

**THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2026**

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		<b><i>therein approved, including the resolution at Item 8.1 above</i></b>
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<b>11.</b>	Matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel	<b><i>None</i></b>
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<b>13.</b>	Correspondence	<b><i>Noted</i></b>
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<b>16.</b>	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor McCully (abbrev. Dog control and provisions)	<b><i>Referred to Environmental Services Committee</i></b>
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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2026 AT 7.00 PM**

- In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor McMullan
- Members Present : Alderman Boyle, Brown Stewart, Callan, Coyle,  
Fielding, Knight-McQuillan, S McKillop, Scott  
  
Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, N Archibald,  
Callaghan, Chivers, Elder, Holmes, Huggins, Kane,  
Kennedy, Kyle, Mairs, McAuley, McCully, MA  
McKillop, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Schenning,  
Storey, Wallace, Watton, Wilson, Wisener
- Officers Present : M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services  
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services  
P Mulvenna, Director of Leisure and Development  
J Mills, Senior Acting Council Solicitor  
A Hamilton, Democratic and Central Services Manager (R)  
U Harper, Committee & Member Services Officer
- In Attendance: C McTaggart, 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.

**1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman McAuley, Councillor Bateson, Councillor McGlinchey, Councillor McGurk, Councillor Watson and Councillor Wilson.

**3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Councillor Wallace declared an Interest in Item 8, Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Wednesday 18 March 2026, in respect of Item 9 of the minutes, Community Festivals Fund. Having declared an Interest, Councillor Wallace did not leave the meeting during consideration of this Item.

During discussion of Item 8, Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Wednesday 18 March 2026, Councillor Chivers declared an Interest in respect of Item 9 of the minutes, Community Festivals Fund. Having declared an Interest, Councillor Chivers did not leave the meeting during consideration of this Item.

**4. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2026**

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

Proposed by Alderman Coyle  
Seconded by Councillor Peacock and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 March 2026 are confirmed as a correct record.

**5. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 28 JANUARY 2026**

Copy previously circulated, presented as read by the Mayor.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28 January 2026 are received and noted.

**6. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026**

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee, Alderman S McKillop.

Proposed by Alderman S McKillop  
Seconded by Councillor McAuley and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held Tuesday 10 March 2026 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**7. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026**

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Kyle  
Seconded by Alderman Scott and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held Thursday 12 March 2026 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

## **8. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026**

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chair of the Leisure and Development Committee, Councillor Anderson.

- \* **Councillor Wisener joined the meeting at 7.06pm during consideration of this Item.**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **8.1 PEACEPLUS Layde Path & Cottage Wood (Item 4)**

Councillor MA McKillop welcomed this project but expressed disappointment that the Ronan's Way project had not been progressed. She proposed that the Ronan's Way project be brought back to the project board for in-depth discussion. She stated that she had understood that a lease was to be brought to the Land and Property and Strategic Assets Sub Committee but this had not happened. She indicated that there was some confusion regarding the processes involved.

Councillor McShane seconded the proposal and stated that it would be useful to get further information about the processes involved. She expressed her appreciation for the work of the Funding Unit. She queried why the alternative cheaper option was not presented to the board and stated there should be more joined-up work across Council.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop  
Seconded by Councillor McShane and

**RESOLVED** – That the Ronan's Way project be brought back to the project board for further consideration.

#### **8.2 Adoption of the Minutes**

Proposed by Councillor Anderson  
Seconded by Councillor Kennedy and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Wednesday 18 March 2026 are adopted and recommendations therein approved, including the resolution at Item 8.1 above.

**9. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2026**

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chair of the Audit Committee, Councillor Schenning.

Councillor Mairs stated that the minutes should be amended to include her attendance.

Proposed by Councillor Schenning  
Seconded by Councillor Mairs and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held Thursday 19 March 2026 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**10. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026**

Copy, previously circulated, presented as read by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Chair, Councillor McShane.

Proposed by Councillor McShane  
Seconded by Councillor Watton and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 24 March 2026 are adopted and recommendations therein approved.

**11. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

**12. CONFERENCES**

There were no Conferences.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Report, previously circulated, was presented as read.

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to present correspondence for Members' consideration.

The following correspondence has been received:

#### **13.1 Joann Lynch, Private Secretary to the Minister for Health** (email dated 12 March 2026, copy previously circulated)

##### **Extract**

*On behalf of the Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, I thank you for your correspondence regarding the motion adopted by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on 03 February 2026.*

*The Minister fully recognises the need for patients requiring car T-cell therapy to have timely and compassionate access to treatment closer to home. The car T-cell therapy service in Galway University Hospital (GUH) is due to open in the coming months and the recruitment process is underway to appropriately manage these high acuity patients. Over the coming months, this treatment will be in its early stages of development and the substantial portion of treatment will continue to be met by St James's Hospital, Dublin (SJH) for the foreseeable future, before an increase in capacity is expected to be fully realised at GUH.*

*SJH currently operates 28 transplant capable beds. These beds are not ring-fenced for malignant haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) or car T-cell patients and are also used for non-malignant transplants and other complex therapies. At present, inpatient and day patient beds for medical oncology therapy are shared nationally across 26 systemic anti-cancer therapy (SACT) centres (including the Car T-cell services at SJH and GUH) and at present these centres are at capacity. The expansion of access to car T-cell therapy, including on a cross border or all island basis will be contingent on continued investment in additional capacity, staffing and infrastructure.*

*Given the similar health challenges faced by each jurisdiction, we are committed to working collaboratively to maximise the potential for service planning and delivery of cancer services in the future. Enhancing North-South cooperation will continue to be a priority for the Irish Government.*

##### **Recommendation**

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

Council NOTED the correspondence.

