

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016**

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20	Enterprise Zone	<i>Approve recommendation subject to Financial close with the anchor tenant</i>
21	Caravan Parks Performance Review 2016	<i>For Information</i>
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23	Notice of Motion submitted and proposed by Councillor Fielding, seconded by Councillor Clarke referred from 22 nd November 2016 Council Meeting.	<i>Defer to next committee meeting</i>
24	Any other relevant business notified in accordance with Standing Order 12. 1. That members be updated on any future plans for regional colleges in the council area. 2. That this council looks at options, including cost and working with the University of Ulster, in creating a Christmas marketing advert for this council area.	<i>Invite NRC Chief Executive to update Council Look at options, including cost and working with the University of Ulster, in creating a Christmas marketing advert, 2017</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016 AT 7:00 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor Boyd Douglas
- Members Present** : Aldermen Hickey, Hillis
Councillors Clarke, Deighan, Holmes, Knight-McQuillan,
McCandless, McCorkell, McKillop, McLean, C McShane,
Nicholl, Stevenson and Wilson
- Officers Present** : R Baker, Director, Leisure & Development
P Caldwell, Capital Projects Manager
J Gray, Strategic Programme and Projects Manager
S McCartney, General Manager, Caravan Parks
W McCullough, Head of Leisure, Wellbeing & Sport
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager
L Steele, Tourism & Marketing Officer
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services
- In Attendance** : K McGaughan, Advantage Fundraising Solutions
P Beattie, Head of Prosperity & Place
M Edgar, Cultural Services Manager
N Harkness, SIB Project Manager
K McGonigle, Tourism Destination Manager
- Press (1 no.)

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2016

The Chair advised the Minutes of the above meeting were adopted by Council on 22 November 2016.

4. TOURISM MARKETING ACTIVITIES FOR 2017/2018

Committee received a Powerpoint presentation from Officers on Tourism Marketing activities and Campaigns for 2017/2018 and responded at length to comments and queries from Elected Members concerning the Tourism Marketing Budget; the lasting legacy of The Open; Stakeholder engagement and Partnership working towards opportunities and exciting challenges ahead for Tourism in the Borough.

* **Councillor C McShane arrived at the meeting at 7.20 PM.**

5. CAUSEWAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Report circulated. The Funding Unit Manager presented via PowerPoint.

Committee was presented with a report to recommend progression of the development of a community foundation for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.

The report concluded, the establishment of a dedicated Community Foundation offers a unique opportunity to harness and maximise the emotional attachment to attract local, regional, national and international, private and corporate High Net Worth financial support to be able to address social and economic needs. It would provide a proactive opportunity for regional, national and international entrepreneurs to propose project ideas and concepts that could help to socially and economically improve the lives of residents within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.

With regard to the strategic development and management of a suitable funding mechanism, the key priority is initially to be able to identify and establish an effective Board with the commitment, dedication and gravitas to be able to persuade and influence identified high net worth individual and corporate donors to give their financial support.

It is recommended that Council progress to the next phase for the development of the Causeway Community Foundation with 50% of the associated costs to be included in next year's Funding Unit budget. The Funding Unit will also source external sources of funding to help alleviate any cost to Council.

K McGaughan, Advantage Solutions, responded to Elected member comments.

Proposed by Councillor C McShane

Seconded by Councillor Deighan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council progress to the next phase for the development of the Causeway Community Foundation with 50% of the associated costs to be included in next year's Funding Unit budget. The

Funding Unit will also source external sources of funding to help alleviate any cost to Council.

The Director agreed to look at the name of the Foundation to include Causeway Coast and Glens.

6. CUSHENDUN CARAVAN PARK IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Report circulated, to request permission to progress the project to Stage 1 of the Capital Programme Management System (Scoping, Feasibility and Outline Business Costs).

Further to an initial condition survey at Cushendun Caravan Park, defects have been identified which give rise to health and safety, and efficiency concerns in relation to customers' use of the toilet block facilities.

