

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025**

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Ciarán McQuillan

Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Callan, Fielding, Hunter, S  
McKillop, Scott, Stewart

Councillors Anderson, N Archibald, Callaghan,  
Chivers, Huggins, Kane, Kyle, Kennedy, Mairs,  
Jonathan McAuley, McCully, McGurk, McGlinchey,  
McMullan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning,  
Stirling, Storey, Watson, Watton, Wisener

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive  
M Quinn, Director Corporate Policy and Resources  
A McPeake, Director Environmental Services  
P Mulvenna, Director Leisure and Development  
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer  
J Mills, Council Solicitor, Land and Property  
P Thompson, Head of Tourism and Recreation (R)  
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer

**In Attendance** : J Cole-Hamilton, Executive Director – Championships, R&A (Item  
4 (R))  
R Oxley, Director Public Affairs – R&A – Item 4 (R)

J Winfield, ICT Manager  
R Finlay, ICT Technical Support Officer

Press 2 No. (R)  
Public 1 No. (R)  
Public 1 No. (C)

**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**

The Mayor welcomed Members to the Council Meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

*“Fáilte a mbaill go dtí an chruinniú comhairle lán ar an 6ú lá de Bhealtaine*

*April has been another busy and fulfilling month serving.*

*We began the month by opening of the revamped playpark at Scally Park in Loughiel.*

*I was also delighted with the amount raised at the Charity Golf day in Portstewart Golf club, raising funds for Mindwise and NIKPA, two worthy causes.*

*One of the highlights this month was the Ballymoney Spring Fair – a great celebration of local life, businesses, and entertainment. I also had the pleasure of visiting the Dry Arch Community Centre and seeing first-hand the incredible work being done by our young people of the area.*

*A particularly special event was the launch of the Joey 25 Exhibition in Ballymoney. Joey Dunlop's legacy continues to inspire, and it was an honour to help commemorate his life and achievements alongside his family and fans. So we will be looking forward to the Joey 25 event on the 24th of May.*

*We also marked the second anniversary of the Ballymoney Community Fridge. This project is a fantastic example of community-led sustainability and support, and I commend all those involved in making it such a success. Another key milestone was the sod-cutting ceremony for the new Ballycastle Leisure Centre. This marks the start of an exciting development that will benefit generations to come.*

*In a more reflective moment, We opened Books of Condolences following the passing of Pope Francis. This provided an opportunity for people across the Council area to come together in remembrance and to pay our respects.*

*Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Deputy Mayor for her continued support throughout the month."*

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Coyle, Knight-McQuillan, McAuley Councillor Holmes, C Archibald, Bateson, MA McKillop, Wilson

## **3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Alderman Boyle declared an interest in Item 8 - Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 8 April 2025 Item 20 - Planning Applications of Trading Unit Receptables at West Bay & Portaneevy as a member of the Planning Committee. Alderman Boyle did not leave the Chamber during consideration of this Item.

Alderman Hunter declared an interest in Item 8 - Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 8 April 2025 Item 20 - Planning Applications of Trading Unit Receptables at West Bay & Portaneevy as a

member of the Planning Committee. Alderman Hunter did not leave the Chamber during consideration of this Item.

Alderman S McKillop declared an interest in Item 8 - Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 8 April 2025 Item 20 - Planning Applications of Trading Unit Receptables at West Bay & Portaneevy as a member of the Planning Committee. Alderman S McKillop did not leave the Chamber during discussion of this Item.

#### **4. DEPUTATION – THE R&A – JOHNNIE COLE-HAMILTON AND ROBERT OXLEY IN ATTENDANCE**

- \* Alderman Callan and Councillor Nicholl arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm during consideration of the Item.**

The Mayor invited the R&A Executive Director to present to Council remotely.

The Executive Director presented via powerpoint saying it was a great pleasure for the Director of Public Affairs and himself to be in attendance to provide an update and details of preparations for the 153<sup>rd</sup> R&A Open Golf Championship in Portrush saying that there were 72 days until the Opening Tee Shot.

The Executive Director provided commentary on the 5 phases of 'The Build' and the Finished Article, showing images via powerpoint as follows:-

- 1 – Contractors Compound Set Up Mid-March;
- 2 – Grandstand Build Begins April;
- 3 – Tentage Build has begun April;
- 4 – Catering and Fit Out Contractors Arrive Early June;
- 5 – TV Infrastructure Build Begins Mid-June;

The Executive Director said 278,000 fans are expected for the largest Championship held outside of St Andrews with unprecedented demand for tickets with more than £213 million in total economic benefit and 27,000 free tickets for under 16's for one of the most accessible major sporting events for young people.

