

## NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Monday 1 September 2014  
at 7.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

**In the Chair**                      Councillor D Hughes

**In Attendance**                      Councillor W Burns  
Councillor M Carr  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor B Curran  
Councillor S Ennis  
Councillor J Feehan  
Councillor F Feely  
Councillor A Flynn  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D Hughes  
Councillor M Larkin  
Councillor J McArdle  
Councillor D McAteer  
Councillor H McKee  
Councillor A Moffett  
Councillor R Mulgrew  
Councillor M Murphy  
Councillor B O'Muire  
Councillor J Patterson  
Councillor B Quinn  
Councillor H Reilly  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor D Taylor

**Officials in Attendance**                      Mr E Curtis Clerk & Chief Executive  
Mr R Dowey Head of Finance  
Mr J Farrell Director of Environment, Health &  
Building Services  
Mrs E McParland, Assistant Director of  
Administration  
Mr E McManus Deputy Director of Technical/Leisure  
Services  
Mrs B Phillips, Acting Director of Finance  
Mrs L Dillon Committee Administrator

**Apologies**                              Councillor L Kimmins  
Councillor D Donnelly  
Councillor G Fitzpatrick  
Councillor C McGreevy

**M/223/2014: - MINUTES**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McArde it was agreed the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Monday 4 August 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record, same having been circulated.

**M/224/2014: - MATTERS ARISING**

**Area Adjacent to Newry Town Hall**

**Agreed:** It was agreed a Newry Town Councillors site meeting be convened with relevant senior Council officials to discuss the possible opening up of the public right of way at the side of Newry Town Hall and to discuss other issues including the possible contamination of debris material which has since been removed from this location.

**FINANCE SECTION**

**M/225/2014: - TREASURER'S ADVICE SHEET  
(REF: F/1)**

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**Read:** Treasurer's Advice Sheet in respect of payments for the month of July 2014 (B Run) in the sum of £1,101,487.98.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Moffett seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the above payments.

**Read:** Treasurer's Advice Sheet in respect of payments for the month of August 2014 (A Run) in the sum of £1,783,063.50.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Moffett seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the above payments.

**M/226/2014: - EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS – MANUAL PAYMENTS  
(REF: F/1)**

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**Read:** Examination of accounts in respect of Manual Payments for the month of July 2014 (B Run) in the sum £398,428.81.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Moffett seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the above payments.

**Read:** Examination of accounts in respect of Manual Payments for the month of August 2014 (A Run) in the sum £695,500.30.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Moffett seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the above payments.

**M/227/2014: - IMPREST ACCOUNT**  
**(REF: F/1)**

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**Read:** Analysis of Revenue payments made through the Imprest account for the month of August 2014 in the sum £13,205.22.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Moffett seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the above payments.

**M/228/2014: - NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE**  
**(REF: F/1)**

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**Read:** Net Revenue Expenditure report for 3 month period ended 30 June 2014. *(Copy circulated)*

**Agreed:** It was agreed to mark the above report noted.

**M/229/2014: - REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**- THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2014**  
**(REF: F/1)**

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**Read:** Report of Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 August 2014. *(Copy circulated)*

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND BUILDING SERVICES SECTION**

**M/230/2014: - REPORT OF AGM OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND BUILDING SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**- MONDAY 4 AUGUST 2014**  
**(REF: M/4/4 & M/4/5)**

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**Read:** Report of Annual General Meeting of the Environment, Health and Building Services Committee held on Monday 4 August 2014. *(Copy circulated)*

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein, subject to amending Item 2.4 Litter Enforcement, fourth paragraph, to read as follows;-  
“Councillor Casey requested that NI Water also be asked to investigate reports of a blocked sewer at No2. Violet Hill Avenue, Newry whenever they are examining the ongoing issues at Orior Park, Bessbrook”.

The following issue was referred to the Environment, Health and Building Services Department for attention: -

## Theft of Heating Oil

**Agreed:** It was agreed that recent incidents of theft of heating oil be highlighted via the Council's website and that details be given on what measures house holders can take to reduce the risk of having their heating oil stolen.

It was agreed to request the PCSP to also arrange to have this matter highlighted.

## **M/231/2014: - REPORT OF HEALTH SERVICE WORKING GROUP MEETING - THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2014 (REF: G/13/19)**

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**Read:** Report of Health Service Working Group meeting held on Thursday 21 August 2014. *(Copy circulated)*

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

The following issue was raised:-

### Cuts to services - Daisy Hill Hospital Newry

Councillor McArdle said he was extremely concerned at the loss of services in Daisy Hill Hospital and other health care provision within the District. He made particular reference to the loss of specific services in Daisy Hill Hospital and to other services currently under review, including the Stroke Unit.

Councillor McArdle proposed and Councillor Moffett seconded that the Council facilitate a public meeting, similar to the public meeting held some 15 years ago, when the Council organised a major campaign to save services at Daisy Hill Hospital.

