

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023**

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		<b><i>(exc.VAT); an additional 10% contingency is added to the cost to allow for unforeseen compensation events, bringing the total cost to £204,496.</i></b>
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE  
ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023 AT 7.00PM**

**In the Chair** : The Mayor, Councillor Callaghan (C)

**Present** : Alderman Boyle (C), Coyle (C), Fielding (C),  
Knight-McQuillan (C), John McAuley (R), S McKillop (R),  
Scott (C), Stewart (R)

Councillors Anderson (C), C Archibald (C), N Archibald (C), Bateson (R), Callan (C), Chivers (R), Holmes (R), Huggins (C), Hunter (R), Kane (C), Kennedy (C), Kyle (C), Mairs (C), Jonathan McAuley (C), McCully (C), McGlinchey (C), McGurk (C), McMullan (R), McQuillan (R), McShane (C), Nicholl (R), Peacock (C), Stirling (C), Storey (C), Wallace (C), Watson (C), Watton (C), Wilson (R), Wisener (C)

**Officers Present** : D Jackson, Chief Executive (C)  
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services (C)  
R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development (C)  
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer (R)  
S Gamble, Corporate Communications & PR Manager (R)  
J Keen, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)  
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (R)

**In attendance** : A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer (C)  
C Thompson, ICT Operations Officer (C)

Press (1 No) (R)

**Key –** C = Attended in the Chamber  
R = 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.

## **1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

The Mayor informed Council the Deputy Mayor was deputising for him at the SuperCup Launch in Belfast providing apologies on behalf of the Deputy Mayor and offered his thanks to her for doing so.

The Mayor extended sympathy to the family of Daniel Smyth who recently died tragically on holiday in Spain.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for Councillor MA McKillop, Councillor Schenning and Councillor Wallace.

## 3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Declaration of Interests were recorded for:

Councillor McGurk in Agenda Item 19.2 Tender Report for the Small Settlement Regeneration Programme due to a Planning conflict. Having declared an interest, Councillor McGurk did not participate in the Item.

## 4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held Tuesday 30 May 2023, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

\* **Councillor McGurk attended in the Chamber at 7.10pm**

## 5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Watton  
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 6 June 2023, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## 6. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2023

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 8 June 2023 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**7. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Fielding  
Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 June 2023 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**8. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2023**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Storey  
Seconded by Councillor N Archibald and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held Wednesday 14 June 2023 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**9. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023**

Copy, previously circulated.

**Matters Arising**

**9.1 Correspondence from the Department for Communities regarding the Labour Market Partnership (Dated 09 May 2023) (Item 13.1)**

The Director of Leisure and Development advised Council the Department for Communities had reversed its decision in relation to funding for the Labour Market Programme; Council will now receive £466k in funding.

**9.2 Any Other Relevant Business Notified In Accordance With Standing Order 12. (O) 'In Public' Motorhomes At Carrickmore Road, Ballycastle (Councillor McShane) (Item 16(ii))**

In response to questions from Councillor McShane regarding a multi partner meeting, the Director of Leisure and Development confirmed the process was ongoing to set up a meeting with the Statutory organisations.



### 9.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Bateson  
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 June 2023 are adopted and recommendations therein approved excluding Minute Item 18 DfC Hardship Grant considered '*In Committee*' at the end of the meeting.

### 10. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP)

Report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

#### **Purpose of Report**

To provide members with information regarding the appointment process for independent members of the Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and to nominate a panel comprising of up to four political members of the PCSP to carry out both the shortlisting and interview processes to appoint said independent members to the partnership.

#### **Background**

Following the local elections of 2023, the NI Policing Board (NIPB) will commence a process to appoint Independent Members to the PCSPs in 2024, to be in place by April of that year.

The appointment process consists of three stages which is provided for in Schedule 1 of the Justice Act (NI) 2011 and follows guidance outlined in the Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members published by the Department of Justice.

Stage one is currently underway and includes pre-launch publicity and engagement activity and the application process, carried out NIPB.

