

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

Minutes of District Development Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 June 2009 in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry.

In the Chair Councillor K McKeivitt (For Election of Chairman)
Councillor T Hearty

In Attendance:- Councillor C Burns
Councillor W Burns
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor M Connolly
Councillor G Donnelly
Councillor J Feehan
Councillor F Feely
Councillor A Flynn
Councillor I Hanna
Councillor D Kennedy
Councillor T Murphy
Councillor M Mathers
Councillor J McArdle
Councillor J McCreesh
Councillor P McDonald
Councillor P McGinn
Councillor J O'Hare
Councillor G Oliver
Councillor J Patterson
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor S Rogers
Councillor A Williamson

Officials in Attendance:- Mr G McGivern, Director of District Development
Mr J Finnegan, Internal Auditor
Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of District Development
Mrs Geraldine Quinn, Committee Administrator

Apologies:- Councillor G Stokes
Mr T McCall, Clerk & Chief Executive
Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration

DD/491/2009:- ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/2010 PERIOD

Councillor McCreesh proposed and Councillor McDonald seconded the election of Councillor T Hearty as Chairman of the District Development Committee for the 2009/2010 period.

There being no further nominations it was agreed to appoint Councillor T Hearty as the Chairman of the District Development Committee for the 2009/2010 period.

DD/492/2009:- ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2009/2010 PERIOD

Councillor Kennedy proposed and Councillor Oliver seconded the appointment of Councillor I Hanna as Vice Chairman of the District Development Committee for the 2009/2010.

There being no further nominations Councillor Hanna was appointed Vice Chairman of the District Development Committee for the 2009/2010 period.

Councillor Hearty took the Chair at this point in the meeting.

DD/493/2009:- MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor Patterson seconded by Councillor I Hanna, Minutes of the District Development Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2009 were adopted as a true and accurate record, same having been circulated.

MATTERS ARISING

Pairc Esler Concert Event – Sunday 30 August 2009.

Councillor Casey referred to the planned concert at Pairc Esler on Sunday 30 August 2009 and said he had now being advised that this event may not take place. He said he believed the organisation of the event was now at an advanced stage and if it was not to proceed the Council may lose money. He said that at the Southern Cluster Peace III Partnership Meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2009 members of the Committee were opposed to the event being held on a Sunday on religious grounds.

Councillor Feehan expressed his disappointment that the Pairc Esler event may not proceed on religious grounds. He said as contracts have already been signed, monies will have to be paid out.

Councillor W Burns said it was his view that Peace III monies were to be spent by the 4 cluster councils and he was not happy that the Council had gone and allocated monies.

He said the concert event was based on reconciliation between the two communities and Sunday would not suit the vast majority of the community he represented.

Councillor McGinn said if the concert was now not going to take place then the rationale for the post of Events Officer would have to be re-visited.

Councillor Kennedy said care had been taken to select a venue and equal care should have been taken to select a date. He said there was a failure to recognise the sensitivities of holding such an event on a Sunday.

Councillor Casey said he accepted the fact that people kept the Lord 's Day but over the years, in his view this seemed to become more relaxed.

It was agreed to bring a report back to the Council at the Technical/Environmental Services Committee to be held on Monday 29 June 2009.

Summer Schemes

At the request of Councillor Burns it was agreed the appropriate official furnish him with details of the summer scheme budget and when they will be advertised.

Play area at Mourne Esplanade

Councillor Reilly advised that he had received a number of complaints about the condition of the play area at Mourne Esplanade which was strewn with broken glass and rubbish.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Technical/Leisure Services Department for attention.

DD/494/2009:- EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS AND SIGN TREASURERS ADVICE SHEET - JUNE 2009 (REF: F/1)

Considered: Treasurers Advice Sheet in respect of payments for the month of May 2009 (Two Payment Runs) (Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Patterson it was agreed to approve payment made during the month of May 2009 in the sum of First Payment Run £909,453.06 and Second Payment Run £1,613,020.27.

**DD/495/2009:- EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS
- MANUAL PAYMENTS
MAY 2009
(REF: F/1)**

Considered: Examination of Accounts in respect of Manual Payments made for the month of May 2009 (Two Payment Runs) (Copy Circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Patterson it was agreed to approve payments made for the month of May 2009 in the sum of First Payment Run £82,304.89 and Second Payment Run £268,510.56.

**DD/496/2009:- IMPREST GENERAL ACCOUNT
MAY 2009
(REF: F/1)**

Considered: Analysis for revenue of payments made through the Imprest General Account for the month of May 2009. (Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Hanna seconded by Councillor Patterson it was agreed to approve payments made through the Imprest General Account for the month of May 2009 in the sum of £6,751.58.