The Executive Director spoke of the Community Engagement including Community drop-in, Get ready for The Open Webinars and opportunity for Applications for the off course 'giant welcome' as well as provision of accredited customer service training funded by TNI to employees across various businesses in Northern Ireland.

Following feedback from the last event included is a train station walking route to navigate our spectators through the town centre and reduced usage by organisers of East Strand car park during the build.

Sustainability and Legacy elements include Open water initiative to enhance removal of plastics and restoration of trees and £100,000 community funding for projects in Portrush with grant funding opportunity opening on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The Mayor invited questions from Elected Members.

At the request of Councillor Watton the Executive Director confirmed that the average cost of a ticket to attend the event was £100 depending on the day.

The Mayor thanked the representatives from R&A for attending and presenting to Council.

J Cole-Hamilton and R Oxley left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

Member of the public in the gallery left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

**5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Scott  
Seconded by Councillor Chivers and

**RESOLVED** - The Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 1 April 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

**6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025 DEFERRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025**

The Chief Executive advised that due to a correction of accuracy not yet updated that these Minutes would be deferred to the June Council Meeting.

**7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025**

The Chief Executive advised that these Minutes would be deferred to the June Council Meeting.

**8. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Mairs  
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 8 April 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**9. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025**

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Wisener  
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 10 April 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**10. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025**

Copy, previously circulated.

**Matters Arising**

**10.1 Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Councillor McCully referred from Council Meeting held 1 April 2025 (abbrev re development of The Warren, Portstewart) (Item 10)**

At the request of Alderman Fielding the Director of Leisure and Development advised that she would provide an update on the costings and timeline for the work being undertaken at The Warren Tennis Courts including whether a decision would be required to be taken by the Leisure and Committee Meeting and ratified by Council.

**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 15 April 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**11. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025**

Copy, previously circulated.

## **Matters Arising**

### **11.1 Hélène Crepeau, Ville de La Roche-sur-Yon, email dated 11 April 2025 (Item 10)**

The Director of Corporate Services referred Elected Members to the invitation received by Council due to Coleraine Twinning Association no longer being in operation. The Director of Corporate Services advised that the cost per person was approximately €400-470 with the hosts covering accommodation costs.

Councillor Kane said he was appointed to Coleraine Twinning Association which has ceased activities and that he would not want links to be severed with La Roche-sur-Yon given the long established links since established with Coleraine Borough Council. Councillor Kane suggested a holistic approach to Twinning for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Councillor Kane said he would welcome the opportunity to attend but would withdraw his request if another Elected Member wished to avail of the space.

Alderman Hunter said the continuation of Twining links were vital with La Roche-sur-Yon and concurred with the comments made by Councillor Kane.

Councillor Schenning also concurred with comments and spoke of the impact of Covid on progressing Twinning effectively.

Proposed by Alderman Hunter  
Seconded by Councillor Schenning

-That the 3 Members of Coleraine Twining Committee accept the invitation and attend at a cost of approximately €400-470 per person.

Councillor Peacock suggested re-establishing the Committee and then seeking to build and strengthen links.

Councillor Watton felt that as there was no established Twining Association in Coleraine at this time that members who wished to attend should cover the cost.

Councillor Kyle enquired as to the financial and social benefit to the Borough associated with this trip.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that in the absence of a Twinning Association in Coleraine, groups were not in a position to apply for a grant from the £5k annual Grant Funding based on eligibility. The Director of Corporate Services said that grants could include sporting/economic activities or school trips.

The Mayor put the Proposal to the Council to Vote.

8 Members voted For; 16 Members voted Against; 6 Members Abstained.

The Mayor declared the Motion Lost.

At the request of Councillor Kane the Director of Corporate Services agreed that there would be a review of Twining arrangements for Causeway Coast and Borough Council.

### **11.2 153<sup>rd</sup> Open Golf Championship – Temporary Transfer of Council Lands Royal and Ancient report deferred from the Land and Property Sub-Committee Meeting of 2 April 2025 (Item 13.1)**

The Director of Corporate Services advised that this Item would be deferred to Land and Property Sub Committee for consideration.

### **11.3 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor McCully

Seconded by Alderman Fielding

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Meeting held Thursday 29 April 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.

The following correspondence has been received:

### **14.1 Alison McCullough, Chief Executive, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, correspondence dated 24 March 2025**

At its March Council meeting, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council adopted the following motion, and asked that it be forwarded to all Northern Ireland Councils. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council look forward to receiving a response from this Council.

