



COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2021

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10.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 23 March 2021	
	Matters Arising	
	10.1 Procurement Policy	Amendment Lost
	10.2 Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and recommendations therein approved
11.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	Nil
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15.	Seal Documents	
	(i) Grave Registry Certificates, Numbers 5109-5125 (inclusive)	Seal Affixed, Items (i) – (xix) inclusive
	(ii) NIE Networks Ltd – Wayleave Agreement No 814437 – Magilligan Playing Fields, Seacoast Road, Limavady (L&P SC -3/3/21, CP&R 23/2/21, CM 02/03/21)	
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	(v) Employee Car Loan Agreement 623/3038	
	(vi) Council Depot and Recycling Centre, Knock Road, Ballymoney - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 03/02/21, CP&R 23/02/21 and CM 2/3/21)	
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	(xiii) Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 03/02/21, CP&R 23/02/21 and CM 2/3/21)	
	(xiv) Flowerfields Arts Centre, Portstewart - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 03/02/21, CP&R 23/02/21 and CM 2/3/21)	
	(xv) Bushmills Tourism Information Building - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 03/02/21, CP&R 23/02/21 and CM 2/3/21)	
	(xvi) Council Depot, Market Street, Ballycastle - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 03/02/21, CP&R 23/02/21 and CM 2/3/21)	
	(xvii) Ballymoney Town Hall - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 03/02/21, CP&R 23/02/21 and CM 2/3/21)	
	(xviii) Lease - Substation Site at Ballyreagh Road, Portrush – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited (L&P SC 101106, CP&R 101126, CM 101203)	

	(xix) Lease – Substation Site at Juniper Hill, Portrush - Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited (L&P SC 101106, CP&R 101126, CM 101203)	
16.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor M A McKillop, seconded by Councillor Beattie <i>'This Council notes Portrush resident Mark Ashton's work and commitment as an activist for the advancement of LGBTQ+ rights and worker's rights, especially coal miners during the Coal Miner's strike of 1984/1985, recognises the importance of commemorating all those from our Council area who have fought for the rights of others, and calls for the immediate allocation of funds and identification of a suitable site, to take place in consultation with family and LGBTQ+ groups, for a suitable memorial to Mark Ashton within the Council area.'</i>	Referred Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
17.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McCaw, seconded by Alderman Boyle <i>'This Council recognises the contribution made by former Portrush resident, the late Mark Ashton, to LGBTQ equality. In recognition of this contribution, Council will erect a memorial bench at Portrush Town Hall to serve as a permanent memorial to Mark Ashton in his hometown.'</i>	Referred Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
18.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan, seconded by Alderman S McKillop <i>'This Council recognises women's concerns across society, highlighted again after the disappearance and subsequent murder of Sarah Everard in South London earlier this month. This has placed a spotlight on the safety of women and girls. This council calls upon the Northern Ireland Assembly to initiate a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, commits to</i>	Support Notice of Motion

	<i>endorse and promote the Woman's Aid petition calling upon a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to be implemented, and forms a task force to develop a publicity campaign promoting safety apps for women and girls and engages with the PSNI, Woman's Aid and Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland.'</i>	

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON
TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2021 AT 7:00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Alderman Fielding (C)

Present : Alderman Baird (R), Duddy (C), Finlay (C), Hillis (C),
McCorkell (R), McKeown (R), S McKillop (C) Robinson (R)

Councillors Anderson (C), Bateson (R), Callan (R),
Chivers (R), Dallat O'Driscoll (R), Holmes (C) Hunter (R),
Knight-McQuillan (R), McAuley (C), McCandless (C)
McCaw (R), McGlinchey (R), McGurk (R) MA McKillop
(R), McLaughlin (R), McLean (C), McMullan (R),
McQuillan (C), C McShane (R), P McShane (R),
Mulholland (R), Nicholl (R), Peacock (R), Quigley (R),
Schenning (R), Scott (R), Wallace (R), Watton (C) and
Wilson (C)

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R)
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development Services (C)
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
(R)
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer (R)
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager (R)
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Well-Being (R)
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer
(C)
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services
Officer (R)
D Hunter, Council Solicitor (R)
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager (R)
P McColgan, Head of ICT

Officers In

A McAuley, Public Relations Manager (R)
J Winfield, ICT Manager (R)
C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)
A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations (C)

Press (4 No) (R)
Public (34 No.) (R)

Key – **C** = Attended In The Chamber
 R = Attended Remotely

The Mayor read the remote meetings protocol at the beginning of the meeting:

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- Members are reminded that you must be heard and where possible be seen to all others in attendance to be considered present and voting or your vote cannot be counted.

