

COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Ciarán McQuillan

Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Fielding, Knight-McQuillan, J
McAuley, S McKillop, Scott, Stewart

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

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
A McPeake, Director Environmental Services
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager
J Welsh, Head of Community and Culture (R)
M Jones, Council Solicitor (Corporate, Planning and Regulatory)
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : Dr Steve Blockwell - Head of Investment Management,
Engineering & Sustainability Directorate, NI Water
Gavin McCready - Head of Wastewater, Customer & Operations
Directorate, NI Water

M Kennedy, ICT Technical Support Officer
R Finlay, ICT Officer
Public 4no. (R)
Press 3 No. (R)

Key – R = Attended Remotely

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

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

Fáilte a mbaill go dtí an chruinniú comhairle lán ar an 4ú Márta.

The Mayor welcomed Members to the meeting on 4 March.

“Chun céiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Seachtain na Gaeilge agus chun tiomantas an chomhairle seo i gcéiliúradh an imeacht a léiriú, creidim gur cheart an chruinniú seo a thosnú i nGaeilge.

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge and this Council's commitment to celebrating this event I believe it's right to start this meeting with the Irish language.

Over the past month, we have continued our efforts to engage with young people by visiting schools and reaching out to them to discuss politics in our area.

We also celebrated the launch of the Peace Plus Local Action Plan in Portrush.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who attended our charity coffee mornings at the start of last month and express my gratitude to all those who helped organize them – your support is deeply appreciated.

I was also pleased to attend the Pupil Voice event with fellow councillors to discuss the issues facing our young people today.

It was also a delight to attend the launch of the NW200 in Belfast, and I believe we are all eagerly looking forward to Race Week.

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to the Deputy Mayor for stepping in at events I was unable to attend and for co-hosting the coffee morning in Coleraine to raise funds for Mindwise and NIKPA”.

During consideration of Item 10, Councillor Peacock wished all females a Happy International Women's Day to The Chamber, staff and Councillors.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Callan, Coyle, Councillors Hunter, Kyle, and Storey.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

During consideration of Item 10 - Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 18 February 2025, Alderman McAuley declared an Interest in Capital Grants minute Item 15, left The Chamber and did not vote on the item.

4. DEPUTATION – NI WATER: DR STEVE BLOCKWELL - HEAD OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, ENGINEERING & SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTORATE, GAVIN MCCREADY - HEAD OF WASTEWATER, CUSTOMER & OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE

The Mayor welcomed the Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate and Head of Wastewater, Customer & Operations Directorate to the meeting and invited them to present.

- * **Councillor Nicholl arrived at the meeting at 7.08pm during consideration of the item.**
- * **Councillor Bateson arrived at the meeting at 7.09pm during consideration of the item.**

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate presented on NI Water's investments and the main challenges they are facing as a company in terms of the investment, growth and the environment. The link to the full presentation may be found [here](#).

Following the presentation, The Mayor invited questions from Elected Members.

Alderman Fielding asked what NI Water's Policy on disposal was, by sale or lease of surplus property, for example at Craigahulliar Reservoir, which was inactive and not being used. Alderman Fielding referred to getting people into the countryside for recreation and angling.

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate advised there were no targets to dispose of land or assets, that NI water do sell off when there was no further use, reservoirs of a certain size were under Legislation Reservoirs Act. Head of Wastewater, Customer & Operations Directorate added there were examples in the past where NI Water disposed of land and came back to bite people, they were cautious about who to release sensitive sites to.

Councillor Bateson stated it was good to see £10M investment in Kilrea upgrading the sewerage capacity which was widely welcomed in the local area that would lead to growth and investment in the Kilrea area.

Councillor Watton stated he heard the prior day that 5,800 social houses were being built, however, listening to the presentation he did not think that was going to be obtainable with the stated cutbacks and asked for comment.

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate clarified that through their wastewater impact assessment, NI Water maximise opportunities for Developers in difficult circumstances. The projects that have started are pushing forward, there is an element of every large development that has social homes allocation, the figure of 5,000 social homes equates to a huge investment in housing over a limited period and was a challenging target. They would do their best to carry out a rigorous assessment to facilitate connections, there were also capacity issues with water, not just wastewater.

In response to Alderman Boyle, it was clarified the Corrymeela Community Extension was going ahead.

