

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2021

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		Fund be removed; bring
		a report to the next
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		meeting to consider a
		sponsorship
		_arrangement for the
		Tourism Events Fund
		Community Development
		Support Fund - Option 3
		and apply an annual CPI
		increase.
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	3(i))	the provision made
		to accommodate
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		Grounds.
8.3	Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and
		recommendations
		therein approved
		including the
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		at Item 8.2 above.
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		Status for Coleraine
9.2	Adoption of the Minutes	Adopted and
		recommendations
		therein approved
		including the decision at
		Item 9.1 above.
10.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership	None
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14.	Seal Documents	Seal Affixed (i-v)
(i)	Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5206 to 5226 inclusive;	
(ii)	Permissive Path Agreement between	
	the Landowner Dundarave Properties	
	Ltd and Causeway Coast and Glens	
	Borough Council (Ref L&D 210917 /	
	CM 210907);	
(iii)	Renewal of Commercial Lease, Roe	
	Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, Unit 2	
	 Causeway Coast and Glens 	
	Borough Council and Lisa Smyth, 51,	
	Bell's Hill, Limavady (retrospective);	
(iv)	Licence to Enter upon Lands, West	
	Strand Road, Portrush, Co Antrim –	
	Acorn (NI) Limited and Causeway	
	Coast and Glens Borough Council.	
(v)	Renewal Lease of the Foreshore and	
()	Bed of the Sea at Benone Strand,	
	County Londonderry – (1) The	
	Queen's Most Excellent Majesty (2)	
	The Crown Estate Commissioners and	
	(3) Causeway Coast and Glens	
	Borough Council (L&P SC 190206,	
	CP&R 190219, CM190226)	
	'IN COMMITTEE' (Item 15)	
15	Minutes of Leisure and Development	
	Committee Meeting Held Tuesday 19	
	October 2021	
	Matters Arising 'In Committee'	T I (0))
15.1	Sale of the Dunluce Centre	That Council does not
		sell to the preferred bidder, but instead, go
		out to the market for a
		third time with a view to
		attracting bids which will
		enhance the town of
		Portrush and the entire
		Borough by bringing a
		year-round experience
		which can be enjoyed by
		local families and
		families visiting the area.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ON

TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7:40PM

In the Chair :		The Mayor, Councillor Holmes (C)
Present :		Alderman Baird (C), Duddy (C), Fielding (C), Hillis (C), Knight-McQuillan (R), S McKillop (C), Robinson (R)
		Councillors Anderson (C) Bateson (R), Beattie (R), Callan (C), Chivers (R), Dallat O'Driscoll (R), Hunter (R), McCandless (C), McCaw (C), McGlinchey (R), McGurk (R), MA McKillop (C), McLaughlin (R), McLean (C), McMullan (R), McQuillan (C), C McShane (R), P McShane (C), Mulholland (C), Nicholl (R), Quigley (C), Schenning (C), Scott (C), Wallace (C), Watton (C), Wilson (C)
Officers Present	:	D Jackson, Chief Executive (C) M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (R) A McPeake, Director of Environment Services (R) R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development (R) M Smyth, Finance Director (Interim) (R) D Wright, Chief Finance Officer (R) N Linnegan, Council Solicitor (R) T Vauls, Car Park Manager (R) J Richardson, Head of Capital Works, Energy and Infrastructure (R) W Hall, Asset Realisation Officer (R) J Welsh, Head of Community and Culture (R) P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager (R) A Ruddy, Audit, Risk & Governance Officer (R) P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager (R) I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer (C) J Keen, Committee & Member Services Officer (C) A McAuley, PR Manager (R) J Winfield, ICT Manager (C) C Thompson, ICT Officer (C)
In Attendance:		A Lennox, ICT Mobile Operations (C) D Magee, Carson McDowell (Item 15.1)
		Press (2 No) (R) Public (1 No) (R)
<u>Kev</u> –		C = Attended in the ChamberR = Attended Remotely

The Chief Executive undertook a roll call.

The Mayor opened the meeting and extended a welcome to members of the press and public in attendance and provided guidance in relation to Council's Remote Meetings Protocol and audio recordings.

The Mayor advised the earlier Special Council Meeting had ran over time.

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor expressed condolences to Councillor McAuley on the sad passing of his mother. Council stood to observe One Minutes Silence.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for Alderman Boyle, Finlay, Councillors McAuley, McCorkell and Peacock.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Scott declared an interest in Leisure and Development Committee meeting Item 5, Sperrins Future Search.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

4.1 Deputation – NIHE Housing Investment Plan 2021 Annual Update (Item 4)

Councillor Watton requested it be recorded that questions from himself and Alderman Duddy had been asked of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and a response had not yet been received.

4.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Callan Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 5 October 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

5. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

Copy, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 22 September 2021 are received and noted.

