

COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025

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1.	The Mayor's Business	Received
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3.	Declaration of Members' Interests	None
4.	Deputation – Rathlin Life Raft project - Michael Rafferty and Charlotte Bosanquet in attendance	Received
5.	Minutes of The Council Meeting held Tuesday 4 March 2025	Confirmed as a correct record
6.	Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 26 February 2025	To be brought to the next Council Meeting
7.	Minutes of Planning Committee Pre Determination meeting held Wednesday 19 March 2025	Received and Noted
8.	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 11 March 2025	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved
9.	Minutes of Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 12 March 2025	Adopted and Recommendations therein approved

10.	Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 13 March 2025	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
11.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 18 March 2025	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
	Matters Arising	
11.1	Tourism Event Funding Programme (TEFP) – Growth & Large Events Fund 2025-2026 (Item 10)	<i>That funding is awarded, under the Tourism Events Funding Programme, as outlined in Table 1, with a sliding scale applied based on scores totalling £400,000.00.</i>
11.2	Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
12.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 25 March 2025	<i>Adopted and recommendations therein approved; excluding Local Government Chief Executive Appraisal (Item 13), considered 'In Committee' at the end of the meeting.</i>
13.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	<i>None</i>
14.	Conferences	<i>None</i>
15.	Correspondence	
15.1	Kelly Cameron, Secretary, Northern Ireland Housing Council	<i>Noted (Items 15.1-15.3 inclusive)</i>
15.2	Lynsey Farrell, Deputy Secretary, Education Policy and Children's Services correspondence dated 12 March 2025	

15.3	John Kelpie Chief Executive, Derry City and Strabane District Council correspondence dated 14 March 2025	
16.	Consultation Schedule	Noted
17.	Seal Documents	Seal Approved (Items i-xi)
18.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor Schenning (abbrev. <i>re Limavady bypass roundabout</i>)	Referred to Environmental Services Committee
19.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor N Archibald, seconded by Alderman Boyle (abbrev. <i>re light Bannside</i>)	Referred to Leisure and Development Committee
20.	Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Councillor McCully (abbrev. <i>re public consultation on the potential redevelopment of The Warren</i>)	Referred to Leisure and Development Committee
	In Committee (Items 21-22.1 inclusive)	
21.	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held 25 March 2025 / Minutes of Land and Property Sub Committee Meeting held 5 March 2025 / NW200 Transfer of Lands Item 6.1	That Council Approve the request for the temporary transfer of Council lands to the Coleraine and District Motor Club Ltd. for the 2025 'North West 200' event, with a nil return to Council and an application to DfC for ministerial approval under Section 96 of the Local Government Act for disposal of land at less than best value.

22.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 25 March 2025 ' <i>In Committee</i> '	
	Matters Arising '<i>In Committee</i>'	
22.1	Local Government Chief Executive Appraisal (Item 13)	<i>That Council engage with the Local Government Staff Commission and bring a further report back to assess Council's own appraisal, in due course.</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Ciarán McQuillan

Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Callan, Fielding, S McKillop, Scott, Stewart

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson, Callaghan, Chivers, Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kennedy, Mairs, Jonathan McAuley, McCully, McMullan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning, Stirling, Storey, Wallace, Watson, Watton, Wilson, Wisener

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director Corporate Policy and Resources (R)
A McPeake, Director Environmental Services
P Mulvenna, Director Leisure and Development
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
J Mills, Council Solicitor, Land and Property
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : M Rafferty, Rathlin Life Raft Project – Item 4 (R)

A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations Officer
M Kennedy, ICT Technical Support Officer

Press 3 No. (R)

Key – **R** = Attended Remotely

The Mayor advised Council of its obligations and protocol whilst the meeting was being audio recorded; and with the remote meetings protocol.

The Mayor declared a recess at 7.02pm due to IT difficulties.

The meeting resumed at 7.04pm.

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor welcomed Members to the Council Meeting, 1st April.

“Fáilte a mbaill go dtí an chruinniú comhairle lán ar an chéad lá do mhí Aibreáin.

We kicked off the month by hosting a reception for Carey Faughs recognising their outstanding success and winning the League County Championship and also Championship. We also marked International Women's Day celebrating the achievement and contributions of women in the Community. Saint Patrick's Day was also another highlight with a fantastic event in Ballycastle. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together to celebrate our culture, heritage and community spirit. Engaging with young people is always a priority, and this month I've been visiting Secondary Schools to encourage them to take an interest in the political process. Hopefully, I can attend them all before my Term finishes.

