

THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024

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(ii)	Agreement relating to Car Loan, Employee number 360/5081;	
(iii)	Form of Deed, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme, Drumsum Community Centre Modular Unit (Design & Build) Option 1, Stage 2 Process – ITT (Ref L&D 240123/CM 240206)	
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16.	Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Schenning, seconded by Councillor MA McKillop (right to Food Motion)	<i>Referred to Leisure and Development Committee</i>
17.	Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Fielding, seconded by Alderman S McKillop (LINK Network)	<i>Referred to Leisure and Development Committee</i>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024
AT 7.00PM**

In the Chair : The Mayor, Councillor McQuillan

Present : Alderman Boyle, Callan, Coyle, Fielding, Hunter,
Knight-McQuillan, John McAuley, Scott, Stewart

Councillors C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson, Callaghan,
Chivers, Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kyle, Mairs, Jonathan
McAuley, McCully, McGurk, MA McKillop, McMullan,
McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Stirling, Storey, Wallace, Watson,
Watton, Wilson, Wisener

Officers Present : D Jackson, Chief Executive
M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services
P Mulvenna, Director of Leisure and Development
A McPeake, Director of Environmental Services
D Wright, Chief Finance Officer
D Hunter, Council Solicitor
J Keen, Committee and Member Services Officer
I Owens, Committee and Member Services Officer (R)

In attendance : Dr Steve Blockwell, Head of Investment Management,
Engineering & Sustainability Directorate, NI Water
Angela Halpenny, Head of Environmental Regulation,
Engineering & Sustainability Directorate, NI Water
V Crozier, NI Water (R)
M McCartney, NI Water (R)

A Lennox, Mobile Operations Officer

Press, 3 no. (R)

Key – (R) = Attended Remotely

1. THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS

The Mayor stated:

"Today was my first day as Mayor. I attended the Volunteer Week celebration event in Magilligan and The Honourable The Irish Society Meeting".

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor Kennedy, Councillor McGlinchey and Councillor Schenning.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Chivers declared an interest in Item 15 Seal Documents Form of Deed, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Covid Recovery Small Settlements Regeneration Programme, Drumsurn Community Centre Modular Unit (Design & Build) Option 1, Stage 2 Process – ITT (Ref L&D 240123/CM 240206). Councillor Chivers did not leave the meeting during consideration of the Item.

- * **Councillor MA McKillop joined the meeting at 7.07pm during consideration of this item.**
- * **Councillor McShane joined the meeting at 7.10pm during consideration of this item.**
- * **Councillor Holmes joined the meeting at 7.13pm during consideration of this item.**

4. DEPUTATION – NI WATER, DR STEVE BLOCKWELL, HEAD OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, ENGINEERING & SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTORATE AND ANGELA HALPENNY, HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION, ENGINEERING & SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTORATE, IN ATTENDANCE

The Mayor invited Dr Steve Blockwell, and Angela Halpenny, to address Council.

Dr Blockwell extended thanks for the opportunity to present to Council and introduced himself and Angela Halpenny, Head of Environmental Regulation, Engineering & Sustainability Directorate. He stated this presentation would provide a basic understanding of Northern Ireland's Public Water utility, what NI Water does and the challenges they are facing.

Dr Blockwell stated NI Water was established in 2007 as a regulatory utility and a Government company. They are a stand alone company with a Board of Directors and are subject to independent regulation. NI Water produces 6 year business plans which are scrutinised by the independent utility regulator and the current price control period is called PC21, this runs from 1st April 2021 to 31 March 2027. NI Water are an efficient company having transformed from a Government which has returned more than £1bn to the public purse since its inception.

Dr Blockwell explained there are 24 treatment works that produce 605 million litres of treated water every day that is consumed by over 910k households and businesses, this is supplied by 367 service reservoirs, over 350 pumping stations and over 27km of water mains. In relation to waste water, NI Water collect 362m litres per day from 743k households and businesses through a network of 6.5k sewers using 1300 pumping stations. The waste water is treated in over 1000 treatment works and recycled safely into the environment. NI Water are Northern Ireland's largest user of electricity due to moving the water around the country and powering the water and waste water treatment processes. Every part of the infrastructure network has a

finite capacity, most of NI Water's assets are legacy from decades ago. Dr Blockwell highlighted that there are safety valves on the sewer network which only operate during storms, they are there to safeguard homes, businesses and hospitals from sewerage backing up in the network during wet weather events.