6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021

Copy, previously circulated.

Chair, Councillor Wilson proposed the adoption of the Minutes subject to any matters arising.

Matters Arising

6.1 Request from Portrush Sea Cadets to Prioritise Use of Council Harbour and Marina Facilities (Item 9)

The Director of Environmental Services advised that there were no other charitable organisations on the waiting list to use the Council Harbour and Marina facilities.

Councillor Quigley highlighted that Portrush Sea Cadets had reopened and were doing good work in Portrush. Councillor Quigley requested that the Mayor invite Portrush Sea Cadets to a Council meeting to present. The Mayor confirmed this would be arranged.

6.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Wilson Seconded by Councillor Wallace and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 12 October 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

7. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021

Copy, previously circulated.

Chair, Alderman Hillis proposed the adoption of the Minutes subject to any matters arising.

Proposed by Alderman Hillis Seconded by Councillor Callan and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Thursday 14 October 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

8. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021

Copy, previously circulated.

Vice Chair, Councillor Watton proposed the adoption of the Minutes subject to any matters arising.

Alderman S McKillop welcomed the completion of installing lights at the MUGA at the Bobby Greer Sports Pavilion.

Matters Arising

8.1 Annual Grants Programme (Item 11)

Alderman Duddy proposed an amendment, in light of the information provided at the Special Council Meeting held prior to the Council Meeting, in relation to the Review of Large Event VAT funding.

<u>Amendment</u> Proposed by Alderman Duddy Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

AGREED -

- 1. That the Tourism Events Large Fund and the Tourism Events Growth Fund as outlined in Section 4 for the 2022-23 grant funding period <u>be</u> <u>removed</u>; bring a report to the next Leisure and Development Committee meeting to consider a sponsorship arrangement for the Tourism Events Fund
- 2. Community Development Support Fund Option 3 and apply an annual CPI increase.
- 3. Council 17 x grant programmes for the 2022-23 grant funding period, along with the assessment criteria and scheduling as detailed in Table 2 and summarised in Annex A, excluding the Technical Support Grant.)

8.2 AORB Portrush Recreation Grounds Provision (Councillor Wilson) (Item 3(i))

Councillor Wilson observed that the provision of a wheelchair swing was not included in the proposal for Portrush Recreation Grounds and enquired what the cost of including this would be.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised the additional cost would be approximately £20,000. It was further advised the Council contribution to the works had reduced due to extra funding received through the Levelling Up Fund.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

AGREED- that a wheelchair swing is included in the provision made to accommodate children with disabilities within the scheme at Portrush Recreation Grounds.

During debate it was considered that accessible playparks should be provided throughout the Borough.

8.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Watton Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 19 October 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including the amendment at Item 8.1 and the decision at Item 8.2 above.

9. MINUTES OF CORPORATE, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021

Copy, previously circulated.

Chair, Alderman Knight McQuillan proposed the adoption of the Minutes subject to any matters arising.

Matters Arising 9.1 City Status (Item 4)

Councillor Wilson spoke in support of applying for City Status, highlighting misconceptions, for example that Cities were not required to have a University or Cathedral and were not required to be a particular size. Councillor Wilson considered holding City Status could add profile to an area.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson Seconded by Councillor McCandless

- That Council bid for City Status for Coleraine

Councillor McCandless supported the proposal. He highlighted City Status dovetails other aspirations such as retaining The Causeway Hospital as an acute hospital, courses being retained at Ulster University Coleraine Campus and at the new Northern Regional Campus. Attractions in Coleraine such as Mountsandel Fort and greenways and blueways were also highlighted. Councillor McCandless advised City status was a mark of pride and will raise the area in the future and provided the example of Preston.

Councillor McCandless requested a Recorded Vote.

During debate consideration was given to the profile and positive long term effects City Status could bring to an area. Caution was urged to ensure smaller towns and villages were not neglected.

In response questions, the Chief Executive confirmed the cost of applying for City status to be £1,500, plus Officer time. The Chief Executive confirmed a Borough can apply for city status using Derry City and Strabane Council as an example. The geographical boundary of the application was a matter for the applicant.

Councillor Quigley requested a recess to consider the information provided.

The Mayor ruled the recess could happen once the discussion was finished.

In response to comments provided by Councillor Watton, the Chief Executive advised that research he had completed showed achieving City Status did not have any real economic development, that it raised the profile of the area and could not do any harm.

The Mayor declared a recess at 8:29pm

The meeting reconvened at 8:35pm

During debate it was considered that anything to attract inward investment was welcomed. It was considered that if Coleraine was to achieve City Status the infrastructure system would be improved. Further consideration was given to smaller towns and villages also benefiting from any success Coleraine would have from achieving City status.

The Mayor put the motion to the Council to vote.