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor opened the meeting and addresses Council:

“Welcome everyone to our full Council meeting.

As you know we’re approaching the Easter period and this week a joint message was issued with PSNI and Translink reminding people to stay safe over the holidays.

Last week, Council took part in a Day of Reflection to remember lives lost in the pandemic and show our support for the bereaved by lighting Cloonavin up in yellow. We must continue to adhere to the current health advice and I hope the public will demonstrate this in the days ahead.

Our virtual approach to Ballymoney Spring Fair begins on Thursday with the release of the first video in a three-part series. We’ve worked closely with the Chamber of Commerce and other partners on this project and while we’re hopeful that the event will return to the town next year, for now we want the public to stay safe and support this virtual experience instead.’

The Mayor advised members that Agenda Item 9 Minutes of L&D, Item 24 - Any Other Relevant Business regarding CCTV provision had been considered in committee but was not an in committee item. The Mayor suggested members may wish to discuss the matter at this meeting in public.

The Mayor further advised that under Standing Order 4.3 he had agreed to consider the Motion, previously circulated to members, as Item 18.

Alderman Finlay concurred with the Mayor’s remarks and agreed that individuals should follow the advice of PSNI and Translink but felt that the decision taken by PPS in relation to a high profile funeral suggested that not following advice and breaking the law would not lead to prosecutions in any case.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Baird and Councillor Beattie.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

Councillor M A McKillop – Leisure and Development, Community Grants Item 7

Councillor Schenning – Leisure and Development, Tourism Events Item 12

Elected Members did not take part in discussion during consideration of the Item.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2021

Minutes, previously circulated.

Councillor Quigley requested clarity on Item 24.1 - VAT and reimbursement for caravan parks, however the Mayor advised that the minutes were being considered only for accuracy. The Mayor further advised that as the matter would not be discussed as part of the Leisure and Development Minutes that the member may wish to raise the matter with the Director of Leisure and Development.

Proposed by Mulholland
Seconded by Schenning and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 2 February 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021

Minutes, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 24 February 2021 are received and noted.

6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MEETING HELD TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2021

Minutes, previously circulated,.

Matters Arising

6.1 Item 19 - Notice of Motion, Proposed by Councillor McGurk, Seconded by Councillor Bateson.

Councillor McQuillan felt that the Motion was divisive and to impose signage on a whole street, in accordance with this Notice of Motion, was unreasonable. Many members concurred with the comments made suggesting that the Motion was not inclusive and would not reach out to the wider community and that there was not wide usage of the language currently. Members also pointed to the policy currently in place suggesting it was adequate and to change the policy would result in an unnecessary cost to Council.

Councillor McGurk said that the Motion was not about imposing Irish street signs on areas which did not wish to have them but was to break down barriers for those who do not have the signs they would like. Councillor McGurk explained that the Motion was in line with Charters already signed up to by the British Government and EU Regulations regarding minority languages.

Many members concurred with the comments made confirming that Irish medium education is the fastest growing education sector and referred to an excess of 7,000 children in Irish schools and the many people in the community who were interested in the Irish language.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor McGurk

Seconded by Councillor P McShane

To recommend that Council re-consider the Notice of Motion

Alderman Duddy requested a Recorded Vote

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

16 Members voted For; 22 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

Recorded Vote Table

For (16)	Councillors Bateson, Chivers, Dallat O’Driscoll, McCaw, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning
Against (22)	Aldermen Baird, Duddy, Finlay, Fielding, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McLean, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson

6.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan

Seconded by Councillor McLean and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 9 March 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

7. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2021

Minutes, previously circulated

Proposed by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Scott and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 11 March 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

8. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2021

Minutes, previously circulated

Matters Arising

8.1 At the request of Alderman S McKillop the following points were noted:-

Item 10 - Absence Report Months 1-9 2020/21

Alderman S McKillop asked for data to gauge effect of Inspire support to staff to be brought back to Audit Committee.

