

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a **STATUTORY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 5 July 2011.

Present: S Clarke, Chairman

Councillors: Glasgow MBE, Kelly, Lees, Mallaghan, Mayo, McCartney, McCrea, McElhone, McGarvey, McFlynn, McNamee, Quinn, Wilson

Officers: Director of Corporate Services
Clerical Officer

Other Representatives **Planning Services**
Ms S McCracken, Senior Planning Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors McAleer and McIvor.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Council on the motion of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Wilson AGREED to Suspend Standing Orders.

2.1. Attack on Councillor McCrea

Councillor McGarvey stated that he wished to condemn the attack on Councillor McCrea's car and stated that this type of behaviour was not acceptable.

Councillors Wilson also offered his condemnation and urged anyone that had knowledge of this act that they should come forward and inform the police of any information.

Members from all political parties concurred with the sentiments of Councillors McGarvey and Wilson.

2.2. Congratulations

Councillor Quinn congratulated Karen Alexander who had won a silver medal whilst representing Ireland in the World Mountain Marathon Championships and called for the achievement to be recognised.

Members AGREED to refer the matter to the Civic Awards Sub Committee to decide how best to recognise her achievement.

Councillor Wilson also congratulated Ian Sloan who won the U18s Player of the Year in the Irish Hockey Awards, Stuart Dallas on winning the Northern Ireland Football Readers Association Player of the Year and the Young Player of the Year 2010/11 and Simone Madill who won Player of the Year.

3. MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 14 JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the STATUTORY meeting held on 14 June 2011, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor McNamee.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1. Derryloran Bridge

The Director of Corporate Services advised the meeting that an email had been received from Roads Service advising that they have engaged Farrimond MacManus Ltd to begin a ground survey and agree an archaeological programme of works with the NIEA Historic Monuments Division regarding the planned works at Derryloran Bridge.

Roads Service will attend the Statutory Meeting on 13 September to give a presentation on the project.

4.2. Tidy Northern Ireland

The Director of Corporate Services advised the meeting that a letter had been received from Tidy Northern Ireland regarding their development of a Northern Ireland wide campaign in partnership with Government regarding the volume of rubbish on the roads, footpaths, scenic places and coastlines.

Council AGREED to support this campaign.

4.3. Southern Education & Library Board

The Director of Corporate Services advised the meeting that an email had been received from the Department of Education advising that the Minister for Education has issued a formal letter of appointment to Councillor Clarke re-appointing him to the Board of the Southern Education & Library Board with effect from 23 June 2011.

4.4. Roads Service

The Director of Corporate Services tabled a reply from Roads Service regarding roads related issues which were raised during their presentation to Council in June.

Members AGREED that a meeting is arranged with Roads Service during the first week in August.

4.5. MBE Award to Margaret Crooks

The Director of Corporate Services advised the meeting that a letter dated 17 June 2011 had been received from Mrs Margaret Crooks thanking Council for the letter of congratulations.]

4.6. Housing (Amendment) Act (NI) 2011

The Director of Corporate Services advised the meeting that a letter dated 29 June 2011 had been received from the Department for Social Development advising that the above Act received Royal Assent on 3 May 2011.

5. SPORT & LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 21 JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the SPORT & LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting held on 21 June 2011, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey seconded by Councillor McNamee.

6. POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – 28 JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE meeting

held on 28 June 2011, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor McCrea.

7. CIVIC AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – 7 JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the CIVIC AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE meeting held on 7 June 2011, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNamee.

8. CIVIC AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the CIVIC AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE meeting held on 24 June 2011, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNamee.

9. ARTS & CULTURAL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – 16 JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the ARTS & CULTURAL SUB COMMITTEE meeting held on 16 June 2011, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor McGarvey.

10. TOURISM SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – 17 JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the TOURISM SUB COMMITTEE meeting held on 17 June 2011, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Mallaghan.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

11.1. Schedule

Submitted schedule dated 5 July 2011 copies of which had been previously circulated, showing details of the Department's opinion as to how planning applications within the District should be decided.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Ref No	Applicant	Development
I/11/0094/F	M Thom 256 Orritor Road Cookstown	Dwelling

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application.

I/11/0119/O F McCloskey Dwelling
89m SE
114 Back Lower Road
Cookstown

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to an office meeting.

Councillor McCrea.

I/11/0202/F TS ASrchitects Dwelling
Rear
14 Drumenny Road
Cookstown

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application.

DEFERRED SCHEDULE

I/10/0247/F S McKeown Dwelling
40m W
14 Millrace Square
Moneymore

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application for 7 days

I/10/0517/F N O'Hagan Dwelling
Between
40/42 Ballyneill Road
Ballyronan

The Senior Planning Officer agreed to defer this application.

11.2. Planning Appeal I/09/0314/RM – Mr Kevin Higgins

Council NOTED receipt of letter dated 23 June 2011 from DoE advising that the above appeal has been lodged with the Planning Appeals Commission.