Another major highlight was attending Local Government Awards, where we celebrated the fantastic work being done across our Council. A huge congratulations to our Destination Team for winning the Communications Campaign of the Year Award and well-deserved recognition for their effort and also well done to all the projects that were listed in various categories as well. I'd also like to celebrate the 10 years of the establishment of the Causeway Coast and Glens Council in 2015 and the continued process we are making for all the people we represent.

I'd also like to take a moment to once again thank the Deputy Mayor for her continued support throughout the month.

And finally, I hope many of you will join us next Friday on the golf course as we come together to raise funds for mine, MindWise and NIKPA”.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Coyle, Hunter, Knight McQuillan, McAuley, Councillors MA McKillop, McGlinchey and McGurk.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

- * Councillor Anderson arrived at the meeting at 7.07pm.**

4. DEPUTATION – RATHLIN LIFE RAFT PROJECT - MICHAEL RAFFERTY AND CHARLOTTE BOSANQUET IN ATTENDANCE

- * Alderman Callan arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm during consideration of the Item.**

M Rafferty introduced himself as the eradication delivery manager for the Life Raft project on Rathlin Island, an RSPB led project eradicating domestic ferrets and brown rats from the island. The objectives of the Life Raft project is to protect the internationally important seabird colonies on Rathlin to contribute to the recovery of the economy following COVID-19 and to share findings.

M Rafferty advised the ferret eradication started in September 2023 and rat eradication in September 2024 that was still ongoing. One of the main reasons for eradicating the species is Rathlin is that Rathlin is home to internationally important seabird colony, the largest puffin colony in Northern Ireland and also reasons such as damage to property and risk of disease, as they do damage to ground nesting birds. To see how productive and effective the eradication is, there is biodiversity monitoring, and understanding what effect it has on the seabirds moving forward once these species are eradicated off Rathlin.

M Rafferty outlined the work from the paid staff and volunteers, and several different project partners, one being the Rathlin Development Community Association, without them it would not be possible in all aspects of the project.

M Rafferty outlined how to stop the animals making their way back to the island, for example working with the Council and other projects, such as Future Island Islands. Rat proof bins could potentially go on the Ballycastle side, and signage to make people aware that this eradication has went on and the importance of keeping tidy and reporting sightings of rats or ferrets to try and prevent them coming back.

The Mayor invited questions from Elected Members.

Councillor McShane thanked M Rafferty for the presentation, which she had received at a public meeting in Ballycastle. Councillor McShane referred to the whole island community that have bought into the project and a huge legacy has been left. Councillor McShane commented on the issue about bins around the sea front and working along with Council to change those.

Councillor Nicholl enquired whether there was collaborative work with the Scottish Islands and other islands off Ireland that could be undertaken.

M Rafferty advised the most important factor was lessons learned and shared findings for other, more established eradication projects, there is one from Scotland involved in the bio security. They recently hosted individuals from Lambay Island, to introduce what they have been doing and to show what a project like this can do.

The Mayor thanked M Rafferty for attending.

* **M Rafferty left the meeting at 7.27pm.**

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED - The Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 4 March 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Alderman S McKillop advised that at the Planning Committee meeting held 26 March 2025 amendments were agreed and the minute did not reflect that, she asked for the minutes to be brought back for noting at the next Council Meeting.

7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE PRE DETERMINATION MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Pre Determination Meeting held Wednesday 19 March 2025 are received and noted.

8. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Mairs
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 11 March 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Archibald and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held Wednesday 12 March 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Huggins
Seconded by Councillor Mairs and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 13 March 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

11. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Councillor Holmes proposed the adoption of the Minute, subject to Item 10 which had not been resolved.

11.1 Matters Arising

Tourism Event Funding Programme (TEFP) – Growth & Large Events Fund 2025-2026 (Item 10)

The Director of Leisure and Development put forward the report recommendation to Council.

Proposed by Councillor McCully

Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED - That funding is awarded, under the Tourism Events Funding Programme, as outlined in Table 1, with a sliding scale applied based on scores totalling £400,000.00.

Alderman Callan referred to discussion for the potential of increasing the budget by £37,000 and a report being brought to the Council Meeting on whether that could be accommodated.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised Alderman Callan the proposal fell at the Committee Meeting.

Alderman Callan raised that County Londonderry Agricultural Show Society Ltd did not get funding, that Council needed to examine how it could support the event.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised they would converse with the organisation and offer support and feedback and identify funding sources and investigate operational support.

Councillor Chivers seconded Alderman Callan's comments, she stated people came from all over to attend the event. Alderman Scott stated the event was ran by volunteers, he outlined the reasons regarding their financial issues.

11.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Chivers

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 18 March 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

12. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McCully
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

- 12.1 RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 25 March 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved; excluding Local Government Chief Executive Appraisal (Item 13), considered '*In Committee*', at the end of the meeting.