Councillor Stirling referred to the ongoing issue at Christie Park and Strand Road, she had read it was not going to get upgraded due to restraints on funding. Councillor Stirling requested that it was made a priority.

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate advised they had conducted a wastewater impact assessment, investment in

the Strand Road upgrade was not going ahead in PC 21 as planned. There would be base maintenance carried out to maximise operation of the systems. Developers must separate large storm water and that creates capacity for connections to be made and how to accommodate extra growth.

The Head of Wastewater, Customer & Operations Directorate clarified a long history of blockages problems at that particular sewer, there was a lot of development upstream, with the Retail Park and houses. A maintenance programme of desilting of sewers would maintain as best they could and has been given extra attention due to the sensitivity of the area. The Head of Wastewater, Customer & Operations Directorate confirmed he would speak to the team.

Councillor McCully requested the current assessment of wastewater infrastructure in Coleraine Town Centre, particularly commercial units, Change of Use applications were held up due to issues, hampering the ability to regenerate.

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate advised every planning application was given a bespoke analysis, to facilitate connections was challenged by funding to maximise what could be done out of the system to facilitate growth, Local Development Plans to protect the Environment and recreate in. The reduction in investments also meant not renewing NI Water assets, which were getting older.

Councillor Nicholl referred to NI Water as the second largest landowner, he queried what were their assets worth, what was needed to bring it up to standard; to look at different ways of doing things; it was an interesting statistic.

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate referred to £6bn, he would check the Annual Accounts and come back. A high level estimate in excess of £12bn was needed that could not be delivered in a single price control, with 12-18 years of investment to address the capacity issues across the whole country. To comply with Legislation, protecting the environment and supporting growth was a massive investment.

Councillor Chivers welcomed the investment into Limavady, she asked was the upgrade for current applications or to allow for future development.

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate advised there will be accommodation for future development in the upgrades of the network in the pumping station, NI Water design for 25-year horizons.

Councillor McMullan asked how many houses in rural areas were not connected to mains water, where there plans to increase the grant, did NI Water charge people for using water on their own ground. Councillor McMullan thanked the efficiency of the NI Water call centre staff.

The Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate stated he did not have figures on houses not connected to the network, there was a limit on the length of connection they could provide or if a house was built on top of a high hill was not suitable. He agreed to come back to Councillor McMullan with the figure. A commercial business or farm would have

a service charge or if they drill your own well and have their own water source, that was nothing to do with NI Water.

The Mayor thanked the NI Water representatives.

- * **Head of Investment Management, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate and Head of Wastewater, Customer & Operations Directorate left the meeting at 7.42pm.**
- * **Alderman McAuley arrived at the meeting at 7.31pm during consideration of the item.**

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

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of The Council Meeting held Tuesday 4 February 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

In response to Councillor Watton, the Chief Executive agreed to liaise with the Minister's Office on the statistics requested at the meeting.

6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING (RATES STRIKE) HELD THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of The Council Meeting (Rates Strike) held Thursday 6 February 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 22 January 2025 were received and noted.

8. MINUTES OF SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025

Amended copy, previously circulated.

Alderman Boyle requested the minutes were amended to read as follows:

Item 3.4 last paragraph, to replace the last phrase, '*and how to randomly pick cases for a trial*', with ***before we consider shorter reports.***

RESOLVED – That the amended Minutes of Special Planning Committee Meeting held Thursday 13 February 2025 as further amended above, are received and noted.

9. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Mairs

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

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

10. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Councillor McGurk proposed the adoption of the Minutes.

Matters Arising

10.1 Capital Grants (Item 15)

Councillor Peacock stated that given the fact this funding will be over the next, up to 5 years, it will not impact in-year budgets, given there was a huge demand evident in the application, given the minor uplift required over that number of years, it would be beneficial for all the organisations, to apply Option 3 so they are getting all the money they asked for, to complete the projects.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Peacock

Seconded by Councillor Schenning

- That Council approve Option 3 and do not do the 20% reduction for those organisations.

Councillor Wilson clarified his Party position, whilst not taking away from the validity of any of the projects, to adhere to the budgets set aside, the option for the ceiling agreed of £600,000, not to try to find an additional £150,000 that will come from the purse of the ratepayer, should it be taken out of Reserves, this year's budget or drawn down in loans. Councillor Wilson

reaffirmed the position they were not happy to break through the ceiling of £600,000 which was felt was adequate.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

Councillor McShane requested a Recorded Vote.

