing breakfast reduced child hunger, encouraged children to be in time for school and was a benefit to working parents. Thus it is not just the cost of childcare but also the reduction in alternative provision that is impacting. Councillor Wilson concluded that when Stormont was up and running the provision of childcare should be a major priority and whilst provision of 30 free hours of childcare would have cost impacts it should be seriously considered and children and parents failed by the last Executive should not be failed again.

Councillor Monteith agreed with previous speakers and commended Councillor McAleer in bringing the motion forward stating that it was important that Council send out a message of support to hard working families and emphasised that the issue had been neglected for too long.

Councillor McLean stated that the DUP had been proactive on the issue and that his party would support the motion.

Councillor Corry stated that Sinn Féin would support the motion and believed that early education is crucial to child development. She reiterated that childcare costs were more expensive per week than mortgage or rent expenses, leading people to seek payday loans or run up credit card bills. Councillor Corry said that Sinn Féin were fully in support of the Childcare for All Campaign.

In closing Councillor McAleer thanked Members for the support and stated that many in the room were helping out with childcare and with an effective system in place many would and could return to the workforce.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney called for a vote.

FOR            37

The Chair, Councillor Kearney declared the motion carried.



## C209/19 Notice of Motion

Councillor Hughes speaking on the motion stated,

“The current climate crisis is the global challenge facing this generation. Global warming is happening at a much faster rate than anticipated. Failure to take action now will result in irreversible changes to our climate and weather patterns that will devastate developed and developing economies across the world. Over the last few years, millions of citizens across Europe and the world have called on governments to take action on the climate crisis. But those actions must be robust and equitable. We must ensure that clean energy is affordable energy. We cannot create a society that offers incentives to the wealthy while disproportionately penalising the poor.

The SDLP believes that protecting the environment is a moral, economic and health imperative that, if planned and implemented correctly, can benefit people, communities and businesses. Understanding and addressing the causes of the climate crisis is critical to avoiding irreversible damage to ecosystems and economies. We understand the scale of the challenge. We need to plan for a stable transition to a Green Economy from where we are now. That transition must balance our duty to preserve, protect and enhance the environment with the social and economic rights of all workers.

Every level of government must turn its urgent attention toward the current climate crisis. The SDLP has argued for higher international greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and carbon neutrality by 2050. We are committed to making changes at a local level so that Northern Ireland can play its part in addressing the causes and impacts of climate change. The SDLP believes that climate change impact should be a material consideration in all future planning decisions. The SDLP supports the divestment of NILGOSC pensions from fossil fuels. We should instead be investing in technologies that will reduce reliance on fossil fuels. We support the development of a clean air strategy, and the introduction of clean air zones in areas where people are most at risk of health complications due to higher concentrations of particulate matter. We believe councils across the North should cooperate with local authorities in Britain and Ireland on a decarbonisation agenda in homes.

Whilst acknowledging the fantastic work Mid-Ulster District Council is already doing within the area, it is felt that we can improve thus I move the motion that

*“This Council acknowledges the scale of the climate crisis and the impact it will have on people and communities in Northern Ireland; resolves to establish an all-party working group on climate change resilience exploring how we can mitigate this crisis and protect our citizens from the existing and future effects of climate breakdown and; investigate measures the council can take to limit its impact on climate change”*

An all-party working group on climate change resilience will help this Council to agree ways in which we can limit our impact on climate change and develop a transformation programme to a Locally Green Economy.”

Councillor Quinn seconded the motion and commended Councillor Hughes on bringing it forward. He stated that it would be vital to future generations as the Amazon was disappearing, polar bears were dying out, bees were dying out and whilst a lot of people read about the issues they were being dismissed but there is a serious impact on planet and community. Councillor Quinn stated that whilst schools were receiving green flags for the environment the post 18 age group needed to be educated to change and made mention of diet, other councils’ tree planting programmes and other initiatives that Mid Ulster should consider.

Councillor McGinley commended the motion stating that Sinn Féin played an important role in protecting the environment. He highlighted that Mid Ulster had the highest rate of recycling across the north but much more still needed to be done such as a move away from fossil fuels, ban on fracking. He stated that he hoped the motion would be supported unanimously and highlighted how everyone could play their part in developing a new energy strategy to include low carbon vehicles, accessible cycling, energy efficient buildings, trees and hedgerows and also made mention of small changes such as an alternative to plastic cups offered at the water bottle in Cookstown Council offices.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had no problem with the motion but stated that issues were already being addressed such as air quality and tree planting. He stated that there was already an all-party working group that is the Environment Committee and said a paper could be brought any month on issues in relation to climate change. Councillor Cuthbertson said that another working group was bringing more cars out on another night but perhaps the SDLP party would car share.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that the SDLP did car share.

Councillor Monteith commended Councillor Hughes on bringing forward the motion and stated it did warrant consideration highlighting that there could be better co-ordination of activities between Council departments and a move away from ‘silo’ mentality was needed. He stated however he would abstain from voting as an all-party working group excluded independents and smaller parties and thus was discriminatory on political opinion.

Councillor Graham stated that she welcomed the focus on climate change as the reality was as proven by scientific evidence the climate was changing at an accelerating pace largely driven by greenhouse gas emissions and it would be perilous to ignore. Speaking on the many problems facing society at present for example Brexit, pressures on school budgets Councillor Graham emphasised that in 50 – 100 years’ time the impact of climate change will be paramount thus the current generation has a moral obligation to protect the environment. Councillor Graham drew attention to the Northern Ireland carbon intensity indicators and it was pleasing to note that greenhouse gas emissions per capita had decreased 30% from 15.2 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per person in 1990 to 10.7 tonnes per person in 2017 yet throughout that time the population had increased by 17%. Reflecting on other statistics Councillor Graham stated whilst it

would not be right to say nothing was being done but if more had been done 30 or 40 years ago how different it would be. Councillor Graham stated that even when the NI Executive had been functioning it had sometimes failed to grasp the nettle of climate change and thus Northern Ireland was the only part of the UK without climate change legislation and even when previous Executives did try to reduce harmful emissions, they managed to botch even key energy policies such as RHI and the NIRO. Thus Councillor Graham concluded that Council along with other organisations and citizens should be taking steps to reduce the impact on climate change.

Councillor S McPeake stated that a lot had already been said which clearly highlighted that a dedicated working group was needed as the work cut across all departments for example building control, waste management, procurement and he would support the motion.

Councillor Quinn concurred with Councillor S McPeake's remarks and stated that he too would disagree with Councillor Cuthbertson and emphasised that a working group was required.

Councillor McKinney drew attention to some of the aforementioned comments and highlighted that air pollution was coming across the border and causing problems for agri food industry in County Tyrone.

In response the Chair, Councillor Kearney stated that a working group could look at such concerns.

Councillor Hughes thanked Members for their support of the motion and reiterated that an all-party working group would help address issues.

The Chair, Councillor Kearney put the motion to vote

For	35
Abstained	2

### **Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Colvin and

Resolved That items C210/19 – C224/19 be taken as confidential business.

#### **Matters for Decision**

- (i) Council Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 26 September 2019
- (ii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 1 October 2019
- (iii) Policy & Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 3 October 2019

- (iv) Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 8 October 2019
- (v) Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 10 October 2019
- (vi) Document for Sealing: Ballymacombs Landfill: Local Authority Deed Agreement with NIEA
- (vii) Document for Sealing: Magheraglass Landfill: Local Authority Deed Agreement with NIEA
- (viii) Document for Sealing: Tullyvar Landfill: Local Authority Deed Agreement with NIEA (jointly with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council)
- (ix) Document for Sealing: Off Street Car Parking: Agency Agreement with DfI Roads
- (x) Document for Sealing: Transfer Deed in respect of the Purchase of Lands situated at 18 The Square/Main Street, Coalisland
- (xi) Document for Sealing: 20 Year Lease in respect of Glenone Wood
- (xii) Document for Sealing: Seamus Heaney Trail Experience – Construction – FP McCann Ltd, Drumard Road, Knockloughrim
- (xiii) Document for Sealing: Connecting Pomeroy Project – ICT Award – McAdam Design, Castlereagh Business Park, Belfast

**Matters for Information**

- (i) Use of Delegated Authority by Chief Executive on Matters Delegated

**C224/19 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and ended at 8.16 pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 5 November 2019 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor Mallaghan, Chair  Councillors Bell, Black, Brown, Clarke, Colvin, Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, McFlynn, McKinney, D McPeake, S McPeake, Robinson
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Dr Boomer, Planning Manager Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer Ms McNally, Council Solicitor Mr Stewart, Senior Planning Officer Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	<b>Applicant Speakers</b>  LA09/2019/0710/O Mr Monaghan Mr Cassidy LA09/2019/0760/O Mr Cassidy LA09/2019/0787/O Mr Cassidy LA09/2016/0634/O Councillor B McGuigan

The meeting commenced at 7.02 pm

**P131/19 Apologies**

Councillors Kearney and Quinn.

**P132/19 Declarations of Interest**

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

*Councillor S McPeake declared an interest in planning application LA09/2019/0710/O.*

**P133/19 Chair's Business**

None.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **P134/19 Planning Applications for Determination**

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

Agenda Item 4.3 – LA09/2018/1648/F – Retention of open sided storage building at Blackrock Road, Toomebridge for Creagh Concrete Products Ltd.

Agenda Item 4.4 – LA09/2019/0252/O – Farm dwelling and garage 200m NE of 51 Gulladuff Road, Magherafelt for James McPeake.

Agenda Item 4.13 – LA09/2019/1069/F – Dwelling and domestic garage approx. 100m NW of 88 Washingbay Road, Coalisland for Mr Ciaran Lynch.

Proposed by Councillor Bell  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

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

Councillor McKinney asked why agenda item 4.3 was now being deferred at such a late stage.

The Planning Manager drew attention to the addendum and advised that the application in question was being deferred to allow for further information to be submitted as late correspondence had been received from Solicitor which raised issues of Human Rights and land ownership statements.

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

### **LA09/2018/0462/F Agricultural shed 95m W of 65 Drumgrannon Road, Moy for Seamus Conroy**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0462/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0462/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/1537/F Alterations and extension to existing dwelling to include an increase in ridge height at 18 Tamlaghduff Road, Bellaghy for Dympna McPeake**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1537/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor S McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/1537/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/1648/F Retention of open sided storage building at Blackrock Road, Toomebridge for Creagh Concrete Products Ltd**

Agreed that application be deferred to allow for submission of further information earlier in meeting.

**LA09/2019/0252/O Farm dwelling and garage 200m NE of 51 Gulladuff Road, Magherafelt for James McPeake**

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

**LA09/2019/0468/F 2 storey side annex extension to provide granny flat, provision of 2 no. dormer windows and new retaining wall to rear garden at 40 Coolshinney Road, Magherafelt for Claire McWilliams**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0468/F which had a recommendation for approval. Members were advised, as per addendum, that a late objection had been received however it did not raise any new issues.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0468/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/0710/O Off site replacement dwelling and domestic garage/store 70m SW of 11 Motalee Road, Magherafelt for Mrs Gillian Montgomery**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0710/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised the committee that requests to speak on the application had been received and invited Mr Monaghan to address the committee in the first instance.

Mr Monaghan stated he was speaking on behalf of an objector and would support the recommendation to refuse this application as the proposal will be sited directly in front of

the objector's dwelling. Mr Monaghan stated that Policy CTY3 only permits "off site" development in two circumstances, those being, restricted curtilage and demonstrable benefits. Mr Monaghan advised that there is enough room to accommodate a dwelling within the existing curtilage without having to move "off site" and that no evidence of the demonstrable benefits of moving off site have been provided by the applicant. Mr Monaghan further added that the land is being split between family members and that to approve this application would set a dangerous precedent as no exceptional case had been made.

The Planning Manager asked if the objector felt their amenity would be lost.

Mr Monaghan stated that the objector would suffer from loss of outlook from their property.

The Planning Manager asked if there was a boundary between the proposed site and the objector's property.

Mr Monaghan advised that there is a hedge between the two sites.

The Planning Manager asked, in terms of planning policy, if it was felt that there was an argument in relation to amenity.

Ms McCullagh stated this had not been listed as a reason for refusal.

The Planning Manager stated that ribboning had also not been listed but could be considered.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan invited Mr Cassidy to address the Committee.

Mr Cassidy stated that the proposal is for an off site replacement dwelling which will be 40m from the existing dwelling. Mr Cassidy stated that the existing dwelling is within the farm complex and is surrounded by farm buildings, to the north of the existing dwelling is a large pond which is susceptible to flooding and there is an old railway line which is of historic interest. Mr Cassidy advised that there is a slurry tank within 8m of the existing dwelling and that noise has a detrimental impact at this dwelling. Mr Cassidy felt that all of the above reasons demonstrate why the proposed dwelling should be moved off site.

Mr Cassidy stated that there is no issue with build up or integration at the proposed off site location and that locating the dwelling away from the farm would be of benefit. Mr Cassidy also referred to the number of similar applications, the majority of which gain approval at planning appeal.

Councillor McKinney asked who farmed the land and it was advised that the applicant is the farmer.

The Planning Manager stated that the applicant currently has an approval for a dwelling and now also wants to replace an existing dwelling with another dwelling at an off site location. The Planning Manager commented that the applicant can't live in two dwellings.



Mr Cassidy advised that the applicant's sister had been gifted the site of the approved dwelling by the applicant and similarly the applicant's other sister will be gifted the site for this application.

Councillor McKinney asked when the last site was passed.

Ms McCullagh advised that the last site was passed within the last year, it was further advised that the 10 year rule does not apply for replacement dwellings.

The Planning Manager asked who signed the certificate of ownership to which Ms McCullagh advised that the document had been signed on behalf of the applicant.

The Planning Manager stated he could understand the objector's concerns and that he found it difficult to accept that the applicant could not build on another site within the farm. The Planning Manager stated he would also have some concern regarding the build up of dwellings on the laneway and that there was a tendency towards ribboning.

