

THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

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11.1	Ballycastle and Portrush Dredging Tender	<i>That Council approve progression of this project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme gateway to allow appointment of Foyle Marine Dredging Ltd at a total cost of £1,347,266.00 plus VAT to deliver this project.</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor McMullan

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

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald,
Bateson, Callaghan, Holmes, Huggins, Kane,
Kennedy, Kyle, Mairs, McAuley, McCully,
McGlinchey, McGurk, McQuillan, McShane, Nicholl,
Peacock, Schenning, Stirling, Wallace, Watton,
Wilson, Wisener

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
A Hamilton, Democratic and Central Services
Manager (R)
U Harper, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : A Lennox, ICT Officer
L Boyd, ICT Officer

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

Key – R = Attended Remotely

Members congratulated Councillor Stirling, on her recent marriage, wished Alderman Callan well on his upcoming wedding, and congratulated Councillor McGlinchey on becoming a grandfather.

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor welcomed the new Indian community association – the Malayali Association Coleraine – who met at Coleraine Town Hall, and he noted their members' contribution to the health sector here. He expressed his gratitude for the invite to the Armoy Road Races – he said that it was well run and that he had a great day. He had a good day at the Lammas Fair and stated that Council staff did amazingly well and deserved recognition for working long hours. He also attended the Heart of the Glens Festival, which went very well and drew good

crowds. He noted that Coleraine is again competing in Britain in Bloom and hoped that the town will get recognition at that.

- * **Alderman Knight-McQuillan joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.06pm**

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hunter, Alderman John McAuley, Councillor Chivers, Councillor MA McKillop, Councillor Storey, and Councillor Watson.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

Copy previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Scott
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 5 August 2025 are confirmed as a correct record.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

5.1 Period 3 Management Accounts

Report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Mayor.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the current management accounts to Council for information and analysis.

Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (CC&GBC) provides a range of services to the Borough of Causeway Coast and Glens which stretches from Lough Foyle in the west to the Glens of Antrim in the east covering an area of 1,968 square kilometres and with a population of approximately 145,000. The council is currently made up of 3 directorates (Leisure and Development, Environmental Services, Corporate Policy and Resources) and includes a Planning, Finance and Legal department, that are reported separately in this report. The Annual Budgeted Spend for 2025/26 controlled by the Directorates is

£86.408m (excludes depreciation, actuarial adjustments, provisions, accumulated absences, and it is these figures that change the figures in the Audited Accounts). Gross Income is budgeted at £86.408m meaning a balanced budget was approved for the year.

Financial Overview by Directorate

The table previously circulated details a draft summary of the financial position at period 3 (up to and including 30 June 2025).

Council is showing a favourable variance against budget at period 3 amounting to £1,062,344 however it should be noted that this contains an exceptional income item relating to Leisure VAT of £371,681. Adjusting for this the operational variance at period 3 is £690,663 (Period 2 - £532,170), an increase of £158,493 therefore should this position be maintained throughout the year Council would be in surplus operationally, increasing reserves by this amount. The most significant contributor to this position is Leisure & Development.

Income and Expenditure Analysis

The overall position with regards staffing costs was shown in the table previously circulated.

The table, previously circulated, sets out the budgetary position of all other areas of expenditure against budget by Directorate.

Income levels remain strong for period 3 following on from 2024/25 and the position by Directorate is as detailed in the table, previously circulated.

RESOLVED - that Council note the report.

6. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

7. CONFERENCES

There were no Conferences. The Chief Executive referred Members to correspondence item 8.1 from NILGA requesting nominations for attendees at its event on 2 October. It was agreed that spaces would be allocated on the basis of d'Hondt, with party group leaders asked to provide nominations to the Chief Executive. Councillor Huggins nominated Alderman S McKillop.

* **Councillor Wallace joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.10pm**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated.

The following correspondence has been received:

8.1 Alison Allen, NILGA (email dated 20 June 2025 available upon request)

Re: Invitation – Insights Exchange - Embedding social value in councils

“As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure councillors and officers have opportunities to both learn from outside the sector and learn from each other, NILGA will hold the first of a series of Insights Exchange events on 2 October 2025 from 9.30a.m. – 2.30p.m. in The Junction, Dungannon. The theme for this event will be embedding social value in councils.

The event will include:

- An overview of the policy context
- Showcase of council case-studies on social value
- Panel discussion

As this event will be of interest to all councillors, and not just NILGA members, we are inviting your council to nominate up to 7 attendees (councillors and officers). Officers in your procurement / economic / community / policy teams will find the event most useful. We would ask that you table this invitation at the next appropriate committee / council meeting and forward the names of attendees to events@nilga.org by 1 September 2025.

We are also investigating the potential to hold an officer workshop on measuring social value and will confirm this as soon as possible.”

This correspondence was addressed under Item 7.

8.2 Marie Ward, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (dated 14 August 2025) (copy previously circulated)

Re: Notice of Motion – CAR-T Cell Therapy

“At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 4 August 2025 the following Notice of Motion was unanimously agreed:

“That this Council:

Recognises the urgent need for patients in Northern Ireland requiring CAR-T cell therapy to have timely and compassionate access to treatment closer to home. Notes with deep sadness the death of Catherine Sherry, who passed

away on 12th May 2025, aged just 42, in King's College Hospital, London, while receiving CAR-T treatment. Commends the courage and commitment of Fergal Sherry and his sons, who are now advocating for CAR-T treatment to be made available to Northern patients at St James's Hospital in Dublin.

