

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Monday 4 April 2005 at 7.20 pm in the Conference Room, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry to discuss items adjourned from the April Monthly Meeting of the Council.

In the Chair: Councillor J Feehan

In Attendance: Councillor P McKibben
Councillor W Burns
Councillor J Feehan
Councillor J McCreesh
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Kennedy
Councillor A Moffett
Councillor T Williamson

Officials in Attendance: Mr T McCall, Clerk & Chief Executive
Mrs C McAteer, Committee Administrator

M/49/2005:- MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor Kennedy seconded by Councillor McCreesh, Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 March 2005 were adopted as a true and accurate record, same having been circulated.

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**M/50/2005:- FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
– WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2005
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Report of Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2005 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor McCreesh seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/51/2005:- VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION MEETING
- FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2005
(REF: F/3/75)**

Read: Report of Voluntary Contribution Meeting held on Friday 18 March 2005 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McCreesh it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein, subject to the following:-

1. Relevant Council Officials draw up a revised policy, to be tabled at the next meeting of the Voluntary Contribution Committee to deal with applications received for which there were no monies in the budget and/or if they were received late and did not meet the criteria. This policy to take account of the fact that if such applications were not tabled at a Voluntary Contribution Meeting, that relevant DEA Councillors be advised of the applications and the reasons as to why they were not tabled.
2. Relevant Council Officials check the amount requested by Moneygore Rural Development Association for a seeding grant as Councillor W Burns believed they were seeking more funding than the £50 recorded in the Minutes and that Councillor Burns be advised of the outcome of these investigations.

**M/52/2005:- PRESS STATEMENTS SUGGESTING INACTION BY THE
VALUATION & LANDS AGENCY
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Draft letter prepared by Mr R Dowey, Director of Finance in reply to Ian Pearson, MP regarding a press statement suggesting inaction by the Valuation & Lands Agency which may be costing up to £1m in lost rate revenue. (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor W Burns seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed to approve this draft reply and that the letter now be forwarded to Mr Ian Pearson, MP for his comments.

**M/52/2005:- MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS
- 28 FEBRUARY 2005
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Management accounts for 11 months ended 28 February 2005 (copy circulated).

It was agreed to mark the above accounts 'Noted'.

**M/53/2005:- EVALUATION OF TENDERS RECEIVED FOR THE
SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF
AN E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM
(REF: M/15/10)**

Read: Evaluation of tender report from Mr S McGivern, Assistant Director of Finance (IT/Computer Manager) for the supply, installation and commissioning of an e-procurement system. The report recommended acceptance of a tender from BT/First Derivatives based on Sun Version 4, following a cost comparison based on capital and recurring costs for 3 years, in the sum of £109,800 for the supply, installation and commissioning of an e-procurement system.

On the proposal of Councillor W Burns seconded by Councillor McKibben it was agreed to approve the above recommendation and to accept the tender from BT/First Derivates in the sum of £109,800 for the commissioning of a e-procurement system.

**M/54/2005:- HEALTH SERVICE WORKING GROUP MEETING
- TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2005
(REF: G/13/19)**

Read: Report of Health Service Working Group Meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2005 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Moffett seconded by Councillor Williamson it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/55/2005:- SECURITY OF THE NIE SUB STATION AT
CARRAGHEEN DRIVE, ANNALONG
(REF: SB/2)**

Read: Report of Mournes Area Councillors Meeting with representatives from NIE held on Monday 7 March 2005 to discuss the security of the NIE Sub Station at Carragheen Drive, Annalong (copy circulated).

The report recommended the following:-

1. Ms Fusco, NIE arrange for a fence to be erected adjacent to No 30 Carragheen Drive, Annalong in order to secure the NIE Sub Station.
2. Newry & Mourne District Council write to the PSNI to request that they monitor ongoing anti-social behaviour at the NIE Sub Station at Carragheen Drive, Annalong.

On the proposal of Councillor W Burns seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein.

M/56/2005:- REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WINDOWS/DOORS AT SHANNAGH DRIVE, ANNALONG
(REF: SB/5)

Read: Report of Mournes Area Councillors Meeting with representatives from NIHE held on Friday 18 March 2005 to discuss the replacement of existing windows/doors at Shannagh Drive, Annalong (copy circulated).

The report recommended the following:-

1. Newry & Mourne District Council replace the existing sign for Moolieve Close, Annalong.
2. Mr Sweeney, NIHE investigate complaints received by residents as outlined in the report.

On the proposal of Councillor W Burns seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein.

M/57/2005:- STREET LIGHTING AT FINNEGANS ROAD, JONESBOROUGH
(REF: G/4/1)

Read: Report of Slieve Gullion Councillors Site Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2005 to discuss the possibility of providing street lighting at Finnegan's Road, Jonesborough (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor McCreesh it was agreed to approve the above report.