A series of preliminary design options will be developed to address the stated defects and estimate anticipated repair costs. The construction of the building makes it difficult to carry out basic / quick remedies to increase the overall rating and user satisfaction therefore the options being appraised may be, but are not limited to:

- Carry out upgrade works to improve quality.
- Demolish and rebuild to the required specification befitting the caravan park.

A full report will be brought to Members in due course to allow a further investment decision to be made.

It is recommended Council approve; Progression of this project to Stage 1 of the Capital Programme Management System (Scoping, Feasibility and the production of Outline Business Costs) and the preparation of a Final Business Case.

Proposed by Councillor MA McKillop

Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve; Progression of this project to Stage 1 of the Capital Programme Management System (Scoping, Feasibility and the production of Outline Business Costs) and the preparation of a Final Business Case.

7. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR CENTRE PROVISION

Report circulated to seek Council approval for the Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision in the Borough.

The draft Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision, circulated, provides an information gathering and assessment toolkit in order to allow informed decision making to take place.

The Vision that has been developed for Community Centre provision in the Borough is:

To have shared, welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose community centres which provide a range of activities and services to address the needs of all sections of the community.

Standards with which to measure community centres provision have been developed as follows:

Standard 1	Travel time:	A community centre located within 10 minutes' drive time in a rural area or 10 minutes' walk time in an urban area of every settlement.
Standard 2	Open to all section 75 groups:	A Community Centre that is open and available for use by all sections of the community.
Standard 3	Neutral/shared/welcoming:	A centre with no emblems, murals or paraphernalia that would be generally perceived as unwelcoming.
Standard 4	Available:	A centre which is available to use/book and is not constantly oversubscribed.
Standard 5	Affordable:	The rate of hire does not preclude anyone who wishes to use the centre from doing so.
Standard 6	Fit for Purpose:	A community centre with suitable and quality spaces for the activities/services that are needed in the area and also in a good state of repair.
Standard 7	Activity programme:	A community centre that is not just a hall for hire but within which a range of services and activities is provided.

Additionally, the Framework lays out the approach that should be taken in order to assess current provision in an area:

- Identify and map the current supply of all facilities in an area – this should include Council owned centres; community owned centres, church halls, Scout halls, Orange halls, British Legion halls, schools, sports clubs etc.
- Carry out an area profile in terms of population, catchment population, socio economic profile, religious profile, age profile, no. of groups in the area etc.
- Undertake a survey of users and potential users around how they use the centres, how satisfied they are with the centres, how far they travel, how accessible they find them etc.
- Assess each individual facility as identified in the mapping exercise, against the Standards.

The Framework also lays out the ways in which Council can provide support and help to address gaps in community centre provision. These include:

A	B	C	D	E	F
<p>Open up existing facilities in an area to new users</p> <p>Improve the accessibility and quality of existing facilities in an area and ensure they are better utilised through support provided by Community Development team to voluntary community centre providers who wish to open up and promote their facilities to new users.</p>	<p>Providing programming support to existing centres</p> <p>Support groups to increase the engagement of people in their facilities and create increased demand through developmental programming.</p> <p>Provide support to voluntary management groups in relation to management and governance and financial viability of the facilities.</p>	<p>Support community provision through subsidising running costs</p> <p>Provide financial support through Community Development Support Grant to subsidise running costs of community provided centres in order to ensure that facilities are affordable to use and able to develop improved programmes of activities/service.</p> <p>Provide financial support to local groups towards the cost of venue hire for their activities.</p>	<p>Provide capital grant to third party community centre provision</p> <p>Consider the provision of financial assistance to voluntary organisations through Council's Capital Grants Programme for renovation/extension of existing space or new build.</p> <p>Provide support through Community Development/Funding Unit to source full funding package for community buildings.</p> <p>Provide support through to voluntary organisations to ensure good governance in the operation of the new/renovated/ extended centre.</p>	<p>Capital investment in existing Council owned community centre</p> <p>Council has a responsibility for its existing stock and renovates /extends existing Council owned centres and promotes the use of the centre through engagement with local community.</p> <p>The focus here should be on multi-functional facilities and building relationships with other services providers to widen the usage of these facilities.</p>	<p>Dispose of the asset</p> <p>If a need has not been identified and there is a surplus in the supply of facilities and a Council owned facility becomes not fit for purpose, then an option to dispose of the asset should possibly be considered.</p>

It is recommended that Council consider approving the Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision, circulated.

