

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Monday 6 August 2012 at 7.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

In the Chair Councillor J McArdle

In Attendance Councillor C Burns
Councillor W Burns
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor B Curran
Councillor G Donnelly
Councillor S Doran
Councillor J Feehan
Councillor F Feely
Councillor A Flynn
Councillor V Harte
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland
Councillor P Kearney
Councillor J McArdle
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor J McCreesh
Councillor P J McDonald
Councillor P McGinn
Councillor C McGreevy
Councillor H McKee
Councillor A Moffett
Councillor M Murphy
Councillor S O'Hare
Councillor J Patterson
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor D Taylor

Officials in Attendance Mr T McCall, Clerk & Chief Executive
Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration
Mr R Dowey, Director of Finance
Mr J Farrell, Director of Environment, Health & Building Services
Mr E McManus, Deputy Director of Technical & Leisure Services
Mrs E McParland, Assistant Director of Administration (General Services)

Apologies Mrs C McAteer, Committee Administrator
Mr J McCorry, Director of Technical & Leisure Services

**M/206/2012:- SYMPATHY
(REF: M/21)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McGinn seconded by Councillor McCreesh to send a letter of sympathy to the families of the late Mr Owen Kelly; Mr Brian Mulligan and Mr Seamus Shields.

Noted: Councillors Patterson and Hyland asked to be associated with the sympathy expressed.

Noted: Those present at the Meeting then stood for 1 minute's silence as a mark of respect in memory of Mr Mulligan, Mr Kelly and Mr Shields.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Donnelly to send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Ciaran McKenna.

M/207/2012:- MINUTES

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Flynn that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday 2 July 2012 be adopted as a true and accurate record, same having been circulated.

FINANCE SECTION

**M/208/2012:- TREASURER'S ADVICE SHEET
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Treasurer's Advice Sheet in respect of payments for the month of July 2012 (A Run) in the sum of £1,057,636.77. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the above payments.

Read: Treasurer's Advice Sheet in respect of payments for the month of July 2012 (B Run) in the sum of £549,580.62. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the above payments.

**M/209/2012:- EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS
– MANUAL PAYMENTS
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Examination of Accounts in respect of manual payments for the month of July 2012 (A Run) in the sum of £10,883.81. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the above payments.**

Read: Examination of Accounts in respect of manual payments for the month of July 2012 (B Run) in the sum of £1,616,049.62. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the above payments.**

**M/210/2012:- REVENUE PAYMENTS – IMPREST ACCOUNT
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Analysis of Revenue Payments made through the Imprest Account for the month of July 2012. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the above payments.**

**M/211/2012:- NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE REPORT
- 3 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Net Revenue Expenditure Report for 3 months ended 30 June 2012. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the above Report.**

**M/212/2012:- AGM OF AUDIT COMMITTEE
– THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2012
(REF: G/6/1)**

Read: Report of Annual General Meeting of the Audit Committee held on Thursday 26 June 2012. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor Taylor to approve the above Report and recommendations.**

ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & BUILDING SERVICES SECTION

**M/213/2012:- MONTHLY REPORT FROM MR J FARRELL
- AUGUST 2012
(REF: PH/2)**

Read: Monthly Report from Mr J Farrell, Director of Environment, Health & Building Services for August 2012. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the above Report and recommendations.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor McGreevy that the Council write to Land & Property Services regarding the inspection of vacant non-domestic properties by the Council's Building Control Surveyors and advise that it is the view of the Council that Land & Property Services should fund the costs of Building Control Surveyors undertaking this work.

The following Environmental Health issues were also raised: -

- **Councillor Hyland** – To be provided with a written Report on the employment of Dog Wardens/Litter Officers and a Private Contractor engaged to do after hours/early morning spot checks on dog fouling/littering and the Pilot Project which is being carried out.
- **Councillor Reilly** – A Report on the noise surveys carried out at a proposed Shooting Range at Aughnalooopy Road, Kilkeel to be provided to all Mourne Area Councillors in advance of a Meeting with the Minister on 9 August 2012.
- **Councillor Patterson** – Mr Farrell to follow up on a request Councillor Patterson had made to see if funding can be found from a health budget to provide tone zone equipment at Leisure Sites, particularly in Newry City.