Item 12.2 - DfC Terms of Reference for Extraordinary Audit 2019/20

Alderman S McKillop asked for comments to be recorded due to an allegation by Councillor P McShane that not all members had taken receipt of papers in a timely manner.

Item 14 - Internal Audit (Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council) Corporate Credit Card 'In Committee'

Alderman S McKillop asked for Fraud Training to be provided to all employees.

Item 17 - Whistle Blowing/Fraud

Alderman S McKillop asked for costings from inception to present day to be brought to committee.

The Mayor advised that members of public should turn off camera as interfering with proceedings of the meeting.

8.2 Item 4.2 – Draft Report to those charged with Governance 2019-20 /Item 5 – Annual Accounts 2019/20

The Director of Corporate Services advised that the Audit Committee minutes presented to Council's meeting for ratification contained a recommendation at Item 5 for approval of signing off the Annual Accounts.

The Director advised that since the Audit Committee's recommendation correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) on the day of the Council Meeting. The Director advised the correspondence would be circulated to Members. In the correspondence NIAO advised that the annual accounts could not be signed off until clarification had been sought on assets included on the balance sheet where there were issues relating to title. She advised that these included Portstewart Town Hall and Coleraine Town Hall and confirmed that these matters were being dealt with by Council's Legal Team and officers would engage with NIAO to clarify the current position and provide further information. She further confirmed that Council held legal title to The Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

In response to a Member's query the Director advised that the issue raised by NIAO did not relate to Council allocating funds to buildings which Council did not have full legal title to.

8.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Wallace
Seconded by Councillor Holmes

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held Wednesday 10 March 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including point of accuracy at 8.1; excluding recommendations at 4.2 - Draft Report to those charged with Governance 2019-20 and 5 - Annual Accounts 2019/20 'That Council approve the annual statement of accounts as presented; and adjustments are brought forward to the following year's Accounts'.

9. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021

Minutes, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

9.1 Item 4 – Presentation from Seán Ó Murchadha and Conchúr Ó Muadaigh representing Conradh na Gaeilge

Councillor Nicholl wished to record that he was disappointed that some members of the Committee left the Chamber for the duration of the presentation.

9.2 Item 22 Coleraine Bomb Memorial

Councillor McLean said that the proposal should have read 'to recommend Council approve facilitation between family and survivors in June/July 2021 and Memorial is completed by June 2022.

9.3 Item 5 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll, seconded by Councillor M A McKillop, referred from 2 March 2021 Council Meeting

As seconder of the Notice of Motion Councillor MA McKillop addressed the committee *'It's been a very difficult year for so many families across our borough and is shocking to hear how many are living in poverty. And for a lot of families the new norm is eat or heat your home. More and more families are having to use the local food banks and local charities food banks are doing more outreach now to rural areas and you can see the need for them more and more. Poverty is having a decentralised effect on the education attainment of children living in poverty. We all know schools have had to step to help those most disadvantaged in our borough with access to internet and IT equipment. No child should be discriminated on the grounds of household income and this is happening more and more across our borough. That is why I am happy to second the motion.'*

9.3i Item 5 Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll, seconded by Councillor M A McKillop, referred from 2 March 2021 Council Meeting

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll voiced her surprise that committee did not support the Motion and agree to send a letter to Department of Communities seeking support. Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll referred to statistics showing that 24 % of children in Northern Ireland live in relative poverty with figures increased sign since last year. Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll felt that a child poverty task force was required and that local representatives had a responsibility to try and drive the change in policy at every opportunity saying that this Council could do better. Councillor Bateson concurred with the sentiment and issues raised by Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll and referred to the sterling work being undertaken by the Minister for Communities, Deirdre Hargy. Councillor Bateson referred to key commitments for a long-term anti-poverty strategy from the Minister and funding for hardship, fuel, community support and food parcels. Councillor Bateson felt that every effort should be made to assist the Minister at local government level.