Councillor Gildernew felt there were a number of grey areas in relation to this application which should be clarified before coming to Committee.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan advised that the site had been visited by an officer and proposed the officer recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Mallaghan's proposal.

The Planning Manager suggested additional reasons for refusal to include ribboning and impact on amenity.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan and Councillor McKinney agreed that these additional reasons be added to the resolution.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0710/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report with additional reasons for refusal to include ribboning and impact on amenity.

**LA09/2019/0750/F 6 dwellings within existing Millbrook Housing Development at site 10m E of 1 Millbrook Close, Washingbay Road, Coalisland for N and R Devine**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0750/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Councillor Clarke stated that the pictures of the site included within the papers for the meeting bear no resemblance to the photographs being shown tonight.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that this was a complaint which had been raised on numerous occasions.

The Planning Manager stated that, going forward, pictures/drawings that were as up to date as possible would be provided.

In response to question from the Planning Manager, Mr Marrion advised that some of the site had been built upon.

Councillor Gildernew referred to the site lying within a floodplain and proposed the officer recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the loss of open space if the application were to be approved and that Members often complain that there is not enough open space with developments. Councillor Cuthbertson seconded Councillor Gildernew's proposal.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0750/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/0760/O Site for a dwelling and domestic garage/store 65m NE of 11 Creagh Hill, Castledawson for Anne McGroggan**

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0760/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

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

Mr Cassidy advised that the site opposite the application site was approved under the cluster policy and both sites were the same distance from the focal point of the Thatch Bar. Mr Cassidy stated that there are 10 dwellings and 2 businesses in the neighbouring area and that there is development on 2 sides of the application site, the application will have no impact on amenity and existing vegetation will be retained. Mr Cassidy stated that the applicant has accepted that the development will not extend into the countryside. Mr Cassidy stated that taking all this into consideration the application meets Policy CTY2a and should therefore be approved.

The Planning Manager stated that the policy in relation to clusters is about containment and rounding off/fitting in, that this application fails being within a cluster and is instead an add on to a cluster.

Councillor McFlynn stated that one of the reasons for refusal is that there is no boundary hedge and asked if a condition could be attached that hedging be planted.

The Planning Manager stated that the site should be able to integrate in its current state.

Councillor McKinney proposed the officer recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

Councillor McFlynn proposed that the application be deferred to allow for further discussion.

The Planning Manager stated that the agent had requested an office meeting for this application but it was felt the case was clear cut and there was nothing to be gained in facilitating a meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked for a seconder to Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

The proposal did not achieve a seconder.

Members voted on Councillor McKinney's proposal to refuse the application –

For – 12

Against - 1

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0760/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

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

Ms McCullagh (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0787/O advising that it was recommended for refusal. Members were also advised of addendum which provided amended refusal reason to that set out in officer report.

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

Mr Cassidy stated that the application was being refused as inadequate information had been provided to support a dwelling on a farm. Mr Cassidy advised that a farm business number had been supplied and DAERA have confirmed that the farm is active. Mr Cassidy advised that farm maps have been supplied and invoices for a 6 year period were also submitted which indicate ongoing upkeep of farm lands. On the basis of the information provided Mr Cassidy asked that Members reconsider the application.

The Planning Manager stated that the map submitted shows that the farm belongs to someone else. The Planning Manager stated there appeared to be some confusion with regard to the information provided and suggested that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

Councillor McKinney proposed that the application be deferred for an office meeting as the information before Members tonight was misleading.

Councillor S McPeake seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0787/O be deferred for an office meeting.

**LA09/2019/0792/F Dwelling and garage (redesign for dwelling under construction) at 250m N of 36 Tullybroom Road, Clogher for Des Shields**

Mr Marrion (SPO) presented a report on planning application LA09/2019/0792/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that a late request to speak had been received to speak for the application however he was not prepared to accept this.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked what the last date of commencement was for the proposal.

The Planning Manager stated that the crucial date for commencement of the previous planning permission was 11 May 2012 and the aerial image from 24 May 2012 shows no commencement of development on the site.

In response to Councillor Gildernew, the Planning Manager stated that evidence to show the site had commenced could take the form of invoices or confirmation of inspection by Building Control.

Proposed by Councillor Colvin  
Seconded by Councillor Glasgow and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0792/F be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/0895/F Conversion and reuse of existing outbuildings for residential use, with extension and internal alterations directly adjacent to 100a Claggan Lane, Cookstown for Mr and Mrs Arnold Loughrin**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0895/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0895/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/1019/A Sign to gable wall of house at 9 Springdale, Dungannon for Sinead Hagan**

Application withdrawn.

**LA09/2019/1069/F Dwelling and domestic garage approx. 100m NW of 88 Washingbay Road, Coalisland for Mr Ciaran Lynch**

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

**LA09/2019/1088/F Extension of curtilage and erection of domestic store, mixed martial arts studio and all associated site works at lands immediately between 218 and 220 Ballynakilly Road, Dungannon for Moussa Jaafar**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/1088/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Mr Marrion stated that since the report had been issued a response from DfI Roads had been received in which they recommend refusal of the application, as set out in

addendum. Mr Marrion suggested that this application be deferred to allow the applicant/agent time to consider this response.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/1088/F be deferred to allow the applicant/agent time to consider the response from Dfl Roads.

**LA09/2019/1169/O Dwelling and garage at lands between 33a and 33b Grange Road, Moy for Mr Andrew Smith**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/1169/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Mr Marrion (SPO) referred to addendum which advised of correspondence requesting that the site be enlarged and dwelling set back further. It was noted that the correspondence sets out why the application goes against policy but is not objecting. Mr Marrion advised that the concerns cited in the correspondence had been dealt with in the officer report.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the correspondence asks for advice on what protocol to use if they wished to object to the application being approved. The Councillor asked if anyone went back to the person on receipt of this letter being received.

Mr Marrion advised that no one went back to the person on receipt of correspondence received on 25 October but that officers had previously advised the same person of planning protocols and how they could object if that's how they wanted to proceed.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan advised that planning protocols and information on how to object to an application is also freely available on Council's website.

Councillor S McPeake proposed the officer recommendation to approve the application.

The Planning Manager asked how the application meets infill policy as that is what the objection seemed to be in relation to.

Mr Marrion outlined how the application will fit in with existing dwellings and road frontages. In this case the application will be sited in a line where there are currently five dwellings with roadside frontage, the application will have development on two sides and will also have road frontage of its own.

Councillor Colvin stated that he had been asked to object to the application and that this was the fourth site the applicant had submitted and sold off.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked Councillor Colvin if he was speaking on behalf of the objector.

Councillor Colvin stated he had been asked to object to the application.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan invited Councillor Colvin to present the case to Members.

Councillor Colvin stated that there was already a lot of development on this road and that there were currently eleven dwellings in a line. The Councillor stated that this build up of dwellings was starting to resemble the outskirts of a town rather than the countryside. Councillor Colvin stated that the objector has a lot of experience in planning matters.

*Councillor Colvin withdrew to the public gallery.*

The Council Solicitor referred to the correspondence of the 25 October which states that the person is not objecting to the application but then goes on to raise a number of points. The Council Solicitor stated she would have some concerns in terms of whether that person had been provided with sufficient opportunity to object.

The Planning Manager stated that a Councillor has spoken on behalf of the objector tonight and that they were previously advised of the process of submitting an objection.

Councillor S McPeake stated he would stick by his proposal to approve the application and that the Committee needed to be fair to the applicant as well.

The Planning Manager stated he could understand the concerns of the objector but advised that the application meets policy and that just because Members may not like policy does not mean it should be disregarded.

Councillor Bell seconded Councillor S McPeake's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that the application be held for one month as the objector deserved an answer to the question raised in their correspondence as to how to object should the application be recommended for approval.

Councillor Brown seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Members voted on Councillor S McPeake's proposal –  
For – 6

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –  
For – 6

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan used his casting vote to vote for Councillor S McPeake's proposal and declared the proposal to approve the application carried.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/1169/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that everyone has the same opportunity to submit an objection and did not feel the person had been disadvantaged in this case.

The Planning Manager concurred with the Chair and stated that the objector's point had been put across tonight and that arguments had been made. The Planning Manager stated he did not think the person had been prejudiced.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the papers circulated around the table at meeting could be included with agenda papers or papers which are issued on the Friday prior to the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that the papers issued on the Friday prior to the meeting deal with requests to speak or for deferral and include any supplementary documentation submitted as part of that process. Councillor Mallaghan stated that all other information/documentation is available on the Planning Portal.

The Planning Manager stated that by the 25 October reports would have already have been submitted for issue of agenda papers.

The Council Solicitor reminded Members about the importance of them considering the information contained on the Planning Portal.

*Councillor Colvin rejoined the meeting.*

**LA09/2016/0634/O Replacement of existing filling station, shop and car wash with construction of mixed use units and associated car parking and landscaping at 132 Drum Road, Cookstown for Seamus Molloy**

The Head of Development Management presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0634/O advising that it was recommended for refusal. The Head of Development Management also drew attention to the addendum which stated that an additional reason for refusal should be attached to the application relating to Policy IC15 (Roadside Service Facilities) of the Planning Strategy for rural NI.

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

Councillor B McGuigan stated that the application seeks to replace an established filling station including other facilities and uses situated on the Drum Road which is a key transport corridor. The Councillor stated that the site is out of date, appears to be ramshackle and does not meet the needs of travellers and that this outline application is an opportunity to redevelop the site, to retain jobs and create further jobs. Councillor B McGuigan stated that there were no neighbouring objections to the application and that all refusal reasons could be conditioned and that the applicant was prepared to submit surveys to achieve this. The Councillor stated that the applicant purchased the site 45 years ago and that whilst the road concerns were understood he asked the Committee to reconsider and approve this application with conditions to allow full plans to be submitted.

The Planning Manager stated that the application appears to be intensification and that if the information previously requested in relation to traffic analysis survey was submitted then it could be given further consideration. The Planning Manager stated that a clear

message needs to go out to the applicant that they need to invest and submit the survey required otherwise the application could not proceed any further.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that he had previously spoken on the application and would therefore declare an interest and withdraw to the public gallery.

Councillor Robinson took the Chair.

Councillor S McPeake stated that he had attended the site meeting and it was clear there was a business there and that it would be a planning gain to refurbish the site. Councillor S McPeake stated he would be against refusing the application and that the applicant should be given further guidance on what is required to make the application successful.

In response to the Planning Manager, the applicant's agent Mr Cassidy, indicated that he would welcome further discussion on the application.

Councillor Clarke felt that further discussion would be useful, that in the past this would have been a busy shop and that if something could be worked out to regenerate the site he would like to see it happening.

Councillor Glasgow felt that the project should not be missed and that the applicant should be given one final opportunity to submit further information.

Councillor McKinney proposed that the application be deferred to allow for further discussion and submission of further information.

Councillor Clarke seconded Councillor McKinney's proposal.

The Planning Manager stated that the Committee's message is clear, that Mid Ulster is open for business but that all necessary information needed to be submitted in order to proceed.

The Council Solicitor stated that the onus is on an applicant to make their case and submit the necessary information. The Council Solicitor stated that if the application comes back to Committee without the required information she would have concerns about the Committee overturning the recommendation to refuse the application.

Councillor S McPeake stated that the premises is currently in disrepair and that the application offers a potential gain for industrial retail in Mid Ulster.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0634/O be deferred to allow for the submission of further information.

*Councillor Mallaghan rejoined the meeting and retook the Chair.*



**LA09/2017/1368/F Off site replacement dwelling (amended proposal) 45m NE of 19 Ardagh Road, Coagh, Cookstown for Mr Tony Anderson**

*Councillor Bell declared an interest in this application.*

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1368/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/1368/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/1705/F Retention of and completion to reinstatement of previous building for agriculture purposes at 200m SW of 107 Lisaclare Road (on the Aughagranna Road), Stewartstown for James Canavan**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/1705/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/1705/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0666/O Farm dwelling and garage approx. 40m SE of 32A Mayogall Road, Gulladuff for Mr Damon Brown**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0666/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0666/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0799/F Demolition of garage and provision of new detached dwelling adjacent to 23 Beechland Road, Magherafelt for Ashley Booth**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0799/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0799/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/1179/F Erection of garage to replace existing storm damaged garage at 39 Rocktown Road, Bellaghy for N Ireland Wedding Cars**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1179/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/1179/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/0289/F Change of use from part ground floor bookmakers to 2no. 1 bedroom apartments and ground floor stores to 1no. 2 bedroom apartment at 11 The Diamond, Pomeroy for Patrick Keogh**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0289/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0289/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2019/0385/O Dwelling and garage 20m N of 34 Waterfoot Road, Ballymaguigan, Magherafelt for Paul Johnson**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2019/0385/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2019/0385/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**P135/19 Receive Report on Consultation by DfC regarding listing of telephone kiosk beside 67 Dergenagh Road, Dungannon**

The Planning Manager presented previously circulated report which outlined the background to a consultation by Department for Communities, Historic Environment Division regarding their consideration to list a Telephone Kiosk at 67 Dergenagh Road, Dungannon.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Council should respond to the consultation stating that it has no issue in relation to the listing of the telephone kiosk and that Department for Communities should proceed with the process of listing the kiosk at Dergenagh.

Councillor Gildernew asked if the telephone kiosk is to remain where is currently sited or be moved.

The Planning Manager stated that if the telephone kiosk is listed it would require listed building consent to be moved or to have a defibrillator installed.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan stated that if the telephone kiosk was listed it would make it difficult to move.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

The Council Solicitor stated that there needed to be a distinction drawn between the Committee taking a decision to issue (or not) a Building Preservation Notice and the Committee's role in this instance which is that of a consultee in relation to the DfC's decision to list (or not) the telephone kiosk. The Council Solicitor stated that the Members needed to be clear about the tests and considerations and whether there were similarities. Members need to provide sound reasons if they are taking a different approach now.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the two matters were different and that a Building Preservation Notice is temporary and that if a Notice had been agreed in August it would soon be running out in any case. The Councillor also stated that Department for Communities can proceed to list the telephone kiosk regardless of what this Committee thinks.