## 14. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

The following Consultation Documents were listed:

- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Have your Say on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2026-27 submission by 17 April 2026
- Department of Communities Consultation on Amendments to the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 submission by 27 April 2026
- HSENI Proposals for The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Repeals, Revocations and Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 submission by 11 May 2026
- Department of Finance Department of Finance Land Registration Fees Orders Consultation submission by 21 May 2026
- Department for the Economy Review of Mineral Licensing - Call for Evidence submission by 21 May 2026
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Draft Carer Strategy 2026-2031 submission by 22 May 2026
- Northern Ireland Policing Board Public Consultation on Rural NI: Our New Approach 2026-2041 / Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs submission by 24 May 2026
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust Publication of EQIA for Draft Budget submission by 1 June 2026
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Public Consultation on Rural NI: Our New Approach 2026-2041 submission by 1 June 2026
- The Executive Office Consultation on the Framework for Race Relations submission by 3 June 2026
- Department of Education Consultation on Restrictive Interventions: Guidance for educational settings submission by 4 June 2026
- Department for Infrastructure Public consultation on Taxis in Bus lanes Experimental Traffic Control Scheme submission by 10 June 2026
- Ulster University Equality Screening submission by 10 July 2026

Councillor Storey stated that, as a Member of the Planning Committee, he wanted the Department for the Economy Review of Mineral Licensing - Call for Evidence to be referred to the Planning Department for consideration. He stated that although there is no reference to lignite in the proposal, it is worth the Planning Department looking at the proposal to ensure that there is no adverse effect or unintended consequence in respect of lignite.

Proposed by Councillor Storey  
Seconded by Councillor Kennedy and

**RESOLVED** – that the Department for the Economy Review of Mineral Licensing - Call for Evidence be referred to the Planning Department for consideration.

Council NOTED the Consultation Schedule.

## 15. 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 6163 to 6176 inclusive, 4177 reissue after transfer of rights, 2363 reissue of duplicate deed;
- (ii) Boundary Agreement – Lands at Craiglea Gardens Park, Kilrea – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Colm Joseph Mullin & Anne Marie Mullin – Amendment to the boundaries between Folio 7314 County Londonderry and Folio LY11033 County Londonderry (LPSASC – 260204, CPR – 260224, CM – 260303).
- (iii) Commercial Lease relating to the premises known as the Cottage, Castlerock – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Royal National Lifeboat Institution (L&PSASC – 250903, CP&R 250923, CM – 251007).
- (iv) Memorandum of Sale - Gap Site at New Market Street Coleraine (L&PSA SC – 260204, CP&R 260224, CM 260303) (Retrospective)
- (v) Form 11 Transfer Deed- Gap Site at New Market Street Coleraine (L&PSASC – 260204, CP&R 260224, CM 260303) (Retrospective)
- (vi) Lease relating to a Substation Site at Abbey Street, Stable Lane, Coleraine – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited (L&PSASC – 260107, CPR – 260127, CM – 260203).
- (vii) Deed of Surrender relating to Folio LY124692, Abbey Street, Stable Lane, Coleraine – Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited (L&PSASC – 260107, CPR – 260127, CM – 260203).

Proposed by Alderman Callan

Seconded by Alderman S McKillop and

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

## 16. Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor McCully:

*That this Council*

- *Acknowledges the important role dogs play as companion animals, and notes the concerns raised by residents regarding dogs being allowed off-lead in Riverside Park and Megaw Park, Ballymoney, particularly for:*
  - *people with disabilities, reduced mobility, and visual impairment,*
  - *those with allergies to dogs, and*
  - *adults and children with a fear of dogs;*
- *Recognises the importance of safe, designated spaces where dogs can exercise off-lead, and the need to balance the needs of all park users;*
- *Notes that while signage is currently in place within these parks stating that dogs should be kept on leads, these instructions are not supported by enforceable Dog Control Orders; and*
- *Resolves to:*
  - *initiate the process of introducing Dog Control Orders requiring dogs to be kept on leads in Riverside Park and Megaw Park, except within the designated dog-run areas.*
  - *undertake a scoping exercise to assess options for upgrading dog-run facilities in both, ensuring they are safe and secure, appropriately designed for different breed sizes, and provide stimulating environments for dogs to exercise and play.*
  - *engage with local residents, including those directly affected by off-lead dogs and with dog owners, to ensure the approach taken is fair, balanced, and reflective of community needs.*

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

**17. Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Bateson seconded by Councillor C Archibald:**

*This Council recognises the need for improved, accessible, all-weather sports and recreational facilities in Kilrea, particularly to support young people, local clubs, and wider community wellbeing.*

*Accordingly, Council agrees to include the development of an artificial surface playing field at Craiglea Gardens, Kilrea, within its Capital Projects Programme going forward.*

*Council further commits to undertaking the necessary feasibility work, engaging with local stakeholders, and exploring external funding opportunities to help progress and deliver this important community facility.*

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

This being all the business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.14pm.

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Mayor