25 Members voted For; 1 Member voted Against; 8 Members Abstained. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

For (25)	Alderman Baird, Duddy, Fielding, Hillis, Knight McQuillan, McKeown, S McKillop
	Councillors Anderson, Beattie, Callan, Dallat O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, McCandless, McCaw, MA McKillop, McLean, McQuillan, Mulholland, Quigley, Schenning, Scott, Wallace, Watton, Wilson
Against (1)	Councillor P McShane
Abstain (8)	Councillors Bateson, Chivers, McGlinchey, McGurk, McLaughlin, McMullan, C McShane, Nicholl

Recorded Vote Table

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Knight McQuillan Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 26 October 2021 are adopted and recommendations therein approved including the decision at 9.1 above.

10. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel

11. CONFERENCES

The Mayor presented the following conference items as read:

(i) Local Government Annual Conference 2021: A Better Northern Ireland Councils Make it Happen

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence report, previously circulated.

The Mayor presented the following correspondence Items as read:

- (i) A McCullagh, Chief Executive, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (correspondence dated 20th September 2021)
- (ii) A McCullagh, Chief Executive, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (correspondence dated 8th October 2021)
- (iii) W Massey, The Executive Office, Covid Recovery
- (iv) Northern Ireland Housing Council
- (v) The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland Secretariat

RESOLVED – that Council note the Correspondence Schedule.

13. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Report, previously circulated.

The Mayor presented the Consultation Schedule as read:

- (i) Department Agriculture and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Northern Ireland Food Strategy Framework Consultation submission by 19 November 2021
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Policing & Community Safety Partnership Draft Disability Action Plan 2021-25 submission by 26 November 2021
- (iii) Department for Communities (DfC) Consultation Local Government Pension Scheme submission by 10 December 2021
- (iv) Department of Finance (DoF) Consultation Proposals for amendment of Technical Booklet Guidance to Part F (Conservation of fuel and power) submission by 10 December 2021
- (v) Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Consultation for the Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers submission by 17 December 2021
- (vi) Department for Communities Consultation on Intermediate Rent Development of Policy and Model submission by 14 January 2022

RESOLVED – that Council note the Consultation Schedule.

14. 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 5206- 5226 inclusive;

- Permissive Path Agreement between the Landowner Dundarave Properties Ltd and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Ref L&D 210917 / CM 210907);
- (iii) Renewal of Commercial Lease, Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre, Unit 2 – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Lisa Smyth, 51, Bell's Hill, Limavady (retrospective);
- (iv) Licence to Enter upon Lands, West Strand Road, Portrush, Co Antrim Acorn (NI) Limited and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.
- (v) Renewal Lease of the Foreshore and Bed of the Sea at Benone Strand, County Londonderry – (1) The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty (2) The Crown Estate Commissioners and (3) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (L&P SC 190206, CP&R 190219, CM190226)

Councillor Chivers asked how much rent was paid to The Crown Estate for Benone Beach. The Director of Corporate Services confirmed it was £870 per annum.

In response to Councillor P McShane, the Director of Corporate Services agreed to circulate information on Seal Document (ii).

Proposed by Councillor Scott Seconded by Councillor Anderson and

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

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Callan Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED - that Council move 'In Committee'.

* Press and Public were disconnected from the meeting at 8:48pm

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 reminded Elected Members, of the session being audio recorded in line with Council's guidance.

15. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021 'IN COMMITTEE'

Matters Arising 'In Committee'

15.1 Sale of the Dunluce Centre (Item 27)

The Mayor invited the Director of Leisure and Development to address Council.

Alderman Duddy requested a recess before any decision was taken.

The Director of Leisure and Development provided a summary regarding the process of the sale of the Dunluce Centre to date. It was stated that Council solicitors, external solicitors and Barristers had been overseeing the process. The recommendation was to accept the bid from the preferred bidder and proposed plans for a family entertainment centre, subject to due legal process being completed.

Proposed by Councillor Callan Seconded by Councillor Scott

- That Council proceed with the sale and accept the bid with the caveat, that the receipt of money received is ringfenced for the Council agreed projects that are in the pipeline.

Councillor P McShane referred to social media and concern that due diligence had not been carried out; he advised the forty Councillors were the decision makers and not a Panel. Councillor P McShane expressed concern members of the Planning Committee were involved in any process that may lead to issues.

<u>Amendment</u> Proposed by Councillor P McShane Seconded by Councillor Quigley

- That the preferred bidder status be extended to the other two groups, that Council receive a presentation and allow 3 months to prove they have the funds/books.

Councillor McGurk queried the ring fencing of funds, whether the agreed list of Capital Projects, in order of Priority, was the list Council decided on at the beginning of the Council. Councillor Callan confirmed this was correct.

On behalf of Sinn Féin, Councillor McGurk felt due process had been carried out, market value attained and the presentation met Council objectives. Councillor McGurk supported the proposal.

