

**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Monday 6 December 2021 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road,
Magherafelt and by virtual means**

Members Present Councillor Brown

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

Officers in Attendance
Mrs Campbell, Strategic Director of Environment
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing**
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure
Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services**
Mr McAdoo, Assistant Director of Environmental Services**
Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health**
Mr Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services**
Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control**
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

Others in Attendance: Councillor McFlynn

Deputation **Department for Infrastructure Roads**

Mr Harry Gallagher Divisional Roads Manager
Acting
Mr Johnny Graham
Ms Lesley Maxwell Maintenance Engineer
Mr Neill Bratton Maintenance Engineer
Mr Conall McKee

* 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 7.00 pm

The Chair, Councillor Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor McNamee 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.

E287/21 Apologies

Councillor S McAleer

E288/21 Declarations of Interest

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

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Agenda item 23 Update on Agewell Programme.

E289/21 Chair's Business

Councillor Cuthbertson highlighted the issue of Covid vaccine passports and stated there was a lot of talk about them and the NI Executive were to take a vote on Monday 13 December 2021 with regard to them. He said that the pending decision would have a major impact on businesses, licenced premises, bring your own bottle establishments and sports clubs. He said businesses had already been in contact to say they were losing bookings daily and when he had asked the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure who would enforce the decision he had indicated it would be the PSNI yet at the PCSP meeting the PSNI had said they did not know. Councillor Cuthbertson acknowledged that until the Assembly makes the decision and legislation has been shared the way forward was unclear but could assurance be given that Environmental Health team was not responsible, would not be making additional calls or requiring new risk assessments. He proposed that when the decision had been made a meeting should be called with Members to outline the position.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure said the matter was not a new one and had been an issue for 18+ months throughout the pandemic. He said that there was a memorandum of understanding with the PSNI that they would look after licenced premises whilst Council would look after commercial premises such as cafes, shops, retail outlets. He said the rationale is clear but the point of discussion was the interpretation of the NI Executive regulations which is subject to the guidance issued. He said as always Environment Health aim to issue current guidance and advice to all businesses on their registers, to provide clarity where possible. He concluded the matters were well documented on NI Direct and BBC website.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked would there be site visits at night over the next few weeks or is Council saying that is for the police to do. He also sought clarity as to whether or not premises would have to adjust risk assessments.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that Council officers continue to undertake visits as necessary as part of routine work and in providing advice and guidance to assist with updating of procedures. He concluded that Council had a good working relationship with businesses and indicated the guidance provided was being well received.

Councillor Burton said as Chair of the Tourism group it would be useful to engage with that section of the market as there has been excellent partnership and

messages currently were persistent. She said she felt for officers dealing with so many businesses and hospitality venues referring to an article on the news were staff had been reduced to tears in restaurants by disgruntled customers. Councillor Burton concluded it was imperative to keep people safe but there was a lot of frustration and Council needed to continue to engage with venues but also support officer teams who were at the cold face.

Councillor McNamee said that he too had been at the meeting when Councillor Cuthbertson had raised the issue of enforcement with the PSNI who claim they are awaiting direction. He asked who was going to be the enforcers, the PSNI, the section itself or who? He concluded that the issue was somewhat chaotic.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said that the points had been well made but Council should not pre-empt events on Monday but revert back when decisions are made.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure said that Council must bear in mind that it is at the end of this chain of decision making, it is the NI Executive who regulates the process. He said officers were endeavouring to do their utmost in providing help and guidance to businesses at this difficult time.

Councillor Wilson said it was difficult to know who is going to regulate the situation as from the start of the pandemic until quite recently no one had been prosecuted for not wearing masks. He said he hoped it would not rest with Council who should continue to send out a powerful message that Covid is a killer and people should be taking the job.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said that the points had been well made and communications would continue to reinforce messages to wear mask, sanitise and do all we can to protect each other.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that the Communications team had been active on social platforms and providing updates on revised guidance.

Councillor McFlynn highlighted a recent issue at Manor Park, Moneymore were there had been bad flooding and put on record her thanks to the maintenance team for getting gullies and drains cleaned out to alleviate the matter. She emphasised that parks and maintenance teams needed to work hand in hand. Councillor McFlynn also expressed concern regarding dog control especially on Council properties stating that dogs should be kept on leads and this needed to be enforced. She sought guidance with regard to bylaws.

