

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF DUNGANNON & SOUTH TYRONE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2013 IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, CIRCULAR ROAD, DUNGANNON**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** In the Chair, Councillor Ashton (Chair)  
  
Councillors Brush, F Burton, R Burton, Cavanagh, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Daly, Donnelly, Gildernew, Gillespie, Hamilton, McGonnell, McGuigan, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, O'Neill, Robinson and Varsani

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Reid

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mr Barrett, Recreation Manager (RM)  
Mr Beggs, Enterprise Investment & Grants Manager (EIGM)  
Mr Clarke, Community Development Manager (CDM)  
Mr Frazer, Director of Development (DoD)  
Mr Hill, Tourism and Parks Manager (T&PM)  
Mrs Smith, Council Business Manager (CBM)

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

## **1 CHAIR'S REMARKS**

### **1.1 Condolences**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton, expressed sympathy to Councillor Reid on the death of his mother and extended the sympathy of the Council to the family circle.

### **1.2 Welcome**

The Chair, Councillor Ashton, welcomed Councillor Clement Cuthbertson as a member of the Council stated that was please as a party to have him join the Council and looked forward to working with him.

## **2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Members declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following but did not leave the room.

Sport and Leisure Capital Development Fund 2013/14 (item 1.2.1)  
Kileeshil St Marys GFC – Councillor McGonnell  
Clone O'Rahilly's GAC – Councillor O'Neill  
St Patrick's GAC Eglish – Councillor Daly  
Eoghan Ruadh Hurling Club – Councillor Monteith

### **3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

The Development Report having previously been circulated, appendix 1, was presented reference being made to the undernoted:

#### **3.1 Operational Approvals (Section2)**

##### **3.1.1 Glencull Public Path (Item 2.2.1)**

T&PM stated that estimated expenditure should read £15,000.

##### **3.1.2 Proposed Cemeteries Tariff 2014-15 (item 2.2.2)**

In response to query the T&PM stated that these were incremental increases to bring tariffs into line with cluster councils.

Agreed that press statement would be prepared.

Councillor Gildernew arrived at 7.04 pm.

#### **3.2 Progress Reports (Section 3)**

##### **3.2.1 Royal Scottish Pipe Band Championship Events 2014 (item 3.2.2)**

In response to query the T&PM stated that Council had submitted bid for £7,500 per year plus resources and assistance but had been unsuccessful. This would not deter a bid post 2015. Coleraine Borough had been successful with bid for the years 2014 and 2015 with financial position not known.

In relation to programme of events to mark the 25 anniversary of the opening of Dungannon Park it was stated that a full report with proposals would be brought to a future meeting.

##### **3.2.2 Community & Voluntary Sector Legacy Fund (item 3.3.1)**

It was noted that applications totalling £613k had been bid for by groups with an available fund of £300k.

Given the level of interest it was agreed that to assist with budget preparation that a similar fund been included in draft budget for next year.

In response to query regarding providing funding for an element of each successful application rather than totally rejecting an application the CDM stated that assessment panel will look at all options.

### **3.2.3 National Arbor Week Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (item 3.2.4)**

In response to query the T&PM stated that any trees around Aughnacloy Eco Park that are failing to grow on the site will be replaced within this planting season.

### **3.3 Information Reports (Section 4)**

#### **3.3.1 Tyrone Connected – Sean McCrory Chairman (item 4.1.3)**

Letter from Tyrone Connected a voluntary community group whose main objective is to see trains running again to and from Portadown/Derry/Londonderry. Member stated that this project would be well worth support.

#### **3.3.2 Coalisland/Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**

Letter dated 2 December 2013 from Chair of above group requesting opportunity for group to make presentation to Council in relation to site at Dungannon Road and the development opportunity for the betterment of the local community.

**Resolved** That group be afforded opportunity to make presentation to future meeting of Strategic Development Committee.

#### **3.3.3 NIEA – Protocol for the Care of the Government Historic Estate**

Submitted letter dated 5 November 2013 from NIEA Historic Buildings Unit asking that each of the 26 councils support the protocol with one council having already agreed to do so. The DoD stated that no resource implications only method of protecting the built environment and recommended support.

**Resolved** That this be item on report for next meeting with full details being provided.

#### **3.3.4 Tourism Enterprise 3 (Flavour of Tyrone) Programme (item 2.1.1)**

The T&PM stated that percentage of match fund from Invest NI, as set out in report and on appendix 1, should read 50 per cent.

### **3.4 Adoption of Report**

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor Hamilton and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to the Council that the report of the Director of Development be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

## **4. RESIGNATION**

Councillor Hamilton stated that this would be his last meeting as he hoped to stand down from the Council at the end of the month. He thanked his party, fellow councillors and officer for their support over the last 25 years.

The Director of Development on behalf of staff wished retiring and retired councillors, Councillors Hamilton, Donnelly, Morrow and McLarnon all the best for the future.

Members spoke of the pleasure of working with Councillor Hamilton, his hard work within his area and wished him all the best for the future.

Councillor Cavanagh arrived at 7.20 pm.

## **5. STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

The Economic Development Report having previously been circulated, appendix 2, was presented by the EIGM reference being made to the undernoted:

### **5.1 Progress Reports (Section 3)**

#### **5.1.1 Emigration**

Following last meeting statistics had been circulated to members. During discussion agreed that this be an item on report for discussion next month and that any other useful information be circulated to include 5 years figures and further geographical etc breakdown.

#### **5.1.2 Enterprise Zoning – M1 Corridor (item 3.1.5)**

Members stated that this would be an important document when area plan being prepared by the new Mid Ulster Council therefore input important so that a robust document is completed to enable this area to sell its case in mid ulster.

#### **5.1.3 Car Parking Charges (item 3.2.4)**

Members asked if there had been any in-roads in relation to free parking. A neighbouring council had a very successful meeting with a number of ministers and have managed to deliver no parking charges for Saturday prior to Christmas. The question of the need for discretion/flexibility with regard to on street parking procedures during the period of the public realm scheme project was also discussed.

The EIGM agreed to take comments on board and arrange a meeting.

## 5.2 Adoption of Report

Proposed by Councillor McGonnell  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that the Strategic Economic Development Report be adopted, and that all recommendations, subject to the foregoing, be approved.

## 6. DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and concluded at 7.30 pm.

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF EXECUTIVE \_\_\_\_\_