12. CONSULTATIONS

12.1. Closure of the Jobs & Benefits Projects

Council NOTED receipt of letter dated 7 June 2011 from Department for Employment & Learning regarding the above.

12.2. Building Relationships in Communities (BRIC)

Council considered letter dated 13 June 2011 from Building Relationships in Communities (BRIC) regarding the Good Relations Capacity Building Initiatives of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive in selected estates across the Province.

Council AGREED to invite BRIC to address Council regarding theme one of the bric programme.

12.3. SIPTU

Council considered a letter dated 24 May 2011 from SIPTU requesting permission to address the Council.

Council AGREED to the request.

12.4. Termination of the Autism NI ASD Family Support Contract by WHSCT

Council considered a letter dated 9 June 2011 from Autism NI regarding the above.

Council expressed concern regarding the decision by WHSCT to terminate the Autism NI ASD Family Support Service Contract.

12.5. PO Local – Future Developments in the Post Office Network Northern Ireland

Council NOTED receipt of a letter and report 'Local But Limited' from Consumer Focus Post regarding the above .

12.6. HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – 4 June 2012

Council considered a letter dated 30 March 2011 from Bruno Peek, Pageant Master regarding the above.

Council AGREED to work with a local community group to provide a beacon.

12.7. Ulster's Strongest Man Event

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNamee Council AGREED to adopt the report and recommendations contained in the Evaluation Report on Ulster's Strongest Man Event prepared by the Tourism Officer.

12.8. Traffic Calming Proposals for Drumcree/Fortview Park, Cookstown

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 22 June 2011 from Roads Service regarding the above.

12.9. Traffic Calming Proposals for Tullagh Drive, Cookstown

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 22 June 2011 from Roads Service regarding the above.

12.10. Proposed Introduction of a 30MPH Speed Limit at Dunnamore Road and Mill Road, Cookstown

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 20 June 2011 from Roads Service regarding the above.

12.11. Recruitment of Independent Members to PCSPs

Councillor McCrea declared an interest.

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 24 June 2011 from Northern Ireland Policing Board regarding the above.

12.12. Communiqué – Project Board Meeting 15 June 2011

Council NOTED receipt of Communiqué – Project Board Meeting 15 June 2011.

12.13. Rating of Commercial Properties: Small Businesses, Large Retail Properties and Empty Shops

Council welcomed the letter and consultation dated 28 June 2011

from the Department of Finance & Personnel regarding the above.

12.14. Northern Local Commissioning Group

Council considered a letter dated 28 June 2011 regarding the process to appoint a locally elected representative to the Group.

Council AGREED that Councillor Quinn would submit an application.

12.15. Consultation on Fixed Penalty Guidance and Regulations

Council NOTED receipt of a letter and Consultation on Fixed Penalty Guidance and Regulations issued by the Department of the Environment.

13. TENDERS

13.1. Feasibility /Study/Option Appraisal

Following public advertisement eleven tenders were received for the preparation of a Feasibility Study and Options Appraisal for the Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre on Friday 3 June 2011.

Company	Amount £
FGS McClure Watters	6,348.00
Deloitte MCS Ltd	7,000.00
Cogent Management Consulting	7,400.00
Capital Consulting	4,991.25
Full Circle Management Solutions Ltd	6,375.00
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	9,500.00
Jura Consultants	7,500.00
Bonnar, Keenlyside	10,450.00
KPMG	14,995.00
Hamilton Architects	14,475.00
Locum Consulting	19,900.00

The tender submissions were subject to a detailed assessment and scored using the weighted scoring criteria.

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor

Wilson it was AGREED to adopt the report and recommendation of the Burnavon Manager and to award the tender to FGS McClure, Watters at a fee of £6,348.00 (ex VAT).

14. RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNCILS AND OTHER BODIES

Council NOTED receipt of the undernoted Resolution:-

14.1. Castlereaugh Borough Council – District Policing Partnerships

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1. District Policing Partnership

Councillor McCrea declared an interest.

On the proposal of Councillor McNamee, seconded by Councillor McGarvey it was AGREED that Council would write to the Minister for Justice urging him to intervene and permit Councils to fill Political member vacancies on DPPs until the new PCSPs are formed.

15.2. Bonfire Committee

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor McNamee it was AGREED that the criteria for distribution of funds to bonfire committees remain as per the last policy.

Council also AGREED that the Bonfire Committee would meet after the 12th celebration period prior to the distribution of any funds to the applicants.

The meeting ended at 7.50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date

TABLED FOR INFORMATION

Minutes

Southern Education & Library Board
18 May 2011

Northern Group Systems
8 June 2011

REPORTS

Northern Ireland Audit Office
Good Practice in Risk Management

Committee for Regional Development
Report on the Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Members' Report to Local Councils February to May 2011

Patient and Client Council
Rural Voices Matter June 2011