Dr Blockwell explained NI Water's Fat Oil and Grease (FOG) campaign. NI Water are asking Council to support this campaign by raising awareness of the environmental harm and damage caused by fats, oils and grease on equipment. The '*Stop and Think! Not down the sink*' message encourages everyone to stop and think about how they dispose of their fats, oils and grease appropriately and business owners to ensure their grease traps are working correctly. Councils can support NI Water by imposing requirements for grease management systems to be in place and maintained when issuing planning approvals. There are potential opportunities for wider regulation for premises to incorporate fat, oil and grease management when undertaking food hygiene inspections.

NI Water has and continues to work with Council Planners regarding the Local Development Plan, are familiar with the Council's vision and goals which include facilitating the development of 9,000 homes and the creation of between 6,000 and 8,600 new jobs. In order to support housing growth and economic development, there is a requirement for a clean, safe, public water supply to all the new homes and jobs and a connection to an efficient and modern waste water and drainage system in order that waste water can be conveyed, treated and returned safely to the environment without causing pollution.

Dr Blockwell provided examples of large water and waste water capital investment schemes that have either been completed or largely completed in the Borough, specifically referring to works at Ballinrees, situated south west Coleraine and in Kilrea. At Ballinrees, NI Water can assess and select the appropriate technology to deal with the pesticide and herbicide issues which occur on a seasonal basis. In Kilrea the current infrastructure is beyond its expected lifespan, it is being upgraded to serve the Kilrea catchment area.

Dr Blockwell explained the PC21 proposed Key Investment and highlighted the work being completed, what is planned and the cost. One of the main challenges is development due to economic constraints and where waste water capacity issues can affect the growth of towns and cities across the country. Dr Blockwell stated NI Water are doing a number of things to address the challenges. One is maximising the current infrastructure, for example the most common, looking for storm water and taking it out of the system to free up capacity for foul sewerage. There are also smaller targeted capital interventions being used, this is planned work which includes moving waste water between catchments where there is capacity and removing infiltration from ground into sewer networks across the country. NI Water are also working towards Developer lead solutions by asking Developers to work closely with

NI Water's solution engineering team to provide development specific solutions to allow their developments to connect to the water system. To help underpin and manage the planning process, NI Water have a series of robust planning consultation responses with conditions to manage the environment and protect customer homes and it is important that Council Planners and the local planning authority take these into account when assessing planning applications. NI Water's message to Developers is to contact NI Water before they apply for planning permission, there are 3 stages a developer will have to go through:

1) Predevelopment Enquiry - this is required to be submitted to determine if there are any capacity issues in the area the Developer wishes to develop in, if there are no issues NI Water will support their planning application.

2) Impact Assessment - If there are issues with connecting to the water supply, Developers will be asked to complete an impact assessment for water and waste water. Developers will work with NI Water to find a Developer funded solution to enable them to proceed and at the planning stage NI Water will support any application that has been through this process. For Developers who have not been through this process, NI Water will recommend refusal for planning permission and ask the Developers to work with them and go through the process.

3) Planning Permission - NI Water as a statutory consultee to the planning authority. Over the last financial year, NI Water have responded to 544 planning applications, the vast majority of applications received are single units. NI Water have responded to 357 applications with a positive response. For 114 applications, NI Water have supported the application being approved with conditions. For 73 applications NI Water have recommended refusal and have recommended that the developer contact NI Water and enters into the pre planning process. If a solution is found, NI Water will go through the planning process and recommend approval with a specific condition.

Dr Blockwell summarised, NI Water continues to transform as a public owned company. Their services play a pivotal role in protecting Northern Ireland's environment and in growing the Northern Ireland economy. Approval of the PC21 plan gave the green light to start to reduce pollution and enable more customers to connect to the water system throughout the region. NI Water will continue to work with the Department for Infrastructure over the coming months to enable capital delivery.

The Mayor invited questions for Dr Steve Blockwell, and Angela Halpenny.

In response to questions, Dr Blockwell stated there are plans and sufficient funds in place and motivated staff and that NI water need the support of the Assembly to move forward.

Councillor Bateson welcomed the work being completed in Kilrea.

The Mayor thanked Dr Blockwell and Angela Halpenny for the presentation.