**DD/497/2009:- COMMUNITY SPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING
- WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2009
(REF: R/S269)**

Read: Report of Community Sport and Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2009 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor McCreesh seconded by Councillor McDonald it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein with the following amendment:-

CSP/79/2009 - Hire Charges at Newry Arts Centre and Newry Town Hall

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Patterson seconded by Councillor McArdle that the Community Sport and Public Works Committee re-visit the decision to increase the hire charges for Newry Arts Centre and Newry Town Hall at Community Sport and Public Works Meeting to be held on Wednesday 24 June 2009.

All Councillors to be invited for discussion on this item.

**DD/498/2009:- SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2009 RE: DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE ABP SITE AT GREENANK
(REF: M/4/2)**

Read: Report of Special Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2009 re: development proposals for the ABP site at Greenbank.

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

**DD/499/2009:- INTEGRATED RURAL/AGRICULTURAL FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETING
- THURSDAY 21 MAY 2009
(REF: M/4/2/4)**

Read: Report of Integrated Rural/Agricultural Fisheries Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2009 (Copy circulated).

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

**DD/500/2009:- SPORTS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009
(REF: M/8)**

Read: Report of Sports Development Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2009. (Copy circulated).

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

**DD/501/2009:- ULSTER SCOTS COMMITTEE AGM
- WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2009
(M/48/3/2)**

Read: Report of AGM of Ulster Scots Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2009. (Copy circulated).

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

**DD/502/2009:- IRISH LANGUAGE COMMITTEE AGM
- THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2009
(REF: M/48)**

Read: Report of AGM of Irish Language Committee held on Thursday 18 June 2009. (Copy circulated).

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

**DD/503/2009:- SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009
(REF: M/42/7/A)**

Read: Report of Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2009. (Copy circulated).

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

**DD/504/2009:- VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION MEETING
- FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2009
(REF: F/3/75)**

Read: Report of Voluntary Contribution Committee Meeting held on Friday 5 June 2009. (Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Patterson seconded by Councillor Rune it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendation contained therein.

Councillor Carr asked that it be placed on record his opposition as to how this committee was progressing.

DD/505/2009:- MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST
- 16 AUGUST 2009
(REF: M/53)

Councillor Reilly proposed and Councillor McCreesh seconded that no action be taken in relation to the nomination of members to attend the Milwaukee Irish Fest.

Councillor Carr referred to the decision previously taken at District Development on Monday 18 May 2009 where it had been agreed to appoint members to attend the Milwaukee Fest

Councillor McCreesh proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded that the Council suspend standing orders in this case and asked that a recorded vote be taken.

A recorded vote was taken (copy attached) for suspension of standing orders:-

FOR: 19

AGAINST: 5

ABSTENTIONS: 2

It was therefore agreed not to send any delegates to the Milwaukee Fest in August 2009.

DD/506/2009:- NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS
22/24 SEPTEMBER 2009
(REF: M/5)

It was agreed to appoint as follows in respect of the National Ploughing Championships to be held in Athy on 22/24 September 2009 at a cost of €1,000 per stand plus €300 per person for 3 nights B&B plus Subsistence of €70 per person per night as follows:-

2 No Officials

Mayor Councillor Feehan

Chair of Integrated Rural Development Committee

Chair of District Development Committee

Any other Councillor who wishes to attend.

DD/507/2009:- SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE BELFAST - 26 – 29 JULY 2009
(REF: M/37, M/53)

It was agreed to appoint the Mayor, Councillor Feehan and Councillor Carr to attend the Sister Cities Conference to be held from 26 to 29 of July 2009 in Belfast at a cost £415 per person attending.

Councillor McKeivitt asked that her apologies be recorded as she was unable to attend the Sister Cities Conference.

DD/508/2009:- BENEDICT KEILY LITERARY WEEKEND 2009
(REF: M/53)

It was agreed to appoint Councillor Feely to attend the Benedict Keily Literary Weekend 2009 to be held from 10th to 13th September 2009 at a cost of £80 plus accommodation per delegate.

DD/509/2009:- NILGA REVIEW OF REFORM STRUCTURES
(REF: G/4/55)

Read: Letter dated 12 June 2009 from NILGA in respect of the Review of Reform Structures Conference to be held on Thursday 25 June 2009 at the NILGA offices Belfast.

It was noted the invitation was for one Councillor on the Voluntary Transition Committee from Down District and one from Newry and Mourne District Council.