Stage two of the process will involve shortlisting and interviewing, conducted by the Council, with a panel consisting of three or four elected representatives (who have been nominated to sit on the PCSP), and an independent panel member contracted and provided by the Board. This process will run from September to November 2023. The third and final stage of the process is due to commence in Jan/Feb 2024 when Policing Board Member panels will convene to appoint Independent Members to the 11 PCSPs.

NIPB will contract the services of a Human Resources (HR) Service Provider to provide support to Councils for Stage 2, who will work closely with each Council HR department to ensure a timely and efficient shortlisting and interview stage.

In advance of the commencement of Stage 2 the Board will provide appointment panel training and specific training for panel Chairs. Council HR

personnel will also be invited to attend this training which will take place on a regional basis during late August and September 2023.

The current Council representatives appointed to the PCSP are as follows (circulated).

### **Proposals**

In order to progress Stage 2 of the process, Council have been asked to nominate a panel comprising of up to four political members of the PCSP, one of which should be identified and be content to assume the role of panel Chair. The nominees will be required to carry out both the shortlisting and interview processes in this stage.

In addition, Council have also been asked to nominate up to two reserve panel members who, where possible, should also be PCSP political members to facilitate a replacement if required. In nominating panel members, Council have been asked to consider balance in relation to community background and gender.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**It is recommended** that the Leisure & Development Committee recommends to Council to nominate a panel comprising of up to four political members of the PCSP, (one of which should be identified and be content to assume the role of panel Chair) to carry out both the shortlisting and interview processes for the appointment of independent members to PCSP, effective from April 2024.

That Council also nominate up to two reserve panel members who, where possible, should also be PCSP political members to facilitate a replacement if required.

That in nominating panel members, Council consider balance in relation to community background and gender as per the request from the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

The Chief Executive clarified the process of nominating Elected Members onto the Panel through D'Hondt and one Member should be the Chair of PCSP. Democratic Services will contact Nominating Officers.

Councillor Watton stated his dissatisfaction with the D'Hondt process; that it puts him at a disadvantage, and he will not be putting his name forward.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that Council nominate a panel comprising of up to four political members of the PCSP, (one of which should be identified and be content to assume the role of panel Chair) to carry out both the shortlisting and interview processes for the appointment of independent members to PCSP, effective from April 2024 via D'Hondt

## **11. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023**

Copy, previously circulated.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **11.1 Terms of Reference (Item 3)**

Alderman Callan referred to the previous Review of Planning and recommendation that stated Corporate Policy and Resources Terms of Reference were to be updated to include the remit for the Performance of Planning and Resources. Alderman Callan advised there had been an oversight in the Terms of Reference, there was no direct oversight of Council as a main body over Planning and that was to be updated.

The Chief Executive clarified a previous agreement did not need to be voted on and may have been an oversight in the writing of the Terms of Reference.

#### **11.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl  
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 27 June 2023 are adopted and recommendations therein approved, excluding Minute Item 18.1 Bayview Café, Ballycastle (Land and Property Sub Committee minutes 7 June 2023 Agenda Item 8.6), considered '*In Committee*' at the end of the meeting.

## **12. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

Councillor McGurk raised the issue of DAERA Planning Consultations for Agricultural Developments; advising it had also been raised at Planning Committee and should be submitted to the Partnership Panel.

The Chief Executive confirmed he would liaise with the Head of Planning.

## **13. CONFERENCES**

There were no conferences.

## **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

The following correspondence has been received:

- (i) **Dr Julie Harrison, Permanent Secretary, Department for Infrastructure, dated 22 June 2023**

### **Background**

The following Notice of Motion was agreed by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023:

*“I call upon this Council to show its support for the North Coast Community Transport a non-profit making organisation and registered charity that provides affordable transport to individuals and groups and rural transport in general, by writing to the department for Infrastructure requesting that these services be properly funded in a timely manner and sustaining this crucial service.”*

Council further resolved that a Council delegation and the Transport Manager at North Coast Community Transport meet with the Permanent Secretary to discuss funding for community transport.

On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Steven Callaghan, this request was corresponded to the Permanent Secretary on 14 June 2023 for consideration. A letter of support from the former Mayor, Councillor Ivor Wallace to the Department for Infrastructure, was also issued, for information.