Acknowledges that the Department of Health in the Republic has an existing Memorandum of Understanding on All-Island Cancer Services, signed following the Good Friday Agreement in 1999 and renewed in 2021, which provides a framework for cross-border cooperation in oncology.

Further recognises that CAR-T treatment will not be available in Northern Ireland until 2030/31 at the earliest, and that access to St James's Hospital — where CAR-T services are already in place — would allow patients to receive treatment within driving distance of home, with the vital support of their families.

We therefore call on:

- 1. The NI Department of Health to immediately begin negotiations with their counterparts in the Republic to secure access to CAR-T therapy at St James's Hospital for eligible Northern Ireland patients;*
- 2. The Irish Government to support and facilitate this cooperation as a matter of urgency;*
- 3. This Council to write formally to Ministers Mike Nesbitt and Jennifer Carroll MacNeill requesting their intervention;*
- 4. Other councils across Northern Ireland to support this motion and stand in solidarity with Fergal Sherry, his family, and all others who may face similar hardship”.*

This Motion was discussed at length and received unanimous support from all Members and Newry Mourne and Down District Council ask for your Councils support for the Motion.

I look forward to your response.”

8.3 Marie Ward, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council,
dated 14 August 2025 (copy previously circulated)

Re: Notice of Motion – Funding Cuts by Arts Council to National Youth Choir

“At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 4 August 2025 the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

“Newry Mourne and Down District Council expresses disappointment and sadness at the funding cuts by the Arts Council to the National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland, acknowledges the significant cultural impact the organisation has on music in Northern Ireland, and calls on the Minister for Communities and Arts Council to intervene to prevent the closure and write to ask the other 10 Councils to do the same”.

This Motion was discussed at length and received unanimous support from all Members who spoke at length of their dismay at having to discuss cuts to an already beleaguered arts budget.

Members spoke of how the National Youth Choir has been a platform for thousands of young singers from across Northern Ireland and a career platform for well-known performers many of whom who have gone on to represent Northern Ireland on the world stage.

I have written to the Chief Executive of the Arts Council along with the Communities Minister asking to find a way forward to prevent the collapse of this institution and request that your Council supports this motion and does the same.”

8.4 Marie Ward, Chief Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council,
dated 14 August 2025 (copy previously circulated)

Re: Notice of Motion – Second Homes and Short Term Holiday Rentals

“At a Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on 4 August 2025, Members considered your correspondence in relation to the position of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council regarding the impact of second homes and short term holiday rentals.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council fully supported your Motion and shared concerns regarding second homes and short term holiday lets within this District particularly in coastal and major tourism areas.

Council have agreed to carry out a scoping exercise similar to the one you have agreed to carry out and I have been asked to write to you to get an understanding of the exercise being undertaken by your Council to establish if there was a similar approach Newry Mourne and Down District Council could use and if there were any learnings that would be beneficial.

I thank you for forwarding the correspondence from your Council regarding this very important matter and look forward to your response.”

Councillor Watton queried what scoping had been done in respect of second homes in the borough and stated that the housing situation is worsening. Councillor McCully requested that the correspondence be referred to the

Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for follow-up. The Chief Executive advised that an update will be provided on Council's position.

RESOLVED - that Council note the Correspondence report.

9. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The following Consultation Documents were listed:

- Northern Health and Social Care Trust Survey on how Involvement Team support involvement and experience across the Northern HSC Trust submission by 15 August 2025 (expired)
- Department for Communities Consultation on Shaping Sustainable Places submission by 21 September 2025
- Department of Health Consultation on the HSC Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework submission by 26 September 2025
- Northern Ireland Assembly Dilapidation Bill submission by 10 October 2025
- Department of Health and Social Care UK wide consultation - Medicines responsibilities for regulated non-medical healthcare professionals submission by 28 October 2025
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Annual Progress Report
- Department of Health Annual Progress Report

Members were advised that Officers' views on the Dilapidation Bill will be brought to next week's Environmental Services Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – that Council note Consultation Schedule.

10. 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.

Seal Documents

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 6035 to 6048 inclusive, No 5992 (replacement), No 6007 (replacement);
- (ii) Certificate of title - Connell Street Off Street Car Park Limavady, Transfer from DFI to CCGBC (Retrospective)
- (iii) NI Enterprise Support Service (Go Succeed) (NIESS) – Addendum to Collaboration Agreement (L&D 250318, CM 250401) (Retrospective)

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

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

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor McShane
Seconded by Councillor Schenning

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

* **Public and Press were disconnected from the meeting at 7.13pm.**

11. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

11.1 Ballycastle and Portrush Dredging Tender

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

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

Purpose of Report

To request Members consideration and permission to progress to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme Gateway (Appointment of a Contractor and Delivery of the Works).

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members consider the above tender and approve progression of this project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme gateway to allow appointment of Foyle Marine Dredging Ltd at a total cost of £1,347,266.00 plus VAT to deliver this project.

Proposed by Councillor Kennedy
Seconded by Alderman Fielding and

RESOLVED - that Council approve progression of this project to Stage 3 of the Capital Programme gateway to allow appointment of Foyle Marine Dredging Ltd at a total cost of £1,347,266.00 plus VAT to deliver this project.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN PUBLIC’

Proposed by Councillor Huggins
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move '*In Public*'.

In response to a query from Alderman Scott, the Chief Executive advised that it is hoped that the Chamber recording system will be repaired in advance of the next Council meeting.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.20pm.

Mayor