In response the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated that legislation required dogs to be 'under control' and it was known that dogs are let off the lead to exercise but must be kept under control.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he had raised the matter with environmental health officers and the legislation is quite clear 'dogs must be under control' and this did not mean on a lead. He said a piece of work was required to get legislation changed.

D290/21 Deputation: Department for Infrastructure Roads Autumn Report

The Chair, Councillor Brown welcomed the delegation from the Department for Infrastructure Roads. Mr Gallagher presented the Network Development Draft Programme 2022-2024 and 2021 – 2022 Works Programme Update.

Mr Gallagher drew attention to the 'Planning for the Future of Transport: time for Change' published in June 2021 when the Minister set out ambitions for active travel. Members then received an overview of strategic road schemes, Active Travel initiatives highlighting that this would also be a factor of the A29 Cookstown Bypass route and were advised that the A5 scheme still on track with the public enquiry hopefully reconvening in 2022. Mr Gallagher also thanked Council for its contribution to infrastructure highlighting in particular the scheme at Davagh.

Mr Graham advised that 54 schemes had all been assessed in line with current policies which would include active travel bridge schemes. He referred to the recent District Electoral Area meetings and said that there was a comprehensive programme of schemes and whilst it was beyond the measure of budget and some schemes would not be delivered they would do their best to ensure delivery of as many as possible. He highlighted in particular A6 Glenshane Road, footway extension at Eglis Road, traffic calming at Washingbay Road and works outlined in the local transport and safety measures section of the report. Bridge schemes were also referenced together with £6m allocated to replacement lighting columns. In conclusion he drew attention to a brief update on the sprint report mentioning in particular foot road at Favour Royal Road.

Mr Bratton provided a synopsis of Mid Ulster North area highlighting that it had been a challenging year due to the contract difficulties but it was hoped to have active contracts resuming in February in Magherafelt with Cookstown and Dungannon following closely. He said that other smaller contracts were ongoing and together with DfI operatives' works was continuing for example upgrading of 'cats eyes' he confirmed that the section was on track to have budget spent.

Ms Maxwell provided a synopsis of work in Mid Ulster South and said that works was ongoing with regard to routine maintenance and tree surgery but resurfacing schemes would be carried forward. She said the roads recovery was slightly behind the Mid Ulster North but would continue to the end of the financial year.

The Chair, Councillor Brown thanked the team for the report and invited Members questions reminding them that DEA meetings had taken place.

Councillor Cuthbertson thanked the team for the presentation and congratulated them in their new posts. He drew attention to the draft schemes improvement roads at Bush Road listed as £120k which was a lot less than other aspirations, he said he had lobbied for this for 15 years and urged DfI to deliver it as soon as possible as it was a safety issue.

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the DEA meetings and said that in relation to active travel it had been highlighted that scheme criteria dictated 6.5 meters would be the ideal. He said this may be fine for some areas such as Augher and Clogher but would rule out a lot of projects Council could bring forward. He asked if there was leeway on this stipulation.

In response Mr Gallagher said that with regard to the project at Bush Road DfI were keen to move it forward but there was still some survey work to be carried out regarding two properties with a party wall. He said that the challenge was to deliver high calibre cycle paths and that 6.5 meters would be the Rolls Royce but some may have to be of minimum standard and would also depend on the realistic use of the pathway.

Councillor Buchanan asked if the budget for resurfacing would be totally utilised or if it would carry forward.

Mr Gallagher responded that government did not permit budget transfer from one year to the next but Western Division had been creative in utilising the budget by completing lesser projects which although still very worthwhile would not have had priority in different circumstances.

The Chair, Councillor Brown referred to the A29 Moneymore to Cookstown resurfacing and asked if a definitive time could be given.

In response Mr Bratton said it was with procurement and he could not give a definitive answer in relation to time.

The Chair, Councillor Brown asked if Ardtree Bridge would be a longer term project. In response Mr Graham advised that it was with procurement to go to tender thus it would not be completed within the current financial year but hopefully maybe in the next one.

Councillor Burton drew attention to the Fivemiletown to Clabby Road and spoke of the issue of the location whereby if two trucks met they had to mount the footpath. She said that Council had upgraded the facility at Roundlake and it was hoped the road could be sorted. She also welcomed the site of the digger at the proposed footpath for Eglis.