Councillor Holmes said that we all feel strongly about this matter but Councillors

on local Council can only do so much.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop

To recommend that Motion be reconsidered

Councillor Dallat O'Driscoll requested a Recorded Vote

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

16 Members voted For; 15 Members voted Against; 5 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment Carried.

Recorded Vote Table

For (16)	Councillors Bateson, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, McCaw, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning
Against (15)	Aldermen Baird, Duddy, Fielding, Hillis, McKeown Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, McAuley, McLean, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson
Abstained (5)	Alderman Finlay, S McKillop Councillors Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McCandless

9.4 Item 7 NI Centenary Working Group

Councillor Mulholland suggested that if Coleraine Town Hall was not owned by Council this matter could not progress. The Chief Executive confirmed that the Director of Corporate Services had informed members that ownership of this asset would be determined.

9.5 Item 9 Code of Practice for Reducing Bureaucracy in Grant Making/Item 10 Grants Governance Panel

Alderman Duddy suggested that the matter be deferred for a period of 3 months to afford the Funding Unit the opportunity to consider the complexity of the forms and that a workshop be organised to facilitate members input and oversight and to explore the timeline for allocation of grant funding.

Councillor C McShane referred to the need for members to declare an interest in relation to Items 9 and 10 and the Mayor reminded members that they had a

responsibly if relevant to declare an interest. Alderman Duddy said that the discussion was on policy and not relating to individual groups or applicants.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Alderman McCorkell

To recommend that the Code of Practice for Reducing Bureaucracy in Grant Making and Grants Governance Panel recommendations are further considered and deferred for 3 months to facilitate further reducing bureaucracy and ensuring that Grant Governance Panel membership has the desired scrutiny and oversight requested by members.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote
22 Members voted For; 15 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained
The Mayor declared the Motion carried

9.6 Item 11 Events Recovery Fund

Councillor C McShane questioned the wisdom of increasing the funding from £250,000 to £400,000.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that an annual review of grant programmes takes place in September. He further advised that the Tourism Event Recovery Programme was Member led and put in place to assist organisers of events which did not take place in 2020 and 2021 and may not be sustainable without financial assistance. A report was brought to Council in October regarding the non-competitive process and successful applicants applied and Council made the decision. In December 2020 detail of the programme was made available for Members and a workshop took place outlining the criteria for interested parties. The amount increasing from £250,000 to £400,000 was fundamentally due to applicants surviving through the pandemic and included the cost of core costs which was presented to Members in September and October 2020. The Director confirmed that the last stage in decision making process was ratification which lay entirely with elected members and was not officer driven.

In response to a Member's query, the Funding Unit Manager confirmed that all income and expenditure for an event is scrutinised and evidence of a letter of offer from other funders required with Council paying only the deficit. The Funding Unit look at financial standing right up to letter of offer stage and if financial position of organisation changes this is considered and challenges and issues are asked to be addressed fully.

At the request of a member the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the Blue Sails report will be brought to the April Leisure and Development Committee.

Responding to a Member's query in relation to the payment of core expenses for rent of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association headquarters in Lisburn, the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that one off core costs deemed eligible to assist with sustainability was agreed by elected members in December.

Councillor C McShane referred to the Super Cup NI and NW200 which were run as businesses and voiced concern about partnership with these limited companies. The Council Solicitor confirmed that Council had provided grant funding to these organisations and advised that the relationship between Council and the organisations would be looked into to determine if there were any issues.

In providing clarity to Councillor Quigley the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed that the workshop on grant funding was not a decision making forum and that the outworkings of reports taken to Members in October, December and March were relevant to the discussion at this meeting and that Officers had implemented the policy in accordance with decisions taken by the Council to the letter.

Councillor Holmes reminded members that this Council was a premier tourism destination for Northern Ireland and the decisions taken were to assist the event organisers through the pandemic given that they had no additional form of sponsorship at this time.

Some members felt that that the decision to support key tourist events during a challenging time was prudent and referred to the North West 200, Supercup and Royal Pipe Band which created 10's of millions of pounds and sustained businesses in this borough.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor C McShane
Seconded by Councillor P McShane

To defer 3 months in light of comments made by Council Solicitor.

