



**LAND AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025**

No	Item	Summary of Key Recommendations	Estimated Timescale for completion
1.	Apologies	<i>Alderman Boyle</i>	
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 8th January 2025	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>	
4.	Deputation – Portstewart Football Club, Executive Chairman and Representative in attendance	<i>Withdrawn</i>	
	<i>'In Committee' (Items 5-7 inclusive)</i>		
5.	Requests to Use Council Land		
5.1	RTU Portrush, West Strand Beach, Request for Filming	<i>Withdrawn</i>	
5.2	RTU 129/24 Portstewart, The Crescent, Request for Go-Karting	<i>To recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee approve Option 1: Officers carry out an expression of interest exercise for a commercial opportunity at the former go kart track at The Crescent, Portstewart, to ensure best value for money is obtained.</i>	<i>October 2025</i>
6.	Requests to Purchase/Dispose of Council Land/Property		
6.1	Portrush, Dunluce Centre – Update on Disposal	<i>To recommend that the Corporate Policy and Resources</i>	<i>TBC</i>

		Committee note the information provided on the sale of the Dunluce Centre, Portrush.	
7.	Leases and Licences		
7.1	Ballycastle, Quay Road, New Leisure Centre – Lease to NI Electricity	to recommend to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee the approval of a Lease, Easement and Right of Way to NIE Networks, for the purpose of construction and operation of a substation for Ballycastle Leisure Centre and associated electricity requirements at Quay Road, Ballycastle.	TBC

**MINUTES OF THE LAND AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND
VIA MS TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00PM**

Chair: Alderman Knight-McQuillan (C)

Present: Alderman Boyle (C), Fielding (C)
Councillors C Archibald (C), Huggins (C), McShane (R),
Nicholl (R), Wisener (R)

Officers Present: M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (C)
J Drillingcourt, Land and Property Officer (C)
J Mills, Council Solicitor, Land and Property (R)
J Keen, Committee & Member Services Officer (C)
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing (R)
N McGurk, Head of Prosperity and Place (R)

In Attendance: R Finlay, ICT Officer (C)
C Ballentine, ICT Mobile Officer (C)

Press 2 no. (R)

Substitution: Alderman Boyle substituted for Councillor McCully
Councillor Huggins substituted for Councillor Wilson

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for Councillor McCully.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY
2025**

Summary, previously circulated.

AGREED – the Minutes of the Land and Property Sub Committee meeting held Wednesday 8 January 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

**4. DEPUTATION – PORTSTEWART FOOTBALL CLUB, EXECUTIVE
CHAIRMAN AND REPRESENTATIVE IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chair advised this item has been withdrawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Alderman Boyle

Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

AGREED – that Land and Property Sub Committee move ‘*In Committee*’.

* **Press was disconnected from the meeting at 7.04pm.**

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

5. REQUESTS TO USE COUNCIL LAND

5.1 RTU Portrush, West Strand Beach, Request for Filming

The Chair advised this item has been withdrawn.

5.2 RTU 129/24 Portstewart, The Crescent, Request for Go-Karting

Confidential report by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 was previously circulated and presented by the Head of Sport and Wellbeing. The report was illustrated on screen.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for the Land and Property Sub-Committee to consider an application from [REDACTED] Ref/129/24 - Request to use Council land at The Crescent, Portstewart for a Go Karting Facility at the former go kart track area.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Land and Property Sub-Committee consider the options outlined in this report at paragraph 4.1 - 4.2 and makes a recommendation to Council to: -

Option 1: - Officers carry out an expression of interest exercise for a commercial opportunity at the former go kart track at The Crescent, Portstewart, to ensure best value for money is obtained.

Option 2: - Approve request ref/129/254 from [REDACTED] for a Go Karting Facility at the former go kart track area, at The Crescent, Portstewart from March – October 2025 subject to:-

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

- Land and Property Services valuation of land for a licence agreement
- Applicant to cover the cost of the valuation and the market value placed on the land
- Applicant to make the site safe and operational by carrying out any remedial works
- Evidence of £10million Public Liability Insurance
- Risk Assessment & Event Plan

In response to questions, the Land and Property Officer advised that if expressions of interest were sought the applicant could still apply. The Land and Property Officer stated that the area would need to be brought to an operational standard and the timeline for completing each option is similar.

Proposed by Alderman Fielding
 Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

AGREED – to recommend that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee approve Option 1: Officers carry out an expression of interest exercise for a commercial opportunity at the former go kart track at The Crescent, Portstewart, to ensure best value for money is obtained.

* **Head of Prosperity and Place joined the meeting remotely at 7.21pm during consideration of the following item.**

6. REQUESTS TO PURCHASE/DISPOSE OF COUNCIL LAND/PROPERTY
6.1 Portrush, Dunluce Centre – Update on Disposal

Confidential report, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, previously circulated, was presented by the Land and Property Officer.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to update members in relation to the sale of the Dunluce Centre, Portrush.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Land and Property Sub-Committee note the information provided on the sale of the Dunluce Centre, Portrush.

In response to questions the Chair stated that this is the final report in relation to the former Dunluce Centre, the process is now complete.

AGREED – to recommend that the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee note the information provided on the sale of the Dunluce Centre, Portrush.

* **Head of Prosperity and Place disconnected from the meeting at 7.24pm.**

7. LEASES AND LICENCES

7.1 Ballycastle, Quay Road, New Leisure Centre – Lease to NI Electricity

Confidential report by virtue of paragraph 6(b) of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 was previously circulated and presented by the Land and Property Officer.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a Lease Agreement, Easement and Right of Way with Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE) at the Quay Road site in Ballycastle.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Land and Property Sub-Committee recommends to Council the approval of a Lease, Easement and Right of Way to NIE Networks, for the purpose of construction and operation of a substation for Ballycastle Leisure Centre and associated electricity requirements at Quay Road, Ballycastle.

In response to a question regarding the cost of installation and connection of electricity to the substation the Head of Sport and Wellbeing stated she would provide the cost once she has spoken to the Councils' Infrastructure team.

Councillor McShane stated that it was good to see progress being made.

Proposed by Councillor C Archibald
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

AGREED – to recommend to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee the approval of a Lease, Easement and Right of Way to NIE Networks, for the purpose of construction and operation of a substation for Ballycastle Leisure Centre and associated electricity requirements at Quay Road, Ballycastle.

At this stage in the meeting The Chair sought Sub Committee Members' view on the hybrid meeting format of the Sub Committee. Discussion ensued on the advantages and disadvantages of the available meeting formats including 'in person' only, 'remote' only and hybrid.

The Chair advised that Place of Meeting will be tabled on the Agenda for next month's Sub Committee meeting to agree the mode of attendance going forward.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Huggins
Seconded by Alderman Fielding and

AGREED – to recommend that Land and Property Sub Committee move '*In Public*'.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7:35pm

Chair