### **Correspondence received**

The enclosed correspondence is the response from Department for Infrastructure,

Extract:

*In order to consider the implications of the budget allocation, and what, if any, mitigating measures can be taken, a public consultation was launched seeking views on the equality impacts of the Resource Budget for 2023/24 and of potential decisions on expenditure across the department, including what the impact of ceasing to fund Community Transport would be, if such a decision was taken.*

The consultation document can be accessed at:

- <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/dfi-resource-budget-2023-24-equality-impact-assessment-consultation>

*Responses which had been received by **12 June 2023** are being used to inform remaining decisions to be taken on the department’s initial Budget allocation of 2023/24. Any further responses received before the consultation closes on **7 August 2023** will be used to inform further mitigation measures and reallocation of any additional funding available during 2023/24. This was communicated to North Coast Community Transport and other community transport providers in a meeting on Monday 5 June 2023.*

*While it is important that we consider the evidence provided from the consultation to understand what further decisions can or cannot be taken, I am*

*mindful that it would have been unreasonable to expect community transport providers to wait until 12 June to provide them with a decision on future funding after 30 June. I can therefore confirm that funding is continuing to be provided at 2022/23 levels until the end of July 2023. This will enable them to continue providing transport services, while we analyse the consultation responses.*

*We also intend to review Community Transport provision for the longer term to ensure that we are maximising both value for money and outcomes, through our investment in these key services.*

*I am sorry that I cannot provide greater clarity at this stage but as you will see from the consultation it is important that we assess the implications of the decisions that would need to be taken, and indeed those that cannot be taken, to cut funding in the absence of a Minister.*

*I have asked Stuart Wightman, the Director for Public Transport Operations to meet you to discuss the current position with funding for community transport. Stuart will be in touch to arrange a suitable time and date.*

**It is recommended** that Council consider the correspondence.

The Chief Executive confirmed a meeting had been arranged with the Department of Infrastructure and a delegation to Stormont could be arranged if Members were interested.

Councillor Stirling and Councillor McMullan expressed an interest in attending the delegation.

Councillor Storey expressed concern the Department for Communities was using the consultation as a screen and it would take time to consider the responses to the consultation. Councillor Storey stated North Coast Community Transport was a vital service and Council need to send a clear message the cuts to funding are not acceptable.

Proposed by Councillor Storey  
Seconded by Councillor Anderson and

**RESOLVED** – that Council write to the Department for Infrastructure in the strongest possible terms, that the Department is not doing enough to support this service.

## **15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE**

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read.

- (i) Department of Justice Engagement Survey June 2023 on Live Links extensions September 2023 onwards Submission by 4 July 2023
- (ii) Ulster University Reminder: Equality screening of Ulster University's new and revised policies - Public consultation Submission by 7 July 2023
- (iii) Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Over-Install Consultation update Submission 21 July 2023

- (iv) Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Distribution Code Consultation Submission by 28 July 2023
- (v) Department for Education Consultation on the Department of Education 2023-24 Resource Budget Submission by 13 August 2023
- (vi) Northern Ireland Policing Board Northern Ireland Policing Board Engagement Strategy 2023-25 Consultation Submission by 5 September 2023
- (vii) Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on Draft Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28 Submission by 25 September 2023
- (viii) Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Consultation on Northern Ireland's 2030 & 2040 Emissions Reduction Targets & First Three Carbon Budgets & Seeking views on Climate Change Committee (CCC) Advice Report: The path to a Net Zero Northern Ireland Submission by 11 October 2023

Available to View:

Department of Finance Policy Screening template for the Public Service Pensions (Valuation and Employer Cost Cap) Directions (Northern Ireland) 2023 Policy screening template - The Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions (Northern Ireland) 2023 | Department of Finance ([finance-ni.gov.uk](http://finance-ni.gov.uk))

Open Consultations were listed:

- Equality screening of Ulster University's new and revised policies - Public consultation – submission by 7 July 2023
- The Executive Office - Equality & Human Rights Unit Budget Consultation 2023-24 – submission by 7 June & 2 August 2023
- The Executive Office - Consultation on The Executive Office Draft Equality Scheme 2023-2028 submission by 11 August 2023

