

COOKSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of proceedings of a **STATUTORY MEETING** of the Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 3 July 2002.

Present: P McGlone, Esq, Chairman
Councillors: Baker, Campbell, Cassidy, Glasgow MBE, Greer, Grimes, McAleer, A McCrea, I McCrea, McGarvey, McIvor, McNamee, Molloy, Parke and Wilson
Officers: Clerk/Chief Executive
Finance/Personnel Officer
Clerk's Secretary

1 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman referred to the retirement of Mr Norman Bownes, Assistant Clerk/Chief Finance Officer who would be due to retire at the end of the month after more than 45 years service with the Council. The Chairman praised Mr Bownes for his loyal service to the Council and wished him well in his retirement.

Councillors McAleer, A McCrea, Wilson and Parke on behalf of their parties thanked Mr Bownes and wished to be associated with the Chairman's comments.

2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –11 JUNE 2002

The Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL meeting held on 11 June 2002, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor McGarvey and seconded by Councillor Molloy.

3 MINUTES OF STATUTORY MEETING – 11 JUNE 2002

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4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 MINUTES OF CEMETERY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – 27 JUNE 2002

The Minutes of the Cemetery Sub Committee Meeting held on 27 June 2002 were tabled for consideration.

Councillor McGlone stated that he had tendered an apology for the meeting.

Subject to the above amendment the minutes of the sub meeting were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cassidy and seconded by Councillor Parke.

4.2 Tyrone Milk Cup 2002

A letter dated 1 July 2002 was received from the Tyrone Milk Cup Association thanking Council for its continued support.

4.3 Benefits Uptake Campaign

A letter dated 10 June 2002 was received from Cookstown Benefits Uptake Campaign thanking Council for the donation towards their work.

4.4 Ruth Carson – Missionary Work

A letter dated 2 July 2002 was received from Miss Ruth Carson thanking Council members and staff for the support given to her in the fund raising events organised for mission work in Uganda.

4.5 Modernising Planning Processes

A letter dated 17 June 2002 was received from Planning Service acknowledging receipt of Council's response to the consultation paper on Modernising Planning Processes.

4.6 Clanmil Housing

A letter dated 21 June 2002 was received from Clan Housing thanking Council for donation 2 summer seats to the Tenants of Giboney Court.

5 MINUTES OF POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2002

The Minutes of the POLICY RESOURCES & SERVICES meeting held on 25 June 2002, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor McAleer.

6 PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Planning Schedule

Submitted schedule dated 3 July 2002, a copy of which had been previously circulated, showing details of the Department's opinion as to how planning applications within the District should be decided.

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS –

Ref No	Name of Applicant	Development
I/01/0355	M Lagan Opposite Killucan and Drums Roads Cookstown	Dwelling

Councillor McGarvey requested that this application be deferred for one month.

I/01/0775/0	E McNally 130m N of 30 Cloughfin Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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Councillor McGarvey requested that this application be referred to the Divisional Planning Manager.

I/01/795/F	G McLernon Rear of 43 Annaghmore Road Coagh	Dwelling
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Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, and McIvor

**requested that this application be referred to the
Divisional Planning Manager**

NEW APPLICATIONS –

Ref No	Name of Applicant	Development
I/01/0762/O	JM Harte Adjacent to 79 Lurganeden Road Pomeroy	Dwelling

Councillors Grimes, McGarvey, Molloy

I/02/112/RM	R McKernan 100m NW of 80 Ballygillen Road Coagh	Dwelling
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Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, McIvor

I/02/0190/O	R Black 100m NE 10 Ballybriest Road Cookstown	Dwellings
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Councillors Glasgow, A McCrea, Parke

I/02/0227/O	J O’Kane 150m S 8 Craigs Road Cookstown	Funeral Home
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Councillor McGarvey

I/02/0246/O	J McNamee 50m N 56 Mininea Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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Councillors McGarvey, McGlone, Molloy

I/02/0258/O	F Bell	Dwelling
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Approx 40m E of
25 Turnaface Road
Moneymore

