

THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2025

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10.3	Ballycastle Shared Education Campus (Item 13.1)	<i>Considered 'In Committee'</i>
10.4	Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved</i>
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11.1	Closure of Zomba Action Programme	<i>That the Mayor writes to the Chair of the ZAP Committee, Reverend Terry McMullan, to thank him for his work on the Zomba Action Project.</i>
11.2	Adoption of the Minutes	<i>Adopted and Recommendations therein approved, subject to the amendment at Item 11.1.</i>
12.	Matters for Reporting to the Partnership Panel	<i>Disappointment that value for money was not provided in respect of the Rates Support Grant</i>
13.	Conferences	<i>Noted</i>
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14.1	Joseph McGuckin, Mid Ulster District Council	<i>Noted</i>
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor McMullan

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

Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald,
Bateson, Callaghan, Elder, Holmes, Huggins, Kane,
Kennedy, McAuley, McGurk, MA McKillop,
McQuillan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning,
Wallace, Watson, Watton, Wilson, Wisener

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
P Mulvenna, Director of Leisure and Development
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
D Hunter, Council Solicitor (R)
A Hamilton, Democratic and Central Services
Manager (R)
U Harper, Committee & Member Services Officer

In Attendance : G Long, Chief Executive, NI Housing Executive
M Alexander, Area Manager, NI Housing Executive
C Coulter, Head of Place Shaping North, NI Housing Executive

A Lennox, ICT Officer
L Boyd, ICT Officer

Press 3 No. (R)
Public 5 No. (R)

Key – R = Attended Remotely

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor expressed his condolences to the Chief Executive and to Councillor Huggins on their recent bereavements, and this was echoed by Members across the Chamber. The Mayor congratulated Councillor Kyle on his recent marriage.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Hunter, Alderman McAuley, Alderman S McKillop, Alderman Scott, Councillor Chivers, Councillor McCully, Councillor McGlinchey, and Councillor Storey.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. DEPUTATION – NI HOUSING EXECUTIVE, HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN

The Mayor invited the representatives from the Housing Executive to present to Members.

The Chief Executive of Northern Ireland Housing Executive delivered a presentation to Members, covering the following topics:

- Community Planning Update
- Tenure Breakdown & Total Homes
- Housing Executive Spend 2024/25 = £111.95m
- Social Housing Development Programme – in 2024/25:
 - £47.69m was invested in new social housing stock
 - 56 new social homes completed; and
 - 458 new social homes under construction at end of March 2025.
- Waiting List Trends 2022 - 2025
- Fifteen Year Housing Market Assessment
- Affordable Housing Supply
 - 2025/28 Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) - 421 (gross) new social housing units are programmed.
- 5-Year SHDP Performance
 - 446 starts (301 urban and 145 rural) was the SG target for Causeway Coast and Glens during the 5-year period.
 - 629 starts (505 urban and 124 rural) were achieved against the target.
 - Resulting in 183 additional starts (+204 urban and -21 rural) against the SG target.
- Projected spend 2025/26 = £28.87m
- Key Housing Challenges
- Key Housing Opportunities

*** Councillor N Archibald joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.14pm during discussion of this Item.**

*** Councillor Anderson joined the meeting in the Chamber at 7.27pm during discussion of this Item.**

Members engaged in a wide-ranging discussion that included the following issues: insulation and retrofitting, temporary accommodation, land zoning, sites for development, housing list numbers and allocations, funding for Housing Associations, accommodation over shops, housing not being used as intended, and NIHE rental rates.

The NIHE Chief Executive emphasised the need for Council and NIHE to work in partnership. She stated that NIHE will undertake site identification studies and rural needs tests to identify demand and asked Councillors to make them aware of instances where these should be undertaken. The NIHE Chief Executive advised that NIHE is awaiting a decision from Treasury regarding permission for NIHE to borrow against its housing stock, and she indicated how this will impact on what NIHE is able to deliver. The NIHE officials detailed measures taken to identify and tackle housing not being used as intended.

Members thanked the NIHE Area Manager and other NIHE officers for their work in the Borough over the past year. The Mayor thanked the NIHE officials for presenting to Council.

- * **The representatives from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive left the Chamber at 8.07pm.**

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2025

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

Matters Arising

5.1 Deputation – DFI Roads Annual Report (Item 3)

Councillor Bateson expressed frustration regarding the recent announcement that Kilrea Bridge will be closed for a further 14 weeks and the impact this will have on residents and businesses. He stated that consideration should be given to a new bridge. He suggested that a business forum be established, and that the Local Economic Partnership explores what additional support or investment can be provided. He asked that Council launches a “Kilrea is open for business” campaign and works with the community to lessen the impact of the closure.

Councillor Holmes emphasised the devastating impact of the closure, particularly on businesses. He criticised the communication from the Department for Infrastructure. He stated that there should be support provided by Stormont.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan concurred with the previous speakers and suggested that the DEA Councillors meet with Council officers separately to discuss the matter.

