

COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2025

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No	Item	<i>Decision</i>
1.	The Mayor's Business	<i>Received</i>
2.	Apologies	<i>Alderman McAuley, Councillors Bateson, Chivers, Peacock, Wallace</i>
3.	Declaration of Members' Interests	<i>None</i>
4.	Minutes of The Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 May 2025	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>
5.	Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held Tuesday 26 February 2025 deferred from The Council Meeting held Tuesday 1 April 2025, deferred from the Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 May 2025	<i>Received and noted</i>
6.	Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 26 March 2025 deferred from The Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 May 2025	<i>Received and noted</i>
7.	Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held Wednesday 30 April 2025	<i>Received and noted</i>
8.	Minutes of Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 May 2025	
8.1	Environmental Services Business Plan	<i>That Council approve the proposed business plans for the</i>

		<i>2025 / 26 period, providing a focus for officers responsible for delivering Environmental Services.</i>
8.2	Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
9.	Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 15 May 2025	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
10.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Tuesday 20 May 2025	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
11.	Minutes of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 27 May 2025	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
12.	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	<i>None</i>
13.	Conferences	<i>None</i>
14.	Correspondence	
14.1	Kelly Cameron, Secretary, Northern Ireland Housing Council (email dated 8 May 2025)	<i>Noted</i>
15.	Consultation Schedule	<i>Noted</i>
	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Public Consultation on the proposed Nutrients Action Programme for 2026 – 2029, submission by 24 July 2025	<i>That Council writes to the Minister of Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in respect of the consultation, reiterate the importance and benefits of the strong and vibrant farming community and</i>

		<i>indicates that Council is not in favour of farms being penalised for problems and difficulties encountered and prevalent elsewhere.</i>
16.	Seal Documents	<i>Seal approved (Items (i-v))</i>
17.	Notice of Motion Proposed by Alderman Callan, Seconded by Councillor Anderson (Abbrev. <i>Establishment of 250 USA Working Group</i>)	<i>Referred to the Leisure and Development Committee</i>
18.	Notice of Motion Proposed by Councillor Jonathan McAuley, seconded by Councillor Kyle (Abbrev. <i>VJ Commemoration Event</i>)	<i>Referred to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</i>
19.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Ciarán McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Peacock (Abbrev. <i>Establishment of a Youth Council within Causeway Coast and Glens</i>)	<i>Referred to the Leisure and Development Committee</i>
20.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McGurk (Abbrev. <i>Toilet facilities at Magilligan Point</i>)	<i>Referred to the Environmental Services Committee</i>
21.	Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman McAuley, seconded by Councillor Storey (Abbrev. <i>Permanent exhibition of memorabilia to remember Joey Dunlop OBE MBE</i>)	<i>Referred to the Leisure and Development Committee</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor Oliver McMullan

Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Callan, Coyle, Knight-McQuillan,
Fielding, Hunter, S McKillop, Scott, Stewart

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald,
Callaghan, Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kennedy,
Kyle, Mairs, Jonathan McAuley, McCully, McGurk,
McGlinchey, McQuillan, MA McKillop, McShane,
Nicholl, 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
M Jones, Council Solicitor, Corporate, Planning and
Regulatory (C)
A Hamilton, Democratic and Central Services Manager (R)
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : C Ballentine, ICT Officer
L Boyd, ICT Officer

Press 2 No. (R)
Public 1 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

The Mayor welcomed Elected Members to The Council Meeting, 3rd June 2025.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman McAuley, Councillors Bateson, Chivers, Peacock and Wallace.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Scott

Seconded by Alderman Boyle and

RESOLVED - The Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 May 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

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

Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held February 2025 deferred from the Council Meeting held Tuesday 1 April 2025, deferred from the Council meeting held 6 May 2025 are received and noted.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2025 DEFERRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025

Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26 March 2025 deferred from the Council Meeting held Tuesday 6 May 2025 are received and noted.

7. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025

Copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 30 April 2025 are received and noted.

8. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

8.1 Environmental Services Business Plan

The Chief Executive advised that a deferred decision regarding the adoption of Environmental Services Business Plan was to be considered.

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

RESOLVED - That Council approve the proposed business plans for the 2025/26 period, providing a focus for officers responsible for delivering Environmental Services.

8.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Mairs
Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 May 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Huggins
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 15 May 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McGurk
Seconded by Councillor McGlinchey and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee

Meeting held Tuesday 20 May 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

Councillor N Archibald wished to put on record that although she had not made a declaration of interest for Item 17 – Coleraine Harbour Commissioner she had left the Chamber whilst this Item was being discussed.

11. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor McCully

Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Meeting held Tuesday 27 May 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. The Chief Executive advised that a Partnership Meeting was scheduled for June and a Local Government session was tabled for Wednesday 4th June.

13. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated.

The following correspondence has been received:

14.1 Kelly Cameron, Secretary, Northern Ireland Housing Council (email dated 8 May 2025)

Minutes of the 156th Meeting of the Northern Ireland Housing Council held on Thursday 10 April 2025 (copy previously circulated)

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the correspondence.

RESOLVED – That Council notes the correspondence schedule.

Councillor Watton spoke of being stagnated in his attempt to seek clarity on the percentage of social housing budget allocation and referred to figures in respect of social housing discussed by Planning Committee and the introduction of Intermediary Rent Operator. Councillor Watton spoke of the difficulty for those in housing need and associated rising cost of rent.

The Mayor referred to ongoing championing by Councillor Watton in respect of housing need and agreed to write to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to reiterate the need for social housing and seek clarity on the percentage of social housing budget allocated for Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.