**M/214/2012:- SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
– ILLEGAL FUEL LAUNDERING
– MONDAY 25 JUNE 2012
(REF: SC/1/2)**

Read: Report of Special Committee Meeting held on Monday 25 June 2012 re: illegal fuel laundering. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Taylor to approve the above Report and recommendations.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Hearty to write to all Agencies who attended this Meeting and ask them to provide feedback on the actions they had proposed to take as a result of this Meeting.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Donnelly that relevant Officials give her an update on the cost of removing fuel residue from a site on the Dublin Road, Newry.

TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES SECTION

**M/215/2012:- CROTLIEVE COUNCILLORS MEETING
- WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2012
RE: THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR
(REF: G/4/10/16)**

Read: Report of Crotlieve Councillors Meeting held on Wednesday 25 July 2012 re: ownership and land issues, The Square, Rostrevor. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McGreevy seconded by Councillor McAteer to approve the above Report and recommendations.

**M/216/2012:- CROTLIEVE COUNCILLORS MEETING
- TUESDAY 10 JULY 2012
- RETRIEVER TEST EVENT
(REF: G/4/2/8)**

Read: Report of Crotlieve Councillors Meeting held on Tuesday 10 July 2012 to consider a request from the Ulster Retriever's Club to use Donaghaguy Amenity Area/Reservoir for a Retriever Test Event on Saturday 21 July 2012. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McGreevy seconded by Councillor McAteer to approve the above Report and recommendations.

**M/217/2012:- NEWRY TOWN COUNCILLORS MEETING WITH
NEWRY MARITIME ASSOCIATION
- WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2012
(REF: R/S 112)**

Read: Report of Newry Town Councillors Site Meeting held on Wednesday 11 July 2012 with Newry Maritime Association re: proposals to develop a memorial at Victoria Locks. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Patterson to approve the above Report and recommendations.

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

**M/218/2012:- 2012 LA TOUCHE LEGACY SEMINAR
(REF: M/53)**

Agreed: To take no action in relation to an invitation to attend the above Seminar to be held on 28/30 September 2012 in Greystones, County Wicklow.

**M/219/2012:- LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION
AUTUMN SEMINAR
(REF: M/53)**

Agreed: To take no action in relation to an invitation to attend the above Seminar to be held on 28/29 September 2012 in Letterkenny.

ROADS/WATER/NIE MATTERS

**M/220/2012:- FEWS COUNCILLORS MEETING
- BESSBROOK POLICE STATION SITE
- THURSDAY 19 JULY 2012
(REF: SB/16)**

Read: Report of Fews Councillors Meeting held with representatives from the PSNI on Thursday 19 July 2012 re: proposed future use of Bessbrook Police Station Site. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor McCreesh to approve the above Report and recommendations.

**M/221/2012:- MOURNES COUNCILLORS MULTI AGENCY MEETING
- FRIDAY 27 JULY 2012
(REF: M/43/4)**

Read: Report of Mourne Councillors Multi Agency Meeting held on Friday 27 July 2012. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Taylor to approve the above Report and recommendations.

Read: Report of Mourne Councillors Meeting held on Thursday 5 July 2012 re: proposed works at Little Kilkeel River. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Taylor to approve the above Report and recommendations

as these had been dealt with at the Mourne Councillors Multi Agency Meeting held on Friday 27 July 2012.

Read: Letter dated 16 July 2012 from Rivers Agency re: proposed works to the Little Kilkeel River. *(Copy circulated)*

Agreed: It was agreed to mark the above correspondence 'noted' as this issue had been dealt with at the Mourne Councillors Multi Agency Meeting held on Friday 27 July 2012.