- * **Dr Blockwell and A Halpenny left the Chamber at 7:25pm**
- * **V Crozier left the meeting remotely at 7:26pm**
- * **M McCartney left the meeting remotely at 7:27pm**

5. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7 MAY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Councillor Kane and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 7 May 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 24 April 2024 were received and noted.

7. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Peacock
Seconded by Councillor Huggins and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday 9 May 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

- * **The Director of Environmental Services joined the top table during consideration of this item.**

8. MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

8.1 Dog Control Information (Item 16)

In response to questions raised about issues in the Rasharkin area with dogs off their leads, the Director of Environmental Services advised the Dog Warden team have increased patrols in the area, patrols can be tailored to address issues. The Director of Environmental Services advised it is part of the recommendation to provide additional signage and give consideration to the possibility of introducing Dog Control Orders, that legacy Coleraine Borough Council have Dog Control Orders in place

and there will be a report brought forward detailing how to make it consistent across the Borough.

Councillor Peacock stated she would appreciate it if the areas she identified could be considered.

8.2 Lammas Fair Street Trading Applications (Item 6)

In response to a request for clarity regarding Access NI checks being completed on those trading at the Lammas Fair, and this being introduced at the request of Elected Members, the Director of Environmental Services responded; that this was introduced during the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council term, there was no distinction between traders and confirmed there is no benefit to completing the Access NI checks. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed there were issued raised in the past and this is the reason that measures were instigated, but Council were not in a position to act.

In response to questions regarding an update on planning for concessionary trading sites, the Director of Environmental Services advised there was no provision on the Agenda for this to be discussed and he would provide an update to the Elected Member outside of the meeting.

8.3 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Alderman Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Mairs and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held Tuesday 14 May 2024 were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

- * **The Director of Environmental Services left the top table.**
- * **The Director of Leisure and Development joined the top table during consideration of this item.**

9. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Matters Arising

9.1 Capital Grant Scheme (Item 7)

Councillor McGurk referred to the proposal made at the Leisure and Development Committee meeting stating that her initial concerns about the financial limitations on any one application still exist, that rising construction costs and limiting one single application to 20% of the overall fund would have limitations on certain applications coming through, as they may find it difficult getting started due to limited funding. She stated, the number of projects applying are likely to be above what was initially expected.

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor McGurk

Seconded by Councillor Bateson

- That Council Approve Option 1 - Council is committed to distributing grants fairly, efficiently and effectively. To allow access for all sporting codes, it is proposed that no single sporting code can have access to more than 40% of the overall funding pot in any given year. It is further proposed that community projects will have access to a maximum of 20% of the pot in any given year.

Councillor McCully requested clarity on the original proposal from Alderman McAuley, stating that his understanding was the 80% that is stated in the Minutes is 80% of the total eligible costs.

Alderman McAuley stated the part Councillor McCully is referring to is the match funding where it is 50% of the total costs and the club or community association had to provide 50%. Alderman McAuley clarified his proposal was that the grant can be 80% funding and the club or community group contributing 20%. Alderman McAuley stated that what is being requested tonight (through the Amendment), is that any sporting code can get maximum of 40%, whereas his proposal was to provide funding at a maximum of 20%, so that more sporting codes could benefit.

Councillor McCully restated that his understanding of what is in the Minutes is that 80% of the matching fund is part of the proposal, he did not see this recorded in the Minutes or the proposal. He asked the Director of Leisure and Development to provide further clarity.

The Director of Leisure and Development confirmed it was confusing on the night and she had asked Committee support to listen to the discussion again when producing the Minutes and it was not clear. Her understanding on the night was that the 80% was in reference to the match funding amount and that was not specifically in the Minutes, as it is stated about community groups having access to a maximum of 80% of the pot. The Director of Leisure and Development stated this was not her understanding, but, having listened to the recording again, that is what Committee Services believed. The Director of Leisure and Development advised that if Elected Members wish redress, it needs to be made clear tonight what is being proposed and agreed.

Councillor Peacock stated the Minutes are confusing because it says community projects have access to a maximum of 80% of the pot, as opposed to it being referenced to the match funding element of it. Council has received presentations from projects like the Harry Gregg Foundation, Coleraine Soccer Club, Glenullin GAA, many that are running into the £millions and it limits Council in assisting those types of projects off the ground, if a maximum of £120k. There is no minimum amount, that is a key factor in deciding as well.