Councillors Glasgow, Greer

I/02/0268/F B Heagney Dwelling
90m SE
16 Kinnagillian Road
Cookstown

Councillors Grimes, McGarvey, Molloy

I/02/0294/0 R Butler Dwelling
50m E
59 Knockaleery Road
Cookstown

Councillors Glasgow, Parke, Wilson

I/02/0304/0 AJ Clements Dwelling
100m NW
31 Shore Road

Councillors Greer, I McCrea

I/02/0329/O AM McKenna Dwelling
190m S
93 Kinrush Road
Coagh

Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, McIvor

I/02/0330/0 M McKenna Dwelling
60m N of
79 Kinrush Road
Coagh

Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, McIvor

I/02/0331/O M Armstrong Dwelling
60m SW of
10 Ballynakilly Road

Sandholes

Councillors Glasgow, Parke

I/02/0333/O	B O'Hara 80m N of 72 Kinturk Road Coagh	Dwelling
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Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, McIvor

I/02/0338/O	A Hagan 60m E of 55 Kinturk Road Coagh	Dwelling
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Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, McIvor

I/02/0342/O	P Traynor 10m N of 79 Cornamaddy Road Pomeroy	Dwelling
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Councillors Grimes, McGarvey, Molloy

I/02/0356/O	S Badger Adjacent to 71 Newmills Road Dungannon	Dwelling
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Councillors Glasgow, Parke

I/02/0361/O	T Conway 120m N of 15 Beltonanean Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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Councillors Grimes, McGarvey, Molloy

I/02/0369/O	S&B Loughran 80m NW of 6 Flo Road Cookstown	Dwelling
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Councillors Grimes, McGarvey, Molloy

I/02/0370/O G Mallon Dwelling
Adjacent to & East of
10 Maghadone Road
Moneymore

Councillors Baker, McAleer, McGlone, McIvor

I/02/0380 B McCullagh Dwelling
380m NE of
30 Kileenan Road
Kildress

Councillors Glasgow, Grimes, McGarvey, Molloy

6.2 Notification of Planning Submission for Proposed Orange Radio Transmitter Site

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 30 May 2002 from Orange PCS Ltd regarding an application for a proposed Orange radio transmitter site 1½ miles north east of Stewartstown.

6.3 New Consultation Process for Mobile Phone Transmitters

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 21 June 2002 from Orange PCS Ltd regarding the new consultation process for mobile phone transmitters.

6.4 Northern Ireland Housing Land Availability – Summary Report 2001

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 7 June 2002 and copy of Omagh Division data regarding the above.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Cookstown Ambulance Service

The Chairman welcomed Mr David Barbour, Divisional Officer Northern Division, Mr Hugh O'Neill, Control Manager Northern Division, and Mr Lughuidh Mac Giolla

Bhrighde, Paramedic Supervisor Cookstown Station of the Ambulance Service to the meeting.

Mr O'Neill elaborated on the work of the station and the limitations placed on it by funding and the resources allocated to it. He stated that the Ambulance Station at Cookstown was in need of refurbishment and requested that the Council lobby for more assistance for the Ambulance Service.

Mr Lughuidh Mac Giolla Bhrighde also stated that if all the houses were numbered it would help the ambulance drivers.

The three officers answered queries from Council members.

The Chairman thanked the officials for their attendance.

Council AGREED to promote the importance of numbering houses to the general public in the District.

7.2 Executive Position Report: Programme for Government and Budget

A letter dated 6 June 2002 and position report from the OFMDFM regarding setting out the background to work for reviewing and rolling forward the Programme for Government for 2003/04 and preparation of the Budget was considered.

It was AGREED that this matter should be dealt with by the various political parties..

7.3 Financing Our Future – Public Consultation

A consultation document 'Review of Opportunities for Public Private Partnerships in Northern Ireland from the OFMDFM was considered.

It was AGREED that this matter would be referred to NILGA for a joint response on behalf of all the Councils.

7.4 Developing Better Services

A consultation document 'Developing Better Services' issued

by the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety was considered.

The Clerk/Chief Executive tabled minutes of a joint meeting of Cookstown and Magherafelt District Council members held on the 26 June 2002 to discuss a response to the 'Developing Better Services' document.