The Council Solicitor stated that Members needed to be clear what all issues they were considering to ensure consistency in decision making as similarities had been referenced.

Councillor Colvin felt that Members should be provided with options for moving forward.

The Planning Manager stated that the Head of Development Plan and Enforcement had previously provided a report which set out the condition of the phone box and age of the phone box and that it was considered worth preserving. At that time the Committee decided that the telephone kiosk was at great risk but was likely to be moved and did not proceed with a Building Preservation Notice at that time. The Planning Manager stated that he would have no objection to the telephone kiosk being listed but that the decision as to how they wished to respond to the consultation was ultimately up to Members.

Councillor Glasgow stated that at a previous meeting it was advised that a community group had adopted the telephone kiosk, the Councillor stated that the matter has continued to be brought back to various meetings of Committee/Council and felt that Council should be taken out of the loop and that Department for Communities should consult with the community group on the matter.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked if the Department for Communities were aware that a community group has an interest in the telephone kiosk.

The Planning Manager stated that Council can make Department for Communities aware of the community interest in the telephone kiosk.

Councillor Glasgow proposed that Council respond to the consultation stating it is content that the process of listing continues and advise of the community group interest in the telephone kiosk and that they should also be consulted on the matter.

Councillor McKinney seconded Councillor Glasgow's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had already made a proposal to the Committee.

Councillor Colvin stated that Councillor Glasgow's proposal was an amendment to Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked Councillor Cuthbertson if he would accept an amended version of the proposal that the local community should also be included in any consultation.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was content with this.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan asked Councillor Glasgow if he would withdraw his proposal

Councillor Glasgow felt that consultation with the community group should be included in any proposal.

The Planning Manager suggested that Council respond to the consultation and state that there are arguments for the listing of the telephone kiosk but that this decision will be up to Department for Communities. Council will advise the Department for Communities of the community interest in the telephone kiosk and that the views of the community and community groups should be taken into consideration prior to taking a decision on whether the telephone kiosk is listed.

Members agreed with the way forward suggested by the Planning Manager.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to respond to the consultation and state that there are arguments for the listing of the telephone kiosk but that this decision will be up to the Department for Communities. Council will advise the Department for Communities of the community interest in the telephone kiosk and that the views of the community and community groups should be taken into consideration prior to taking a decision on whether the telephone kiosk is listed.

**Matters for Information**

**P136/19 Minutes of Planning Committee held on 1 October 2019**

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on 1 October 2019.

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

Proposed by Councillor Brown  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney 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 P137/19 to P141/19.

**Matters for Decision**

P137/19 Receive Enforcement Report

**Matters for Information**

P138/19 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on 1 October 2019

P139/19 Enforcement Case Live List

P140/19 Enforcement Cases Opened

P141/19 Enforcement Cases Closed

**P142/19 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 9.17 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 7 November 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present**

Councillor Molloy, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Colvin, Doris, Elattar, Forde (7.02 pm), Hughes, McFlynn, S McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, S McPeake

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Mr O'Hagan, Head of IT  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services  
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**PR186/19 Apologies**

Councillors Gildernew, Totten, Quinn.

**PR187/19 Declaration of Interest**

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

**PR188/19 Chair's Business**

No issues.

**Matters for Decision**

**PR189/19 Working Group Meeting Group – Council Representation on Outside Bodies**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report to ask for members consideration regarding the first meeting of the Working Group on Council on Outside Bodies held on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

*Councillor Forde entered the meeting at 7.02 pm.*

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the report of the Working Group on Council Representation on Outside Bodies held on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

**PR190/19 Member Support on Member IT Allocation**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report to seek consideration regarding the provision of IT equipment and allocations for each category IT provision.

Councillor Ashton referred to £12,000 in this Council term to accommodate additional digital requirements and enquired how much the actual cost was going to be within the next two years.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that no figures were available on the total costings for the next two years.

The Head of ICT advised that pressures were already being incurred due to the allocation of equipment for new members and legacy councillors having issues with devices which were outdated and unfit for purpose.

Councillor Colvin enquired how this Council benchmarked compared to other Councils.

The Head of ICT said that this Council was quite accommodating compared to some other Councils and that the Democratic Services team were constantly reviewing and keeping things running efficiently.

Councillor McKinney said that some IT equipment were coming to the end of their term but that not all Councillors would be requiring equipment.

The Head of IT said that he would encourage Councillors to avail of the allocation for equipment as the volume of papers which was now being distributed needed appropriate storage, capacity and speed which older equipment may struggle with.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

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

- Revised IT allocations, wording and monetary limits.
- Necessary release of monies from Council reserves to accommodate additional digital requirements within the current Council Term, noting that the first six months has been £12,000.



### **PR191/19 Report of Elected Member Development Working Group**

The Head of Democratic Service presented previously circulated report to ask for members consideration regarding the meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on Thursday 3 October 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Doris  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting held on Thursday 3 October 2019.

### **PR192/19 Council Meeting December 2019**

The Chief Executive presented previously circulated report and sought members approval to move the date of the Council meeting in December 2019 to avoid a clash with the General Election.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to move the date of the December Council meeting to Monday 16 December 2019 at 7pm in Dungannon.

### **PR193/19 Corporate Plan 2020-2024: Draft Report for Public Consultation**

The Head of Marketing and Communications presented previously circulated report to provide a draft Corporate Plan for members consideration and agreement in advance of a period of public consultation beginning on 11 November 2019.

*Councillor Doris left the meeting at 7.13 pm and returned at 7.14 pm.*

Councillor S McPeake said that it was a good report but would have concerns regarding the terminology "Customer-focussed" and asked that consideration be given to rephrasing the term to something more appealing like "Citizen-focussed".

Proposed by Councillor Colvin  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the agreed draft Corporate Plan Consultation Report proceed now to public consultation.

### **PR194/19 Member Services**

No issues.

## **Matters for Information**

### **PR195/19 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 3 October 2019**

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 3 October 2019.

### **PR196/19 Corporate Health Indicators: 2019-20 (Q1-Q2)**

Members noted report on Corporate Health Indicators: 2019-20 (Q1-Q2).

### **PR197/19 Performance Improvement Update: Six Month (Q1-Q2) 2019-20**

Members noted report on Performance Improvement Update: Six Month (Q1-Q2) 2019-20.

### **PR198/19 2019 Election Costs**

Members noted report on 2019 Election Costs.

Councillor Ashton enquired about expenditure of £64,500 showing for election literature.

The Chief Executive responded to confirm that the expenditure showing was for literature delivered by Royal Mail available to all election candidates. He drew members attention to the election being delivered considerably below the set expenditure threshold, the fact the Count was concluded over one day being contributory factor in this.

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

Proposed by Councillor Colvin  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn 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 PR199/19 to PR212/19.

### **Matters for Decision**

- PR199/19 Land Acquisitions and Disposals
- PR200/19 Request for funding to undertake Asbestos Removal and Appointment of a Licenced Asbestos Contractor
- PR201/19 Staffing Matters for Decision
- PR202/19 Transforming the Delivery of Leisure Services in Mid Ulster District Council
- PR203/19 Request that Council contribute the cost of Air Ambulance on recurrent basis

- PR204/19 2020/21 Rate Estimates
- PR205/19 Business Rates Collection
- PR206/19 Amendments to Senior Staff Structure

**Matters for Information**

- PR207/19 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 3 October 2019
- PR208/19 Staff Matters for Information
- PR209/19 Planning System Replacement Update
- PR210/19 Contracts and DAC
- PR211/19 Financial Report for 6 months ended 30 September 2019

**PR212/19 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 12 November 2019 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present** Councillor Buchanan, Chair

Councillors Burton (7.12 pm), Cuthbertson, Glasgow, Graham, McAleer, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S 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** **Agenda Item 4 – Department for Infrastructure Roads**  
Ms Bratton, Network Development Engineer  
Mr Bratton, Network Maintenance Section Engineer (North)  
Mr Hackett, Network Maintenance Section Engineer (South)  
Mr McMurray, Network Maintenance Manager

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

### **E253/19 Deputation – Department for Infrastructure Roads**

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan welcomed representatives from Department for Infrastructure Roads – Western Division and invited them to present the Local Transport and Safety Measures, Bridges and Street Lighting Draft Programme 2020-2022 including the Works Programme Update for Autumn 2019.

Members were advised that the Draft Programme contained proposed schemes generated by requests for improvements from the public, public representatives and schemes identified within Department for Infrastructure Roads. All the proposed schemes have been assessed in accordance with current procedures and are considered to be high priority and represent good value for money. The assessment procedure takes into account a number of factors including cost, traffic volumes and collisions.

The capacity to deliver schemes within the programme is dictated by availability of funding and that based on current funding levels it will only be possible to deliver a small number of the schemes over the 2020-2022 period. Members were assured that the Division will continue to bid for additional funding and plan ahead by developing schemes in terms of design and land acquisition to ensure that it is well placed to utilise additional funding should it become available.

Members were advised of planned works programme update for autumn 2019 as well as strategic roads projects that affect the area.

*Councillor Burton entered the meeting at 7.12 pm during presentation of the above report.*

Councillor McNamee requested that a meeting be held between DfI Roads and Cookstown DEA Members in respect of Cookstown bypass. The Councillor referred to previous discussions held with Killymoon Golf Club and that there was a need for them to reposition two of the holes on the golf course to accommodate the bypass. Councillor McNamee stated that the golf club have concerns and the meeting would be important to ensure all that can be done is done and that he had previously requested a meeting through the Development Committee.

Mr McMurray stated that plans for Cookstown bypass fall into the Regional Transport Plan and that there would be a consultation phase in respect of Cookstown bypass. Mr McMurray stated he would raise the issue but that he was unsure whether DfI officers would want to leave such a meeting with Members until the consultation phase or have it sooner.

Councillor McGinley thanked the representatives for their presentation and work on the ground over the year. Councillor McGinley referred to the widening of the carriageway at Broagh and asked what distance of carriageway would be involved.

Ms Bratton advised that the scheme may need to be delivered in stages but it would be hoped that the carriageway would be widened to the football field.

Councillor Milne thanked officers for their co-operation over the years and referred to footbridge across A6 at Broagh, Castledawson. Councillor Milne stated that the footbridge was in the countryside and that there was no lighting on the footbridge or in the surrounding area. The Councillor stated that he had been told there was no policy for lighting of a footbridge but requested that the issue be raised with a view to providing lighting at this location.

Councillor Milne also referred to gully jetting and that this needs to take place on a regular basis. The Councillor spoke of the recent heavy rain and that some areas were now flooded.

Mr McMurray stated that he took the point in relation to provision of street lighting at that footbridge and would raise the matter with his colleagues. In relation to gully jetting Mr McMurray advised that urban gullies used to be cleared twice a year and rural gullies once a year but that due to a lack of funding it was now only possible to clear urban gullies once a year. Mr McMurray stated that DfI have their own gully cleaning vehicle and that a contractor is available but highlighted that there was a lot of work to be done and it was difficult to keep ahead.

Councillor Milne stated that prevention was better than cure and that upkeep of gullies would save money in the long run.

Mr McMurray stated he did not disagree with the Councillor's comments and he would like to be in a position to proactively clean gullies.

Councillor Wilson thanked officers for their help during the year and referred to proposed road widening on A29 close to former brick works and that there was an illegal entrance close to this location which may affect these works. Councillor Wilson stated that he had raised this issue on a number of occasions.

Councillor Wilson also referred to illuminous advertising signs and asked what DfI Roads policy was in relation to such signage.

Mr McMurray stated he was not aware of the entrance Councillor Wilson was referring to but was happy to speak to him about it. In relation to illuminous signage Mr McMurray stated that DfI Roads would be opposed to such signage as it is a distraction for roads users.

Councillor Burton thanked local officers for their assistance over the year. Councillor Burton referred to corner on Rehaghy/Benburb Road which has been flooded for the last three weeks, the Councillor stated that the flood reaches from one side of the road to the other and is on a dangerous bend in the road. Councillor Burton also mentioned a broken culvert on bridge on Tullybleety Road and that she would like to see some progress on this as she had raised the matter on a number of occasions. Councillor Burton referred to large number of potholes on roadway in housing development situated behind Derek Loane Motors in Aughnacloy and that she had been advised that there had been no remedial works done to the roadway in this development for a number of years.

In response to question from Councillor Glasgow Mr McMurray stated that the incoming budget for bridges was not yet known.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the amount of money spent on the Ballynargan Road and that if priority was given to the delivery of bridge repairs at Ardtrea that the money for resurfacing could have been saved as traffic was using Ballynargan Road to avoid the bridge.

In response to question from Councillor Glasgow Mr McMurray stated that the policy in relation to pot holes continued to be the same.

Councillor Glasgow also referred to grass cutting for the coming year.

Mr McMurray stated that officers did not yet know what budget they would have for grass cutting for the next year.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the A29 Route Strategy in Dungannon and asked if works were complete and if it was felt they had been successful. Councillor Cuthbertson also stated he was pleased to see a further study being undertaken to identify a suitable location for Park and Ride at Stangmore as he had highlighted this issue in the past. Councillor Cuthbertson also asked if DfI Roads were holding fast to their policy in relation to Protected Routes.

Mr McMurray stated that DfI were holding fast in relation to Protected Routes but that he was aware that planning can set aside the objections of DfI as they were only consultees.

Ms Bratton stated that there may be a couple of additional schemes in relation to the A29 Route Strategy but that it was felt that the work completed to date had helped to improve delays.