Councillor Curran said it was essential that prior to holding a public meetings, a meeting should be held with Health Service trade union representatives to establish the views and concerns of staff on issues of concern regarding the future of services at Daisy Hill Hospital and other Trust run facilities.

**Record:** Councillor Burns asked that it be recorded that he did not know any member of his party who set out to close Daisy Hill Hospital. He said it was important all facts are in order and he said he would continue to defend Daisy Hill Hospital and added that Ms M McAlinden Chief Executive of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust has always attended Council meetings when asked.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McArdle seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed the Council await the outcome of the Special Committee Meeting of Council with relevant Trade Union representatives and, if considered beneficial, the Council to proceed to facilitate a public meeting facilitate similar to that arranged during the Save the Daisy Hill Campaign.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed Council Officials arrange a special Committee meeting of Council with relevant Trade Union representatives to establish the issues of concern regarding the future of services at Daisy Hill Hospital and other Trust run facilities.

### **TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES**

**M/232/2014:- REPORT OF AGM OF TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICE  
COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST 2014  
(REF: MT/2/5)**

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**Read:** Report of Annual General Meeting of Technical/Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 13 August 2014.  
*(Copy circulated)*

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Patterson seconded by Councillor Burns it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

The following issue was raised and referred to the Technical/Leisure Services Department:-

#### **Old Garage/Father Cullen Park**

**Noted:** It was noted that the TLS Department were currently investigating the removal of the obsolete garage at Father Cullen Park, Bessbrook and a report would be submitted back to the next meeting of the Technical/Leisure Services Committee meeting in due course regarding costs etc.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

**M/233/2014: - NOTICE OF MOTION  
(REF: L/2)**

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**Agreed:** It was agreed to withdraw the above of Motion submitted by Councillors Reilly and Quinn in respect of wind turbines.

## ROADS/WATER/NIE SECTION

**M/234/2014: - REPORT OF MOURNES COUNCILLORS SITE MEETING  
RE: - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – FORMER MOURNE  
HOSPITAL SITE, KILKEEL  
- FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 2014  
(REF: - G/13/20)**

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**Read:** Report of Mourne Councillors Site meeting held on Friday 8 August 2014 regarding anti-social behaviour at the former Mourne Hospital site, Kilkeel. (*Copy circulated*)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/235/2014: - ISSUES REGARDING ANNALONG  
(REF: - H/5 & R/S 86)**

Councillor McKee referred to the following issues which had been reported to him by representatives from the Annalong Community Association who had expressed disappointment that no progress had been made on these issues;-

- Reinstatement of Drainage Scheme – Annalong Marine Park
- Annalong Water Mill – Still has not open despite the season being nearly over
- Foul Odour Problem – Annalong Harbour
- Repairs to Gates – Annalong Harbour
- Works to the Pontoon – Annalong Harbour
- Erosion issues – Annalong Coastal Path

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Reilly it was unanimously agreed a Mourne Councillors meeting be convened with Senior Council Officials and representatives from Annalong Community Association to discuss the above listed issues at Annalong Marine Park, Annalong Harbour, Annalong Water Mill and Annalong Coastal Path.

**M/236/2014: - REPORT OF CROTLIEVE COUNCILLORS MEETING  
RE: WWPS NEWRY STREET, WARRENPOINT  
- THURSDAY 31 JULY 2014  
(REF: - G/4/2)**

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**Read:** Report of Crotlieve Councilors Meeting meeting held on Thursday 31 July 2014 regarding the waste water pumping station at Newry Street, Warrenpoint. (*Copy circulated*)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Flynn seconded by Councillor Carr it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**Agreed:** It was unanimously agreed to request NI Water to attend a meeting with all interested Councillors to discuss the following items;-

- Foul odour at Newry Street, Warrenpoint – Waste Water Pumping Station
- Flooding at Clermont Gardens and Charles Street Warrenpoint
- Foul odour at Waste Water Pumping Station Greenbank Industrial Estate, Newry
- Foul odour coming from waste water/holding tank facility affecting homes at Redmond Close, Lislea

**M/237/2014: - REPORT OF CROTLIEVE COUNCILLORS SITE MEETING  
RE: WORK TO BURREN VILLAGE GREEN  
- THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2014  
(REF: - CC/64)**

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**Read:** Report of Crotlieve Councillors Site meeting held on Thursday 14 August 2014 regarding rejuvenation and work to Burren Village Green. *(Copy circulated)*

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/238/2014: - REPORT OF FEWS/NEWRY TOWN COUNCILLORS MEETING  
RE: PLANNING – MULLACH ALAINN, NEWRY  
- MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2014  
(REF: - SB/5)**

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**Read:** Report of Fews/Newry Town Councillors meeting held on Monday 18 August 2014 regarding planning issues concerning vacant properties at Mullach Alainn, Newry. *(Copy circulated)*

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed the Council seek a meeting with Nelson McCausland MLA, Minister for the Department of Social Development with a delegation of Fews and Newry Town Councillors to discuss ongoing issues relating to the 14 number vacant properties at Mullach Alainn, Newry.

**CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/EVENTS**

**M/239/2014: - FEDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES  
ANNUAL GALA BALL  
(REF: M/53)**

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**Read:** Letter dated 23 August 2014 from Federation of Small Businesses regarding the Federation of Small Businesses Northern Ireland Annual Gala Ball supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Trust to be held on 25 October 2014 in the Canal Court, Newry.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Mulgrew it was agreed to make a donation in the sum of £200 towards the chosen charity which will be supported at the Federation of Small Businesses Annual Gala Ball to be held in the Canal Court Newry on 25 October 2014.

**M/240/2014:- FRACKING NORTH 2014 CONFERENCE**  
**(REF: M/53)**

It was noted the Fracking North 2014 Conference will be held on Thursday 25 September 2014 in Manchester at the cost £395 plus VAT.

**Agreed:** It was agreed any interested Councillor wishing to attend the Fracking North 2014 Conference in September 2014 to forward their name to Louise Dillon, Committee Administrator.

**CORPORATE/DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

**M/241/2014:- REPORT OF STAFF AND POLICY/EQUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2014**  
**(REF: - M/4/3)**

**Read:** Report of Staff and Policy/Equality Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 August 2014. (*Copy circulated*)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Burns seconded by Councillor Feely it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/242/2014:- SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**  
**(REF: - M/65)**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor McArdle seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Mayor of Council and the Clerk and Chief Executive sign and seal the following documents on behalf of the Council: -

- a) Deed of Priorities – Slieve Gullion Courtyard Development Group Limited.
- b) Permissive Path Agreements - Path from the junction of the Bann River and the Rocky River, to the Sandbank Road Hilltown at Hen Car Park.
  - Alan McKee Lisnamulligan Road Hilltown
  - Kevin and Anne O Hare 18 New Line Road Hilltown
  - Joseph Walls 26 Sandbank Road Hilltown
- c) Transfer Deed – Peadar O Dorinin GFC.
- d) Agreement - NMDC and Helen Marks Corran Kennels 40 Tobercorran Road Downpatrick Co Down BT30 8HU



**M/243/2014:- REPORT OF FEWS COUNCILLORS MULTI AGENCY  
MEETING - WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2014  
(REF: - G/4/1 & M/43)**

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**Read:** Report of Fews Multi Agency meeting held on Wednesday 20 August 2014. (*Copy circulated*)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**Agreed:** It was also agreed to request Roads Service to ensure that all the issues raised in the Report of the Fews Multi Agency meeting held in August 2014 are followed up as a matter of priority as some of the problems highlighted are potentially dangerous and hazardous.

**M/244/2014:- CONGRATULATIONS  
(REF: M/23)**

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Councillor Patterson extended congratulations to Eddie Curtis Clerk & Chief Executive, Paddy Duffy Area Community Development Officer, and all other staff involved in organising the successful Triathlon Event held in Newry.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 8.30pm.

**For consideration at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 6 October 2014.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mayor of Council*

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Clerk & Chief Executive*

**COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN**

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING: MONTHLY MEETING**

**VENUE: BOARDROOM, MONAGHAN ROW, NEWRY**

**DATE: MONDAY 4 AUGUST 2014**

Name of Councillor		Time of Arrival	Time of Leaving	Meeting Duration	Travel Time To/From Home	Mileage	Same Day Meeting	Total Time	Amount Payable
W J Burns	02	7.00	8.05						
M Carr	52	7.00	8.05						
C Casey	54	7.00	8.05						
B Curran	06	7.00	8.05						
S Doran	77	7.00	8.05						
G Donnelly	64	APOLOGY							
S Ennis		7.00	8.05						
J Feehan	49	7.00	8.05						
F Feely	08	7.00	8.05						
G Fitzpatrick	83	7.00	8.05						
A Flynn	67	7.00	8.05						
V Harte	74	7.00	8.05						
T Hearty	59	7.00	8.05						
D Hyland	76	7.00	8.05						
D Hughes		7.00	8.05						
L Kimmins		7.00	8.05						
M Larkin		7.00	8.05						
J McArdle	55	7.00	8.05						
D McAteer	80	7.00	8.05						
C McGreevy	75	APOLOGY							
H McKee	78	7.00	8.05						
A Moffett	71	APOLOGY							
R Mulgrew		7.00	8.05						
M Murphy	47	7.00	8.05						
B O'Muir		7.00	8.05						
J Patterson	38	APOLOGY							
B Quinn	82	7.00	8.05						
H Reilly	26	APOLOGY							
M Ruane	53	APOLOGY							
D Taylor	81	APOLOGY							

**Officials in attendance:**

**Time of Arrival:**

**Time of Leaving:**

**Signed:**

**Date:**