## 16. SEAL DOCUMENTS

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5599 to 5615;
- (ii) Renewal of Commercial Lease, Unit 1, Roe Valley Arts Centre, Limavady – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Urban Catering Limited;
- (iii) Renewal of Commercial Lease Ground Floor Premises, The Boathouse Building, Hanover Place, Coleraine – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Trustees of Bann Rowing Club (Ref L&PSC 230201 / CP&R 230228 / CM 230307);
- (iv) Commercial Lease Lime Park, Drones Road, Armoy – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Trustees of Armoy Community Association (Ref L&PSC 220907 /CP&R 220927 / CM 221004) (Retrospective);
- (v) Licence Agreement for use of Pier and Slipway at Magilligan Point, Limavady – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Frazer Foyle Holdings Limited (Ref CP&R 230328 /CM 230404) (Retrospective);
- (vi) Licence Agreement for the Temporary use of Council Land's in connection with The North West 200 – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Coleraine and District Motor Club Limited (Ref L&D 220920 / CP&R 230420 / CM 230425) (Retrospective);

- (vii) Management Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations, Articlave Community Building – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Articlave District Community Association (Ref L&D 210420 / CM 210504).

Proposed by Alderman Scott  
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

**RESOLVED** – that the Sealing of documents, as listed, be approved (Items i-vii)

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR C MCSHANE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR M WATSON**

*That this Council explores options to build a Changing Places facility on Rathlin Island and further recognises the importance of Changing Places toilets in delivering our vision of an accessible and inclusive Causeway Coast and Glens.*

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

**MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’**

Proposed by Alderman Boyle  
Seconded by Alderman Knight McQuillan and

**RESOLVED** – that Council move ‘*In Committee*’.

- \* **Press were disconnected from the meeting at 7:42pm**
- \* **Public Gallery left The Chamber at 7:42pm**

*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.*

**18. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT**

**18.1 Localised Immediate Quay Wall Infill and Remedial Works – Ballintoy Harbour**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Environmental Services.

**Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report item is to request Members approval to the appointment of a main contractor, to make good defective portions of the Quay Wall at Ballintoy Harbour, in order to eliminate the necessity for closure of the pier, further deterioration and costs.

### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Elected Members grant officers permission to appoint a main contractor at the cost detailed in the report Messrs. CIVCO Limited at a tendered figure of £28, 900.00 + VAT, with a contingency sum of 20%, (£5, 780.00) 'added on' to the said tender figure, giving a resultant scheme cost of £34, 680.00 + VAT, and that such essential repair works commence on-site following completion of the Council '*call-in*' period.

### **NOTE:-**

Such work is of an urgent nature, as the damage is progressing, and may lead to the required closure of the said pier, with continued damage and costs.

In response to questions, the Director of Environmental Services confirmed that Harbour Officers regularly complete inspections on the Harbour walls; detailed inspections on the Quay Wall in Ballintoy Harbour showed the extent of the work needing to be completed.

Proposed by Councillor Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

**RESOLVED** – that Council grant officers permission to appoint a main contractor at the cost detailed in the report Messrs. CIVCO Limited at a tendered figure of £28, 900.00 + VAT, with a contingency sum of 20%, (£5, 780.00) 'added on' to the said tender figure, giving a resultant scheme cost of £34, 680.00 + VAT, and that such essential repair works commence on-site following completion of the Council '*call-in*' period

## **19. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **19.1 Loan Redemption**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Chief Finance Officer.

#### **Background**

Council makes extensive use of borrowing to finance its capital programme currently holding a loans portfolio amounting to £56.476m this being made up of £46,476m from Government Accounts Branch (GAB) in the Department of Finance (DoF) and £10m with Commercial banks.

#### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Council consider repay the loan facility in full taking £2m from the sinking for that purpose and paying the accrued interest to date which has been budgeted for and can therefore be charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.



Proposed by Alderman Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

**RESOLVED** – that Council repay the loan facility in full taking £2m from the sinking for that purpose and paying the accrued interest to date which has been budgeted for and can therefore be charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

## **20. LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **20.1 Cushendall Changing Places Facility**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek Elected Members' approval to invest further monies in the repair works to Cushendall Holiday and Leisure Park amenity building as part of the project to provide a dedicated 'Changing Places' facility at this location. The extra costs are due to unforeseen issues that have arisen post-appointment of the contractor.

#### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that Elected Members approve the additional compensation events and the costs detailed by the project quantity surveyors to address the required elements for the completion of the Changing Places facility and the other detailed building defects. (Investment decision required - £28,000).

Proposed by Councillor McMullan  
Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

**RESOLVED** – that Council approve the additional compensation events and the costs detailed by the project quantity surveyors to address the required elements for the completion of the Changing Places facility and the other detailed building defects. (Investment decision required - £28,000).

## **21. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023 'IN COMMITTEE'**

### **Matters Arising 'In Committee'**

#### **21.1 Amendments to the Minute**

Alderman Boyle stated a point of accuracy in relation to the line:

*Councillor McCully spoke of the need for local groups 'Causeway Borough of Sanctuary' to be recognized for their provision of assistance'.*

Alderman Boyle wished to make the following addition:

*The Head of Community and Culture said that all additional support/information/resources were welcome and that the situation was fluid with rapid developments and changes **'and that this information could be added to the report'**.*

**RESOLVED** – that the above amendments are made to the Minutes of the Leisure and Development committee meeting held Tuesday 20 June 2023.

## **21.2 Asylum Seekers Update (Item 18)**

### Amendment

Proposed by Alderman Boyle  
Seconded by Councillor McCully and

**RESOLVED** - that Council notes the information provided and approve the Asylum Seekers & Refugee Framework and Action Plan in the report for implementation; moving forward that the Causeway Borough for Sanctuary is referenced in the Action Plan.

## **22. TENDER REPORT FOR THE SMALL SETTLEMENT REGENERATION PROGRAMME**

Confidential report, previously circulated, presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the outcome of the procurement process to appoint contractors to undertake the installation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) with floodlighting at St Johns Primary school in Dernaflaw as part of the Covid Recovery Small Settlement Regeneration Programme.

### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the contract is awarded as follows:

**Dernaflaw** – JD Building Repairs for a contract sum of £184,096.14 (exc.VAT)

The Director of Leisure and Development informed Council of a verbal recommendation, that an additional 10% contingency was required to be added to the cost to allow for unforeseen compensation events, bringing the total cost to £204,496.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock  
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

**RESOLVED** – That the contract is awarded as follows:  
Dernaflaw – JD Building Repairs for a contract sum of £184,096.14 (exc.VAT);  
an additional 10% contingency is added to the cost to allow for unforeseen  
compensation events, bringing the total cost to £204,496.

**23. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023 ‘IN COMMITTEE’**

**Matters Arising ‘In Committee’**

**23.1 Minutes of the Land and Property Sub Committee meeting held Wednesday 7  
June 2023 - Bayview Café, Ballycastle (Minute Ref: Item 8.6 Bayview Café,  
Ballycastle – Update of Market Lease Tender) (Item 18.1)**

Councillor McShane stated the legal opinion confirms that Council can halt the tender process and stated it would be more prudent for Council to dispose of the buildings, given their poor state of repair, the cost to bring the buildings up to standard and advocated doing something more beneficial for Council.

The Director of Environmental Services confirmed the legal advice had been issued and there was no impediment in progressing with the proposal from Councillor McShane and was a matter for Council.

Proposed by Councillor McShane  
Seconded by Councillor Kennedy and

**RESOLVED** – that Council Officers look at different options of asset disposal including providing a development brief so Councillors can make a decision with potentially disposing of the two assets without going out to rent.

Alderman Knight McQuillan expressed concern regarding changing a Council decision, but stated she would move with the majority.

Councillor Storey stated it should be recorded that there was still concern regarding changing a Council decision. He further stated it was prudent to enhance the sea front in Ballycastle and would proceed if Members were content.

**MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’**

Proposed by Alderman Knight McQuillan  
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

**AGREED** - to recommend that Council move ‘In Public’.

Councillor McGlinchey expressed his appreciation and thanks for the work of Council staff during the Fleadh in Dungiven. Councillor McGlinchey stated this was a successful event, and the good work of Council staff was well received.

The Director of Environmental Services advised he would pass on to staff.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8:10pm.

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Mayor