Councillor McFlynn thanked the local DfI Roads team for their assistance over the year, she continued that she felt the DEA meetings were important and should continue and that tonight's report was a huge commitment within restrictions.

Councillor McFlynn referred to roundabout and footbridge at Castledawson at which there is no lighting and that she had received a number of concerns in relation to this.

Mr McMurray stated that he would get back to the Councillor on the matter.

Councillor McAleer stated she appreciated the input of DfI officers and referred to the A5 Western Transport Corridor and that the report states that Phase 1A of the project could commence in 2020. Councillor McAleer asked when the phase between Ballygawley and Omagh was likely to commence.

Mr McMurray stated that there would be a public inquiry in relation to the scheme before any works commenced and it would depend on the outcome of this inquiry when works would begin.

The Chair thanked DfI Roads representatives for their attendance following which they withdrew from the meeting.

#### **E254/19      Apologies**

None.

#### **E255/19      Declarations of Interest**

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

*Councillor S McGuigan declared an interest in Villages Programme Capital Project - IST Appointment (Killeshill).*

#### **E256/19      Chair's Business**

None.

#### **Matters for Decision**

#### **E257/19      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 Sixtowns Road, Straw, Draperstown

Councillor B McGuigan asked that the naming of this development be deferred for a further month as name proposals from the local historical society had been submitted since the papers for the meeting were issued. The Councillor stated that the developer had been advised of the proposals and was content with what had been put forward.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to defer the naming of development off Sixtowns Road, Straw, Draperstown for one month to allow further name options to be put forward.

Site off Mountjoy Road, Coalisland

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Mountjoy Road, Coalisland as Killcoole.

Site off Ardean Close, Cookstown

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Ardean Close, Cookstown as Tobin Drive.

### **E258/19 Dual Language Signage Survey – Golf View**

Members considered previously circulated report which outlined the result of survey undertaken on all applicable residents in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate request.

Councillor McNamee stated that as the result of the survey did not meet with policy he proposed that Council should not proceed with the erection of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish at Golf View, Cookstown at this time and that a further request for Dual Language signage could be considered following the expiry of 12 months from the date of this meeting.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the result of the survey for the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish at Golf View, Cookstown and that a further request could be considered following the expiry of 12 months from the date of this meeting.

**E259/19      Liquor Licensing Laws in Northern Ireland Consultation Document**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which considered a draft response to the Department for Communities consultation on '*The views of current liquor licensing laws in Northern Ireland.*'

Councillor McNamee stated he was happy enough with the content of the response as long as the opinion of the hospitality sector and vinters was also taken into consideration.

The Head of Building Control stated that the hospitality sector and vinters are included as consultees to this consultation.

Councillor Glasgow referred to opening hours at Easter and that Council's response states it is in favour of extending the licensing hours at this time. Councillor Glasgow stated he would have concerns with this response and that he could not support the extension of licensing hours into Good Friday.

Councillor McNamee stated that current licensing hours at Easter are very restrictive for bars and restaurants.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan felt that some reverence should be shown to Good Friday.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that bars and restaurants can open at almost any other time and asked if businesses had lobbied that opening hours at Easter needed to change.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to agree the content of the draft response as outlined at appendix 2 to report and forward response to the Department for Communities.

**E260/19      Extension of the Service Level Agreements relating to Health and Wellbeing services with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the Service Level Agreements (SLA) with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council for the provision of Health Inequalities and Tobacco Control work for 2019/20.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if there was a Council policy or if there were designated places at Council buildings for staff who smoked.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that there were legacy arrangements in place for smokers but that she would check where the designated areas are at Council buildings.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- I. To continue with the Service Level Agreement for Health Inequalities with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.
  - II. To agree to the Service Level Agreement for Tobacco Control with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

**E261/19 Affordable Warmth Scheme Approval for 2019-2024**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which provided update on the Affordable Warmth Scheme and sought approval for Service Level Agreement to carry out this work.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to note the changes to the Affordable Warmth Scheme as outlined in report and approve the Service Level Agreement between Mid Ulster District Council and the Department for Communities in respect of the Scheme.

**E262/19 Graffiti**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which provided update on the number of graffiti complaints received and actions taken to date in 2019.

In response to question from Councillor O'Neill the Head of Environmental Health advised that if graffiti is offensive Council will try to get consent from the owner of the surface for Council to proceed with the removal of the graffiti. The officer advised that it has not always been possible to determine ownership and gain consents however offensive graffiti has still been removed by Council.

Councillor McGinley stated it is important to get a quick response for the removal of offensive graffiti and proposed that Council continue with the approach outlined in report in respect of offensive graffiti.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure asked if Council should also remove non offensive graffiti in the areas outlined.

Councillor Burton stated that graffiti is a blight and if Council can remove graffiti it should. Councillor Burton referred to Youth Justice Scheme in which assistance can be provided for activities such as graffiti removal.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that this was not something Environmental Health had been involved with previously.

Councillor McFlynn stated she had previously contacted Youth Justice and been able to avail of their assistance for schemes.

Councillor McGinley stated that whilst it would be good for Council to become involved with Youth Justice schemes and there was opportunity to explore this further he felt that the removal of offensive graffiti needed a quick response and that the involvement of vulnerable people with this task may not be appropriate and that Council should continue with its approach as outlined in report.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- I. To approve the continuation of the informal approach for offensive graffiti either reported to or identified by Environmental Health staff in the Mid Ulster Council area.
  - II. To explore the possibility of working with Youth Justice in respect of removal of non offensive graffiti.

### **E263/19 Mid Ulster Fairtrade**

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which sought approval to progress Mid Ulster District Council's application for Fairtrade status.

Councillor McNamee proposed that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Environment Committee sit on the Fairtrade Steering Group year on year.

Councillor Wilson seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Environment Committee sit on the Fairtrade Steering Group and that this practice continue year on year. Invitations will be circulated for the first meeting of the Mid Ulster District Council Fairtrade Steering Group.

### **E264/19 Bus Shelters**

The Head of Technical Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the progress of Bus Shelter applications throughout the District and amendments to the current Mid Ulster Bus Shelter policy/procedure to streamline the current Bus Shelter process.

Councillor McGinley referred to bus shelter for Stewartstown which seemed to be being held up due to Translink budget constraints. Councillor McGinley asked if this bus shelter would ever proceed any further.

The Head of Technical Services stated he would check on the status of the bus shelter for Stewartstown and if it is not going to be progressed by Translink then consideration can be given to erecting the shelter through the property services department of Council.

Councillor McGinley referred to the differing types of bus shelters used in urban/rural locations and felt that the green bus shelters in rural areas were outdated.

The Head of Technical Services advised that Members previously chose the type of bus shelters that would be erected, those being, green bus shelters in rural locations and clear plastic in urban areas.

Councillor McGinley asked if the decision previously taken in relation to the type of bus shelter to be erected had been rural proofed.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the rural proofing of the previous decision could be checked and updated bus shelter designs could be brought back to the committee if it was felt necessary.

Councillor Milne referred to accident in 2008 at Castledawson roundabout in which Caoimhe Kerr was killed exiting a bus at the roundabout. Councillor Milne stated that the family would like to have a memorial situated at this location and that he had been in contact with TransportNI in this regard. The Councillor advised that TransportNI responded that they did not have an issue with a memorial being placed but that it was up to the Council to take a decision on the matter.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that TransportNI erected the bus shelters at this location and not Council.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that officers would investigate the matter to ascertain who the property belonged to in relation to having a memorial placed.

In response to question from Councillor McAleer the Head of Technical Services advised that a bus shelter could only be considered if there were six people or more waiting at a bus stop.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure referred to the number of bus shelters being requested close to new housing developments and that, going forward, consideration should be given to factoring the provision of a bus shelter into the design of new developments.

Members were in agreement with the Director's comments and felt that this should be reflected to the Planning department for their consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Milne  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- I. To approve the additional applications for Bus Shelters as noted in Section 3.10 of report and at Appendix 1 Table 1.
  - II. That the applications for Bus Shelters as noted at Appendix 1 Table 5 be withdrawn.
  - III. To adopt the revised arrangements for provision of Bus Shelters at existing bus stop locations in accordance with DfI Consultation as noted at 3.8 and 3.9 of report and Appendix 1 of Bus Stop Design Guide and approve the revised procedural guide for this purpose (Appendix 4 of report).

- IV. That the planning department be advised of conversation in relation to the future design of new developments and the incorporation of a bus shelter into such designs.

## **E265/19 Cemetery Administration and Management Update**

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which provided update on the administration of burials and sought approval for Council's draft policy on Cemetery Management Policy incorporating Rules, Regulations and Memorial Safety.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to complaints in relation to grass cutting at Kilcronaghan, Ballinascreen and St Lurach's historic burial grounds. The Councillor stated that these places attract visitors during the summer and that they looked untidy, Councillor B McGuigan stated that the standard of grass cutting needed to be given consideration going forward.

Councillor Wilson stated that there were sensitivities with regards to burials and cemeteries but that Council needed to take a firm line and there should be no grey areas. In relation to allowing dogs within cemeteries Councillor Wilson felt that this will be difficult for officers to police, Councillor Wilson also stated that people are often unaware of the situation regarding unauthorised memorials.

Councillor McGinley referred to the specific reference to Non-Christian burials within the policy and asked why this was being highlighted.

The Head of Property Services referred to the changing demographic of society and that previously there had been no reference to Non-Christian burials within policy.

Councillor McGinley stated he felt the term "Non-Christian" burial gives the wrong impression.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked what a Non Christian burial involved.

The Director of Environment and Property stated he took on board the comments in relation to the term Non-Christian. The Director advised that there have been requests for Humanist services and burials for other faiths which involved being buried facing a different orientation or being buried before sunset on the same day.

Councillor McNamee stated he would like to see plans for the future development of Cabin Wood as a cemetery, that consideration should be given to the planting that has already taken place at Cabin Wood and the impact a bypass may have at this location.

Councillor Burton stated she agreed with the comments raised by Councillor B McGuigan and that she had also received complaints in relation to grass cutting at burial ground at Carnteel. Councillor Burton stated that the contractor does not lift grass at this site and asked if this could be added to the tender.

The Head of Property Services stated that this is an option which can be considered but that the tender comes down to affordability. The officer also stated that the level

of work undertaken at historic burial grounds is proportionate to the level of use at these sites.

Councillor McGinley proposed that the Cemetery Management Policy be approved subject to ensuring that the policy for Mid Ulster is in line with similar policies for other Councils.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McGinley's proposal.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Cemetery Management Policy incorporating Rules, Regulations and Memorial Safety by way of the Policy and Resources Committee subject to ensuring that the policy for Mid Ulster is in line with similar policies for other Councils.

**E266/19 Response to the DAERA Consultation on the Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland**

The Director of Environment and Property presented previously circulated report which outlined Council's response to the consultation from DAERA on the Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland.

Councillor McGinley stated that in the past the operating hours of recycling centres had been changed and he had received comments that the times were not convenient in that the centres did not open until 9am which did not suit people on their way to work. Councillor McGinley asked that a report be brought back to Committee as to whether the changes to the opening hours had been effective and met objectives.

Councillor Wilson stated that he had also received comments that the closing times of recycling centres did not meet need as the centres were closed before business premises closed.

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –  
I. To approve the draft response to DAERA consultation on the Waste Management Plan for Northern Ireland as set out at Appendix 3 of report.  
II. That a report be brought back to Environment Committee in relation to the changes made to operating hours of recycling centres.

**E267/19 DfI Roads Proposal – Proposed Limited Waiting – Main Street, Donaghmore**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to limited waiting at Main Street, Donaghmore.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed limited waiting at Main Street, Donaghmore.

**E268/19 DfI Roads Proposal – Proposed Removal of a Disabled Persons’ Parking Bay at Moykeeran Drive, Draperstown**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to the proposed removal of a Disabled Persons’ Parking Bay at Moykeeran Drive, Draperstown.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor O’Neill and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed removal of a Disabled Persons’ Parking Bay at Moykeeran Drive, Draperstown.

**E269/19 DfI Roads Proposal – Proposed 40mph Speed Limit on Pound Road, Magherafelt**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed 40mph speed limit on Pound Road, Magherafelt.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor O’Neill and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed 40mph speed limit on Pound Road, Magherafelt.

**E270/19 DfI Roads Proposal – Proposed No Waiting at Any Time at Union Place, Cookstown**

Members considered previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to proposal from Department for Infrastructure Roads with regard to proposed No Waiting at Any Time at Union Place, Cookstown.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor O’Neill and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to proposed No Waiting at Any Time at Union Place, Cookstown.



## **Matters for Information**

### **E271/19 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 October 2019**

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 October 2019. Councillor McGinley referred to previous discussion in relation to provision of water bottles to staff and asked if there was an update on this matter.

The Director of Environment and Property advised that following last month's meeting this matter was discussed with Marketing and Communications and it was agreed that the provision of water bottles to staff will be tied in with Christmas events.

### **E272/19 Building Control Workload**

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

### **E273/19 Entertainment Licences**

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

### **E274/19 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.

### **E275/19 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. Where more than 51% of occupiers that respond indicate that they are in favour of the erection of Dual Language Signage, nameplates will be erected. Where less than 51% of occupiers that responded indicate that they were not in favour of the erection of a Dual Language street nameplate, then the Dual Language nameplate will not be approved or erected.

### **E276/19 Mid Ulster Biodiversity Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on recent activities promoting community participation and enhancing the local biodiversity resource from April to September 2019.

### **E277/19 Recycling Education and Environmental Awareness Activities**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Recycling for Schools Education programme and other Environmental Awareness initiatives carried out since the start of the 2019 calendar year.

### **E278/19 Recycle Week 2019 'Be Plastic Fantastic' Recycling Campaign**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Recycle Week 2019 and 'Be Plastic Fantastic' recycling campaign.

### **E279/19 Tullyvar Joint Committee Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the business of Tullyvar Joint Committee.