The Minutes of the JOINT meeting held on 26 June 2002, a copy of which was circulated at the meeting, were ADOPTED on the proposal of Councillor I McCrea and seconded by Councillor Baker subject to the following recommendations of this Council:-

That legal advice on the Human Rights, Equality and Targeting Social Needs implications of the proposals be sought in the first instance from the Equality Commission and Human Rights Commission; that terms of reference to be agreed with this Council prior to consultants being engaged.

7.5 Voluntary & Community Unit

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 24 May 2002 advising that the Voluntary Activity Unit was re-launched as the Voluntary & Community Unit on 20 May 2002.

7.6 Annual Report on the Audit of Local Authorities 2001-2002

Council NOTED receipt of the Annual Report on the Audit of Local Authorities for the year ended 31 March 2002, copy of which had been previously circulated.

7.7 Delivery of Social Security Benefits

A letter dated 11 June 2002 was received from the Social Security Agency regarding the use of the private sector in the delivery of social security benefits in Northern Ireland.

It was AGREED that the Clerk/Chief Executive write to the Social Security Agency to ascertain if the private sector had any indirect role in the delivery of social security benefits.

7.8 Pensions – Service Delivery to Pensioners

A letter dated 13 June 2002 was received from the Social Security Agency regarding the re-organisation of services to pensioners and the decision to move to a 2 centre service with one based west of the Bann.

It was AGREED that the Clerk/Chief Executive write to the Social Security Agency lobbying for the centre west of the Bann to be located in the Cookstown District.

7.9 Policy Review of the Seed Potato Sector and Future of Seed Potato Promotions Ltd

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 12 June 2002 from the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development regarding the above.

7.10 The Highway Code for Northern Ireland

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 18 June 2002 from the DoE Road Safety Branch inviting views on proposals to make some minor amendments to the text of the Highway Code for Northern Ireland.

7.11 Transmission & Distribution Price Control Review – Final Proposals for Northern Ireland Electricity

Council NOTED receipt of a paper by The Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland on the above.

7.12 Cinema Licences – Proposed Changes to Film Classification

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 17 June 2002 from Newtownabbey Borough Council regarding the above.

7.13 The Private Rented Sector in Northern Ireland

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated May 2002 and report ‘The Private Rented Sector in Northern Ireland’ from Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

7.14 Inquiry Into Child Protection Services In Northern Ireland

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 20 June 2002 from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety of the Northern Ireland Assembly regarding the above.

7.15 Proposed Disabled Parking Bay at 62 Oldtown Street, Cookstown

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 14 June 2002 from Roads Service regarding the above.

7.16 Road Traffic and Vehicles Roads (Speed Limit) Order (NI) 1997 Proposed Speed Limits at Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 17 June 2002 from Roads Service regarding the above.

7.17 Public Administration Review

Council NOTED receipt of a Press Release regarding the panel of experts appointed to Public Administration Review.

7.18 Voluntary Body Assistance Grant Aid Scheme

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED to adopt the report and recommendation from the Director of Development for Voluntary Body Assistance Grant Aid Scheme.

7.19 Draft Energy Bill & Draft Equality & Regulatory Impact Assessments

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 20 June 2002 and Draft Energy Bill & Draft Equality & Regulatory Impact Assessments issued by Department of Trade & Investment.

8 NOMINATIONS

8.1 District Policing Partnerships

On the proposal of Councillor Molloy, seconded by

Councillor McGarvey it was proposed to defer the formation and nomination of members to the District Policing Partnership Board until clarification from the Policing Board was sought on the funding of the board.

On the motion of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor A McCrea it was proposed to nominate members to the Board.

Following a show of hands 9 members voted for the original proposal and 6 members against.

The Chairman declared that the matter be deferred.

8.2 Rural Community Network

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor McGarvey it was AGREED to the nomination of Councillor Baker for consideration to the board of the Rural Community Network for a 2-year period.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor I McCrea it was AGREED to the nomination of Councillors Glasgow and A McCrea.

9 SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

9.1 Local Government Management Game 2002

Council AGREED to the participation of staff in the Local Government Management Game 2002.