Mr Graham said that he had taken measurements at the Fivemiletown to Clabby Road and there was most certainly a pinch point but there was issues with cable posts. He also said that traffic leaving Fivemiletown travelled at a rapid space and it was providing a traffic calming measure. He said any scheme would be expensive but he would be happy to meet the Member on site.

Councillor B McGuigan raised the issue of patrol crossings in towns for visually impaired and asked if they all had audible sounding. He said the matter had been brought to his attention and he did not know the criteria for them for use by all.

Mr Gallagher said that the question was thought provoking and DfI were ever conscious of new requirements and said that sound would be useful that whilst stand-alone patrols had a 'beeping sound' this would not be applicable for multiple crossings.

Councillor B McGuigan said it had only recently been raised with him by someone who had recently lost their sight.

Mr Gallagher said Dfl worked with a charity on such issues but it was always good to engage with local people because as you attain more information you can better provide. He asked the Member to provide more definitive detail to the team.

Councillor Glasgow said that good work had been done with regard to the Ardtrea Bridge and the pressure needed to be kept on to bring the scheme to fruition which would alleviate traffic pressure for the village of Coagh. He also said that within active travel there should be due consideration for rural communities as for example on Drum Road there was need for a footpath leading to the bus stop to ensure children are kept safe as they walk to it. He said rural communities depended on their cars but there was scope for schemes. He asked if the budget to Western Division would be cut in the incoming year.

Mr Gallagher said that both Mr Graham and he had come across from Bridges division and that the one over Ballinderry River was on the agenda. He said there was a good point regarding active travel from a rural prospective and that it was not all about spending money in towns there had to be an acceptable level of service for rural dwellers also. He said it was difficult to get balance right and confirmed again that budgets could not be carried forward thus the team would do all in their power to utilise the current budget but schemes would be carried forward.

Councillor Oneill said that he was aware scheme to provide a footpath had been pencilled in for Clonoe Village and stressed the importance of it as residents and children crossed a busy road to go to the football field and the shop.

Mr Graham said that Dfl were working on a traffic calming scheme in Clonoe and active travel scheme would also be scheduled.

Councillor Graham drew attention to page 22 of the report A45 Granville Road, Dungannon at Weirs Farm and asked if there was plans to include street lighting as many people walked the road from the various factories. She stated that a wider footpath with lights was needed as many cyclists mounted the footpath because the road was so busy.

In response Mr Gallagher said that the Granville Road scheme is a large one and would not be delivered in the immediate future. He said Dfl had moved on now with active travel and it was unlikely to receive an extension to the lighting scheme.

Councillor Graham said the project was listed in 2022-2024 and was it likely to be completed in this time frame.

Mr Gallagher responded that some schemes would be done sooner than others but the programme was oversubscribed.

The Chair, Councillor Brown thanked the team for the report and their responses. He wished them all a Happy Christmas and they departed the meeting at 8.07pm.

E289/21 Chair's Business (continued)

The Chair, Councillor Brown reverted back to Chair's businesses and said he wished to reflect on the excellent support and guidance Members had received from the Head of Building Control and the Head of Environmental Health. He said both Willie

and Fiona were taking early retirement from Council having given over 70 years' service between them both in Mid Ulster Council and in senior roles in the legacy Council. He said they had shaped professional teams and delivered professional service and thanked them for this.

The Chair, Councillor Brown conveyed best wishes to Willie and Fiona for the future and hoped they enjoyed a well-earned, healthy long and productive retirement.

Councillor McNamee wished both Willie and Fiona well for the future and said it had been a pleasure to work with them. He said he had known Willie in legacy Cookstown days also. Councillor McNamee also acknowledged it would be Mark's last meeting in his current role.

Councillor Wilson extended best wishes to Willie and Fiona for the future and thanked them for their service.

Councillor Kearney concurred with previous speakers and said both had delivered long service, sterling advice and direction both in the legacy councils and Mid Ulster.

The Chair, Councillor Brown reiterated well wishes to Willie and Fiona and acknowledged Marks last evening in his current role. He welcomed Anne Marie who would keep them on the 'straight and narrow' in the future.

Matters for Decision

E291/21 Dfl Roads Proposal to Mid Ulster District Council – Part time 20mph Speed Limit at Schools.