### **E280/19 Refuse Collection Route Optimisation**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the next phase of the refuse collection route optimisation project.

Councillor Glasgow referred to the maps provided within the report which he felt were unclear and asked that a list of the roads affected by the changes be circulated to Members. The Councillor also expressed concern that the use of the one armed refuse collection vehicles will cause problems.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that a one armed vehicle had been in use in the Magherafelt area for a number of years and that other Councils use similar systems in rural areas. The Director stated that the use of the one armed vehicle is a tried and tested system which works well and has the added benefit in that there are no operatives required at the back of the vehicle.

The Head of Environmental Services confirmed that four one armed refuse collection vehicles had already been purchased and stated it was planned to use the vehicles and the new routes from next week.

The Director of Environment and Property stated there would be no change in service delivery.

Councillor Glasgow expressed concern at residents having to take bins across busy roads and if assisted bin lifts would continue.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that when the list of roads was provided to Members it would become clearer. The Director also confirmed that assisted bin lifts would continue as normal.

### **E281/19 Northern Ireland Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Management (LACMW) Statistics Report for April to June 2019**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's performance in relation to recycling and landfill diversion targets as outlined in the NIEA Northern Ireland Local Authority Waste Management Statistics Report for Quarter 1 of 2019/20 from April to June 2019.

The Chair, Councillor Buchanan highlighted that Mid Ulster Council achieved the highest recycling rate of the eleven Councils along with the lowest utilisation of landfill allowance.

Members reflected that these achievements were testament not only to Council's commitment but that of Mid Ulster residents.

## **E282/19      Update Report on Old Burial Grounds Maintenance Agreement**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the maintenance agreement for eight Old Burial Grounds in Mid Ulster District Council with the Church representatives that appear to exercise control over the sites in question.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the graveyards mentioned earlier in which there had been complaints in relation to grass cutting, the Councillor stated that he wanted to include the graveyard at Clogher Cathedral as he had also received complaints in relation to the standard of work at this graveyard this year compared to the previous year and that cut grass was not being lifted.

Councillor Burton stated that officers needed to follow up on these complaints.

The Head of Property Services stated that the Members comments were noted and would be followed up.

Councillor McAleer stated that she welcomed the agreement but that there appeared to be a pattern of grass not being lifted at old graveyards and that the grass at Errgial Keerogue graveyard was also not lifted when cut.

Councillor Glasgow stated that he recognised that the terrain of some old graveyards may be difficult for grass to be lifted when cut but that officers should ensure that a cut is not missed at these graveyards as the longer the grass is left the more difficult it becomes to manage.

Councillor McGinley referred to Old Cross graveyard at Ardboe and ongoing correspondence in relation to retaining wall at the graveyard and asked for an update on this matter. Councillor McGinley also referred to post box and signs at entrance to the Old Cross graveyard and stated that he did not feel this looked right. Councillor McGinley requested that a meeting be set up with statutory bodies (Royal Mail and DfI) to explore how this matter could be rectified.

The Director of Environment and Property stated that a report would be prepared for the Policy and Resources Committee in relation to the retaining wall at the Old Cross graveyard as a land transfer to Council will be required.

The Director of Environment and Property referred to old burial grounds which had previously transferred to Council and that there was some concern that these graveyards were not being strictly managed within the 1992 Burial Regulations. The Director advised that officers were undertaking work as to how activity at the old burial grounds can be brought into line with Council's active burial grounds.

*Councillors Cuthbertson and Wilson left the meeting at 8.50 pm.*

## Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Milne 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 E283/19 to E290/19.

### **Matters for Decision**

E283/19 Application for the variation of a Street Trading Licence  
E284/19 Villages Programme Capital Project – IST Appointment  
E285/19 Villages Programme Capital Project – IST Award  
E286/19 Closure of Clogher Recycling Centre  
E287/19 Contract for processing of kerbside commingled recyclables

### **Matters for Information**

E288/19 Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 October 2019  
E289/19 Capital Projects Update  
E290/19 Off Street Car Parking; Quarter 2 2019/2020

### **E291/19 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.13 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

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**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 14 November 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor Wilson, Chair  Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton, Clarke, Corry, Doris, Elattar, Hughes, Kearney, Kerr, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications Mr O'Hagan, Head of ICT Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4 – Deputations</b> <b>Cappagh Village Regeneration Group –</b> Ms Aisling Gillespie, Ciara Burke, Damien Donnelly, Danny Kerr, John Loughran <b>McCadden Design–</b> Mr Glenn Stewart

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**D182/19 Apologies**

Councillor Cuddy.

**D183/19 Declaration of Interests**

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

**D184/19 Chair's Business**

The Chair advised that the presentation from McCadden Design would take place immediately after the presentation from Cappagh Village Regeneration Group.

**D185/19 Deputation – Cappagh Village Regeneration Group**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson welcomed representatives from Cappagh Village Regeneration Group and invited them to make their presentation (appendix 1).

Ms Gillespie thanked Councillor Kerr for his assistance in bringing the group to present to the meeting tonight.

Ms Gillespie advised that Cappagh Village Regeneration Group (CVRG) was a group set up by local citizens within a voluntary capacity and their aim is to support community development and regeneration in the village by trying to source core funding. She said that Cappagh was a small rural village within the Altmore Ward of Torrent DEA. She referred to the dilapidated bus shelter outside the village which is absolutely unfit for purpose as it has been continuously hit by vehicles and an eyesore entering the village. She advised that the stark reality for the village was that there was deprivation, ownership issues, inability to access funding, continuous lack of investment, neglect and continuous challenges to revitalise the village.

Ms Burke outlined the key opportunities for Cappagh Village, namely the both reservoirs being identified by NI Water as surplus to requirements. She said that numerous meetings had taken place with Senior Officials and Elected Members of DSTBC, DARD, Water NI and Forest Service and at the time there was great ambition with Dungannon Council being tasked to explore disposal of the reservoirs from the Water Service and work with CVRG to develop the project. She said that there was commitment from Outdoor Recreation (appointed by Council) that masterplans would be developed to incorporate Forest Service areas and ownership issues being addressed, but unfortunately this never came to fruition due to the arrival of the Review of Public Administration.

Ms Burke said that there has been renewed interest in the project with potential development being explored with Altmore Forest. She said that Altmore Forest was a popular tourist attraction for visitors and local citizens and has the potential to create opportunities for walking, cycling, running, events, creative industries, forest schools etc incorporating a lot of aspects for tourism opportunities i.e potential for overnight accommodation provision (caravanning, pods and camping/glamping etc), renewable energy opportunities particularly around hydro, culture and heritage, education, multipurpose health, recreation facility and community use.

Ms Burke concluded by saying that the group would like commitment from MUDC with the next steps being:

- Addressing Ownership issues
- Holistic perspective of the area and its potential
- Council demonstrating leadership and commitment to invest in building civic pride and regenerating Cappagh
- Catalyst for other opportunities and investment
- Capacity
- Support

*Councillor Ashton left the meeting at 7.19 pm and returned at 7.22 pm.*

The Chair thanked the group for their presentation and referring to the dilapidated bus shelter advised that this should not be in this condition and advised that a report had been brought to the last Environment Committee on Bus Shelter Policy and Procedures and hoped that this would fall into this remit.

Councillor Kerr said that he welcomed Cappagh Village Regeneration Group to the meeting tonight and commended them on their impressive presentation. He said that he recognised the fact that Cappagh was a beautiful part of the area and has a great deal of potential, which he hoped after tonight's presentation the Officers would also agree. He said that he understood the Regeneration group had felt let down in the past, but he believed from tonight's meeting that going forward Mid Ulster District Council will assist and aid the group's intentions and make them into a reality.

Councillor Doris thanked the group for their great presentation and stated that she felt that this initiative should be really pushed forward and a reconfirmation of commitment to the project and said that she appealed to all the Councillors to go and see for themselves what potential was there and what can be achieved.

Councillor Monteith said that the Cappagh community had been let down by Dungannon Council in the past and when they made a presentation to Council 10 years ago, they never envisaged being back here all these years later still seeking the same things and there is a feeling that nothing will ever be achieved.

Councillor Milne agreed it was a good presentation and said that he would recommend that Officers of this Council sit down with Cappagh Village Regeneration Group to see what can be achieved.

Proposed by Councillor Milne  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that Officers and members of Cappagh Village Regeneration Group come together to see what can be achieved.

The Chair, thanked the representatives of Cappagh Village Regeneration Group for their attendance and they withdrew from the meeting at 7.24 pm.

Councillor Monteith said that he has continuously raised his concerns about groups being asked to leave the room after their presentation. He said he has great difficulty with this as this was a public meeting and then we are asking groups to leave. He stated that he had checked the Standing Orders and nowhere was it indicated that the public should be asked to leave a public meeting.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that this matter was at the discretion of the Chair.

The Chair advised that he didn't ask the group to leave but thanked them for their presentation at which they withdrew from the meeting themselves.

Councillor Kerr asked that the play park recommended in The Parks and Play Strategy for Almore in years 5+ be brought forward to Year 1.

Councillor Elattar advised that DEA meetings had taken place for members where issues had been raised and why had that been raised then.

The Chair advised that the matter would be considered at the agenda item relating to the Parks and Play Strategy.

**D186/19      McCadden Design**

The Chair advised that representatives from McCadden Design were running a bit late and would be dealt with later in the meeting.

**D187/19      VE Events 2020**

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report to propose a series of events to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The Chair asked that ex-servicemen from Lissan be included in the Programme of Events.

Councillor Doris asked if costings could be brought to the next meeting.

The Head of Tourism advised that costings would be available after tonight's meeting when they were recognised and that costings would be brought back.

Proposed by Councillor Black  
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council to deliver a series of events as previously detailed in the report to commemorate VE Day.

**D188/19      Holiday World Shows, Dublin**

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report and sought permission to display the region and its tourism product at the Holiday World Show, Dublin on 25 – 27 January 2020 at the RDS, Dublin.

Proposed by Councillor Black  
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

**Resolved**      That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted to attend Holiday World Show, Dublin on 25 – 27 January 2020 at the RDS, Dublin to promote Mid Ulster Tourism product and lead with Davagh Dark Sky experience.

**D189/19      Proposal to name “The Events Space” and “Meeting Room” at Hill of The O’Neill, Dungannon**

The Head of Culture & Arts presented previously circulated report and sought approval to name “The Events Space” and “The Meeting Room” at Hill of The O’Neill, Dungannon to “The Earls Quarter” and “Mabel’s Hall” respectively.

Councillor Molloy asked what engagement took place around these proposed names as he felt that the names were out of character for what this was and suggested that a debate be carried out before agreeing to this proposal.



The Head of Culture & Arts said that the names had come about during discussions with staff members but would be happy to receive some steering from Councillors if they so wished.

Councillor Doris agreed with Councillor Molloy and felt that there was a need for consultations around this before proceeding.

Councillor Monteith said that these names mean nothing and has no relevance to the Hill and that Mabel Bagenal should only be a footnote. The story of the Hill is not only about "The O'Neill's" but more about pre-Christian times and the focus act in this should be more about Dún Geanainn, meaning "Geanann's Fort" and the flint arrows. He felt that the history was all lost and this was an opportunity to widen out the scope as Dungannon has a story to tell as it has the longest settlement and would agree to the other members suggestions.

The Chair agreed that Dungannon DEA's should come together to discuss a way forward.

Councillor Monteith asked that when discussions were taking place with Dungannon DEA's, that the issue of the mast be included in this as he has continuously raised this issue for years and needed addressing once and for all.

Proposed by Councillor Doris

Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that a Dungannon DEA meeting be arranged to discuss the naming of the Event's Space and Meeting Room at the Hill of The O'Neill.

## **D190/19 Community Development Report**

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report and provided an update on the following:

*Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club.*

*Councillor Kearney declared an interest in St. Columba's Camogie Club, Greenlough.*

- **Rolling Grant Awards – Good Relations and Local Community Festivals**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

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

- (i) Rolling Grant Awards – Good Relations (£4,235) and Local Community Festivals (£3,900) as per grant recommendations at Appendix 1 of report.
- (ii) Reallocation of £15,000 from Community Development – Community Services salaries to Community Festivals budget.

- **Peace IV**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to support the underwriting of advances within the Peace IV Project (CWSAN £36,000 and Rural Action £59,560) based on the criteria to mitigate risk.

- **Community Planning Performance Statement Report**

Members noted Community Planning Performance Statement Report.

- **Community Development Update**

Members noted Community Development Update.

Councillor Ashton enquired why there was a delay on the Community Development Assistant post being taken up.

The Head of Community Development advised that the delay resulted in the previous Community Development Assistant taking over the post of Neighbourhood Renewal Co-Ordinator, when the trawl went out the Peace Assistant was successful in securing the Community Assistant post but due to funding timeline pressure of programme completion next year, the Assistant agreed to remain in post and take up the CDA role next year, resulting in the re-advertisement for a temporary Community Development Assistant for this period.

## **D191/19 Grant Aid Review**

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report to agree the Community Grants Policy 2020 – 2021. She brought members attention to the recommendation for an uplift in the budget of £35,000 which would be recurring funding, and to the £150,000 for the discretionary grants which would be non-recurring funding and will be considered annually as part of the budget process. She also noted the advances for groups and a sustainable 3-year funding process for a number of identified strategic grants.

Councillor Doris asked for an amendment to ‘festivals to be free at the point of delivery’ to remove this as groups organising festivals including 5k and 10k events have costs to incur and it is important that they are supported.

Councillor Monteith seconded Councillor Doris’ proposal and said that there was no point in asking groups to be sustainable and then ask them to contribute to the event themselves.

Proposed by Councillor Doris  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Community Grants Policy for 2020-2021; with the amendment to the festivals grant removing the condition of 'free at the point of delivery', with the proviso of an additional £35,000 recurrent funding, £150,000 for the discretionary capital grant which is non-recurring funding and to be considered each year through the budget process, and the stated advance and sustainability for groups for a 3 year funding process for a number of identified strategic events.