► Councillor Stevenson sought additional time with which to read the document.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson

Seconded by Councillor C McShane

- to recommend that Council approve the Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision, circulated.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by Councillor McLean

-to recommend that Council defer consideration for one month.

The Chair put the amendment to the Committee to vote, 6 members voted for, 8 members voted against, the Chair declared the amendment fallen.

The Chair put the substantive motion to the Committee to vote, 8 members voted for, 6 members voted against, the Chair declared the Motion carried.

AGREED - to recommend that Council approve the Strategic Framework for Community Centre Provision, circulated.

8. GARVAGH MUSEUM

Report circulated, to consider options for the continuation of financial support to Garvagh Museum, to assist Council in meeting its strategic aims and objectives as detailed in the Cultural Strategy 2016-21.

The Council has recently developed a new Cultural Strategy 2016-21 with five key themes and strategic aims. The work which Garvagh Museum is currently engaged in and has planned for 2016-17, subject to funding, provides an opportunity for Council to work in partnership with the Museum, through a service based contract, to meet the strategic aims, circulated.

Garvagh Museum will be required as part of a service contract with Council:

1. To deliver on the agreed targets which will assist Council to deliver services and activities within its Cultural Strategy and Business Plan 2016-17 as per above.
2. To attend regular meetings with Cultural Services Officers.
3. To comply with Cultural Services monitoring and evaluation requirements.

It is recommended that Council award a service contract to Garvagh Museum to the value of £7000 in order to provide a range of agreed community based museum services and activities for local communities within the Borough, assisting Council to meet its service objectives as set out in the Cultural Strategy 2016-21.

Councillor Holmes sought clarification of the proposed funding period, and that the Target Visitor figure should be reduced from 6,500 to 5,000 Visitors.

The Head of Community and Culture advised the recommendation was £7,000 for a 12 month rolling period.

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

AGREED – to recommend that Council award a service contract to Garvagh Museum to the value of £7,500 per annum for 5 years in order to provide a

range of agreed community based museum services and activities for local communities within the Borough, assisting Council to meet its service objectives as set out in the Cultural Strategy 2016-21; and to amend the target to 5,000 Visitors.

9. GARVAGH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Committee was presented with a report to consider a request received from Garvagh Development Trust (GDT) in relation to financial support for 2017-18 and to consider the options for providing support to GDT.

In terms of options relating to this request, there are no current grant programmes that accommodates the level of intervention requested. The options provided therefore, save the first option, would result in Council agreeing another course of action, operating outside of the agreed grant policy.

Options for 2017-18 period may therefore include:

1. Direct GDT to apply for the maximum grant award of £2,000 available through the Community Development Grant Programme support provided by Community Development team and through the Sustainability Mentoring Programme to explore financial planning, increasing income and sourcing alternative funding, in effect develop a sustainability plan.
2. Provide financial assistance of £9,000, reflective of the amount provided within the 2015-16 period. Assistance provided would be subject to successful assessment against the criteria for the Community Development Support Grant Programme, and on the condition that the organisation participate in Council's Community Development Sustainability Mentoring Programme, and in doing so, develop a sustainability plan which would subsequently be presented to Council.
3. Provide an agreed reduced level of financial assistance to be determined by Council, subject to successful assessment against the criteria for the Community Development Support Grant Programme. Assistance provided would be subject to successful assessment against the criteria for the Community Development Support Grant Programme, and on the condition that the organisation participate in Council's Community Development Sustainability Mentoring Programme, and in doing so, develop a sustainability plan which would subsequently be presented to Council.

It is recommended that Council considers the options presented within the report and agrees a course of action.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan spoke in support of the widespread reach of the Garvagh Community Building in comparison to other financially funded Community Centres within the Borough.