Councillor Storey concurred with the remarks made by Councillor Watton.

* **Alderman Knight-McQuillan joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.10 pm**

15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The following Consultation Documents were listed:

- Department of Education, Department of Education - 16-18 Legislation - Main, submission by 4 July 2025
- Department of Education, Strengthening Inspection Legislation, submission by 10 July 2025
- Department of Justice, Sentence Reduction for Guilty Pleas, submission by 11 July 2025
- Department of Health, Consultation on Regional Review of Neurology Services - Final Report, submission by 6 August 2025
- Department for Infrastructure, Using a Mobile Phone While Driving - Consultation on Changing the Law, submission by 14 August 2025
- Department of Health, Consultation on the HSC Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework, submission by 28 August 2025
- TEO Covid Inquiry Team, Stakeholder engagement - Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1 - Executive's response, submission by 4 June 2025 (circulated to Councillors on 20 May 2025)

RESOLVED – that Council note Consultation Schedule Items.

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Public Consultation on the proposed Nutrients Action Programme for 2026 – 2029, submission by 24 July 2025

* **Councillor Holmes joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.15 pm.**

Councillor Storey referred to the dependency on the agri-food industry and referred to statistics for this Council area including number of farms, percentage of those employed, hectares farmed and sheep herd numbers and said that farming is an important and key industry in this area. Councillor Storey referred to a DUP petition against nutrients action programme and felt as a Council, given the large population involved in farming, that Council writes to the Minister of DAERA to indicate they are not in favour of farms being penalised for problems and difficulties encountered and prevalent elsewhere.

The Mayor concurred with Councillor Storey and spoke of the damage to the farmer and threats to herd sizes and impact on conacre.

Proposed by Councillor Storey
Seconded by Councillor McMullan and

RESOLVED - that Council write to the Minister of Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in respect of the consultation, reiterate the importance and benefits of the strong and vibrant farming community and indicate that Council are not in favour of farms being penalised for problems and difficulties encountered and prevalent elsewhere.

Councillors Kyle and Callaghan concurred with the proposal.

Councillors Kyle and Callaghan sought clarity that the Mayor was permitted to second a proposal and the Chief Executive confirmed there was nothing in Standing Orders to the contrary.

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 5989 to 5999 inclusive;
- (ii) Commercial Lease 55 Degrees North Portrush – Form 10 assignment of lease to Craigvara Catering Limited (retrospective) (Ref approved under the scheme of delegation by the Chief Executive in May 2025)
- (iii) Car loan agreement Employee Reference 130-5069
- (iv) Release of Article 40 Burden (Planning) (Retrospective)
- (v) Release of Article 40 Burden (Planning) (Retrospective)

Proposed by Alderman Callan
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

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

17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN CALLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

That this Council sets up a 250 USA Working Group, of no more than 8 Councillors by D'hondt, to explore opportunities for the Borough to tie into the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence given the historical connections between Northern Ireland and the United States. This initiative would aim to commemorate the role that individuals from Northern Ireland, played in shaping American history during the Revolutionary era and beyond. Furthermore, that we would write to other councils located in County Antrim namely Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council, Lisburn and Castlereagh Borough Council, and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council to engage on a joint working group to maximise opportunities from this key anniversary.

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

18. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MCAULEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KYLE

Following the successful event ran by council for the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, I propose that council look at an event to remember and commemorate the end of the second world war (VJ Day).

As significant, as VE day was in 1945 we need to remember the sacrifice by many of our service personnel who continued the war for freedom for a further three months.

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

19. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MCQUILLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PEACOCK

That this Council recognises the importance of engaging young people in the political process and believes that more must be done to create meaningful opportunities for youth participation in civic life. Therefore, this Council proposes to work in partnership with Youth Services and local schools to establish a Youth Council within the Causeway Coast and Glens.

This Youth Council would serve as a platform to empower young people, encourage their involvement in public life, and ensure their voices are heard on issues that affect them. By fostering political awareness, democratic engagement, and leadership skills among young people from all backgrounds, the Council hopes to inspire a new generation to become actively involved in the political system. This initiative will help elected members to better understand and respond to the needs and aspirations of our young people.

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

20. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CHIVERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCGURK

That this Council recognises the importance of adequate toilet and amenity facilities at Magilligan Point for both the recreational users of the beach and the many tourists and travellers availing of the ferry service.

The Council notes with concern that these facilities have been closed for some time, to the detriment of the visitor experience and local amenity value of this popular coastal location.

Accordingly, this Council calls on officers to bring a paper to the Environmental Services Committee outlining options for the re-establishment of toilet and amenity facilities at Magilligan Point.

This paper should explore a range of potential models, including both seasonal and year-round provision, and should assess operational, financial and logistical considerations relevant to each.

The paper should be brought forward in a timely manner to enable Council to consider and make decisions such that, should Council agree to proceed, facilities can be re-opened ahead of the 2026 tourist season.

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

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

The Joey Dunlop 25 Celebration was a special occasion that brought thousands of people to Ballymoney from across the world to celebrate and remember Joey Dunlop OBE MBE a legend in motorcycle racing and a citizen and Freeman of our Borough of whom we are rightly proud.

We therefore propose that Council officers now explore options in conjunction with the Dunlop Family to create a permanent exhibition of memorabilia, in a way that reflects our appreciation for the life, legacy and memory of Joey Dunlop OBE MBE.

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

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.25 pm.

Mayor