Alderman Callan wished to raise Item 13, Local Government Chief Executive Appraisal, *In Committee*, at the end of the meeting.

13. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

The Chief Executive advised the Local Government side has a pre meeting schedule for April.

Alderman Callan requested a written report, the Chief Executive clarified the NILGA Minutes could be brought back.

14. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated.

The following correspondence has been received:

15.1 Kelly Cameron, Secretary, Northern Ireland Housing Council

Enclosed are the following NI Housing Council Minutes:

- NI Housing Council Minutes 12 December 2024
- NI Housing Council Minutes 9 January 2025
- NI Housing Council Minutes 13 February 2025

15.2 Lynsey Farrell, Deputy Secretary, Education Policy and Children's Services correspondence dated 12 March 2025

Re: Raise Programme Update and Next Steps

Further to the communication received at the start of January 2025, the correspondence provides further details on the RAISE Programme, and to draw attention to the publication of important information.

15.3 John Kelpie Chief Executive, Derry City and Strabane District Council correspondence dated 14 March 2025

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 26 February 2025, the following Motion was passed, Council has been asked to give consideration to this:

that this Council calls on Irish Politicians, North and South, to back the Palestine solidarity movement campaign to boycott Donald Trump's White House on Saint Patrick's Day.

Council notes that since taking office, Trump welcomed the war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu to the White House, resumed delivery of 2,000 pound bombs to Israel, reversed sanctions against violent illegal settlers, and announced the US will take over all of Gaza.

Council agrees Trump's stated intention of occupying and ethnically cleansing the population of Gaza would constitute one of the most egregious war crimes of this century.

Council notes Trump's cabinet of far-right billionaires are opposed to trade unions, while more than 40 million Americans live in poverty and 10 million are denied healthcare.

Council stands in solidarity with workers, immigrants, women, LGBTQ people and communities feeling the brunt of ramped-up racism, discrimination and capitalism.

Council reaffirms its commitment to tackling gender-based violence by having no truck with a Trump White House steeped in misogyny, embracing far-right organisations promoting attacks on women's equality and complicit with the murder of tens of thousands of women and girls in Gaza.

Derry City and Strabane District Council supports BDS and will write to the Stormont Executive, the Dail government and all Councils across Ireland calling on them to support this motion not to breach BDS by accepting invitations to Trump's White House.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the correspondence.

RESOLVED – That Council note the correspondence schedule.

16. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The following Consultation Documents were listed:

- Northern Ireland Assembly, Call for Evidence for the Sign Language Bill
- Department for the Economy, Offshore Renewable Energy Action Plan: SEA Environmental Report and RIAA
- North/South Language Body, North/South Language Body Draft Equality Scheme
- Department for Infrastructure, Draft 2025-26 Budget Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) consultation
- Department of Health, Consultation on redesign of Serious Adverse Incident procedure
- Department for Infrastructure, Northern Ireland Flood Risk Assessment Closed 12 Mar 2025, Opened 26 Feb 2025
- Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs Consultation on the SEA Environmental Report for the Proposed Ammonia Strategy and Revised Operational Protocol
- Department of Health, Consultation on Proposals to amend the Minimum Standards for Childminding and Day Care for Children Under Age 12

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

17. SEAL DOCUMENTS

Members were advised of the undernoted items for signing and sealing by Council, approval having been previously granted and all necessary legislative requirements being met.

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5956-5972 inclusive;
- (ii) Covid Recovery Small Settlement Regeneration Programme Dernaflaw MUGA (Ref CM 250204)
- (iii) Amendment to Commercial Lease Portstewart Football and Community Club – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to Trustees of Portstewart Football and Community Club
- (iv) Memorandum of Sale (Contract) – Sale of land at Laurel Hill, Coleraine (Ref L&PSC 241106 / CP&R 241126 / CM 241203 and L&PSC 220907/ CP&R 220927 / CM 221004) (Retrospective)
- (v) Deed of Conveyance – Sale of land at Laurel Hill, Coleraine (Ref L&PSC 241106 / CP&R 241126 / CM 241203 and L&PSC 220907/ CP&R 220927/ CM 221004) (Retrospective)

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Alderman Scott and

RESOLVED – That the sealing of documents, as listed, are approved (Items i-xi).

18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CHIVERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SCHENNING

That this Council agree to work with the Department for Infrastructure to upgrade the Limavady bypass roundabout to a landscape feature and to maintain the grass after completion.

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Environmental Services Committee.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR N ARCHIBALD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOYLE

To ask the council to create a feasibility study and option proposals such as solar lighting in trees to light the Bannside, from Christie Park along the River to Castleroe, as this area is used by residents of all ages to exercise in a free and safe environment, indeed the pathway from Christie Park along the river was promoted as the Heart Walk and part of the Highway to Health.

