

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of a DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor McElhone (Chair)

Councillors: Clarke, Glasgow, Kelly, Mayo, McAleer, McFlynn, McNamee, Quinn and Wilson

Officers:	Adrian McCreesh	Chief Executive (Acting)
	Liam Glavin	Head of Leisure Services
	Oliver McShane	Head of Sports Services
	Emma Bell	Administrative Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were reported on behalf of Councillors Lees, McCartney, McGarvey and McIvor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Glasgow and McAleer declared an interest in Item 6.1 'The Regional Strategic Framework for the Central Border Region 2013-2015' and Item 6.2 'ICBAN,' as they are members of the ICBAN Management Board.

Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Item 7 'Lough Neagh Partnership,' as he is a member of their Management Committee.

3. PRESENTATION

3.1. Department for Regional Development (DRD)

The Chief Executive (Acting) welcomed Mr Michael Deery, Department for Regional Development (DRD) to the meeting.

Mr Deery updated Members on the Dungannon/Cookstown Integrated Transport Pilot Project, which will enable a more cohesive approach to the design and delivery of publicly funded transport services in these areas. He outlined a number of key

objectives of the pilot project, potential areas for improvement and issues to be addressed, in addition to the progress to date.

Councillor Wilson arrived at 7.11pm.

Councillor McElhone thanked Mr Deery for his informative presentation, after which he answered a number of questions from Members.

Mr Deery thanked Members and left the meeting at 7.15pm

4. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4.1. Suite of Local Economic Development Programmes

Members NOTED update report, dated 1st October 2013, on Council's Suite of Local Economic Development Programmes.

5. CONSULTATION ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND 2014-2020 ERDF INVESTMENT FOR GROWTH & JOBS PROGRAMME

Members NOTED the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI's) Consultation on the Northern Ireland 2014-2020 ERDF Investment for Growth & Jobs Programme and the proposed draft Response from the Mid Ulster Council Cluster to the Consultation, dated October 2013, which was circulated prior to this meeting.

The Chief Executive (Acting) requested Members submit any comments prior to the deadline for receipt of submissions on 21st October 2013.

6. IRISH CENTRAL BORDER AREA NETWORK (ICBAN)

6.1. The Regional Strategic Framework for the Central Border Region 2013-2015

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Officers from the Development Department are analysing the 'Regional Strategic Framework for the Central Border Region 2013-2015' in detail, to ensure that it reflects the needs of the new Mid Ulster Council area.

Members NOTED the 'Regional Strategic Framework for the Central Border Region 2013-2015.'

6.2. ICBAN

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Council has previously agreed to provide £10,000 funding to ICBAN for the period 2013-2014 and that ICBAN has submitted their Progress Report for the period up to 30th September 2013 in support of this contribution.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and AGREED

That Council release the first stage (50%) payment of £5,000 to ICBAN for the financial period 2013-2014, subject to the relevant documentation being received.

Members NOTED ICBAN's Progress Report for the period up to 30th September 2013.

7. LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Council has previously agreed to provide £5,000 funding to Lough Neagh Partnership for the period 2013-2014 and that Lough Neagh Partnership has submitted their Progress Report for the period up to 30th September 2013 in support of this contribution.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Mayo and AGREED

That Council release the first stage (50%) payment of £2,500 to Lough Neagh Partnership for the financial period 2013-2014, subject to the relevant documentation being received.

Members NOTED Lough Neagh Partnership's Progress Report for the period up to 30th September 2013.

8. BURNAVON

8.1. Arts & Cultural Sub Committee

Members NOTED minutes of Arts & Cultural Sub Committee Meeting held on 18th September 2013.

8.2. Civic Awards

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that the Assessment Report for Council's Annual Civic Awards was circulated to Members prior to this meeting. He advised that two nominees were omitted from the report, namely Mr Mark Thom who represented Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service whilst participating in Cookstown Half Marathon and also Mr Sean Scullion who was selected to play gaelic for Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service.

It was proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Mayo and AGREED

That Council adopt the report and recommendations outlined within the Civic Awards Assessment Report 2013 and also include Mr Mark Thom and Mr Sean Scullion as eligible candidates on the basis of the aforementioned information, with immediate effect.

9. TRANSLINK – COOKSTOWN PUBLIC TRANSPORT POLITICAL STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Members are invited to attend the Translink – Cookstown Public Transport Political Stakeholder Update event on Friday 25th October 2013 from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Marriage Room, Cookstown Council Offices. It was AGREED that any Member interested in attending this event should advise Ms Emma Bell, Development Department.

10. EU CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS CONFERENCE

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Members are invited to attend the NILGA EU Structural Funds Seminar 'Shaping Future Local Communities & Economies' on Thursday 24th October 2013 from 10.00am to 3.30pm in Craigavon Civic Centre. It was AGREED that any Member interested in attending this event should advise Ms Emma Bell, Development Department.

11. A29 COOKSTOWN BYPASS

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Members views are sought on the draft A29 Cookstown Bypass Briefing Paper, which will form the basis of their meeting with Mr Danny Kennedy, MLA, Minister for Regional Development (DRD) on 6th November 2013 at 11.00am in Cookstown Council Offices.