Councillor McCaw stated he could not support the sale due to losing control of the key asset and its associated valuation.

Alderman Hillis stated support for going out to the market again.

The Mayor declared a recess at 9:08pm

* The meeting reconvened at 9:30pm

* The Chief Executive undertook a roll call.

Councillor Quigley felt the proposal was not suitable and that other bidders should also be before Council.

Alderman Baird reflected on a buoyant market changed in the past year, the potential impacts of Brexit and the NI Protocol, of significance and an unknown. Alderman Baird expressed she was not content with the current bid.

Councillor McLean sought the cost of maintaining the Dunluce Centre.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed the process used ensured that each bidder was treated equally and fairly. He further advised a bidder that had earlier been referred to, had withdrawn from the process.

The Director of Leisure and Development invited representative from Carson McDowell to present.

Carson McDowell representative provided Opinion in relation to the process of the sale and transparency. He stated there were two further legal stages contract and documents, in order to retain control on the development and to be built out in the timeframe, to ensure a further degree of control. Carson McDowell representative clarified transfer documents, covenants, practical aspects including timeframes on Planning etc placed into contract documents and freehold transfer property documents.

Alderman Fielding agreed, in principle, to the Dunluce Centre being sold as a tourism and recreation facility. He advised that himself and Councillor Nicholl had been observers of the process, however, he considered the proposal presented already featured elements within Portrush.

Alderman S McKillop expressed concern over any control Council may lose of the site.

Councillor Mulholland felt the sale may be less than commercial value.

In response to questions, the Director of Leisure and Development provided the cost of maintaining the vacant building as £40,000 per year approximately.

Councillor Wilson requested a Recorded Vote.

Alderman Duddy referred to inward investment, improving the Borough, he stated the preferred bidder should be given the opportunity, that public sector could not evolve the business.

Councillor Watton supported not selling the Dunluce Centre at this time.

Councillor P McShane, in light of the legal opinion, re-worded his amendment, with the agreement of his seconder, Councillor Quigley.

<u>Amendment</u> Proposed by Councillor P McShane Seconded by Councillor Quigley

- That the preferred bidder status be extended to all previous bidders; that Council receive a presentation and allow 3 months to prove they have the funds/books.

The Mayor put the above Amendment from Councillor P McShane, seconded by Councillor Quigley to the Council to vote.

2 Members voted For; 27 Members voted Against; 6 Members Abstained. The Mayor declared the above Amendment lost.

Recorded Vote Table

For (2)	Councillors P McShane, Quigley
Against (27)	Alderman Baird, Duddy, Fielding, Hillis,
	Knight McQuillan, McKeown, S McKillop, Robinson
	Councillors Anderson, Bateson, Callan, Chivers,
	Holmes, Hunter, McCandless, McGlinchey,
	McGurk, McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan,
	McQuillan, C McShane, Nicholl, Scott, Wallace,
	Watton, Wilson
Abstained (6)	Councillor Beattie, Dallat O'Driscoll, McCaw,
	MA McKillop, Mulholland, Schenning

Councillor McGurk wished to make an amendment to Councillor Callan's proposal to remove the ringfencing element, the Mayor advised Alderman Hillis had earlier indicated he wanted to make an amendment, this would be considered first.

Amendment

Proposed by Alderman Hillis Seconded by Alderman Baird

 That Council does not sell to the preferred bidder, but instead, go out to the market for a third time with a view to attracting bids which will enhance the town of Portrush and the entire Borough by bringing a year round experience which can be enjoyed by local families and families visiting the area.

Alderman Hillis requested a Recorded Vote.

In response to Councillor Quigley, the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed all cost incurred to date would be incurred again if the process was to be repeated, on further questioning, he estimated, that based on the legal advice to date, it would be tens of thousands of pounds.

Carson McDowell representative clarified there would be no exposure to legal claim, preferred bidder status liabilities and cost were all subject to contract.

The Mayor put the Amendment by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Alderman Baird to the Council to vote.

18 Members voted For; 17 members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained The Mayor declared the Amendment carried.

For (18)	Alderman Baird, Fielding, Hillis, McKeown, S McKillop
	Councillors Beattie, Dallat O'Driscoll, Holmes, Hunter, McCandless, McCaw, MA McKillop, P McShane, Mulholland, Quigley, Schenning, Watton, Wilson
Against (17)	Alderman Duddy, Knight McQuillan, Robinson
	Councillors Anderson, Bateson, Callan, Chivers, McGlinchey, McGurk, McLaughlin, McLean, McMullan, McQuillan, C McShane, Nicholl, Scott, Wallace

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Scott Seconded by Councillor Quigley and

RESOLVED – that Council move 'In Committee'.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10:30pm.

Mayor