Councillor Monteith said that the policy needed to be amended to have an annual increase year on year for grants as people are coming back thanking us for the amount of funding but advising that the amount was not adequate to cover rising costs. He said that there was a need for consideration of inflationary costs increases each year.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that an inflationary increase be written considered each year as part of the annual grants policy review.

#### **D192/19 Economic Development Report for Decision**

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on key activities as detailed below:

- **Rural Connected Communities 5G Testbed Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Councillor McNamee enquired what concerns were being flagged up regarding health issues associated with 5G rollout.

The Head of Economic Development advised that sections of the community would have had expressed concerns about the health risks of 5G, particularly in respect of the extremely high (so-called mmWave) frequencies. The Government's documented position is that there is no convincing evidence of health effects within the regulatory limits.

The Head of ICT stated that whilst there may be some anecdotal concerns within the media, the Council would seek to take an evidence-based approach in assessing the potential for 5G, taking into account concerns around safety. The current technology that possesses a lesser ability to penetrate buildings and obstacles. The technology is still very much in its infancy in terms of deployments with only major cities receiving service by a few communications providers.

Councillor Kerr said that he welcomed any attempt to address tackling rural broadband as it was a huge issue affecting the more rural areas of Mid Ulster. He said that this was a topic at the doors of houses in Derrylaughan and other areas around it but it seems 5G doesn't come without major implications.

He asked that Mid Ulster District Council is cautious on the rolling out of 5G until it is fully investigated and considered safe. He said that while rural broadband is something we need to tackle, there was a need to be extremely and put in place rigorous checks for 5G and its safety.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve that:

- (I) FFNI Operations Team carry out a comprehensive and detailed report analysing the risks and benefits of 5G roll out, considering all available evidence and information on behalf of all Consortium Members.
- (II) FFNI Operations Team continue to engage with key stakeholders to develop materials for a bid, working with Consortium members in preparation for future 5G funding.
- (III) Mid Ulster Council (like other consortium members) set aside a budget to up to £8,000 in its Economic Development budget for work associated with 5G co-ordination, stakeholder engagement and bid development assisted through Consultancy support as outlined in Appendix 1.

- **Women in Business Report on ‘Yes You Can’ Programme – Year 1**

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the release of Year 2 (2019/20) financial contribution of £6,060 for Women in Business and Note Year 1 ‘Yes You Can’ Report as outlined in Appendix 2.

Councillor Kearney wanted to congratulate Ms Louise Breen from Mallon McCormick Solicitors in Maghera on her success in winning the Women in Business “Business Woman of the Year 2019 Award” which was held in Belfast.

- **Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI**

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve Data Sharing Agreement with Invest NI for signature and return as outlined in Appendix 3.

- **Consultation on Proposed Salary Threshold – UK Immigration System Post-Brexit**

Councillor Kerr said that he would like to add that migration threshold salary for post-Brexit deal is absolutely ridiculous. He stated that he works in the engineering background and the workforce is predominately Eastern European or people from the old Socialist Bloc and if these people were to leave tomorrow the engineering sector in Mid Ulster would collapse resulting in jobs and the local economy being ruined and felt that a case should be made for exceptional circumstances for Mid Ulster.

Councillor Monteith asked that a Dungannon DEA meeting be arranged to update members on Ann Street Development.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to retrospectively approve Council's formal response as outlined in Appendix 4 to Migration Advisory Committee which had to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 before the consultation period ended. However, if any Councillor has further comment's they wish to add, these can be forwarded as an addendum.

### **D193/19 Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan**

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report and sought approval for the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.

Councillor Doris advised that she had met the Head of Parks on Monday prior to this meeting in relation to the current Neighbourhood Renewal equipment that is currently at Gortgonis but will be moving out when the leisure facility and new parks are delivered. This play equipment was set for Innishmore but Neighbourhood Renewal who bought this equipment feels that it is best served at the houses at the back of Gortview, as it was a dangerous road to cross and it is in the most economically deprived area in Coalisland. She stated that the residents of Innishmore would not be happy to receive second hand equipment into their area and deserve new equipment and investment into their area.

Proposed by Councillor Doris

To accept the Officer recommendation with amendment to incorporate Councillor Milne's earlier proposal regarding liaising with representatives of Cappagh Village Regeneration Group in relation to funding.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr

To move Cappagh/Altmore Forest from year 5+ to year 1 and that a meeting be arranged with NI Water on reservoirs prior to Christmas to progress the issue. Any DEA meetings to be arranged to accommodate those elected members which are working.

Seconded by Councillor Monteith

The Chair, said that it was not reasonable to move a project up the timescale as this would mean that all members could request the same.

Councillor Monteith said that there was a need to arrange DEA meetings so people can get their points across without any contentious matters as it was unfair to say that proposals were agreed at DEA level and to have so many plus five years is unacceptable.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

To reject the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.

Councillor Corry advised that it was proposed at the last Development meeting that separate DEA meetings would be arranged to deal with Parks so every Councillor would have a chance to feed in.

Councillor McNamee said that it was the first time he had heard this tonight but would second Councillor Doris' recommendation.

Councillor Monteith said that he was concerned about the strategy and would have reservations about the 5+ years ever coming to anything.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the 5+ years was to accommodate issues relating to land, forestry matters which can be time consuming to resolve and if an opportunity arises for funding to be made available from another budget then this can be addressed if the projects are included in a strategic plan.

The Head of Parks said that if an opportunity does arise before 5+ years this would allow for a blue print for developments to come forward.

Councillor Molloy referred to concerns from residents in the Moy regarding the ongoing development of education site and how it could interact. He said that the community in Moy were promised that this would be complete within the timescale and they are still waiting. He stated that there was a need to address this as it was unacceptable that a village has no pitch.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation said that this was being progressed and she was arranging a previously organised meeting.

Councillor Doris said that although she shared Councillor Kerr's frustration, she felt that Councillor Milne's proposal will give us a better opportunity to look at additional avenues of funding that will hopefully deliver not only a play park quicker in Cappagh, but will address the many issues that the group face.

Councillor Burton asked that between Tourism and Parks departments, investigations be carried out on trying to bring more tourism opportunities to President Grant's as she felt that it was being neglected. She said that there was a need to upgrade the play equipment as it was in a dilapidated state and hasn't been looked at for many years.

The Chair advised that there were 3 proposals in front members tonight to vote on.

Councillor Kerr's proposal to move Cappagh/Altmore Forest from Year 5+ to Year 1.

For	2
Against	0
Abstained	13

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that it would not be feasible to complete the Cappagh/Altmore Forest project in Year 1 due to issues around land ownership and agreement of a licence with the Forest Service which would likely take more than a year to complete.

Councillor Milne advised that no-one was against the proposal, but this was about funding issues.

Councillor Corry advised that everyone had their own priorities and wanted the best for their own areas.

Councillor Kerr stated that he could foresee nothing being done to sort Cappagh/Altmore Forest out.

Councillor Monteith agreed with Councillor Kerr.

Councillor Monteith withdrew his proposal to reject the Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation referred to Altmore and said that they were looking at a bigger plan for the reservoir and that the playpark was part of it. This is included on the Outdoor Recreation Strategy which Development Committee deferred at the last meeting to early 2020.

The Head of Parks agreed that it was not feasible to complete the Cappagh/Altmore project within a 12-month timespan due to the size of the project and the legal agreements involved.

Councillor Elattar said that she was happy to agree to Councillor Doris' proposal and that it would be most important that meetings take place between Officers and Cappagh Village Regeneration Group as they feel there has been a break down in communication with the Council.

Councillor Molloy said that if the Council accepts Councillor Kerr's proposal of moving Cappagh/Altmore Forest Project up to Year 1 then Council could be guilty of promising something which can not be delivered within the timeframe.

Councillor Kerr asked that a meeting be arranged with NI Water Service before the end of this year to try and get things progressing forward.

Councillor Milne said that there was an onus on members to try and get the best for the village of Cappagh and stated that this should be done without a political issue as the residents deserve better.

Councillor Kerr's proposal was put to the vote

For	2
Against	9

Councillor Doris' proposal was put to the vote

For	13
Against	0

Councillor Doris' proposal was carried.

The Director of Business and Communities advised members that there was a complexity regarding reservoirs, but members could be assured that this project would be given priority as it was a wonderful opportunity for the area.

The Chair thanked staff for a well put together report.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted to the:

- (I) Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan with amendment to incorporate Councillor Milne's earlier proposal regarding liaising with representatives of Cappagh Village Regeneration Group in relation to funding opportunities. Also include amendment that current Neighbourhood Renewal equipment that is currently at Gortgonis be moved to a suitable location at the houses at the back of Gortview.
- (II) Appointment of suitability qualified Integrated Consultancy and Supply Teams (ICT and IST) to deliver the five-year action plan objectives as detailed.

#### **D194/19 Sport NI Multi Facility Fund Application**

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to update Members of the outcome of the Sport NI Multi Facility Fund Application.

In response to a member query regarding lands at CAFRE, the Acting Head of Leisure advised that a meeting was due to be held on Monday 25 November and an update would be provided to members.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted to:

- (I) Noting the success of the Stage 2 application and working with Sport NI towards developing the project.
- (II) Procure a consultant to complete a Green Book Economic Appraisal for the project as required at an estimated cost of £15,000.

#### **D195/19 Sports Representative Grants**

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to present to Members the proposed community grant allocations for the range of Sport Representative Grant – Team and Individuals.

*Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club.*

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Sports Grants allocations.



## **Matters for Information**

### **D196/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 October 2019**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 October 2019.

Councillor Molloy wanted to thank Officers on behalf of the White City residents for the work that was achieved in resolving the issue relating to the replacement wall.

### **D197/19 Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working**

Members noted Minutes of Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 21 October 2019.

Councillor McNamee said that he wanted to commend the Irish Language Officer on the positive comments received by Council through the recent Conradh na Gaeilge report.

### **D198/19 Economic Development Report for Information**

Members noted update on key activities as detailed below:

- Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2 September 2019
- Heels on the Hill – Evaluation Report 2019
- Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature in the Agenda NI Magazine
- NI Business Start Programme 2017-2021 Update
- ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit Interim Findings
- Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 November 2019)
- Cookstown Market Rights

In response to a member's query about Cookstown Market Rights, the Head of Economic Development advised that the owner of the market rights in Cookstown has advised he does not presently wish to sell these, but has noted Council's interest in the matter.

### **D199/19 Leisure Services Provided in Relation to Older People and Those Living with a Disability**

Members noted report on Leisure Services Provided in Relation to Older People and Those Living with a Disability.

Councillor Kerr said that he welcomed the report on the provision of activities for older people and those living with the disability and said that some groups had contacted him to signpost families towards the Council.

He referred to worthy organisations as detailed below:

- MACP – Coalisland based organisation which has specialist counsellors who are trained in dealing with autistic related issues
- Tobin Youth Centre – Moortown which runs activities and support groups helping families and children dealing with autism and down syndrome.
- Friends 2 Talk – Coalisland which is based in the Community Hub which tries to get people to meet and have a general chat, which is beneficial to the elderly when they attend
- National Autism Society which is operational in Coalisland.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr  
 Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that MACP, Tobin Youth Centre, Friends 2 Talk and National Autism Society all be included in the communications regarding Council delivered programmes.

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

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
 Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D200/19 to D209/19.

#### **Matters for Decision**

D200/19	Davagh Dark Sky Observatory and Visitor Centre – Briefing
D201/19	Lissan House Update
D202/19	Mid Ulster Town & Village Business Spruce Up Scheme
D203/19	ERDF Application for NI Business Start Up Programme 2021-22
D204/19	Design, Print, Supply and Delivery of Branded Promotional Materials and Stationery for Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centres
D205/19	Design, Print, Supply and Delivery of Branded Jute Shopping Bags for Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centres
D206/19	Tender Report for the Appointment of a Contractor to deliver the Mid Ulster Gearing for Growth Programme

#### **Matters for Information**

D207/19	Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 10 October 2019
D208/19	Mid South West Region Growth Deal
D209/19	Full Fibre NI (FFNI) Project

### **D210/19 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.48 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



<b>Report on</b>	Conferences, Seminars & Training
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	28 November 2019
<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 2019-20 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.
3.2	<b>Officer Approvals</b> There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.
<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 B Officers Approvals

## Member Training

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests

## Conferences

Provider/Course	Date & Time	Location	Costs	Attendee Requests
NAC Conference & National AGM  <i>Retrospective Approval if required. Details previously emailed to Members</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester	Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils  £295 plus VAT – Town, Parish and Community Councils	
Nilga Conference, Exhibiti & Gala Awards Dinner	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2020,	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast	<i>Two Free Places</i>  <i>Day Delegate, Conference Only - £99 (+Vat) (Per Person)</i>  <i>Day Delegate Including Awards Dinner - £145 (+Vat) (Per Person)</i>	

			<i>Local Government Awards Dinner Only £60 (+Vat)</i>	



## NAC Conference & National AGM

1. Addressing Family Poverty 2. Children's Services  
The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

For our AGM & annual conference, we return to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the beautiful city of Chester. The conference and AGM were held here last year and proved to be a great success.

Our subject for this year's event was agreed at a recent National Management Meeting. Due to the current relevance and impact on society it was felt it needed to be brought to the table sooner rather than later.

Is it right that so many working families are being pulled into poverty. Why is this happening? Is Universal Credit a chance to release families from the grip of poverty? The reality is there is a widening gulf between the haves and have nots. No child or family should have their prospects limited because of their background. All too often the support available to people is not enough to overcome the forces holding them back.

Low pay and high costs as well as serious regional inequalities are forcing many people into a corner and constraining their ability to seize new opportunities. Government should urgently prioritise investing in skills and better-paid jobs in places where people are locked out of opportunity. This is crucial if we are to strike at the heart of this issue and build an inclusive economy. How can we as local councillors help at all levels of local government?