CORPORATE/DEMOCRATIC/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

**M/222/2012:- SELECTION AND CROWNING CEREMONY
- MAIDEN OF THE MOURNES FESTIVAL
(REF: M/28)**

Agreed: To allocate tickets received for the Maiden of the Mourne Selection and Crowning Ceremony to be held on Friday 10 August 2012 as follows: -

- Councillor Murphy x 2
- Councillor Feehan x 2
- Councillor McGreevy x 2
- Councillor Carr x 2
- Councillor McAteer x 2
- Councillor Quinn x 2
- Any additional tickets to be re-allocated to appropriate Officers.

**M/223/2012:- INVITATION FOR NOMINEES TO ATTEND THE
SECRETARY OF STATE'S GARDEN PARTY 2012
(REF: M/28)**

Read: Letter dated 10 July 2012 from the Northern Ireland Office seeking a total of 32 nominees (16 nominees plus a guest each) from the Council to attend the Secretary of State's Garden Party at Hillsborough Castle in September 2012.

Noted: A number of nominations had already been received and it was agreed to approve these nominations together with the nomination of Councillor and Mrs Feely to attend.

Agreed: That any Councillor who wanted to nominate people to attend this event should contact the Members Service Officer with details.

M/224/2012:- REPLACEMENT FOR COUNCILLOR FEELY ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR BUNSCOIL AN IUIR (REF: M/48/3/1)

Councillor McGreevy proposed and Councillor Carr seconded that Councillor Feehan be nominated as a replacement for Councillor Feely on the Board of Governors for Bunscoil An Iuir.

Councillor Patterson proposed and Councillor Reilly seconded that Councillor Hyland be nominated as a replacement for Councillor Feely on the Board of Governors for Bunscoil An Iuir.

The nominations were put to a vote and voting was as follows: -

For Councillor Feehan: 11

For Councillor Hyland 9

Agreed: To appoint Councillor Feehan as a replacement for Councillor Feely on the Board of Governors for Bunscoil An Iuir.

M/225/2012:- SEALING OF DOCUMENTS (REF: M/65)

Councillor Feehan proposed and Councillor Hyland seconded that the Mayor and Chief Executive of the Council sign and seal the following documents on behalf of the Council: -

- Lease of small unit at McGrath Centre to Anne Larkin and Catherine Allison
- Lease of McGrath Centre to Seamus McAteer
- Licence Agreement – Bell Family – Amusements, The Square, Warrenpoint
- Licence Agreement – Bell Family – Amusements, lands adjacent to Kilkeel Leisure Centre
- Licence Agreement – Cullyhanna Community Group – Lease of Cullyhanna Community Centre
- Licence Agreement – Cloughvalley road works

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

M/226/2012:- CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS (REF: M/1)

Members then raised the following issues under Chairman's Business: -

Agreed: At the request of Councillor McGinn to write to the Divisional Manager, Roads Service expressing disappointment at the poor visual image of the roundabouts on the Armagh Road, Camlough Road and Dublin Road, Newry in comparison to the well planted and maintained

roundabouts on the Belfast Road and Warrenpoint Road for which the Council has an informal agreement with Roads Service. The Council to ask the Divisional Roads Manager to look again at the issue of the roundabouts on the A1 Armagh Road, Camlough Road and Dublin Road to see if mutual arrangements can be put in place between the Council and Roads Service to plant out and maintain these roundabouts. (Ref: G/4/1)

Noted: Councillor Hyland said he would like it to be recorded that on 12 July 2012 he had been stopped on 2 occasions by the PSNI and questioned in a very hostile manner. He also said that in the last weekend of August there would be 5 band parades held in Newry Town and this was in effect holding the City to ransom. (Ref: M/23)

