

**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 24 July 2014  
in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Members Present:** Councillor Mallaghan, Chair (Presiding Councillor)

Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Bell, Buchanan, Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Dillon, Elattar, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, S McGuigan, McLean, McPeake, Molloy, Monteith, Mulligan, C O'Neill, J O'Neill, T Quinn, M Quinn, J Shiels, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Mrs Canavan, Lead HR Officer  
Mr Moffett, Change Management Officer  
Mr O'Hagan, ICT Manager  
Mr JJ Tohill, Lead Finance Officer  
Mr Galvin, Head of Leisure Services (CDC)  
Mrs Smith, Council Business Manager (D&STBC)

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

**C27/14 Chair's Business**

**Best Wishes**

The Chair referred to the hospitalisation of a SDLP Member and stated that if the Council was in agreement he would send get well wishes to the Member.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Bell and

**Resolved** That best wishes for a full and speedy recovery is sent to the Member.

**Condolences**

The Chair again spoke of a number of tragic incidents in the area. He referred in particular to the death of Mrs Roseleen Donaghy from Donaghmore, following a tragic accident while on holiday in Bulgaria, and stated that the sympathy of the Council was with the family.

**C28/14 Apologies**

Councillors Cuthbertson, McKinney, McNamee, Mullen, Reid and Robinson.

## **C29/14      Declarations of Interest**

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

### **Matters for Decision**

#### **C30/14      Receive and consider minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at Council meeting held on Thursday 26 June 2014**

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor T Quinn and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 26 June 2014, transacted in 'Open Business' having been printed and circulated be taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **C31/14      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 2014**

Proposed by Councillor T Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved**      That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 9 July 2014, having been printed and circulated be taken as read and adopted.

### **Planning Reform Consultation (P5/14)**

The Chief Executive advised that, as discussed at Committee, a workshop in connection with the above issue will be held on Monday 4 August 2014 in Magherafelt at 5.30 pm to explore the legislation, see what impact it has for Mid Ulster and to agree a response. The workshop is open to any member who wishes to attend and a formal invite with all necessary paperwork will be issued to members.

Councillor Burton arrived at 7.08 pm.

#### **C32/14      Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 2014**

### **Procurement of a Unified Communications System (PR10/14)**

Councillor Glasgow asked that it be noted for the record that he and Councillor Reid voiced their opposition to the proposal.

## Members Present

In the interest of accuracy an UUP Member stated that Councillors McLean and Molloy were noted as having put in apologies for the meeting and also were noted on the attendance list. He also spoke in relation to the need for Councillors who are not members of the committee to be clearly recorded as such.

Councillor Molloy confirmed that he was not in attendance and sent apologies for Policy and Resources Committee held on the 9 July and Development Committee held on the 10 July.

In relation to the attendance of councillors who are not members of a committee the Chief Executive stated that, going forward, the names would be recorded in a separate section as 'Members In Attendance'.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Wednesday 9 July 2014, having been printed and circulated, and subject to the foregoing, be taken as read and adopted.

**C33/14 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 10 July 2014**

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor M Quinn and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 10 July 2014, having been printed and circulated be taken as read and adopted.

**C34/14 Receive and consider the minutes and recommendations of the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 10 July 2014**

**To receive updates from Transition Working Group (D4/14)  
Development and Regeneration Working Group**

An UUP Member stated that in relation to this item it was an UUP Member that made the comment and not a DUP Member as stated in the minutes.

## Recording of Minutes

An UUP member raised concern in relation to comments in minutes being attributed to a party member and felt that there could be an equality issue

as there is only one independent and asked that appropriate committee give further consideration to this issue.

The Chief Executive stated he was happy to have further discussion on this issue.

The Chair stated that the matter would be taken to party leaders grouping for further discussion following which it would be brought back to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor McEldowney  
Seconded by Councillor C O'Neill and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 10 July 2014, having been printed and circulated, and subject to the foregoing, be taken as read and adopted.

#### **To receive updates from Transition Working Groups (D4/14)**

An UUP Member stated that in order to ensure continued successful roll-out of the Rural Development Programme and development and regeneration services across the Mid Ulster area it was important that, at an early stage, discussions are held with DARD officials and that the Minister should be invited to be involved in these discussions.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved** That a meeting, on this issue, be organised with the Minister responsible for the Department of Agricultural and Rural Development.

#### **IN COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved** That items C35/14, C36/14 and C37/14 be taken in committee.

The press and public left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

#### **C38/14 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.40 pm.

CHAIR (Presiding Councillor) \_\_\_\_\_