Councillor McShane asked the meeting to hold as Councillor Watson was out of The Chamber.

Alderman Fielding queried that if someone was not in the room, how long would you wait until they came back. The Chief Executive clarified there was no Standing Order, but The Mayor could call a recess, should he wish.

The Mayor declared a recess for 5 minutes at 7.50pm.

*** The meeting resumed at 7.59pm.**

The Mayor invited Councillor Peacock to restate the Amendment.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the Council to vote.

13 Members voted For; 20 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Amendment lost.

Recorded Vote Table

For (13)	Councillors C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson, Chivers, McGurk, MA McKillop, McMullan, McQuillan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning, Watson
Against (20)	Alderman Boyle, Fielding, Knight-McQuillan, S McKillop, Scott, Stewart
	Councillors Anderson, Callaghan, Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kennedy, Mairs, J McAuley, McCully, Stirling, Wallace, Watton, Wilson, Wisener
Abstain (0)	

Councillor Wilson referred to discussion at the Committee meeting that processes should be subject to an independent validation of process. The process was led by Elected Members, and it would be prudent to have it scrutinised by an outside body.

The Chief Executive sought clarification whether it was the end-to end process, as opposed to be involved in the Appeals process, which would fall subsequent. The Chief Executive suggested to Councillor Wilson that SIB could look at the end-to-end process?

Councillor Wilson suggested to bring a report with options on who could independently verify the process and Appeals process, in order to leave Elected Members and the organisation in a robust position and offer transparency.

The Chief Executive sought further clarification that the independent organisation would look at the whole process, to suspend grant awarding and hold the Appeals process?

Councillor Wilson clarified the decision had been taken on Option 2, any independent body coming in, could review the process.

Councillor McShane stated she was unclear what was being said or inferred and did not understand the proposal, to suspend the process until the outcome of the review, requested what the issue was and what was the proposal.

Councillor Wilson clarified, to scrutinise the processes of Council, there was no inference to anyone or any group, that if Council were challenged was Council happy the processes were robust and if not robust, it would fall back to Elected Members, as was highlighted on the night.

Councillor Peacock referred to inference of impropriety, there were many grants ran throughout the year that went through the same process and asked the difference with this grant, potentially calling into question the integrity of Officers, she did not see any reason to single out this particular grant. Councillor Peacock stated Grants were scrutinised through internal and external audit process and stated she did not support the proposal.

Councillor Schenning referred to consistency in scrutinising this grant, it would be required to scrutinise every grant that had gone through Council, she referred to Audit Committee, inference towards staff and stated dissatisfaction.

Councillor Wilson clarified he had no issue auditing every grant process, auditing decisions that Council were responsible for.

Councillor McGurk advised the proposal did not allow Councillors to scrutinise, it was bringing an independent body to carry out scrutiny. Councillor McGurk detailed Elected Member scrutiny was during committee, when setting criteria and when the report was taken through Leisure and Development Committee. Councillor McGurk referred to Councillor Storey's past comments on the cost of the Extraordinary Audit, and this was an unnecessary procedure. Councillor McGurk questioned that if there were no

specific concerns, why the need to a step away from current protocol, the conclusion inferring impropriety on Council Officers who answered questions transparently and robustly at Leisure and Development Committee and stated she did not support the Motion.

Alderman Fielding seconded Councillor Wilson's proposal and asked to go to the vote.

Councillor Nicholl commented this highlighted there should be a funding pot for all groups, there was not enough money in it to be more strategic, the funding would need to be increased next year, going forward.

The Mayor advised there would be a Recorded Vote.

The Chief Executive sought clarification of a further amendment to Option 2, that award of contract would be subject to independent valuation and report brought back to Leisure and Development Committee setting out options for validation. The Chief Executive advised he could not see how to pay out grants and validate, there would have to be validation undertaken first, there was a need to be clear what was being voted on.

Councillor Holmes sought clarification of the cost and time involved.

The Chief Executive advised that to bring in a consultant, two weeks of work, for Officers to prepare a report to Leisure and Development Committee and price at that stage; he could not put a cost on it this evening.

Alderman Fielding requested a 10-minute recess.

The Mayor held a recess at 8.19pm.

