

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Monday 4 April 2022 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by virtual means**

**Members Present**

Councillor Brown

Councillors Buchanan, Burton, Cuthbertson, Glasgow\*, Graham\*, Kearney, N McAleer, S McAleer\*, B McGuigan, S McGuigan\*, McNamee, Milne\*, O'Neill\* (7.25 pm), Totten, Wilson

**Officers in Attendance**

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

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

\*\* Denotes Officers present by remote means

\*\*\* Denotes others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7.01 pm

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

**E090/22 Notice of Recording**

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

**E091/22 Apologies**

None.

**E092/22 Declarations of Interest**

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

**E093/22 Chair's Business**

None.

**Matters for Decision**

**E094/22 DfI Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council - A6 Castledawson to Toome — Proposed Road Classification**

The Assistant Director of Property Services presented previously circulated report which sought agreement in relation to A6 Castledawson to Toome — Proposed Road Classification.

Proposed by Councillor Cuthbertson  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposal submitted by Department for Infrastructure Roads in relation to A6 Castledawson to Toome — Proposed Road Classification.

**E095/22 Consultation on Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking**

The Assistant Director of Environmental Services presented previously circulated report which outlined Council's proposed response to a Consultation on the Introduction of Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the proposed response to the Consultation on Mandatory Digital Waste Tracking as outlined at appendix to report.

**E096/22 Bus Shelter Update**

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

The Chair, Councillor Brown referred to installation of bus shelter at Main Street, Bellaghy (Seamus Heaney HomePlace) and stated he had received correspondence from a business in the area in relation to where this bus shelter is to be located. Councillor Brown asked if officers had gone back to businesses in the area to ensure they are content with where the bus shelter is to be sited as his understanding was that the previous location considered was going to cause access problems for some businesses.

The Head of Technical Services stated he would check the detail of the application tomorrow but advised that all applications are noted through the consultation process along with relevant stakeholders and if they are content then the bus shelter should

be located accordingly. In terms of neighbour notification, the officer advised that Council policy is to notify all neighbours within the radius approved and if there is an overwhelming acceptance of a proposal then it will move ahead. The Head of Technical Services advised that officers do not go back to individual objectors after full Council ratification but he would check and report back to the Councillor.

The Chair, Councillor Brown stated that there were concerns raised in relation to that particular bus shelter and those raising the concerns had not heard back from Council and asked that this be followed up.

Councillor Milne stated that the bus shelter proposed for Main Street, Bellaghy would not obstruct anyone and is on the footpath with full visibility splays. The Councillor stated that the person objecting may also have objected the last time it was under consideration.

Councillor Wilson stated there are a number of bus shelters in the District which are no longer in use and are in a dilapidated condition. The Councillor asked if officers undertake an annual inspection of bus shelters and if not in use asked if they are removed.

The Assistant Director of Property Services advised a survey of bus shelters is undertaken annually and this is done from a maintenance point of view during the summer season at the same time as strimming is undertaken around road nameplates etc. From this survey, work will be undertaken in terms of maintenance ie. repair, powerwashing, painting. The officer highlighted that the survey does not take account of whether bus shelters are still in use and liaison with Translink would be required in this regard.

Councillor Wilson stated he felt that there are a number of bus shelters which are not being used and that the matter should be discussed further with relevant stakeholders.

Councillor Kearney referred to the green type bus shelters and asked if consideration had ever been given to placing a luminous sign or Council logo on the bus shelters it installs to be make them identifiable.

The Head of Technical Services advised that consideration can be given to this as some bus shelters are in rural locations and a reflective strip would provide some added safety.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To note the new application received for The Square, Moy Village
  - That the applications listed below move to stage 5 –  
Eglish View, Ballinderry  
Millix Road, Ballygawley
  - To discuss and undertake survey with Translink in terms of use of bus shelters in the District.
  - To give consideration to placing of reflective strip/Council logo on bus shelters to aid safety.

## **Matters for Information**

### **E097/22 Environment Committee minutes of meeting held on 8 March 2022**

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 8 March 2022.

Councillor McNamee referred to the river pollution which took place last week and asked if officers could provide an update on the matter and advise of the extent of the fish kill and identify the source of the pollution.

The Chair, Councillor Brown advised that Environmental Health matters were now considered under the remit of the Development Committee.

Councillor Wilson thanked staff for the good work recently completed in Cookstown Cemetery. The Councillor went on to advise that there have been a number of instances of theft at the Cemetery and felt that an appeal should go out from the Committee for people visiting the Cemetery to be vigilant.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he had raised similar concerns in the past and that a report was to be brought back in relation to installing CCTV in cemeteries. The Councillor advised that a report had not been brought back to date and asked that this be looked at again.

### **E098/22 Bin Ovation Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on usage of the Bin-ovation App and associated competition.

### **E099/22 Update/survey on Recycling Centre prepayment system**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the operation of the Recycling Centre prepayment system for the acceptance of commercial waste and results of customer satisfaction survey.

### **E100/22 Building Control Workload**

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

### **E101/22 Dual Language Signage Surveys**

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

### **E102/22 Dual Language Signage Requests**

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

## **E103/22 Continuation of Reduced Fees for Entertainment Licences 2022/23**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised on the outcome of the Department of Communities consultation exercise with Councils on a review of Fees for Entertainment Licences for 2022/23.

## **E104/22 Lough Neagh Access for Boats**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update in relation to correspondence to the Department of Infrastructure about access to Lough Neagh around the quays for boats.

## **E105/22 Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA) Services**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of correspondence on Driver and Vehicle Agency Services in Mid Ulster.

*Live broadcast ended at 7.31 pm.*

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

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan 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 E106/22 to E113/22.

### **Matters for Decision**

- E106/22 Tenders for Grass Sports Pitch Maintenance Services
- E107/22 Award of Contract for the Collection, Treatment and Recycling/Recovery of Wood from Recycling Centres
- E108/22 Off street Car Parking: Future Provision Update

### **Matters for Information**

- E109/22 Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 8 March 2022
- E110/22 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E111/22 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E112/22 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update
- E113/22 Fleet Operator Licence Update

## **E114/22 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 7.48 pm.

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

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

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

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

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

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