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report detailing proposals from Dfl Roads to introduce part time 20mph speed limits at schools 2021-22 as undernoted:

- Augher Central Primary School – Knockmany Road, Augher
- St Joseph's Primary School – Lurgylea Road, Galbally
- Aghamullan Primary School – Coole Road, Dungannon
- Ballylifford Primary School – Ballinderry Bridge Road, Cookstown
- St Malachy's Primary School – Moneyhaw Road, Drumullan
- Lissan Primary School – Claggan Road, Churchtown
- Phoenix Primary School – Fountain Road, Cookstown

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to endorse the proposals from Dfl Roads to introduce part time 20mph speed limits 2021-2022 as aforementioned.

E292/21 Street Naming and Property Numbering

The Head of Building Control thanked the Chair, Councillor Brown and Members for their well wishes.

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which considered the naming of new streets within residential housing developments within Mid Ulster.

Site off Ferny Gardens, Donaghmore

Ferny Park Close
Ferny Park Lane
Ferny Park Way

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name the development off Ferny Park Gardens, Donaghmore Ferny Park Close

Site off Drumearn Road, Orritor Road, Cookstown

Gortin Water Lane
Gortin Water Grange

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to name the development off Drumearn Road, Orritor Cookstown be named Gortin Water Lane.

E293/21 Consultation on Proposed Amendments of Technical Booklet

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report detailing Council's draft response on the consultation regarding the proposed Amendment of the Building Regulation Guidance. The Head of Building control sought approval for the draft response.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response on the consultation response to the proposed Amendment of the Building Regulation Guidance

E294/21 Consultation on Building (Prescribed Fees) Amendment regulations (NI) 2022

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report detailing Council's draft response to the Department of Finance, proposed amendments to the Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations The Head of Building control sought approval for the draft response.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response to Department of Finance, proposed amendments to the Building (Prescribed Fees) Regulations

E295/21 Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme

The Head of Environmental Health thanked the Chair Councillor Brown and Members for their kind words.

The Head of Environmental Health drew attention to the previously circulated report and requested that Members, note the content of the report and approve £21k per annum funding for a further 3 years, 50% which comes back to Council through a small grants programme. Approval was also sought to put in place additional contributions to the small grants programme regarding the Clean Neighbourhood Programme as outlined in the report.

Councillor B McGuigan proposed to continue with the Live Here Love Here small grants scheme and remarked that community groups were doing sterling work.

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if Council allocates more money to the scheme if the Live Here Love Here programme receives a further 12% of it and if this was the case surely Council's grants officers could deliver.

The Head of Environmental Health highlighted that the scheme had received 57 applications of which 22 had been successful in receiving funding thus additional monies could be rolled out to unsuccessful applicants emphasising that the scheme would not be starting from scratch.

Councillor Brown sought clarity regarding the £21k half of which comes back to Council with the other 50% being spent on for example regional advertising, adopt a spot schemes. Thus the 12% would only be applied to the additional monies.

Councillor Kearney requested details of the 'adopt a spot' sites in Mid Ulster.

Councillor McNamee asked if there was an amount in mind for the additional contribution.

The Head of Environmental Health said that the suggestion had been raised during discussion on the Clean Neighbourhood programme and to date an amount had not been discussed just the idea that it could be rolled out to unsuccessful applicants to the original scheme.

The Director of Public Health & Infrastructure advised a member working group had previously discussed and had suggested perhaps another £000 could help another few schemes get off the ground with grants of a maximum of £300 but Live Here Love Here would take 12% of that in costs.

Councillor Cuthbertson said he would have concerns regarding the additional fee but if it was £3000 it would be better delivered 'in house'.

Councillor Burton asked if the 'adopt a spot' money goes to the same people year on year stating that whilst she was not against it there had to be opportunities for other groups to come on board. She highlighted that other villages were now getting involved in Ulster in Bloom and especially with the rates setting looming Council should allocate more money that all villages can receive flowers to assist in their schemes. Councillor Burton also said she was not aware Council had a grants department for Environment.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that 'adopt a spot' is different from the small grants programme. For adopt a spot participants receive a kit whilst the small grants programme has a criteria set for the region. She also clarified that a list of successful applicants is shared with relevant sections to avoid duplication.