*** The Meeting reconvened at 8.33pm.**

Councillor Peacock considered the understanding of the Chief Executive was different to what Councillor Wilson had proposed and sought clarification of the proposal.

The Chief Executive invited Councillor Wilson to restate his proposal.

Councillor Wilson clarified the decision had been taken for Option 2, and he did not want to hamper that part of the process. Councillor Wilson clarified that if the process was challenged or appealed, an independent body would scrutinise and carry out the Appeals process.

The Chief Executive stated his understanding, that in the event of an applicant deciding to appeal, their appeal should be considered by an independent person or independent group of persons?

Councillor Wilson confirmed this position.

Alderman Fielding seconded Councillor Wilson's proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Alderman Fielding

- That if the process was challenged or appealed, an independent body would scrutinise and carry out the Appeals process.

Councillor Holmes asked the Chief Executive to outline the current Appeals process.

Funding Unit Manager detailed the Appeals process that was for any Grant where an applicant had been unsuccessful. The Appeal could be made once unsuccessful notifications have been issued, 5 days after the Council meeting. Anyone unsuccessful was given a copy of Annex 1 Appeal Procedure agreed in 2016 that was in line with many funders' Appeals process. An Appeal can be made on 2 grounds 1) the decision unreasonable 2) process/procedures are not followed. An Appeals Panel would be put in place, independent of the original Panel and the information relayed back to the Applicant. Appeals were successful and unsuccessful, the Independent Panel made up of Officers across Council, and consistently applied.

The Chief Executive clarified with Councillor Wilson there would be three external persons on the Appeals Panel?

The Chief Executive clarified this was a fresh proposal.

The Chief Executive put the motion to the Council to vote.

13 Members voted For; 20 Members voted Against; 0 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

Recorded Vote Table

For (13)	Alderman Fielding, Knight-McQuillan, S McKillop, Scott
	Councillors Anderson, Callaghan, Huggins, Kennedy, J McAuley, Stirling, Wallace, Watton Wilson
Against (20)	Alderman Boyle, Stewart
	Councillors C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson, Chivers, Holmes, Kane, Mairs, McCully, McGurk, MA McKillop,

	McMullan, McQuillan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning, Watson, Wisener
Abstain (0)	

10.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McGurk
Seconded by Councillor Schenning

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

* **Alderman McAuley returned to The Chamber at 8.43pm.**

11. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Knight-McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor McCully and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting held Tuesday 25 February 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

12. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

13. CONFERENCES

There were no Conferences.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated.

Colum Boyle, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities, Storm Éowyn Response dated 21 February 2025

Storm Éowyn was a unique and exceptional experience for many working in the NI Civil Contingencies response. The Recovery Phase of the Civil Contingencies response has now concluded, and departments and agencies are continuing with the restoration work that will take a little more time including removal of debris, fixing of related damage etc. The work of all involved was key in informing practical

responses that could reach those most in need and restore services as quickly as possible.

I would like to thank you for the commitment of your organisation and particularly the individuals within your organisation who participated in the Recovery Phase of the response effort. You and your organisation showcased resilience in handling what had been a difficult situation and in doing so displayed great collaboration across a wide range of partners. This effort contributed to the support provided to so many affected by the storm.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the correspondence.

Council NOTED the correspondence report.

15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Report, previously circulated.

- Department of Justice, Consultation on Proposals to increase Legal Aid Remuneration,
- Health and Safety Executive NI, Consultation on Proposals for Amendments to Gas Safety (Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997
- Department of Finance, Consultation on Strategic Roadmark for Rating Policy
- Department for Economy, Views on Changes to Electricity Reinforcement Connection Charges
- Health and Safety Executive, Consultation on Shaping the Planning of the Electricity Distribution Network in Northern Ireland

Councillor Nicholl requested representation from Planning Department should attend the above consultation event and that it was important there was also feedback from Elected Members.

- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Corporate Performance & Improvement Plan 2025/26

Open Consultations previously listed were presented within the report.

Council NOTED the Consultation Schedule.