Councillor C McShane requested a Recorded Vote

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.
15 Members voted For; 22 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.
The Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

Recorded Vote Table

For (15)	Councillors Bateson, Chivers, Dallat O'Driscoll, McCaw, McGurk, McGlinchey, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, P McShane, Mulholland, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley
Against (22)	Aldermen Baird, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson, Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Hunter, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McKillop, McQuillan, Scott, Wallace, Wilson

9.7 Item 24 AORB CCTV Provision (Alderman Fielding and Councillor McCaw)

Members referred to the issue of assaults and the rise in anti-social behavior all across the borough and expressed disappointment that no-one had been brought to account for the two assaults referred to by members. Members questioned whether CCTV would have prevented these crimes, suggesting that the general public were the most likely source of relevant information in solving these and other crimes.

Some elected members felt that there was a low level of confidence in the PSNI and there is a need to work on increasing confidence to include PSNI acting on drugs activity to include a multi-agency approach, as it is the view of many that drug dealers are untouchable. Members felt that elected members should take a leadership initiative and that there should be more of a PSNI presence in the community.

Some members referred to the large numbers in attendance at the Storey funeral while other families had to abide by the rules and indicated disappointment that the PPS stated there was no case to answer.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor McQuillan

To recommend that PCSP review report on CCTV and investigate what has changed and what is feasible financially and write to Justice Minister in wake of incidents across borough and the lack of confidence in PSNI.

Alderman Duddy requested a Recorded Vote

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.
23 Members voted For; 1 Members voted Against; 13 Members Abstained.
The Mayor declared the Amendment Carried.

Recorded Vote Table

For (23)	Aldermen Baird, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson
	Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw, McLean, McQuillan, Mulholland, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson
Against (1)	Councillor P McShane
Abstain (13)	Councillors Bateson, Chivers, Dallat O’Driscoll, McGlinchey, McGurk, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Quigley, Schenning

9.8 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl
 Seconded by Councillor McLean

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held Tuesday 16 March 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including point of accuracy at 9.2 and Amendments at 9.3.1, 9.5 and 9.7.

10. **MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021**

Minutes previously circulated.

Matters Arising

10.1 Item 5 – Procurement Policy

Councillor C McShane felt there were matters needed consideration and that it would be opportune to defer until the next meeting for approval. Councillor C McShane said there were a number of matters she wished to raise to include the impact of Brexit.

Councillor Holmes suggested that if Councillor C McShane wished to defer the matter he would prefer to have the reasons for deferral in advance of a vote and invited the member to advise the Council accordingly.

Councillor C McShane said she would like to consider the following: Public Procurement Regulations 2015; current threshold for goods and services currently 189,000; works procurement not currently covered; and other matters which she did not have the opportunity to discuss with the Chief Finance Officer, however she said should members wish not to defer, the matter could

be re-visited at a later date.

Councillor McLean suggested that if the matter was deferred the proposal for consideration would not be agreed either so felt that it would be best to deal with the proposal this evening and raise the other matters afterwards.

Councillor P McShane felt that after 5 years of attempts to get the procedure correct it could wait for another month.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor C McShane

Seconded by Councillor Leanne Peacock

To recommend that the proposal be deferred for one month to allow further consideration of the Procurement Policy.

The Mayor put the proposal to the Council to vote

17 Members voted For; 18 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Amendment Lost

***Councillor Wallace, Councillor McGlinchey and Alderman Duddy left the meeting at 10.30 pm.**

10.2 Adoption of Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Hillis

Seconded by Councillor McLean and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 23 March 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved

11. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

12. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences listed.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive as read.

The following were listed:

13.1 Northern Ireland Housing Council correspondence dated 11th March 2021

The Minutes of The 477th Northern Ireland Housing Council meeting held on 11 February 2021 and March Bulletin, previously circulated.

13.2 Department of Finance correspondence dated 12 March 2021

Response received re 'Covid Support Funding for Agricultural Businesses' in relation to correspondence sent from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on 9 February 2021, previously circulated.

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

RESOLVED – that Council note the correspondence schedule.

14. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Executive.