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Leisure and Development Committee meeting.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN STEWART, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCCULLY

This Council notes the recent sale of Portstewart Town Hall, and the resultant loss of community meeting space in the town; recognises the need to meet community need through engagement and co-design; and agrees to carry out a public consultation on the potential redevelopment of The Warren as a multi-purpose public space that can support a variety of functions, including recreational and cultural use.

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Leisure and Development Committee meeting.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Alderman Callan
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED – That Council move ‘In Committee’.

* **Press were disconnected from the meeting at 7.37pm.**

The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Mayor advised Council of its obligations and protocol whilst the meeting was being audio recorded, 'In Committee'.

21. CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 25 MARCH 2025 / MINUTES OF LAND AND PROPERTY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 5 MARCH 2025 / NW200 TRANSFER OF LANDS ITEM 6.1

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 & 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, was previously circulated and presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the options at paragraph 8.1 – 8.3 and recommends to

Approve the request for the temporary transfer of Council lands to the Coleraine and District Motor Club Ltd. for the 2025 'North West 200' event, with a nil return to Council and an application to DfC for ministerial approval under Section 96 of the Local Government Act for disposal of land at less than best value.

or

Approve the request for the temporary transfer of Council lands to the Coleraine and District Motor Club Ltd. for the 2025 'North West 200' event, with cost recovery to Council and an application to DfC for ministerial approval under Section 96 of the Local Government Act for disposal of land at less than best value.

or

Approve the request for the temporary transfer of Council lands to the Coleraine and District Motor Club Ltd. for the 2025 'North West 200' event, and charge the commercial value of £159,350.

Councillor Peacock asked what had occurred in previous years as that had not been outlined within the report.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised it had been undertaken at nil cost. The Chief Executive advised Ministerial approval had been sought for the last couple of years, the Minister had complained last year at the lateness of Council's request to undertake the social value.

Councillor McShane stated she considered it peculiar that Council did not do that for any other event across Causeway Coast and Glens and did not understand why Council does not have responsibility taking the revenue from vans, she sought clarification of her understanding. Councillor McShane considered other events across the Borough may wish to take a similar approach in due course.

The Chief Executive outlined figures relating to the socio-economic argument, he advised the opportunity to question this would be on the visit to the NW200. The Chief Executive confirmed there was no reason why a community based event could not apply to do that, the judgement to take the revenue or allow community ran events to help themselves more. The Chief Executive advised that was why Council needed to make a decision and also the Minister, as there was not just an economic argument, as the social value outweighs the cost to Council.

Alderman Callan put forward an example of The Open transfer of land, an International event, recognised by Tourism NI, business owners state the NW200 brings massive economic value, sustains jobs and business and brings people to the area. At a recent presentation from NW200 he advised people came all year round to visit the site and where the Dunlop family came from. Alderman Callan proposed Option 1.

Councillor Holmes stated outside of The Open, the NW200 was the biggest sporting event in the country, if Council transfer at a value and not for free there would be no NW200. Councillor Holmes stated the economic value for the area, the biggest week of the year for many businesses, and there was no reason why this could not be done for other events to support them.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified Council's Land and Property Solicitor had informed her that both the Mini Show, and Ford Show had been approved on the same basis of land transfer at nil cost with vendors.

Councillor Peacock also stated seconding of the proposal.

Proposed by Alderman Callan
Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

RESOLVED – That Council Approve the request for the temporary transfer of Council lands to the Coleraine and District Motor Club Ltd. for the 2025 'North West 200' event, with a nil return to Council and an application to DfC for ministerial approval under Section 96 of the Local Government Act for disposal of land at less than best value.

- * **The Chief Executive left the meeting at 7.52pm.**
- * **The Director of Environmental Services assumed the top table.**

22. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2025 'IN COMMITTEE'

Matters Arising 'In Committee'

22.1 Local Government Chief Executive Appraisal (Item 13)

Alderman Callan advised the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) was the Body who oversaw the piece of work, that instead of noting, that Council engage with LGSC to review Council's appraisal against this report to ensure the best possible appraisal system was in place and was in line with Councils across N Ireland.

Councillor Peacock stated this was prudent and a timely piece of work to take forward.

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Councillor Peacock

- That Council engage with the Local Government Staff Commission and bring a further report back to assess Council's own appraisal, in due course.

Councillor Watton stated he did not agree, referring to various reports being brought back, querying its purpose.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

31 Members voted For, 1 Member voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.
The Chair declared the motion carried.

RESOLVED - That Council engage with the Local Government Staff Commission and bring a further report back to assess Council's own appraisal, in due course.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Kane

Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – That Council move '*In Public*'.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.55 pm.

Mayor