Councillor Wilson advised that the draft briefing paper contains good information, however he highlighted that some points maybe repeated and a key reason of 'why' has been missed. He advised that land has already been zoned on the eastern side of Cookstown for the new A29 Bypass and he recommended that Council find out what emphasis Roads Service place on 'strategic hubs,' as identified in the Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2025. This will enable Council to determine if any development works have been carried out within the other nine 'strategic hubs' located in Northern Ireland.

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that the final briefing paper will be circulated for Members information only, however a synopsis will be presented to Minister Kennedy and Members in advance of the meeting.

Councillor McNamee raised concerns that Cookstown may be subject to substantial congestion when the new Holy Trinity College and Northern Ireland Community Safety College at Desertcreat is built. He advised that a new puffin crossing is being introduced on Orritor Street and one may also be established on the Westland Road which may further exacerbate the situation.

Councillor Quinn advised that the draft briefing paper is comprehensive and provides a good case for implementation of the A29 Cookstown Bypass. He highlighted on-going difficulties experienced by road users' travelling through Cookstown at peak times throughout the day.

The Chief Executive (Acting) thanked Members for their comments and advised that he will ensure the document is revised accordingly.

Members NOTED the draft A29 Cookstown Bypass Briefing Paper.

12. NATURAL GAS NETWORK EXTENSION TO THE WEST AND NORTH-WEST

Members AGREED to invite Officials from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) to brief Members with regards to the Natural Gas Network Extension to the West and North-West.

Members NOTED receipt of letter, dated 23rd July 2013, from Ms Arlene Foster, MLA, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment with regards to an Extension of the Natural Gas Network to the West and North-west.

13. URBAN REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK

Members NOTED email and copy of the Department for Social Development (DSD's) Urban Regeneration and Community Development Policy Framework, dated July 2013.

14. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (BIDS)

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised Members that Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) have been previously discussed at the Town Centre Forum and the Stormont Assembly have recently passed legislation with regards to it.

Members NOTED email dated 17th June 2013 from Ms Gail Cheesman, Department for Social Development (DSD) with regards to the Draft Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) Regulations and also Council's Consultation Response, dated 3rd September 2013, to the Draft Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) Regulations.

15. IMPROVEMENT, COLLABORATION & EFFICIENCY (ICE)

Members NOTED the Agenda for the Regional Chief Executives Group (RCEG) Meeting on 4th October 2013 and minutes of the Regional Chief Executives Group (RCEG) Meeting held on 6th September 2013 and the Regional Governance Group (RGG) Meeting on 19th June 2013.

16. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

16.1. Town Centre Forum

Members NOTED minutes of Town Centre Forum Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Meeting held on 13th June 2013.

16.2. Cookstown Shop Improvement Scheme Sub Committee

Members NOTED minutes of Cookstown Shop Improvement Scheme Sub Committee Meeting held on 13th August 2013.

16.3. Cookstown Shop Improvement Scheme

Members NOTED update report, dated 30th September 2013, with regards to Phases 2 and 3 of Cookstown Shop Improvement Scheme.

16.4. Shopmobility Cookstown

16.4.1 Members NOTED minutes of Shopmobility Cookstown Committee Meeting held on 21st February 2013.

16.4.2 Members NOTED update report, dated 20th September 2013, with regards to the establishment of a Shopmobility Scheme in Dungannon.

17. TOURISM

17.1. Tourism Sub Committee

Members NOTED Minutes of Tourism Sub Committee Meetings held on 6th June 2013 and 17th September 2013.

18. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

18.1. South West Local Action Group

Members NOTED minutes of South West Local Action Group Meetings held on 1st May 2013, 5th June 2013 and 3rd July 2013.

18.2. Rural Development Programme Joint Council Committee

Members NOTED minutes of Rural Development Programme Joint Council Committee Meetings held on 13th May 2013, 10th June 2013 and 8th July 2013.

19. SUBSCRIPTIONS

19.1. Ulster Business

It was proposed by Councillor Quinn
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and AGREED

That Council renew its annual subscription with Ulster Business for the period 31st October 2013 to 30th October 2014 at a cost of £27.50 with immediate effect.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20.1. Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Consultation

Members NOTED report outlining Council's Draft Response to the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Consultation and completed Draft Response Form, which was circulated prior to the meeting.

20.2. Northern Ireland Community Safety College at Desertcreat

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that Mr Mario Madden, Communications Manager, Northern Ireland Community Safety College requested an opportunity to update Members on the Desertcreat College Project.

Members AGREED to invite Mr Madden to brief Members at the next Policy, Resources and Services Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at 7pm in the Council Offices.

20.3. Planning Application

Councillor Clarke reminded Members that a letter was circulated by the Chief Executive (Acting) from Planning Service NI with regards to a wind farm planning application for the Broughderg area, and he enquired as to the most appropriate way to progress the matter.

The Chief Executive (Acting) advised that he would liaise with the Director of Environmental Health & Building Control Services to determine the most appropriate course of action and inform Members accordingly.

Meeting ended at 7.46pm.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive (Acting)

Date