- Private Member's Bill – Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) - Seeking views on Private Member's Bill being developed to make an Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) payment a legal requirement in line with existing legislative powers in Schedule 6 of the Agriculture Act 2020 – received from Declan McAleer, MLA, submission by 7 April 2021
- Extension of the Adult Protection Bill for Northern Ireland - Public consultation on legislative options to inform the development of an Adult Protection Bill for Northern Ireland – received from Department of Health, submission by 8 April 2021
- Consultation on Programme for Government Draft Outcomes Framework EQIA Consultation – received from The Executive Office, submission by 30 April 2021
- Equality Screening and Rural Needs Consultation - You are invited to view policy programme equality screening forms and rural needs assessment – received from Invest NI, submission by 1 June 2021
- SONI Consultation and New £40m Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF) Phase 1 Spring 2021 competition, view the applicant guidance and make an application for funding – received from Department of Economy, submission by 14 June 2021

Documents presented available for download:

- Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council -Council Policy Screening Report February 2021
- DoF Strategic Equality Branch - Equality screening of a proposed NICS Car Parking Policy for Belfast City Centre.
- Department of Finance - The Department of Finance has published an equality screening document in relation to proposals to amend the fees for lodging data onto the Northern Ireland Energy Performance Certificate Registers.
- Department for Economy - Resource Departmental Expenditure Budget 2021/22 - equality screening.
- Department of Finance - Consultation response on proposed changes to the transitional arrangements in the 2015 schemes

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

15. 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, Numbers 5109-5125 (inclusive)
- (ii) NIE Networks Ltd - Wayleave Agreement No 814437 – Magilligan Playing Fields, Seacoast Road, Limavady (L&P SC 03/03/2121, CP&R 23/02/202, CM 02/03/21)
- (iii) Electrical Worx - Request to Use Council Land at 113 Causeway Street, Portrush, for an electrical connection to install a fibre cabinet. (L&P SC 04/11/20, CP&R 24/11/20, CM 01/12/20)
- (iv) D Armstrong Electrical LLP – Request to Use Council Land at 58 Ballyreagh Road, Portrush, to install underground cabling for NIE Power Supply to adjacent private property. (L&P SC 04/11/20, CP&R 24/11/20, CM 01/12/20)
- (v) Employee Car Loan Agreement 623/3038

- (vi)** Council Depot and Recycling Centre, Knock Road, Ballymoney – Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (vii)** Sheskburn House, Council Offices and Recreation Centre, Ballycastle - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (viii)** Riada House Council Offices, Ballymoney - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (ix)** Portrush Watersports Centre - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (x)** Portrush Town Hall - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (xi)** Portrush Recycling Centre - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (xii)** Portballintrae Community Hall – Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (xiii)** Joey Dunlop Centre, Ballymoney - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (xiv)** Flowerfields Arts Centre, Portstewart - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (xv)** Bushmills Tourist Information Building - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)

- (xvi) Council Depot, Market Street, Ballycastle - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (xvii) Ballymoney Town Hall - Digital Fixed Line Infrastructure Wayleave Agreement Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Fibrus Ltd (ref L&P SC 210203, CP&R 210223 and CM 210302)
- (xviii) Lease - Substation Site at Ballyreagh Road, Portrush – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited (L&P SC 101106, CP&R 101126, CM 101203)
- (xix) Lease – Substation Site at Juniper Hill, Portrush - Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited (L&P SC 101106, CP&R 101126, CM 101203)

Proposed by Councillor Watton
Seconded by Alderman Hillis

RESOLVED - that the sealing of documents as listed (Items i-xix inclusive) be approved.

16. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCKILLOP, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BEATTIE

'This Council notes Portrush resident Mark Ashton's work and commitment as an activist for the advancement of LGBTQ+ rights and worker's rights, especially coal miners during the Coal Miner's strike of 1984/1985, recognises the importance of commemorating all those from our Council area who have fought for the rights of others, and calls for the immediate allocation of funds and identification of a suitable site, to take place in consultation with family and LGBTQ+ groups, for a suitable memorial to Mark Ashton within the Council area.'

The Chief Executive advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCCAWE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOYLE

'This Council recognises the contribution made by former Portrush resident, the late Mark Ashton, to LGBTQ equality. In recognition of this contribution, Council will erect a memorial bench at Portrush Town Hall to serve as a permanent memorial to Mark Ashton in his hometown.'