*As we are now living in a growingly diverse community - and the richness in which that brings to our workplaces, homes and communities - FODC believes that a diverse workplace is important for embedding anti-racism. As such, the*

*Fermanagh and Omagh Council should show leadership by having a diverse and welcoming workforce.*

*We therefore propose that FODC commits to;*

- *conducting an annual review of its workforce demographics*
- *developing strategies to increase diversity across all levels of its employment*
- *comprehensively train all employees on diversity and inclusion, including areas such as unconscious bias and inclusive communication.*
- *apply outreach positive action to encourage candidates, from diverse backgrounds, for any available posts.*

#### **14.2 Councillor Wesley Brown, Deputy Chair, Mid Ulster Council, correspondence dated 1 April 2025**

At its March meeting, Mid Ulster Council carried the following Motion and seek a response from this Council:

*This Council:*

- *Notes that under current Northern Ireland road traffic law, there is no legal requirement for other vehicles to stop when a school bus is picking up or dropping off pupils.*
- *Recognises that child safety is of paramount importance and that measures akin to the U.S. “stop-arm” system—requiring traffic to halt while schoolchildren board or alight—could significantly reduce the risk of accidents and injuries.*
- *Highlights the growing public concern and the desire of parents, educators, and local communities for stronger safeguarding measures at school bus stops, especially in rural areas where road layouts can pose additional risks.*
- *Believes that introducing legislation mandating vehicles to stop when a school bus is actively loading or unloading students would enhance road safety and offer additional protection to schoolchildren across Northern Ireland.*

*This Council Resolves To:*

- (i) *Call upon the Northern Ireland Assembly to develop and pass legislation requiring vehicles to stop for school buses that are picking up or dropping off pupils, in line with best practices observed in other jurisdictions.*
- (ii) *Write to all other local councils in Northern Ireland, urging them to support and pass similar motions, thereby demonstrating widespread local government backing for this measure.*

- (ii) *Write to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Minister of Education, highlighting the need for such legislation and requesting that they prioritise this issue within the Executive; and*
- (iii) *Undertake any additional measures within Mid-Ulster District's remit—such as awareness campaigns or pilot schemes—aimed at strengthening school transport safety until statutory changes are in effect.*

**14.3 Kelly Cameron, Kelly Cameron, Secretary, Northern Ireland Housing Council**

Minutes of the 515<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the NI Housing Council held Thursday 13 March 2025.

**14.4 Michael Murdoch MBE, Chief Executive Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association, correspondence dated 28 April 2025**

Re: Council Members Representation to The Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, Northern Ireland

*Traditionally, RFCA NI, has been provided with one Council Member Representative who would have a dual role as the Veterans Champion (VC). However in June 2023 after consultation with the NI Veterans Support Office (as was) and the VCs, they agreed that the VC would benefit from having a Deputy. The funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has resulted in a significant rise in the VCs profile and veteran community engagement. The nomination of a Deputy VC could provide great outreach within the constituency and help the VC with the increased workload generated from within the veterans' community.*

*Although mandated to provide one representative, I would be very grateful if you could consider the additional request.*

*Below is a tabled request from RFCA NI.*

<b>Name of Committee/Body</b>	<b>Number of Councillors required</b>	<b>Annual nomination or full Council term</b>	<b>Any other specific requirements</b>
RFCA NI	Veterans' Champion  Deputy Veterans' Champion	Full Term	Ideally Councillors should come from different DEA(s)

**Recommendation**

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

**RESOLVED** – That Council note the correspondence schedule.

## **15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE**

The following Consultation Documents were listed:

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Consultation on the Introduction of Mandatory Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses
- The Local Government Staff Commission - Neurodiversity in the Workplace Guidance Document
- Department for Communities - Draft Disability Action Plan 2025-2030
- Department of Health - Draft Equality Action Plan and Draft Disability Action Plan 2025-2030
- Department for Communities - DWP consultation on reform of health and disability benefits and employment support
- Department of Education 2025-26 Resource Budget

**RESOLVED** – that Council note 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 5973 to 5988 inclusive;
- (ii) Lease of Substation Site at Quay Road, Ballycastle – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Electricity (Ref L&PSC/ 250205 /CP&R 250225 /CM 250304)
- (iii) Lease of former foreshore and bed of the Sea at Western Pier, Ballintoy Harbour, Ballintoy – The Crown Estate and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Ref L&PSC 250305 /CP&R 250325 /CM 250401)
- (iv) Commercial lease 55 Degrees North Portrush – Licence to Assign (Ref LPSC 250325/ CP&R 250325/ CM 250401 (Retrospective)
- (v) Commercial lease 55 Degrees North Portrush– Form 9 assignment (Ref LPSC 250325/ CP&R 250325/ CM 250401 (Retrospective)
- (vi) Commercial lease 55 Degrees North Portrush -Deed of Indemnity 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (Ref LPSC 250325/ CP&R 250325/ CM 250401 (Retrospective)
- (vii) Amendment to Commercial Lease, Babushka Kitchen Café, Shop Unit, South Pier, Portrush Harbour – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and George Nelson (Ref approved under the scheme of delegation by the Director of Corporate Services in April 2025)