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan

Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

AGREED – to recommend that Council provide financial assistance of £10,000. Assistance provided would be subject to successful assessment against the criteria for the Community Development Support Grant Programme, and on the condition that the organisation participate in Council’s Community Development Sustainability Mentoring Programme, and in doing so, develop a sustainability plan which would subsequently be presented to Council.

10. THE CRESCENT PORTSTEWART

Report circulated to request permission to progress the project to Stage 2 of the Capital Programme Management System to improve the recreational play activities available at The Crescent, Portstewart.

A subsequent report will be brought back to Council, to inform the Investment Decision.

At a previous Council meeting it had been noted that plans would be developed to revise the water play provision on site in time for the 2017 Summer Season with details to be taken to the Leisure & Development committee for approval prior to any implementation.

Officers will continue to make progress on developing a more robust and longer-term development plan for the Crescent and explore potential external funding sources. Following consultation with key stakeholders such plans will be brought back to Council for approval.

Equipment (furniture & seating)	£30,000
Renovation of existing paddle pool	£20,000
Coring to sea wall – for pool filling	£3,000
Infill & concrete of boat pool	£20,000
Prelims	£8,000
Contingency	£4,000
Total budget cost	£85,000

Subject to Council approval, the aforementioned work could progress in Q1 of 2017 and scheduled for completion prior to the Irish Open Golf Tournament in July 2017.

The scheme is to be considered a short – medium term option, capable of serving the needs of the users of the recreation play area for minimally 3 - 5 years whilst Council considers longer-term options for the site.

It is recommended that Council consider the progression of the project to Stage 2 of the Capital Programme Management System, i.e. detailed design and procurement of a contractor.

Proposed by Councillor McLean

Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

AGREED – to recommend that Council agree the progression of the project to Stage 2 of the Capital Programme Management System, i.e. detailed design and procurement of a contractor.

11. THE FOOD NETWORK

Committee received a detailed information report with a final overview of Year of Food and Drink activity, outlining how this will move forward into the next legacy years.

The Prosperity and Place pillar, within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council had formally launched the Causeway Coast & Glens Food Network at the end of February 2016. The aim of the Network is to showcase and support the local food and drink industry, and also to support the industry through networking, training and signposting. The Network is a collective of food and drink producers, chefs and the wider food and drinks industry in the Causeway Coast and Glens area, who are passionate about the produce they grow, make and serve. The Network is used to make connections along the food supply chain, from farm to fork. In the future, it is hoped that the Causeway Coast and Glens Food Network will help build the area's reputation as a culinary destination, to go alongside our world class tourism destination.

12. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT INITIATIVE

Committee received an information report detailing Coleraine Town Team (CTT) progression with the proposal to introduce a Business Improvement District (BID) for Coleraine Town Centre, itemised as part of the Town Centre Management function, which sits under the Place & Prosperity Service Area of the Leisure and Development Directorate.

A BID is a business led initiative within a defined geographical area, in this case Coleraine Town Centre, which will identify actions for additional improvements which are funded via an additional mandatory levy collected through the rates system.

The Business Improvement Districts Act (NI) received Royal Assent on 21 March 2013 and secondary legislation was implemented in 2014. This has allowed businesses in Northern Ireland to work with their local councils to establish BIDs on a statutory, rather than voluntary, basis.

The BID process takes an average of 12-18 months to establish and to date 6 towns within NI have successfully gained a YES vote for their BID [Ballymena, Strabane, Newry, Belfast One, Belfast Cathedral Quarter, Enniskillen]. Coleraine Town Team will be adopting the 3 step approach identified as part of the NI BIDS Academy pilot programme introduced by the legacy Department for Social Development and facilitated by NI BIDs Company.

Phase	Estimated timeframe	Estimated cost
Foundation Phase	months 0 - 3	£7-10k
Development Phase	months 4 -10 [+/- 6mths]	£60K
Campaign Phase	months 11-12	

CTT will be starting the Foundation Phase of the process and will complete the following actions during the period January to March 2017:

- Engage NI BIDs Company to assist in the Foundation Phase of the Coleraine BID development to include the following:
 - Partnership Review.
 - Development of database and information system.
 - Conduct feasibility study.
 - Identify resources and costs.
- Set up the Coleraine BID company.