The Chief Executive advised the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR KNIGHT-MCQUILLAN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN S MCKILLOP

'This Council recognises women's concerns across society, highlighted again after the disappearance and subsequent murder of Sarah Everard in South London earlier this month. This has placed a spotlight on the safety of women and girls.

This council calls upon the Northern Ireland Assembly to initiate a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, commits to endorse and promote the Woman's Aid petition calling upon a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to be implemented, and forms a task force to develop a publicity campaign promoting safety apps for women and girls and engages with the PSNI, Woman's Aid and Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland."

At the request of the Mayor, Councillor Knight-McQuillan read the Notice of Motion.

***Councillors Wilson, McQuillan and Anderson and Alderman McCorkell left the meeting at 10.40 pm**

The Mayor invited the seconder of the proposal, Alderman S McKillop to speak. Alderman S McKillop read the following statement:-

"Thank you mayor for allowing me to speak on this motion.

I concur with everything my fellow colleague has said including that the statistics do speak for themselves.

Women's Aid say domestic abuse and gender based violence disproportionately affect women and girls however in NI there is "nothing in place to address this". The deaths of two women and a man in an apparent murder-suicide in Newtownabbey is yet another stark reminder of this dire situation. I'm sure members will agree there is an urgent need for action and this motion will formulate a cohesive approach to addressing this unacceptable inequality.

However, to be fair to the majority of nonviolent men. I will reiterate the point Cllr Knight-McQuillan has made which is emphasised by Women's Aid NI also: that a strategy tackling gender-based violence will not discount the valid experiences of other gender identities, but instead will address the reality of the situation faced

by women and young girls.

Women don't fear men they fear evil; some fear for their life; live in fear of a random attack or fear of continuous violence, control and dominance. Feticide in Northern Ireland must be addressed. A strategy to safeguard the women of NI from serious violent crimes and ensure their basic human right to feel safe and secure in their own home and on their streets must be a priority for all living in NI, including men.

Unfortunately perpetrators of horrific crimes against women know no boundaries. Women and girls living in NI have been victims of violence, and vile murderers by men from the ROI jurisdiction. In fact crossing the border proved useful in the past for some; It assisted with not only concealing heinous crimes but avoiding prosecutions.

This motion gives recommendations for actions which will work towards safeguarding and protecting women and girls living in this part of the UK; our daughters, sisters, mother's, aunts and girlfriends. I'm happy to second this motion in its entirety.

Councillor Peacock welcomed the motion from the Vice Chair of Woman's Group and as Chair pledged wholehearted support and read the following statement:-
"The murder of Sarah Everard has brought this matter to a head and was not the first nor will be the last. PCSP have provided evidence that there has been a rise in violence against woman and girls during during the pandemic and the majority of this goes unreported which means true picture is worrying. Education at a younger age needs to be taken into consideration and wholehearted support at local government authority. As the proposer rightly said it is a societal form will part of our working moving forward to do all we can to everyone should feel safe and in public since passing of Sarah Everard 100's of girls and woman do not feel safe at home and in public. I hope the outworking of motion are supported and thank members for bringing this forward."

Members unanimously supported the Notice of Motion and felt that it was important woman and girls feel safe in their homes, families, communities and workplaces at all times and that there was no excuse for violence in any form.

Members also applauded the work of Woman's Aid and felt there was a need for more education in society around the issue of 'domestic violence' at home, school and in in churches. Members felt that Northern Ireland could be suffering a domestic violence epidemic with figures at their highest level.

***Alderman Robinson and Councillor P McShane left the meeting at 10.45 pm**

***Councillors McLean and McCandless left the meeting at 10.50 pm**

Councillor Knight-McQuillan thanked members for supporting the Notice of Motion and for the cross-party support.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan requested a recorded vote.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to vote.

26 Members voted For; 0 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Proposal Carried.

Recorded Vote Table

For (26)	Aldermen Baird, Duddy, Fielding, Finlay, Hillis, McCorkell, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson
	Councillors Anderson, Callan, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley, McCandless, McCaw, McLean, McQuillan, Mulholland, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 23:10 pm.

Mayor