Proposed by Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Note the content of the report;
- (ii) Approve £21k per annum funding for a further 3 years, 50% which comes back to Council through a small grants programme.
- (iii) Address in the future putting in place additional contributions to the small grants programme regarding the Clean Neighbourhood Programme as outlined in the report.
- (iv) Members receive a list of adopt a spot locations

E296/21 Changes to payment for trading at Cookstown Market

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report outlining proposed changes to payment for trading at Cookstown market to promoted cashless payment to include upfront payment in advance for right to trade and an additional administration fee for cash payments made at the market.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the movement to upfront method of payment in advance for right to trade and the additional administration fee for cash payments made at the market.

297/21 Drinking Water Quality Report

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report detailing the Drinking Water Quality in NI 2020 annual report and sought approval for the feedback on the consultation document.

Proposed by Councillor S McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the response to DEARA, Stakeholder feedback on Drinking Water Quality in NI 2020 report.

E298/21 Memorandum of Understanding DEARA & MUDC

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report outlining a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and Council in respect of certification of certain products of animal origin.

The Chair Councillor Brown asked if Council signed the memorandum of understanding if it would result in an ever increasing workload for Environmental Health officers and if Council would receive recompense from DEARA.

In response the Head of Environmental Health advised that there had been discussion regarding funding and a paper had went to SOLACE. She also clarified that currently Council has provided certification for activity 1 and activity 3 as outlined in the report but not activity 2. She said the purpose of the certificates was to keep products moving and not to certify would hinder local businesses however it was not a statutory duty Council and it was additional workload. The Head of Environmental Health concluded that Councils such as Newry Mourne and Down District Council who have to also carry out certification for activity 2 may well raise the issue with DEARA as they would be incurring more work than Mid Ulster were at present the amount of work to date was not excessive.

Councillor S McGuigan said that he had been going to raise the issue of costs but if Councils such as Newry, Mourne and Down District Council secured funding then this would be the same for all. He also asked if Council had no activity in relation to Lough Neagh fisheries.

In response the Head of Environmental Health said they had done extensive scoping with businesses and at this point in time most were trading within the European Union.

Councillor Wilson asked what would happen if Council doesn't sign the memorandum of understanding.

In response the Head of Environmental Health said that Council had engaged in the scoping and preparation for businesses but if they did not enter the understanding she would presume DEARA would have to make other arrangements. She did however emphasise that businesses in the district may well be impacted but that she could raise the question with DEARA that should workload increase there would be an expectation from Council for remuneration.

Councillor Wilson proposed that Council write back to DEARA and pose the question regarding remuneration.

The Chair Councillor Brown said he would be content to second the proposal that Council summarising that Council would ask formally if there would be financial commitment from DEARA to Council to carry out certification of certain products of animal origin prior to entering into the memorandum of understanding.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Brown and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council

- (i) Council write to DEARA seeking clarity on the financial commitment from DEARA to Council to carry out certification of certain products of animal origin;
- (ii) Pending confirmation concerning financial commitments, enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and Council in respect of certification of certain products of animal origin; and
- (iii) Should Health Certification be requested by local businesses in the future that Council explore further with DEARA how the resource could be sustained in the longer term through potential funding from DEARA or via DEARA introducing a charging regime to cover costs.

E299/21 Private Tenancies Bill – Call for Views by Department of Communities

The Chair, Councillor Brown brought forward agenda item 24 at this point and sought clarity as to whether Council had the manpower to cope should the function of private tenancies regulation be given to Councils.

The Chair, Councillor Brown proposed that Council should write to the Department of the Communities and seek clarity if there will be a financial contribution for increased workload should additional duties be allocated to Councils in relation to the Private Tenancies Bill.

Councillor Burton seconded the proposal.

The Head of Environmental Health stated that should this happen it would bring forward a considerable work load.

Proposed by Chair, Councillor Brown
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That Council write to Department of Communities seeking clarification if there will be a financial contribution for increased workload should additional duties be allocated to Councils in relation to the Private Tenancies Bill.

E300/21 Consultation on the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers

The AD: Environmental Services drew attention to the previously circulated report outlining Council's draft response to DEARA consultation on the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers.

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed concern in relation to hot food carry out establishments and said it would be difficult for them to work with people handing over containers to be placed in sterile areas. He said Council must be practicable and hot food businesses needed to use some form of container.

The Chair, Councillor Brown said he did not think it was aimed at for example chip shops.