Councillor McGurk stated she appreciates the sentiment behind the original proposal to help as many organisations as possible, but Council need to allow organisations to apply for a substantial amount of funding to get their projects off the ground. Council will be continuing to provide this grant so more clubs will benefit in the long run.

The Mayor advised there will be a recess and asked the proposer of the substantive motion and the proposer of the amendment to remain in the Chamber.

The Chief Executive explained this was to gain clarity on the proposal and the amendment, that it can be made clear what the Elected Members are voting on and what the default will be going back to the Committee.

- * **The Mayor declared a recess at 7:41pm**
- * **The meeting reconvened at 7:53pm**

The Director of Leisure and Development explained the substantive position as proposed is that no single sporting code would have access to more than 20% of the total fund. Option 1 is effectively stating that it would be 40% so that is the key change there. That means that if it was to stay at 40%, potentially only 2 sporting groups would be able to access £220k each, whereas the substantive motion is saying that no one single code could access more than 20%, that would allow for at least 4 sporting codes to come forward at a maximum of £110k each. The Director of Leisure and Development stated, in addition, the substantive motion is that rather than providing 50% of total eligible costs, the fund allows up to a maximum of 80% of total eligible costs. The Director of Leisure and Development advised that it was her understanding that Councillor McGurk's amendment was to revert to option 1, as detailed in the table and invited Councillor McGurk to comment.

Councillor McGurk stated it would be easier read from the table, but from memory it is that 20% of the overall fund would go to community groups, 80% would go to sporting organisations, no one group can apply for more than 40% of the overall fund and it would be 50% match funding, as opposed to the 80% as Alderman McAuley has proposed.

Councillor Holmes stated that 80% funding being granted opens the fund up and helps some smaller groups, there is no reason why the £600k cannot increase in the future and in that case the percentage does not matter because it will be open to more sporting codes and community groups.

Councillor McGurk requested a Recorded Vote.

The Mayor put the Amendment to the vote.

13 Members vote For, 20 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Amendment lost.

Recorded Vote Table

For (13)	Alderman Coyle
	Councillor C Archibald, N Archibald, Bateson, Chivers, McGurk, MA McKillop, McMullan, McQuillan, McShane, Nicholl, Peacock, Watson
Against (20)	Alderman Boyle, Callan, Fielding, Hunter, Knight McQuillan, John McAuley, Stewart, Stirling, Storey, Wallace
	Councillor Holmes, Huggins, Kane, Kyle, Mairs, Jonathan McAuley, McCully, Watton, Wilson, Wisener

9.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Bateson

Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Tuesday 21 May 2024, as amended, were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

* **The Director of Leisure and Development left the Chamber at 8:02pm**

10. MINUTES OF CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024

Copy, previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Storey

Seconded by Councillor C Archibald and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held Tuesday 28 May were adopted and recommendations therein approved.

11. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

The Chief Executive advised the next meeting of the Partnership Panel has been postponed in light of the Westminster elections and it is presumed the next meeting will be held in September.

12. CONFERENCES

There were no conferences.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence report, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chief Executive.

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

The following correspondence has been received:

i) Councillor Patricia Logue, Mayor, Derry City and Strabane District Council, 9 May 2024

Extract

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 24 April 2024, the following Motion was passed:

That this Council acknowledges the unacceptable waiting times for autism assessments in the North of Ireland, causing significant hardship and developmental delays.

Council recognises that early intervention is critical for developing key skills in children with autism, yet the backlog hinders timely support, impacting individual potential and straining educational and healthcare services.

Council resolve to formally write to the Minister of Education and the Minister for Health to urgently develop and present a comprehensive business case outlining specific, actionable strategies to address and resolve this backlog including a detailed analysis of its impacts, clear reduction targets, proposed measures for ongoing assessments, and the necessary financial and staffing resources.

This plan should involve and support families throughout the process.

Council demands immediate action and insists on a collaborative effort among the Minister for Health, Minister for Education, and Minister for Finance, together with key stakeholders to develop a detailed report on the business case and action plan, including a clear implementation timeline, within this mandate period to immediately address and resolve the existing backlog.

Council will seek collaboration from ALL NI councils to support this call pledging to facilitate and support the development of the business case and action plan.