Noted: Councillor McGinn said he would like to put on record his thanks to the people of the Millvale area, Bessbrook who had quickly taken down any flags etc which were erected in the area over the 12 of July period, after the festivities had ended. (Ref: M/23)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Flynn seconded by Councillor McDonald that the Mayor send a letter of congratulations to Grainne Powell, Sticky Fingers for a very successful Dragon Safari recently held in Slieve Gullion Forest Park; a fantastic event for children and enjoyed by all who attended. (Ref: M/23)

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Curran to extend Members' congratulations to the staff who were involved in the planting out of the excellent floral arrangements throughout the District but particularly in Newry City. (Ref: M/23)

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Hyland to write to Roads Service on behalf of residents of High Walk, Chapel Street, Newry and thank the workers from Roads Service who had undertaken a clean-up of the wall along the High Walk. Councillor Patterson also asked that Roads Service inspect the wall now that the green weeds had been removed as their removal has led to mortar being taken away between the brick joints and this may weaken the wall. (Ref: M/23 & G/4/1)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McCreesh seconded by Councillor Feehan that the Council contribute £200 to Colm McGarvey, Newtownhamilton who was doing a sky-dive in September 2012 to raise funds to travel to Kenya with a group called "Toccata" to work with the Maisha Mema Children's Home in Nairobi and that the Mayor present the cheque to Colm.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McArdle seconded by Councillor Patterson that the Mayor send a letter of congratulations to the organisers of the Guinness World Record Running Event held at St Colman's College Running Track.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Curran that relevant Council Officials investigate the possibility of establishing an Events Sub-Committee and also the possibility of employing an Events Officer to develop a wide range of events to be held throughout the Newry and Mourne District which will generate income. (Ref: R/S 264)

Noted: Councillor McGreevy asked that his congratulations to the organisers of the Tanglewood Music Festival be recorded. He said it had been a very successful event and the numbers attending was increasing year on year. (Ref: M/23)

Agreed: At the request of Councillor McGreevy that the Council write to 02 on behalf of all 02 customers in the Newry and Mourne Area who had interruption to their services over and advising that the 10% rebate offered was not adequate compensation. (Ref: M/1)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Quinn seconded by Councillor Donnelly that Newry and Mourne Community Transport be invited to give a presentation to the Council with the aim of seeing if the Council could become a Member of the Group to help people in the rural parts of the District to avail of this service. (Ref: G/13/19)

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 8.00pm.

For consideration at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 3 September 2012.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Signed: _____
Chief Executive

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NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Monthly Meeting

VENUE: Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

DATE: 6 August 2012

Name of Councillor		Time of Arrival	Time of Leaving	Meeting Duration	Travel Time To/From Home	Mileage	Same Day Meeting	Total Time	Amount Payable
Burns C	58	7.00	8.00						
Burns W J	2	7.00	7.30						
Carr M	52	7.00	8.00						
Casey C	54	7.00	8.00						
Curran B	6	7.00	8.00						
Donnelly G		7.00	8.00						
Doran S		7.00	8.00						
Feehan J W	49	7.00	8.00						
Feely F	8	7.00	8.00						
Flynn A		7.00	8.00						
Harte V		7.00	8.00						
Hearty T	59	7.00	8.00						
Hyland D		7.00	8.00						
P Kearney		7.00	8.00						
McArdle J	55	7.00	8.00						
McAteer D		7.00	8.00						
McCreesh J P	44	7.00	8.00						
McDonald PJ	35	7.00	8.00						
McGinn P	56	7.00	8.00						
McGreevy C		7.00	8.00						
McKee H		7.00	8.00						
Moffett A	12	7.30	8.00						
Murphy M	47	7.00	8.00						
Murphy T									
O'Hare S	37	7.00	8.00						
Patterson J	38	7.00	8.00						
Quinn B		7.00	8.00						
Reilly H	26	7.00	8.00						
Ruane M	53	7.00	8.00						
Taylor D		7.00	8.00						

Officials in attendance:

Time of Arrival:

Time of Leaving:

E McManus,

R Dowey,

T McCall,

J Farrell,

E McParland

E Curtis

Signed: *Collette McAteer*

Date:

6 August 2012