As per the business plan for this year, staff will move ahead with the initial phase of BIDs as outlined above.

13. FESTIVE FUND GRANTS

Committee was updated on the grants awarded to those organisations who applied for grant aid to help them celebrate Christmas.

With the assistance of the Funding Unit and by using Council's online funding Hub, invitations for the competitive process were issued. To be eligible to apply, organisations had to be from within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks on the afternoon of 9th November 2016. 21 applications were passed for scoring. The grant assessment panel met on 10th November 2016 to score the applications. The applications were assessed against the criteria above, as stated in the guidance notes. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be recommended for funding, in line with Council's grant funding policy.

No of applications received	23
No of applications eligible for funding	21
No of unsuccessful applications	2

A summary of the applications received and grant awarded were provided.

14. CAUSEWAY COAST WAY WALKING ROUTE

Report circulated detailing information on the potential upgrade of the Causeway Coast Way. The Head of Tourism & Recreation presented via PowerPoint.

The majority of the route is off-road, following coastal paths, beaches and cliff paths. Signage, way markers and interpretation panels have been installed at strategic locations to guide and inform potential users. Undoubtedly, some sections of the Causeway Coast Way are among the most stunning coastal walks in the British Isles.

However, significant sections of the route remain on-road, most notably the section from Whiterocks to Portballintrae, and the section from Carrick-a-Rede to Ballycastle.

In order for this route to be classed and marketed as a truly high quality international walking trail, Council officers believe it is imperative that efforts must be made to create more off-road sections, thus reducing the amount of on-road walking to an absolute minimum.

With reference to the above, opportunities currently exist to explore the feasibility of creating new off-road sections of the Causeway Coast Way. Upgraded Trail Heads, the creation of new coastal paths on current farm land, development of permissive path agreements and improvements to existing sections are all examples of works that could be implemented to improve the overall walking experience.

In order to develop the existing Causeway Coast Way (CCW) walking experience to create a truly high quality international walking product, officers will bring a detailed paper back to Council in early 2017, exploring further options and the feasibility of delivering the above opportunity.

Members voiced their support for the initiative and looked forward to further information being brought back in due course.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL

Committee was provided with an update in relation to the Department for Communities Urban Regeneration & Community Development transfer of powers to Councils, particularly in relation to Neighbourhood Renewal.

Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships have recently received correspondence from the Department for Communities on behalf of the Minister for Communities, Mr Paul Givan, MLA, who made a statement to the Assembly on 22 November. The Statement advised of the Minister's decision not to progress the Regeneration Bill in this mandate. The Minister also announced reviews of the Department's current strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal and of the population thresholds for physical regeneration programmes.

Regeneration powers currently sit with the Department for Communities. However, through the Reform of Local Government, it had been agreed that these would be extended to the new Councils but this was unable to progress within the mandate of the previous Assembly.

In the intervening period new Central Government Departments have been established with a broader range of functions and a new approach to the Programme for Government has been adopted by the NI Executive.

The Minister stated that the Programme for Government provided a new context for the delivery of the Department's services, including the way in which they address poverty and disadvantage. Furthermore the Minister announced that it is his intention to review the current strategies for tackling deprivation, with a view to replacing them with a programme that will be more closely aligned to support the delivery of the new Programme for Government outcomes, indicating the importance of ensuring that any new programme builds on and does not lose the real benefits of the existing programme.

Assurance was provided that there would be no sudden change to the delivery of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme but rather existing arrangements would remain in place until the review is complete. The Department confirmed within their correspondence that the process would likely take eighteen months to two years to complete and that development of proposals would be informed by widespread consultation, including consultation with existing Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships.

16. COMMISSION FOR FLAGS, IDENTITY, CULTURE AND TRADITION

Information report circulated.

The Stormont House Agreement provided that a Commission on Flags, Identity, Culture and Tradition would be appointed and would comprise 15 members. Seven have been appointed by the leaders of the five largest political parties with

the remaining eight drawn from outside of Government. This was reaffirmed in 'A Fresh Start'.