9.2 Mobile Telecommunications

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Greer it was AGREED to the attendance of Councillors Glasgow and Parke at a presentation by the Federation of Electronic Industries on mobile phone masts on Wednesday 4 September 2002 at Craigavon Civic Centre.

9.3 SOLACE UK Conference

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Cassidy it was AGREED to the attendance of

Clerk/Chief Executive at the SOLACE UK Conference in Bournemouth from 22/24 October 2002.

10 PROPERTY LAND & EQUIPMENT

10.1 Gallery Restaurant/Bar Lease Agreement – Burnavon, Cookstown

On the proposal of Councillor Cassidy, seconded by Councillor A McCrea it was AGREED to sign and seal the Lease and Counterpart for the above.

11 FINANCE MATTERS

11.1 Commonwealth Veterans

Council NOTED receipt of a letter dated 20 June 2002 from the Jubilee Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans seeking a financial contribution.

11.2 National Association of Councillors

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor Baker it was AGREED to pay the sum of £282 in respect of membership fees to the National Association of Councillors for the year 2002.

11.3 Mid Ulster Sports Complex

A report from Chief Building Control Officer on tenders received for the provision of professional services was tabled at the meeting.

Five firms had submitted fee bids not exceeding 6.0%, Doran Consulting, MH Associates, Knox & Clayton, Taylor & Boyd and WDR & RT Taggart.

On the proposal of Councillor McGarvey, seconded by Councillor I McCrea it was AGREED to accept the recommendation of the assessment panel that the fee bid submitted by Doran Consulting (5.50%) be accepted and that Doran Consulting, Malone Exchange, 226 Lisburn Road, Belfast be appointed as ‘Consulting Engineer’ for the project.

11.4 Recycling Service

A report and recommendation on tenders received for the provision of mixed dry recycling service from the Director of Operational Services was tabled at the meeting.

Following public advertisement four firms submitted a tender for the provision of a mixed dry recycling service and resulted as follows:-

Name	Cost Per Tonne	Annual Promotion
Greenway Recycling 81 Killyclogher Road, Omagh	£23.50 per tonne (Collected) £14 per tonne (Delivered)	£7,000
Allied Waste Ltd Mallusk, Newtownabeey	£23.50 per tonne (Collected) £14 per tonne (Delivered)	£6,500
Glasdon 121 Camlough Road, Newry	£25.70 per tonne (Collected) £19.70 per tonne (Delivered)	£1,000
SCL Onyx Ltd 121 Camlough Road, Newry	£58 per tonne (Collected) £35 per tonne (Delivered)	£1,750

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McGarvey it was AGREED to adopt the report and recommendation of the Director of Operational Services that the it be awarded to the lowest tender namely Greenway Recycling, Omagh.

11.5 Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

A report and recommendation on tenders received for the preparation of a Town Centre Regeneration Strategy 2002-2006 from the Director of Development was tabled at the meeting.

Following public advertisement six completed tenders were submitted. The tenders were assessed by the Director of Development and the Development Business Officer and presented to the Town Centre Regeneration Committee for agreement that the tender be awarded to R Turley Associates.

On the proposal of Councillor Wilson, seconded by

Councillor Baker as AGREED to adopt the report and recommendation of the Director of Development that the tender be awarded R Turley Associates, 7 Newton Place, Glasgow.

Chairman

Clerk/Chief Executive

Date

Date

TABLED FOR INFORMATION

Minutes

Southern Education & Library Board

- 16 May 2002

Northern Group Systems

- 6 March 2002

REPORTS

Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety

- Key Indicators of Personal Social Services for Northern Ireland 2001

Enterprise Northern Ireland

- Annual Report 2001/02

Northern Ireland Assembly

- Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Northern Ireland Assembly 'Code of Conduct & The Guide to the Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members'

Northern Ireland Ombudsman

- Annual Report 2001/02

Health & Safety Executive

- Corporate & Operating Plans 2002/05

OFREG

- Customer Services Standards Report 2000/01

NIHE

- 2 Year Review Rural Housing Policy in Action

NIHE

- Rural Matters Summer 2002

Northern Ireland Focus

- Summer 2002

Law Centre
- Development Plan 2002-05

NHSSB
- Issue