Speakers from Parliament, Local Authorities and the private sector have been invited to speak about this important subject.

Please find enclosed a booking form for your use. I have reserved rooms at the hotel and would advise to book places early as demand is expected to be high.

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either:-Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson [Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org](mailto:Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org)  
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Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

**Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO**

**Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO**

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***Booking Condition: Please note that a charge is payable on any bookings cancelled. These charges will be kept to a minimum and will be in accordance with cost incurred by the NAC.***



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I would like to register for \_\_\_\_\_ places as detailed.

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<b>9.35</b>	<b>Political Keynote Addresses: National / Regional Government</b> <i>NI Secretary of State (Invited)</i> <i>Ministerial representative, Department of the Taoiseach (Invited)</i>
<b>9.55</b>	<b>NILGA &amp; SOLACE Response / Address</b> <i>NILGA President, Cllr Frances Burton, Mid Ulster District Council</i> <i>SOLACE Chair, David Jackson, CEO, Causeway Coast &amp; Glens Borough Council</i>

**SESSION 1****OUR FUTURE ROLES: LOCAL LEADERSHIP****STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY – WHAT'S TO COME FOR COUNCILS?**

<b>10.10</b>	<b>Panel Debate &amp; Interactive Session on:</b> <i>Devolution / Powers &amp; Resources of Councils / Dealing with Uncertainty &amp; Instability / Community Led Service Design / Leadership, Skills &amp; Performance</i>
<b>10.50</b>	<i>NILGA &amp; SOLACE – Key Messages and Resolutions from Debate</i>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors</b>

**SESSION 2****OUR FUTURE ENVIRONMENT: CLIMATE, COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES**

<b>11.35</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Climate Emergency - What is the role of local council frontline services?</i></li> <li>• <i>Future of Waste &amp; Recycling</i></li> <li>• <i>Sustainable infrastructure</i></li> <li>• <i>Sustainable Transport</i></li> </ul>
<b>12.10</b>	<i>Q&amp;A Audience &amp; Panel Debate to include NILGA &amp; SOLACE</i>
<b>12.40</b>	<b>Lunch / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors</b>

**SESSION 3 – DELIVERED BY SOLACE****OUR FUTURE PLANNING: COUNCILS DRIVING TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY TODAY**

<b>14.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Planning – Building the Future while protecting the past</i></li> <li>• <i>Planning our infrastructure</i></li> <li>• <i>Place Shaping, The High Street, A Community Space</i></li> </ul>
<b>14.35</b>	<i>Policy Remarks – SOLACE and Q&amp;A Audience &amp; Panel Debate</i>
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break / Networking / Engagement with Sponsors / Exhibitors</b>

**SESSION 4****OUR FUTURE ECONOMY: PEOPLE & TECHNOLOGY IN CONCERT**

<b>15.30</b>	<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Artificial Intelligence – reshaping local government services</i></li> <li>• <i>Propelling world class firms</i></li> </ul>
<b>16.10</b>	<i>Q&amp;A Audience &amp; Panel Debate to include NILGA &amp; SOLACE</i>
<b>16.40</b>	<b>Closing Keynote – Transforming Northern Ireland</b> <b>An economy that works for everyone</b>
<b>17.00</b>	<b>Conference Sponsor &amp; NILGA Delegates Prize Draw – Close</b>

**NI Local Government Gala Awards - Commence 7.00pm – Dinner served from 8.00pm**

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**Appendix Approval Sought – NOVEMBER COUNCIL**

**Retrospective Approval**

<b>Conference &amp; Seminar</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)</b>
Planning for Change: Planning in times of change	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	1	Derry	YES
Changes & Trends in International VAT	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	1	London	Flights
The Power of Walking Conference	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	1	Belfast	No

<b>Report on</b>	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 28 November 2019
<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>  If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>				
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council's <i>Civic Honour and Receptions Policy</i> .				
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>				
2.1	The policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at April 2018 Council. 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	<p><b><u>Recognition</u></b></p> <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 border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <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 border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</td> </tr> </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	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
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Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition					

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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 Council to receive letter from Council Chair</li> </ul>
2.4	<p>Appendix A to this report sets out those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the revised policy.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Implementation of the policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.</p>
3.2	<p>Recognition requests received from members since the last meeting of council have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.</p>
<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 consideration be given to approving request for civic recognition requests
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A – Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval



## Appendix A: November 2019 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
Edendork Ladies	Ulster Club Junior Championship Winners also won Tyrone Ladies Junior Championship & League Winners	Cllr Mallaghan Cllr Molloy Cllr Doris Cllr Oneill Cllr McGinley	<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
John Stokes  Loughshore ABC	Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ltd Ulster Boy/ Girl 1,2,3 Novice Championships (Two Rings)  Weight 38.5kg Champion	Cllr Kerr	<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
Torin Manning  Loughshore ABC	Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ltd Ulster Boy/ Girl 1,2,3 Novice Championships (Two Rings)  Weight 33kg Champion	Cllr Kerr	<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
Leah Lewis  Loughshore ABC	Irish Athletic Boxing Association Ltd Ulster Boy/ Girl 1,2,3 Novice Championships (Two Rings)	Cllr Kerr	<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

	Weight 33kg Champion			
Nicole Nugent	Ulster Schools Camogie All Star	Cllr S McPeake Cllr Kerr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	For: N/A Date: N/A
Bronagh McCullagh	Ulster Schools Camogie All Star	Cllr S McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	For: N/A Date: N/A
Caitriona Toner	Ulster Schools Camogie All Star	Cllr S McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	For: N/A Date: N/A
Clíodhna Ní Mhianáin	Ulster Schools Camogie All Star	Cllr S McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	For: N/A Date: N/A
Heather Boyd	Families First Award	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a Northern Ireland or provincial level</li> </ul>	For: N/A Date: N/A
Maghera Cross Community Link	Inspirational Person			
Knockloughrim Primary school	Families First Award	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained an outstanding achievement at a</li> </ul>	For: N/A Date: N/A

	Best Primary School Award		Northern Ireland or provincial level	
Eoin Hughes	Guinness Book of Records  Fastest Marathon Run by Father & Son Team (Tommy & Eoin Hughes,)	Cllr S McPeake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representing Country at International Level</li> </ul>	For: Tommy nominated and approved for Civic Award both to be invited for this achievement  Date: April 2019
Mia Muldoon	Ulster Championship 2019  Irish Dancing Solo Reel Under 11	Cllr Mallaghan	<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
Ciara McNamee	Ulster Championship 2019  Irish Dancing Solo Reel and Solo Jig Under 18	Cllr Mallaghan	<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
JC Stewarts	NI Neighbourhood Retail Awards  NI Retail of the Year 2019	Cllr Totten	<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
Bernie McKenna	Ulsterbus Tours Community Champion Award in recognition of the lasting and positive difference she has made to her local area by embracing the 'Ulster in Bloom' ethos (For role as Joint Chair and proactive member of Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society	Cllr F Burton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li> </ul>	Castlecaulfield Horticultural society has been honoured in the past Ms McKenna received this as an individual

### 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
Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC (Under 16 bpys)	Under 16 Boys Division One County Tyrone Championship	Cllr McGinley
Clonoe O'Rahilly Ladies Under 16s	GAA County Tyrone Ladies U16 Grade 2 League & Championship Winners	Cllrs Oneill, Doris, Molloy, McGinley & Kerr
Moortown GAA Senior ladies team Ladies Under 16	Tyrone Ladies Minor Grade 4 League & Championship Winners And Tyrone Ladies Grade 3 League Winners	Cllr Kerr
Coalisland Fianna Under 21s	County Tyrone Under 21 Grade 2 Championship Winners	Cllr Kerr
Galbally GAA Seniors	County Tyrone Division 2 League Winners County Tyrone Division 2 Reserve League Winners	Cllr Kerr
Donaghmore Under 16s Boys	County Tyrone Division One Under 16 Boys League	Cllr Kerr
Céat McEldowney	Ulster Colleges Camogie All Star	Cllr S McPeake

		Received Civic Award at Council meeting November 2018 for same achievement
Emma Donnelly	Ulster Schools Camogie All Star	Cllr Kerr  Received Civic Recognition for Under 16 Ulster Poc Fada Championship July Council 2018
Clogher Valley Agricultural Society	Farming Life Awards 2019 Local Agricultural Show Event of the Year	Cllr F Burton CVAS Received Civic Award in July Council 2018



<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council - November 2019
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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

<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 the Director, Royal College of Nursing Northern Ireland</b></p> <p>The Director of the Royal College of Nursing has corresponded with the Council regarding the documented and publicised ballot of its members, particularly on the issue of providing, safe and effective care for patients. Refer to appendix A.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Correspondence from Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne &amp; Down DC</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne &amp; Down District Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification that it passed a motion on the early diagnosis of bowel and breast cancer requesting that the Council support its call on same. Refer to appendix B.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Correspondence from the Honours Secretariat, Department for Communities</b></p> <p>The Honours Secretariat within the Local Government &amp; Housing Regulation Division of the Dept. for Communities has written to the Council offering the opportunity of an awareness-raising seminar for councillors on the Honours Process. Refer to appendix C</p>
3.4	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Private Secretary of the Minister for Foreign Affairs &amp; Trade, Irish Government</b></li> <li>• <b>Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office (NIO)</b></li> </ul> <p>The Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs &amp; Trade, Government of Ireland has written to the Council Chair on his notification that the Council carried a motion in July 2019 with reference to extending democratic participation to the election of the Irish Head of State. The Secretary of State for NI has also responded to the Council Chair setting out the Governments position on the same. Refer to appendix D.</p>

3.5	<p><b>Correspondence from Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne &amp; Down DC</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive of Newry, Mourne &amp; Down District Council has corresponded with the Council to give notification that it passed a motion on the <i>Location of Welfare Appeals</i> requesting that the Council support its motion on same. Refer to appendix E.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Correspondence from Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health</b></p> <p>The Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health has corresponded with the Council on its invitation to meet with him on the delivery of the Protect Life 2 Strategy for preventing suicide and self-harm. Democratic Services has been in contact with the Chief Medical Officers office and a date has been scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to discuss same. Refer to Appendix F.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Other Considerations</b></p>
4.1	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p>
5.0	<p><b>Recommendation(s)</b></p>
5.1	<p>That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.</p>
6.0	<p><b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b></p> <p>Appendix A: Royal College of Nursing, Northern Ireland</p> <p>Appendix B: Newry, Mourne &amp; Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix C: Honours Secretariat, Department for Communities</p> <p>Appendix D: Irish Government Northern Ireland Office</p> <p>Appendix E: Newry, Mourne &amp; Down District Council</p> <p>Appendix F: Department of Health, Northern Ireland</p>





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Appendix A

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Mr Anthony Tohill, Chief Executive  
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9 October 2019

Ref: PC/fa

Dear Mr Tohill

I am writing to you in my capacity as Director of the Royal College of Nursing in Northern Ireland, to inform the Council about developments related to the Royal College of Nursing's safe and effective care campaign and ballot in Northern Ireland.

Within the 5 Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland we now have over 3000 unfilled nursing posts. This equates to over 13% of the total nursing workforce, the highest in all the UK. We believe there is also a similar vacancy rate within the independent sector. Nurses' pay within the health service in Northern Ireland continues to fall behind England, Scotland and Wales. The cost to the public purse of filling nursing vacancies through nursing agencies increased to £50 million in 2018-19.

Nurses have reported serious concerns that there are not enough staff to provide safe and effective care for patients. Nurses are being left to manage high levels of risk daily. These experiences are having a direct impact upon the health and well-being of nurses, with sickness levels amongst nursing staff consequently increasing.

The RCN believes that the current nursing workforce crisis is having an impact upon the health and well-being of the people of Northern Ireland. Equally, nurse staffing issues are having a negative impact upon the productivity of medical staff within the HSC, leading to the longest waiting lists in all of the UK Countries and cancelled operations. These issues are a matter of public concern for the people of Northern Ireland.

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## Royal College of Nursing Northern Ireland

The RCN believes there is a clear link between cost-saving measures, inadequate workforce planning, pay disparity and the recruitment and retention of nursing staff. The palpable sense of disillusionment and even anger amongst RCN members in Northern Ireland over these issues continues to grow. As a result, and for the first time in its history, the RCN (UK) Council has now authorised the RCN in Northern Ireland to ballot members employed within the HSC in Northern Ireland for industrial action up to and including strike action.

Our dispute is not with patients or our professional colleagues, and we will make patient safety a priority during any action. Any strike action called by the RCN will ensure that patients are not put at any additional risk. The RCN will always ensure the maintenance of life-preserving services in acute and emergency situations, and we will ensure that robust contingency arrangements are in place in the event of a major incident.

This is a course of action that the RCN would prefer not to have to take but our members now feel that there is no alternative. I would be very happy to meet with you at any time, to further discuss our ballot and any impending action. Please contact [fiona.adair@rcn.org.uk](mailto:fiona.adair@rcn.org.uk) if you wish to arrange this.