- (viii) Car loan agreement Employee Reference 362-2055
- (ix) Cregagh Wood Management Agreements (Ref L&D 250315/CM 250506)
- (x) Ballycastle Leisure Centre – Form of Deed (Ref L&D 241217/CM250107)
- (xi) Licence Agreement For Temporary use of Council lands In connection with the North West 200 – 2025 – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Coleraine and District Motor Club Limited (L&PSC 250305/ CP&R 250325/ CM 250401)

Proposed by Councillor Chivers  
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

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

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR WISENER,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HOLMES**

*It is proposed that Council convene a meeting of interested parties (businesses and Dfl) to develop a plan to repair Somerset Road South, Coleraine, and have it adopted by Dfl.*

The Notice of Motion was referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee with discussion.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSE BY COUNICLLOR MA MCKILLOP,  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SCHENNING**

*Nip in the bud motion*

*That this council notes the importance of farmers and rural dwellers in our society.*

*Recognises that farmers, agricultural workers and people living in rural communities, can have lower access to cancer services due to the nature of their work and often living in isolated areas.*

*We also recognise the impact that a cancer diagnosis can have on family business such as a family farm, including housing the extended family and the welfare of livestock.*

*Endorses the Nip in the Bud campaign delivered by the farming community networking partnership with MacMillan cancer support and acknowledges the benefits of the rural community.*

*Pledges to do all we can to raise awareness and save lives, particularly using our social media platforms, to help rural dwellers in this council area be aware of symptoms of cancer and to seek immediate medical advice if necessary as evidence demonstrates that early diagnosis and treatment can save lives."*

The Notice of Motion was referred to the Leisure and Development Committee without discussion.

19. Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Peacock

*Motion for Live Recording of Council Meetings*

*To propose that the council consider implementing live recording of council meetings.*

*It is important for us to align with other local governments and institutions across the North in adopting this technology. Live recording offers an excellent opportunity to engage with the community, particularly younger residents, and allows us to highlight the positive actions and progress we are making each month.*

*Given the recent damage caused by storm Eowyn, which has affected our current technology, it is clear that we need to invest in updated equipment. This would ensure that we are prepared to live-stream and record our meetings moving forward.*

*Therefore, I propose that this council formally explore the feasibility and logistics of introducing live recording for future council meetings.*

The Notice of Motion was referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee without discussion.

20. Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor McCully, seconded by Councillor Kane

*This Council notes the impact of second homes and short-term holiday rentals on the housing stock supply for residents of the Borough; reaffirms our belief that powers to regulate such should be devolved to local councils; and commits to developing a proposal to the Northern Ireland Executive, alongside an agreed lobbying action plan, to secure such additional powers, within the next three months.*

*Once developed and adopted, an update on the matter will be a standing item on the agenda of the Corporate Policy & Resources Committee. Additionally, the Mayor and Chief Executive will write to all other councils in Northern Ireland to encourage them to engage in similar lobbying efforts.*

The Notice of Motion was referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee without discussion.

Proposed by Alderman Councillor Mairs  
Seconded by Councillor Watton and

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

- \* **Press and Public were disconnected from the meeting at 7.40pm**

**21. MINUTES OF LESIURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025 'IN COMMITTEE'**

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

**21.1 Riverside Theatre – Notice of Motion and Correspondence (Item 11)**

Alderman Boyle referring to the request to amend the Notice of Motion and subsequent Point of Order raised by Alderman Callan said that she had spoken with the Council Solicitor, Corporate, Planning and Regulatory, for clarity on the legal position who had advised that the Council Solicitor Land and Property would be in attendance at the Council Meeting. Alderman Boyle said it was important to be permitted to amend a Notice of Motion.

The Chair advised that there would be a short recess.

\* **The Chair declared a recess at 7.45pm.**

\* **The meeting resumed at 7.50 pm**

The Chief Executive advised that he had also spoken with the Council Solicitor, Corporate, Planning and Regulatory, who had advised that the current Standing Orders were ambiguous on the matter of a non-committee member amending a Notice of Motion and advised that Standing Orders would be revised with the agreement of Elected Members.

The Chief Executive said that updated information had become available impacting the Notice of Motion which had led to the request for the amendment.

**MOTION TO PROCEED '*IN PUBLIC*'**

Proposed by Councillor Kane  
Seconded by Councillor Archibald and

**RESOLVED** – That Council move '*In Public*'.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.

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Mayor