Councillor Cuthbertson said chips shops were named in scope one.

Councillor Burton said that Council should encourage use of compostable containers and said at many car parks and leisure sites you see for example pizza boxes lying around and mind set needed to be changed. She also made reference to coffee shops where you can bring your own refillable cup.

The Chair, Councillor Brown asked if comments could be included.

In response the AD: Environmental Services advised that the definition of boxes was already covered in foods that was for immediate consumption.

Proposed by Councillor B McGuigan
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve response to DEARA consultation on the Reduction of Single Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers.

Matters for Information

E301/21 Minutes of Environment Committee held on 9 November 2021

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on 9 November 2021.

E302/21 WEEE Reuse Project/Funding

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the WEEE Reuse Project/Funding.

E303/21 Environmental Services – Christmas Working Arrangements

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Environmental Services – Christmas Working Arrangements.

E304/21 Dual Language Signage Surveys

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

Councillor Cuthbertson drew attention to Earls Court and said he had mentioned it at the October meeting and had also attended a meeting with the Housing Association in Dungannon in which it had been detailed in the minutes that they were writing to the Department for Communities to seek guidance. Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that progression of signage at Earls Court, Dungannon be deferred until the Housing association attain a response from the Department. Councillor Cuthbertson advised he had submitted copy of the Housing Association minute to the Head of Building Control.

The Director of Public and Health and Infrastructure said if Members were mindful the progression of signage at Earls Court could be deferred.

Councillor McNamee said a similar situation had taken place in Cookstown and he saw no reason to defer.

Councillor McNamee proposed that Council progress the complete list of signage as detailed in the report.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded the proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Earls Court was deferred.

Councillor Buchanan seconded the proposal.

The Chair, Councillor Brown called for a vote on Councillor McNamee's proposal

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Resolved That

- (i) Members note the results of the surveys for application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the streets/roads as detailed below. Where more than 51% of occupiers that respond indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will be erected.

1 Sessiagh Scott Road, Rock, Dungannon	8 The Shanoach, Coalisland
2 Lester Park, Magherafelt	9 Kellys Lane, Dungannon
3 The Meadows, Bellaghy	10 Ballynakilly Road, Coalisland
4 Earls Court, Dungannon	11 Killeeshill Road, Dungannon
5 Maplebrook Hill, Coalisland	12 Kanes Rampart, Coalisland
6 Forth Glen, Cookstown	13 Corr Road, Dungannon
7 Ferny Park Gardens, Donaghmore	

- (ii) Where more than 51% of occupiers of the street as noted below did not respond to indicate that they were in favour of the

erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then the dual language nameplate will not be erected

1 Knockaleery Road, Cookstown	2 Causeway Terrace, Coalisland
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E305/21 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.

E306/21 Entertainment Licensing Applications

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications received in November 2021.

E307/21 Bus Shelters Update

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on current bus shelter status.

In response to Councillor Milne's query regarding the commencement of works at the bus shelter Main Street, Bellaghy the Head of Technical Services said he would engage with properties team to clarify and report directly to the Member. It was noted that properties team had been engaged heavily in erection of festive lighting.

E308/21 NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032

Members noted previously circulated report advising that Council Officers are currently preparing a submission for the NI Biodiversity Strategy 2032.

E309/21 Update on Agewell Programme

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Agewell programme between 1 April and 30 September 2021.

Live broadcast ended at 8.24 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 E310/21 to E319/21.

Matters for Decision

- E310/21 Ballysaggart Lough Retaining Wall Remedial Works Tender Report.
- E311/21 Installation of Memorial Tree on Council Property
- E312/21 Contract Extension: PPE/Workwear Supplier

Matters for Information

- E313/21 Environment Committee Confidential minutes of meeting held on 9 November 2021
- E314/21 Confidential Minutes of Special Environment Committee held on 16 November 2021

- E315/21 Update on Procurement of Contract for Bio-Waste Services
- E316/21 Cemetery Improvement works update and Future Burial Provision in Cookstown
- E317/21 Capital Framework – ICT Contracts Update
- E318/21 Capital Framework – IST Contracts Update
- E319/21 Capital Projects – Scoping Contracts Update

E320/21 Duration of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor Brown wished everyone a blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year. He said the New Year would bring new faces to the Committee with old ones in the background.

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 9.25 pm.

CHAIR _____

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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.