Yours sincerely

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Director

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Liam Hannaway  
Chief Executive



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**Newry, Mourne  
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District Council

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16 October 2019

Mr Anthony Tohill  
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Dear Mr Tohill

**Re: Early Diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer**

At a meeting of Newry Mourne and Down District Council held on Monday 7 October 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

*"Newry Mourne and Down District Council notes that early diagnosis of Bowel and Breast Cancer offers Patients the best chance of a successful treatment. England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland all currently use the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) and have a lowered age for screening. NHS England are currently trialling Breast Cancer Screening at the lower age of 47 and the upper age of 72.*

*This Council will write to the Permanent Secretary for Health Mr Richard Pangelley highlighting the difference in the screening service provision across the UK and Ireland and calling for a review into Bowel Cancer Screening services in the North and to follow the English NHS lead in trialling Breast Cancer Screening at a lower age here in Northern Ireland.*

*The Council will write to the 10 other Councils requesting that they join Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in calling on the Permanent Secretary to commit to a review of Bowel and Breast Cancer Screening as outlined."*

Members were unanimous in their support for lowered age for breast and bowel cancer screening services in Northern Ireland, along with the use of Faecal Immunochemical tests for bowel cancer screening in line with England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council would ask for your support in calling on the Permanent Secretary to commit to a review of Bowel and Breast Screening.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Liam Hannaway**  
**Chief Executive**

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17 October 2019

Dear Chief Executive

### **HONOURS AWARDS**

In January / February 2018 this division facilitated two Honours Awards awareness seminars in Ards & North Down and Causeway Coast & Glens district councils. These were met with fairly positive feedback from attendees and a number of actions were followed up on queries raised. In particular, the issue around timings of nominations was raised and clarification has since been provided to councils.

Since then we have produced Guidance to District Councils on the nomination process which was issued in January 2019 and is reattached for reference. We also issued the PowerPoint presentation used in the seminars.

It was agreed down the line to revisit councils to establish whether an appetite existed to organise and facilitate further Honours seminars/events in early 2020 with the various stakeholders including TEO Honours Secretariat.

This purpose of this memo is to ascertain whether a need currently exists within councils for us to consider running similar events for officials / elected members. This might be the more relevant since the local government elections in May 2019 will have brought an influx of new faces across the political parties.

I would be grateful for your views on the matter and if you could respond to me via the contact details shown above by **Friday 8 November 2019**.

Many thanks for your attention on this matter.

Yours sincerely

**ROBERT COUSINS**  
**Local Government & Housing Regulation Division**

## **DfC GUIDANCE TO DISTRICT COUNCILS - NOMINATING SOMEONE FOR AN HONOUR**

### **1. Introduction**

- i. The Honours system is a process which begins with the Honours & Appointments Secretariat in London. It filters down to The Executive Office (TEO) and the Head of Civil Service (HOCS) in Northern Ireland and through the various government departments and divisions within those departments, seeking nominations for an award at the appropriate level.
- ii. Local Government & Housing Regulation Division (LGHRD) within the Department for Communities (DfC) manages honours nominations from district councils and liaises with the Permanent Secretary's Office during March and September each year. As this window to receive nominations is fairly tight, council officials and elected members are also encouraged to submit nominations on an ongoing basis. These are held by LGHRD and processed in line with departmental and Honours' Secretariat deadlines. This more flexible approach provides council staff with more time to develop the citation which is a key factor in a successful outcome.
- iii. TEO commission each Honours round to government departments and produce their own guidance to sponsoring bodies including "How to write an honours citation" and a citation form. This guidance is specific to district councils but also covers public nominations which are initially directed to TEO who then approach the appropriate department to agree sponsorship.

### **2. Types of Award**

- i. The range of Awards is determined by the nature of the achievement of the individual and their contribution in "making a difference". A nominator may not be certain which award they wish to choose from the diverse range of awards but council nominations tend to fall into the following categories:
- ii. **OBE** - Distinguished regional or county-wide role in any field, through achievement or service to the community including notable practitioners known nationally. Typically a Chief Executive;

- iii. **MBE** - Achievement or service in and to the community which is outstanding in its field and has delivered sustained and real impact which stands out as an example to others. Typically a councillor, mayor, chair or member of staff; and
- iv. **BEM** - Achievement or contribution of a very “hands-on” service to the community in a local geographical area. This might take the form of sustained commitment in support of very local charitable and/or voluntary activity; or innovative work. Typically a councillor or member of staff depending on activities they are nominated for.
- v. If a council thinks another award may be more appropriate, the council should contact LGHRD for advice. Generally nominations are made for OBE, MBE or BEM, though on occasion advice is sought from TEO via Permanent Secretary’s Office on suggesting a change to what is more appropriate or likely to result in success for the nominee.

### 3. Route of Application

- i. There are two routes of application. These have different appeals for varied reasons in particular regarding confidentiality and at times when there are issues with the content of the citation.
- ii. Route 1 – This is the conventional route. Councils respond to the commissioning note from LGHRD and complete a Microsoft Word citation template (see Appendix 1) with the nominee’s details with content limited to 450 words. These nominations are usually forwarded to LGHRD via Chief Executive Personal Secretary (PS) staff for consideration either during the short bi-annual commissioning process or on an ongoing basis throughout the year. Queries from LGHRD are usually dealt with through PS staff or other staff depending on confidentiality of the nominee. Letters of support are not necessary where the nomination comes directly from a council.
- iii. Route 2 – This public nomination route is more accessible and provide enhanced confidentiality than applications routed through council. This route enables an individual to nominate a person for an honour and when doing so the **nominator details must be provided. Letters of support must be provided.** Queries about the application are handled between the TEO and the nominator. LGHRD has found, on occasion, that where queries are raised with the nominator there is a proportionately greater chance that feedback is not forthcoming. The link to this nomination form and guidance notes can be found here at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/nomination-form-and-guidance-notes-uk-national-honour>

#### 4. Principles in selection

- i. The success or otherwise of a nomination in the Honours process is ultimately determined by the Honours & Appointments Secretariat in London using their selection criteria. They apply the Prime Minister's strategic objectives which has merit as the overarching criterion for judging whether an individual deserves an honour.
- ii. Diversity is also an important criteria for example, where there continues to be an under-representation of females (particularly senior women) or members of black and ethnic minority groups. This needs to be addressed.
- iii. Candidates should be identified well in advance of retirement. In some cases, it may take a few years before an individual filters through the national element of the nomination and selection process before they are chosen at a local level. The general rule is that citations should be so timed that the individual concerned will receive the award prior to retirement, i.e. while they are still performing the services for which recognition is proposed. This does not, however, preclude an award being made after a nominee has actually retired.

#### 5. Content of the Citation

- i. A high quality content citation is the one overriding factor in which the nominator can persuade group panels at various levels that the candidate merits receipt of an award, particularly for **voluntary and charitable services** undertaken. This cannot be overstated. In the past citations have often predominately focused on the 'day job', which is no longer viewed as of primary importance.
- ii. A greater emphasis is now placed on voluntary work either to supplement the main basis of a recommendation or for those engaged solely in voluntary activities. As well as recognising the contribution the nominee has made in a particular field it is important to recognise the contribution they have made in charitable or voluntary activities. People with clear evidence of voluntary and charitable contribution are more successful at committee stage.
- iii. A good citation will:
  - be well-constructed and compelling;
  - provide objective data to back up assertions being made about the candidate;
  - provide details of how the candidate has made a real difference;
  - show how a candidate has gone "beyond their job";
  - show how they stand out amongst their peers;
  - provide up-to-date and current information;

- provide details of their voluntary contribution; and
  - Show how they have “gone the extra mile”.
- iv. TEO have produced comprehensive guidance on “How to write an honours citation” (attached at Appendix 2).

## 6. Further information

- i. This guidance is complementary to that provided by TEO and provides information specifically for district councils about their input into the bi-annual request for nominations.
- ii. This guidance should provide council staff with sufficient information to interact effectively with the department in the Honours exercises. Queries arising during the process are often usually where most lesson are learned so please feel free to contact the LGHRD staff listed below as necessary.
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Appendix D



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Councillor Martin Kearney  
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22 October 2019

**Our Ref:** IUKA190432

Dear Councillor Kearney,

The Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Coveney T.D., has asked me to thank you for your correspondence of 1 August 2019 to the Taoiseach, conveyed to the Tánaiste for attention.

I wish to apologise for the delay in responding to you, which is due to the high volume of correspondence received by the Department at present.

The Tánaiste has asked me to say that the motion passed by the Mid Ulster District Council in respect of the referendum to extend the franchise for Presidential elections to all Irish citizens resident in Northern Ireland and around the world has been noted and that he appreciates the Council's positive engagement on this important issue.

Thanks to the pioneering work of Ireland's past and current Presidents, the modern Presidency of Ireland has evolved into a powerful democratic symbol. The Presidency is also characterised by deepening peace and reconciliation on the island, and fostering inclusiveness amongst the global Irish family.

The Government believes that it is time to build on that symbolism with a practical proposal to enhance the Presidency's democratic and representative foundations. This would be a tangible recognition of the birthright in the Good Friday Agreement and under the Constitution for every person born on the island of Ireland to be part of the Irish Nation.

In this regard, the Government published the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Presidential Elections) Bill 2019 on 16 September 2019, which proposes to extend voting rights at presidential elections to all Irish citizens of voting age, irrespective of where they may live. Furthermore, the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs announced an order establishing an independent statutory Referendum Commission on 26 September 2019, which will prepare, publish and distribute to the electorate statements containing a general explanation of the subject matter of the referendum, once the Bill has completed all stages in the Oireachtas.

Yours sincerely,



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Councillor Martin Kearney  
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5 November 2019

Dear Martin,

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister passing on the resolution of Mid Ulster Council regarding the election of the Irish Head of State. I am responding on the Prime Minister's behalf.

I am happy to make it clear that Irish citizens, resident in any part of the UK, can vote in all UK elections held in the area in which they live. Irish citizens can stand as candidates in all UK elections at which they can vote. These rights have been explicitly enshrined in UK law for over seventy years and currently derive from the Representation of the People Act 1983.

British citizens resident in Ireland currently have reciprocal voting rights in equivalent elections, so they may vote in Dail and local elections. Irish law is clear that British citizens are, however, not entitled to vote in referendums in Ireland, or in Presidential elections as there is no equivalent election for head of state in the UK.

All decisions concerning voting rights in Irish elections or referenda are entirely a matter for the Irish government. If, following their referendum on the matter, the Irish government decided to enfranchise Irish citizens living outside Ireland in respect of Presidential elections that will be a matter for them and not a matter for the UK Government.

**RT HON JULIAN SMITH MP**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Marie Ward  
Chief Executive



Comhairle Ceantair  
**an Iúir, Mhúrn  
agus an Dúin**  
**Newry, Mourne  
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Our ref: C/186/2019

11 November 2019

Mr Anthony Tohill  
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Dear Mr Tohill

**Re: Location of Welfare Appeals**

At a meeting of Newry Mourne and Down District Council held on Monday 4 November 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

*"This Council calls on the Appeals Service NI to cease the practice of holding Welfare appeals at local Courthouses, states that these venues are unacceptable for such tribunals as it further traumatises already vulnerable appellants.*

*Furthermore, that this Council explores the use of disability charities premises to host appeals, as these are less formidable venues, more informal settings, with staff who are accustomed to welcoming and receiving people and putting them at their ease.*

*Council notes the protracted delays in getting appeals heard and calls on the Chief Executive to write to the head of the Appeals Service NI, and the Permanent Secretary for DFC, requesting an immediate review of venues for such appeals and the formation of a review panel tasked with addressing the unacceptable delays to appeals being heard.*

*Council write to the 10 other Councils asking them to support this Motion".*

Members were unanimous in their support for this motion and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council would ask for your support in calling on the Appeals Service NI to cease the practice of holding Welfare appeals at local courthouses.

Yours sincerely

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

From the Chief Medical Officer  
**Dr Michael McBride**



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 Date: 11 October 2019

Dear Cllr Kearney

Thank you for your invitation to meet with Council members and partners in the community and voluntary sector to explore how we can work together in delivering the Protect Life 2 Strategy for preventing suicide and self-harm.

I welcome the Council's proactivity in this regard and would be pleased to host a meeting with a Council delegation. Action 4.1 of the strategy states that we need to *ensure effective co-ordination with Council community planning on suicide prevention by embedding suicide prevention in all District Council Community Plans*. There are also a range of other actions within the Strategy that the Council could potentially contribute towards.

I would also wish to include Public Health Agency officials in our meeting, as they have a central role in coordinating implementation of the strategy in the Mid Ulster area.

Please contact my personal secretary, Jane Carson, ([Jane.Carson@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Jane.Carson@health-ni.gov.uk) tel: 028 90520658) to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely

**DR MICHAEL McBRIDE**  
 Chief Medical Officer





<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	28 November 2019
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Mary McSorley, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer

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<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
Northern Ireland Policing Board and PSNI	Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2020-2025	The Northern Ireland Policing Board and the PSNI are consulting jointly on their Policing Plan 2020-2025. NIPB is looking for views from the public to help in the development of the Plan and views on the draft Outcomes to have a safe community, confidence in policing, and engaged and supportive communities.	6 Jan 2020	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/policing-plan">www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/policing-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)?		No	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (UK)	Heat Network (Metering and Billing) Regulations 2014: proposals for amendments  (UK-wide consultation, including N Ireland)	Consultation on proposals to amend the 2014 regulations to ensure consistency with Energy Efficiency Directive requirements, and to extend their provisions to all heat meters for consumers on heat networks.	12 Dec 2019	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heat-network-metering-and-billing-regulations-2014-proposed-amendments">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heat-network-metering-and-billing-regulations-2014-proposed-amendments</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 (Environment)	



Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Health & Safety Executive for Northern Ireland	Carcinogens and Mutagens – Revision of limit values in EH40/2005 “Workplace Exposure Limits” and Amendments to Mines Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016	The H&SENI is consulting on proposals for the implementation, in Northern Ireland, of a European Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to carcinogens or mutagens at work. Directive (EU) 2017/2398 amends the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (CMD) 2004/37/EC.	3 December 2019	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.hseni.gov.uk/CDM/Phase1/Consultation">https://www.hseni.gov.uk/CDM/Phase1/Consultation</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 (Environment)		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Council	Disability Action Plan 2020-2023 and Audit of Inequalities and Equality Action Plan 2020-2023	ABC Council is consulting on its Equality and Disability Action Plans for 2020-2023.	21 Jan 2020	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://armaghibanbridgecraigavon.citizenspace.com/">https://armaghibanbridgecraigavon.citizenspace.com/</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)?	No		