It was agreed to appoint Councillor Hanna to attend the Review of Reform Structures Conference.

DD/510/2009:- CHUAN MUIRE 25th CELEBRATIONS
(REF: M/28)

It was agreed the Council provide tents, a van and trailer and erect the tents during working hours at Chuan Mhuire for their 25th Celebrations weekend on 26, 27, 28 June 2009.

It was agreed to ensure that all the necessary insurances were in order.

**DD/511/2009:- SIGNING OF PEACE III SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT
(REF: M/199)**

On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Feehan it was agreed to approve the signing of Peace III Partnership Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement in respect of setting up the partnership and delivery of Peace III.

**DD/512/2009:- KILKEEL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION –
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT
(REF: M/81/15/4, F/3)**

Read: Letter dated 17 June 2009 from Rory McShane Solicitor in respect of Kilkeel Development Association enclosing Contribution Agreement duly executed by the KDA.

On the proposal of Councillor Reilly seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to proceed to sign the contribution agreement for Kilkeel Development Association in the sum of £43,750.

**DD/513/2009:- MUSEUM SUB COMMITTEE AGM – TUESDAY 5 JUNE
2009
(REF: CP/17)**

Read: Report of the AGM of the Museum Sub Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 June 2009 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed to approve the report and the recommendations contained therein.

**DD/514/2009:- BIN COLLECTION IN WARRENPOINT
(REF: SC/25)**

At the request of Councillor Carr it was agreed the relevant officials in relation to bins at Cloughmore View (Burren Road side at Warrenpoint) had not been collected. He said the residents had been advised that the bins would be collected on Friday last but this had not happened.

**DD/515/2009:- NEW SEWAGE WORKS AT CULLAVILLE
(REF: SC/11)**

At the request of Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Environmental Health Department be advised that the residents of the area had reported an odour coming from the sewage works and asked that this be investigated.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.00 pm.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2009.**

SIGNED: _____
Chairman of Committee

Clerk and Chief Executive

COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PURPOSE OF MEETING: AGM District Development

VENUE: Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry

DATE: Monday 22 June 2009

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	9.00						
Burns W J	2	7.00	9.00						
Carr M	52	7.00	9.00						
Casey C	54	7.00	9.00						
Connolly M		7.00	9.00						
Curran B	6								
Donnelly G		7.00	9.00						
Feehan J W	49	7.00	9.00						
Feely F	8	7.00	9.00						
Flynn A		7.00	9.00						
Hanna I B	10	7.00	9.00						
Hearty T	59	7.00	9.00						
Kennedy D	12	7.20	9.00						
Murphy T		7.00	9.00						
Mathers M		7.00	9.00						
McArdle J	55	7.00	9.00						
McCreesh J P	44	7.00	9.00						
McDonald PJ	35	7.00	9.00						
McGinn P	56	7.00	9.00						
McKevitt K		7.00	7.00						
Murphy M	47								
Mussen C									
O'Hare J	37	7.00	9.00						
Oliver G		7.00	9.00						
Patterson J	38	7.00	9.00						
Reilly H	26	7.00	9.00						
S Rogers		7.00	9.00						
Ruane M	53	7.00	9.00						
Stokes G									
Williamson A V	39	7.00	9.00						

Officials in attendance: Mr G McGivern
Mr J Finnegan
Mr J McGilly

Time of Arrival: **Time of Leaving:**

Signed: G Quinn

Date: 22 June 2009

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORDED VOTE

DATE: Monday 22 June 2009

VENUE: Boardroom

PURPOSE OF MEETING: District Development Committee Meeting

SUBJECT OF VOTE: To suspend standing orders in respect of decision taken at District Development Committee Meeting on 18 May 2009 to approve the nominations of Elected Members to attend Milwaukee Irish Fest.

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
C Burns	√		
W J Burns		√	
M Carr		√	
C Casey	√		
M Connoly	√		
B Curran			
G Donnelly	√		
J Feehan	√		
F Feely	√		
A Flynn	√		
I B Hanna		√	
T Hearty	√		
D Kennedy		√	
G Oliver		√	
M Mathers	√		
M Murphy			
T Murphy	√		
C Mussen			
J McArdle	√		
J P McCreesh	√		
P J McDonald	√		
K McKeivitt			√
P McGinn	√		
J O'Hare	√		
J Patterson	√		
H Reilly	√		
S Rogers	√		
M Ruane	√		
G Stokes			
A V Williamson			√
TOTALS	19	5	2