16. 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 5932 to 5955 inclusive;
- (ii) Conveyance of Possessory Interest Relating to Part of the car park at Ballyclose Street, Limavady – Department for Infrastructure to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Transfer from DfI)
- (iii) Causeway Coast & Glens Community Centre Management Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations Supplementary Agreement, Magilligan Community Centre – CC&GBC and Magilligan Community Association (Ref L&D 240618 / CM 240627)
- (iv) Causeway Coast & Glens Community Centre Management Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations Supplementary Agreement, Articlave Community Portacabin – CC&GBC and Articlave District Community Association (Ref L&D 240618 / CM 240627)
- (v) Causeway Coast & Glens Community Centre Management Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations Supplementary Agreement, Ballybogey Community Centre – CC&GBC and Ballybogey Community Centre Ltd. (Ref L&D 240618 / CM 240627)
- (vi) Lease of Seabed adjoining Red Bay Pier, Cushendall, Co. Antrim – The Crown Estates Commissioners and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Ref L&PSC 241106 / CP&R 241126 / CM 241203) (Retrospective)
- (vii) Causeway Coast & Glens Community Centre Management Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations, Millburn Community Centre – CC&GBC and Millburn Community Development Ltd. (Ref L&PSC 230406 / CP&R 230420 / CM 230425) (Retrospective)
- (viii) Causeway Coast & Glens Community Centre Management Agreement and Schedule of Maintenance Operations, Rasharkin Community Centre – CC&GBC and Rasharkin Community Centre Ltd. (Ref L&PSC 210602 / CP&R 210622 / CM 210629)
- (ix) Conveyance of Possessory Interest Relating to Gate End Car Park, Ballymoney, County Antrim – Department for Infrastructure to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Transfer from DfI)
- (x) Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Employee (Ref 130/5068) Advance for purchase of a car;
- (xi) Transfer of Layd Church Cushendall to DfC (Ref L&P 230906 / CP&R 230906 / CM 231003)

Proposed by Councillor Kane

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

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

17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STOREY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCAULEY

The Mayor advised the Notice of Motion would be considered at the meeting, due to time urgency.

Alderman McAuley presented the Notice of Motion:

2025 marks the 25th Anniversary of the sad passing of Joey Dunlop OBE MBE a legend in motorcycle racing and a citizen and Freeman of our Borough of whom we are rightly proud.

It is therefore fitting that we remember this anniversary in conjunction with his family in a way that reflects our appreciation for the life, legacy and memory of Joey Dunlop OBE MBE.

Councillor Wallace read a prepared statement in support of the motion:

“A Tribute to Joey Dunlop: The People's Champion

Few names in motorcycle racing command as much respect and admiration as Joey Dunlop. A true legend of road racing, he wasn't just one of the greatest riders of all time—he was a hero, both on and off the track.

Born in Ballymoney, Northern Ireland, in 1952, Joey's passion for racing was undeniable. His career saw him become the undisputed King of the Isle of Man TT, claiming an astonishing 26 victories—an achievement that stood until his nephew Michael broke that record just last year. His skill, bravery, and smooth yet fearless riding style made him a force to be reckoned with on the most dangerous circuits in the world.

But Joey was more than just a racer. He was a humble, quiet man who never sought the spotlight. He was devoted to his family, his community, and, in a lesser-known but deeply inspiring part of his life, his charity work. He would load up his van with supplies and personally drive across Eastern Europe to deliver aid to orphanages and those in need—never seeking recognition, only wanting to help.

Tragically, Joey lost his life doing what he loved in 2000 during a race in Estonia. His passing left an irreplaceable void in the world of motorcycle racing, but his legacy endures. His achievements, sportsmanship, and kindness continue to inspire generations of racers and fans alike.

The statue of him at the Bungalow on the Isle of Man, overlooking the TT course, and the one of him in Ballymoney stand as a testament to his enduring legacy. But more than that, Joey Dunlop lives on in the hearts of those who watched him race, those who admired his humility, and those who benefitted from his kindness.

Joey Dunlop was more than a champion—he was a legend, a hero, and an inspiration. His legacy will never fade”.

Councillors Peacock, Kane, Watton and MA McKillop respectively stated their support for the Notice of Motion.

Proposed by Alderman McAuley
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

RESOLVED – That Council Support The Notice of Motion.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HUGGINS,
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN KNIGHT-MCQUILLAN**

It is requested that Council investigate and report back with regards to taking ownership and maintenance of the Car Park at Downhill (adjacent to Temple Cove Apartments private car park and opposite Downhill Cottages).

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion to the Land and Property Sub Committee.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.54 pm.

Mayor