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

ii) Grainia Long, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, dated 20th May 2024

Extract

I am pleased to inform you that the Housing Executive's eighth annual Commissioning Prospectus, for the period 2024/25 to 2026/27, has now been published on the Housing Executive's website and can be accessed through the link [The Housing Executive - Commissioning prospectus \(nihe.gov.uk\)](https://www.nihe.gov.uk).

The Commissioning Prospectus helps to meet the Housing Executive's statutory obligations, under the Housing (NI) Order 1981, which places responsibility on it for the assessment of social housing need and is aligned to the Three-Year Corporate Strategy high level priority "We will work with our partners to increase social housing supply to help meet identified need and we will build our capacity to borrow, invest in our stock and add to new supply."

The Commissioning Prospectus forms an integral part of the Social Housing Development Programme (SHDP) and provides both a strategic overview and local assessment of housing need and demand, enabling Housing Associations and other stakeholders to make informed decisions about where to search for land and property to deliver new social and intermediate housing within assessed housing need and strategic targets.

As a Statutory Partner in Community Planning, the Housing Executive strongly values the existing collaborative working with local Councils and is grateful for your support and the priority given to affordable housing through community planning outcomes. We also greatly appreciate the practical support provided by Council Planning Departments, and in particular, for prioritising social housing to ensure delivery in year of SHDP starts.

The Housing Executive looks forward to its continued engagement with your Council on those areas identified in the Commissioning Prospectus as being in acute housing need and to seek your assistance in bringing forward surplus lands that could facilitate meeting housing need and on future land use zonings as part of the Housing Executive's statutory role as a consultee in the Local Development Plan process.

Further information on the Commissioning Prospectus or on any site-specific queries is available by emailing the relevant Head of Regional Place Shaping as follows (circulated).

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council consider the correspondence.

Councillor Watton commented on the correspondence from Grainne Long, Chief Executive of the Housing Executive requesting that she is invited to address Council soon, the social housing budget has been reduced by 38% reducing the budget for this Borough to 1.8%.

The Chief Executive advised there is a Council decision to invite the Chief Executive of the Housing Executive and a representative from the Department for Communities Housing Division to address Council, this invitation will be extended soon.

Council NOTED the Correspondence Items 13 (i) - (iii).

14. CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

Consultation schedule, previously circulated, presented as read by the Chief Executive.

Open Consultations

- Northern Ireland Assembly, Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) Consultation on Windsor Framework (Democratic Scrutiny) Regulations submission date 20 May 2024 (received 10 May 2024)
- Department for the Economy (DfE) Call for Evidence on 'Developing Biomethane Production in Northern Ireland submission date 9 August 2024
- Department for Communities (DfC) Public consultation launched on £20k threshold for Charities in NI submission date 11 August 2024

Available to View -

- Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) DAERA Screening Templates for 1st January – 31st March 2024
- Department Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) DAERA Screening Templates for 1st January – 31st March 2024
- Department of Communities (DfC) The Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Bill Equality Impact Final Assessment Report 18 September – 11 December 2023

RESOLVED – that Council note 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.

- (i) Grave Registry Certificates, No's 5787 to 5799 inclusive;
- (ii) Agreement relating to Car Loan, Employee number 360/5081;
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The Chief Executive advised that at Item 15 (v) it should have read '*Memorandum of Sale*'.

Proposed by Councillor Kane
Seconded by Alderman Callan and

RESOLVED – that the Sealing of documents, as listed, be approved (Items i-v).

16. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHENNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MA MCKILLOP

Right to Food Motion

This council recognises the impact the scourge of food poverty is having on families right across this area, made worse by the cost of living emergency, and gives its formal backing to the Right To Food campaign, joining cities like Belfast, Derry and Liverpool in becoming a Right To Food Council.

We believe that this Executive and the British Government must prioritise food poverty, implementing a range of new measures including universal free school meals, support for community kitchens and enshrining the Right To Food for all through legislation.

This council will also write to the Minister for Communities, calling for immediate action on the implementation of an anti-poverty strategy.

The Mayor advised that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY ALDERMAN FIELDING, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN S MCKILLOP

That this Council lobbies the LINK Network to request a review and assessment of the community needs in Portstewart for a Banking Hub in the town.

The Mayor advised that the Notice of Motion would be referred to the Leisure and Development Committee.

This being all the business, The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8:05pm.

Mayor