M/58/2005:- CAR PARKING AT DAISY HILL HOSPITAL, NEWRY
(REF: D/4/1, SB/16, G/13/19 & R/S300)

Read: Report of Fews and Newry Town Councillors Meeting held on Wednesday 2 March 2005 to discuss the problem of parking at the exit from Daisy Hill Hospital and the possibility of using Daisy Hill Nursery Site as a car park (copy circulated). The Report recommended the following:-

1. Following the implementation of Newry and Mourne Trust's Business Plan, a deputation of Councillors from all parties meet with the relevant Minister in order to lobby for funding for the erection of a multi-storey car park at Daisy Hill Hospital.
2. The Council open negotiations with Newry & Mourne Trust in relation to a short-term lease for the provision of car parking spaces at Daisy Hill Nursery Site.

On the proposal of Councillor Feehan seconded by Councillor McCreesh it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/59/2005:- VARIOUS ISSUES RELATING TO ST OLIVER
PLUNKETT PARK, CAMLOUGH
(REF: G/4/1 & SB/5)**

Read: Report of Fews Area Councillors Site Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2005 to discuss various issues relating to St Oliver Plunkett Park, Camlough (copy circulated). The Report recommended the following:-

RECOMMENDATIONS

Council Departments:

- a) It was agreed Ms J Casey, Area Community Development Officer, contact Mr M Owens, Rural Community Network, to follow up matters regarding the registering of a community group from St Oliver Plunkett Park with the Council.
- b) It was also agreed a representative from the Council's Community Services Section, attend a future meeting of the St Oliver Plunkett Park community group, if required.
- c) It was agreed the Council contact NIE seeking an update on the issue regarding the Sub Station adjacent to No. 56 St Oliver Plunkett Park, Camlough, and requesting the area surrounding the Sub-Station be cleaned up, debris removed and graffiti overpainted.
- d) It was agreed Mr T Daly, Technical/Leisure Services Department, contact the Contractor who will be undertaking upgrading work to the Play Area to ascertain if the Contract could be changed to provide higher fencing.
- e) It was agreed Mr T Daly arrange to have litter bins provided in the Play Area.

Roads Service:

- a) To consider appropriate works to improve road and footpath surfaces, where required.
- b) To examine the removal of stoned areas throughout the Estate
- c) To arrange to have areas outside Nos. 44 and 45, and properties further on down this area, inspected during periods of rainfall, where kerbing is broken/uneven at the driveway entrances to these properties where water and mud is gathering.

Roads Service Street Lighting:

- a) Roads Service Street Lighting to inspect the street lights at the upper end of St Oliver Plunkett Park to ascertain if these lights are operating to their full capacity and to establish if additional lighting will be required to light the upper end of the Estate.

Housing Executive:

- a) To examine the removal of the shrubbery area at the upper end of the Estate
- b) To examine the removal of green areas which are under the responsibility of the Housing Executive.
- c) Overgrown laurel bushes/shrubbery at the lower end of the Estate, near the Play Area, to be cut back.
- d) Left over grass cutting materials to be removed after grass cutting works
- e) Reinstatement works to be carried out to the green area at the front of the OAP dwellings, which was previously used by NIHE as a storage site for plant and equipment during refurbishment works.

Water Service:

- a) To investigate sewerage problems at the rear of No. 30 St Oliver Plunkett Park.

On the proposal of Councillor Moffett seconded by Councillor McCreesh, it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/60/2005:- ISSUES RELATING TO BIGWOOD QUARRY,
WARRENPOINT ROAD, NEWRY
(REF: FB/13)**

Read: Report of Crotlieve Area Councillors Meeting held on Thursday 31 March 2005 to discuss issues relating to Bigwood Quarry, Warrenpoint Road, Newry (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Williamson seconded by Councillor McKibben it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein and also to refer the issues relating to the Quarry Development at Bigwood Quarry, Warrenpoint Road, Newry, to the next Meeting of the Planning Development Committee.

**M/61/2005:- EQUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
(REF: M/51/26/3)**

Read: Report of Equality Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2005 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor W Burn seconded by Councillor Williamson, it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/52/2005:- STAFF AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING –
TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2005
(REF: M/4/3)**

Read: Report of Staff and Policy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2005 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor W Burns seconded by Councillor Williamson it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M/53/2005:- SEALING DOCUMENTS
(REF: M/65)**

Councillor W Burns proposed and Councillor Williamson seconded that the following documents be signed and sealed on behalf of the Mayor and Chief Executive of Newry and Mourne District Council.

- Lease Agreement – Peadar O’Dairnin GFC to Newry and Mourne District Council.
- Contract – Play Area at Irvington Park, Kilkeel
- Contract – Sale of lands at Bleach Green, Bessbrook Pond to J T Carpets
- Licence Agreement – Amenity Area at Camlough Road/Monaghan Row, Newry.
- Deed of Release – Transfer of land at Greencastle Street, Kilkeel to NMHSST.
- Contribution Agreement and Counterpart – Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency – Contribution £200,000.00

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

For consideration at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 6 June 2005.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Signed: _____
Chief Executive