5.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Bateson

Seconded by Alderman Knight-McQuillan and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 7 October 2025 are confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 24 September are received and noted.

7. MINUTES OF SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2025

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Special Planning Committee Meeting held Tuesday 7 October are received and noted.

8. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock

Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 9 October 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

9. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

Proposed by Councillor Bateson

Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 14 October 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

10. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

10.1 Waterfoot Boardwalk Repairs (Item 6)

Councillor MA McKillop expressed concern regarding the proposed dust path and asked that consideration be given to accessibility and that adequate drainage is installed. The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to feed the concerns back to the design team to ensure that all parties are content that with the proposed solution.

10.2 Waterfoot Coastal Path Gabion Wall Repairs (Item 11)

Councillor MA McKillop requested to speak on this Item. As this was a confidential Item, it was agreed that discussion would take place 'In Committee', at the end of the meeting.

10.3 Ballycastle Shared Education Campus (Item 13.1)

Councillor Stewart requested to speak on this Item. As this was a confidential Item, it was agreed that discussion would take place 'In Committee', at the end of the meeting.

10.4 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 21 October 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

11. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2025

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

11.1 Closure of Zomba Action Programme

Alderman Boyle stated that it has been a privilege to be involved in the Zomba Action Project (ZAP) since 2011. She thanked Councillors for donating to the project and thanked the Chief Executive for his support over the years. She proposed that the Mayor writes to the Chair of the ZAP Committee, Reverend Terry McMullan, to thank him for his work.

Alderman Callan seconded the proposal for the Mayor to write a letter of thanks. He commended the work of the Zomba Action Project and thanked all those who donated in support of it and thanked the Chief Executive for his support.

Proposed by Alderman Boyle
Seconded by Alderman Callan

RESOLVED – That the Mayor writes to the Chair of the ZAP Committee, Reverend Terry McMullan, to thank him for his work on the Zomba Action Project.

11.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor McShane
Seconded by Alderman Coyle and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 28 October 2025 are adopted and recommendations therein approved, subject to the amendment at Item 11.1.

12. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

The Chief Executive advised that it was agreed at the Finance Committee to recommend that Council table the Partnership Panel monthly going forward as a forum to relay disappointment that value for money was not provided in respect of the Rates Support Grant.

13. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated, was presented as read by the Chief Executive.

The following correspondence has been received:

14.1 Joseph McGuckin, Mid Ulster District Council (email dated 29 September 2025, copy of letter previously circulated)

Re: CAR-T therapy

Council at its September meeting carried the undernoted motion:

That 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 campaigning for CAR-T treatment to be made available to Northern Ireland patients at St James's Hospital, Dublin.
- Acknowledges that the Department of Health in the Republic of Ireland has an existing Memorandum of Understanding on All-Island Cancer Services, first signed after the Good Friday Agreement in 1999 and renewed in 2021, which already 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 CART services are already established — would allow patients to receive life-saving treatment within driving distance of home, supported by their families.

This Council therefore calls 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 those who may face similar hardship.

I would therefore ask if you would report this request to your elected Members for consideration. I would also welcome a response to this request so that I can report back to our Members in due course.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the correspondence.

Council NOTED the correspondence.

15. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The following Consultation Documents were listed:

- Department for Communities Consultation on Support Framework for Independent Advice and Debt Services submission by 03 November 2025
- Department for the Economy Closure of the Northern Ireland Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme submission by 24 November 2025
- Department for Education Consultation on the establishment of a new organisation to support controlled schools submission by 11 December 2025
- Department for the Economy Consultation on Policy - The Statutory Regulation of Tourist Accommodation submission by 06 January 2026
- Department of Finance Land Registration Legislation Project consultation submission by 12 January 2026
- Department for Communities Consultation on Disability and Work: A Strategy for Northern Ireland submission by 12 January 2026

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.

Seal Documents

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 6067 to 6077 inclusive; deed 5813 as an additional grave purchased later and not on original certificate,
- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding for Altnahinch Dam PEACEPLUS Walk (Ref L&D 250916, CM 251007)
- (iii) Keyholder Agreement – Green Lane Museum Roe Valley Country Park – Museum Services Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers Limited (LPSC 250903 CPR 250923 CM 251007)

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Councillor Kane and

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

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Councillor Watson

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

* **Public and Press were disconnected from the meeting at 8.27pm.**

**17. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025**

17.1 Ballycastle Shared Education Campus (Item 13.1)

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Following a discussion among Members, the Director of Leisure and Development advised that a meeting would be scheduled for all Members and that a report would be circulated to Members in advance of this.

17.2 Waterfoot Coastal Path Gabion Wall Repairs (Item 11)

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

The Director of Leisure and Development advised that she would communicate directly with Councillor MA McKillop to discuss the proposal.

17.3 Growth Deal Projects (Item 12)

Confidential by virtue of paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

In response to a query from Councillor Wisener, the Chief Executive provided an update to Members.

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.38pm.

Mayor