The Commission has been established to take forward a programme of work which will include:

- Scoping the range, extent and nature of issues relating to flags, identity, culture and tradition;
- Mapping the benefits and opportunities in terms of flags and related issues whilst also highlighting where challenges remain; and
- Producing a report and recommendations on the way forward.

As part of its role the Commission will:

- Identify and acknowledge the opportunities presented by having a rich diverse community in which cultural expression can be celebrated;
- Consult with the established and new elements of our community;
- Identify key areas of commonality as well as difference;
- Consult with the UK and Irish governments as appropriate, should its work touch on the expression of sovereignty, national identity and political allegiance in a divided society; and
- Encourage shared learning, active listening and understanding in a meaningful way across traditional boundaries.

It will also examine and seek to co-design with all sections of our community innovative solutions to address:

- The divisive nature of displays and expression of identity;
- Specific contentious instances-events;
- Sources of conflict which arise in displays and expression of cultural identity and in some cases sovereignty, national identity and allegiance and which compound the reality of living in a contested society;
- An agreed protocol around public flag displays; and
- Displays and expressions of identity, or objection to such displays and expressions being used to provoke.

The Secretariat to support the Commission is provided from within the Executive Office.

The Commission are currently hosting a number of stakeholder engagement events across Northern Ireland, gathering views in relation to Flags, Identity, Culture and Tradition. It is seeking written submissions as well as hosting a range of public and sectorial meetings as detailed below.

Questions being asked by the commission are:

- In your opinion how can we ensure that in Northern Ireland we develop a rich diverse community in which cultural expression can be celebrated?
- Do you have any examples of positive practice in relation to display of flags, identity, culture and tradition that have been accepted in a positive manner by communities of different backgrounds and traditions?
- What do you consider are the issues in respect of flags, identity, culture and tradition in your community or within Northern Ireland as a whole?
- What barriers presently exist to making progress to become a society that understands and accepts different cultures and expressions of these?

Details of events were provided.

It is anticipated that further feedback will be provided to Councils and other stakeholders following the stakeholder and public engagement process.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 Community Asset Transfer of the Former Garvagh High School, Garvagh

Committee noted the correspondence, circulated.

The Director of Leisure & Development advised that, in line with current practice, to act as a Sponsor, Council would write back seeking evidence of a Business Plan in order to confirm the Project was viable and sustainable.

17.2 Department for Infrastructure – Small Grants Programme for Greenways competition

Committee noted the correspondence, circulated.

18. TRANSLINK – NORTH-WEST MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT HUB PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The closing date for consultation feedback is Friday 20 January 2017.

Committee noted the Consultation Document, circulated.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by Councillor McKillop and

AGREED - that the committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

- * **Councillor Wilson had left the meeting.**
- * **Alderman Hickey arrived at the meeting at 9 PM.**

19. WATER WORLD

Report circulated.

Committee was presented with a confidential report to update Members on the progress that has been made in relation to Waterworld and a recommendation was presented on the next steps.

It is recommended that Members are asked to consider the option: subject to signature of the Dunluce Centre Development Contract (Agreement for Lease), Water World be declared surplus and be brought before Corporate Policy and Resource Committee for consideration in respect of Capital Asset Disposal – that being registration for the “D1” – Public Sector Clearing House arrangements in accordance with Department of Finance Central Advisory Unit Guidance followed by advertisement for sale on the Open Market.

Proposed by Alderman Hickey

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

- to recommend that Council, subject to signature of the Dunluce Centre Development Contract (Agreement for Lease), Water World be declared surplus and be brought before Corporate Policy and Resource Committee for consideration in respect of Capital Asset Disposal – that being registration for the “D1” – Public Sector Clearing House arrangements in accordance with Department of Finance Central Advisory Unit Guidance followed by advertisement for sale on the Open Market; whilst retaining Water World open for 2017 summer season to 31 August 2017.

Councillor Clarke called a recorded vote.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Stevenson and

AGREED - that the committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, 7 Members voted for, 6 Members voted against, 1 Member abstained:

For: Alderman Hickey
(7) Councillors Deighan, Holmes, McCandless, MA McKillop, C McShane, Nicholl

Against: Councillors Clarke, Douglas, Knight-McQuillan, McCorkell, McLean, Stevenson
(6)

Abstain: Alderman Hillis
(1)

The Chair declared the proposal carried.

AGREED - to recommend that Council, subject to signature of the Dunluce Centre Development Contract (Agreement for Lease), Water World be declared surplus and be brought before Corporate Policy and Resource Committee for consideration in respect of Capital Asset Disposal – that being registration for the “D1” – Public Sector Clearing House arrangements in accordance with Department of Finance Central Advisory Unit Guidance followed by advertisement for sale on the Open Market; whilst retaining Water World open for 2017 summer season to 31 August 2017.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl

Seconded by Councillor Holmes and

AGREED - that the committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

* **Councillor C McShane left the meeting at 10.10 PM.**

20. ENTERPRISE ZONE

Report circulated.

It is recommended that Members approve the following, subject to Financial Close with the anchor tenant and the consequent purchase of the Enterprise Zone site from Ulster University;

Officers are to complete and issue to open market a Development Brief for the remaining 12 acres of the Enterprise Zone site based on the following principles;

- A broad scope for development proposals on the site within the context of the Digital and Creative Economy as per the Enterprise Zone Business Case and Council Policy
- Specific criteria, which the proposals will be evaluated against including;
 - Relevance to and compliance with the scope.
 - Viability and sustainability of the proposal.
 - Experience of the Bidder.
 - Job creation and economic benefits to the area.
 - Proof of bidder funds and appropriate Financial Securities to Council.
 - A financial offer that achieves cost recovery and maximises return on investment for Council.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Alderman Hickey and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the following, subject to Financial Close with the anchor tenant and the consequent purchase of the Enterprise Zone site from Ulster University;

Officers are to complete and issue to open market a Development Brief for the remaining 12 acres of the Enterprise Zone site based on the following principles;

- A broad scope for development proposals on the site within the context of the Digital and Creative Economy as per the Enterprise Zone Business Case and Council Policy
- Specific criteria, which the proposals will be evaluated against including;
 - Relevance to and compliance with the scope.
 - Viability and sustainability of the proposal.
 - Experience of the Bidder.
 - Job creation and economic benefits to the area.
 - Proof of bidder funds and appropriate Financial Securities to Council.
 - A financial offer that achieves cost recovery and maximises return on investment for Council.

21. CARAVAN PARKS PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2016

Committee was provided with a confidential information report to provide information in relation to the commercial management of the Council's Caravan Parks during the 2016 season.

22. CARAVAN PARKS FEES AND CHARGES

Committee was provided with a confidential report setting the conditions for consistent and effective commercial management of the Council Caravan sites, presenting the review of Fees and Charges for the 2017 / 2018 Season.

It is recommended that Council approve;

- A revision of fees and charges for static and non-static accommodation at the Council's Holiday and Leisure Parks for the coming 2017-2018 season.

Proposed by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by councillor McCandless and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve an increase of 1% for static and recommended table of charges for non-static.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

AGREED - that the committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public.

23. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FIELDING, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CLARKE REFERRED FROM 22ND NOVEMBER 2016 COUNCIL MEETING.

'That this Council considers the benefits of the Education Authority retaining the Bushmills Outdoor Education Centre; and submits a suitable response outlining the Council's position to the Education Authority within the consultation period'.

AGREED – to defer consideration to the January 2017 Committee Meeting.

24. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12. (O)

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (o), Councillor Stevenson gave notice of Items to be considered under Any Other Relevant Business:

Councillor I Stevenson

1. *That members be updated on any future plans for regional colleges in the council area.*

The Director of Leisure & Development stated he would write to the Chief Executive of Northern Regional College to invite to update Council.

2. *That this council looks at options, including cost and working with the University of Ulster, in creating a Christmas marketing advert for this council area.*

Proposed by Councillor Stevenson

Seconded by Councillor McLean and

AGREED – to recommend that Council looks at options, including cost and working with the University of Ulster, in creating a Christmas marketing advert for this council area for 2017.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10.50 PM

Chair