

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

Report of Technical/Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 December 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry.

In the Chair Councillor I Hanna

In Attendance Councillor C Burns
Councillor W Burns
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor M Cole
Councillor B Curran
Councillor G Donnelly
Councillor F Feely
Councillor A Flynn
Councillor I Hanna
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Kennedy
Councillor T Murphy
Councillor M Mathers
Councillor J McArdle
Councillor P J McDonald
Councillor K McKevitt
Councillor M Murphy
Councillor C Mussen
Councillor J O'Hare
Councillor G Oliver
Councillor J Patterson
Councillor H Reilly
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor A Williamson

Officials in Attendance Mr T McCall, Clerk and Chief Executive
Mr J McCorry, Director of Technical/Leisure Services
Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration
Mr J Farrell, Director of Environmental Health
Mr D Shanks, Assistant Director of Building Control
Mr L Dinsmore, Management Services Officer
Mrs B Philips, Senior Accountant
Ms M Boylan, Committee Administrator

Apologies Councillor J Feehan
Mr F Somerville, Director of Building Control
Mr E McManus, Deputy Director of Technical/Leisure Services

**T.E.S/318/2007:- LABORATORY SERVICES
(REF: G/13/19)**

Councillor T Murphy said that he was extremely pleased that Minister Michael McGimpsey had condemned the reduced hours suggested for the Daisy Hill Hospital Laboratory Service whereby the service would have been reduced from a 24-hour to a 12-hour service. Councillor Murphy said that the Council Chamber had been united on this matter and had lobbied the Minister regarding it, with the result that this has now been retained on a 24-hour service. He said that Daisy Hill Hospital Services affected everyone in the District and he congratulated the Chamber on their combined effort in maintaining the current provision.

Councillor J McArdle said he would like to concur with Councillor Murphy's comments. He noted, however, that the problem with the ambulance service for South Armagh had still not been resolved. He said that the Consultation Paper for Pathology Services of February 2007 had suggested that new laboratories were required at Daisy Hill Hospital, and could be facilitated as part of the rebuilding process planned for the hospital, however, before Christmas the Minister had said that there would not be any new pathology services in Northern Ireland and that this was just not satisfactory.

**T.E.S/319/2007:- PROBLEMS WITH ROYAL MAIL RECEIPT OF POST
(REF: G/3)**

Councillor W Burns said that there was a continued problem with the receipt of post from the Royal Mail Headquarters in Craigavon. He said that people in Kilkeel were experiencing problems with their post and he proposed holding a meeting with the Royal Mail in Craigavon.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor I Hanna and agreed unanimously.

**T.E.S/320/2007:- MINUTES OF TECHNICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2007
(REF: M/157)**

On the proposal of Councillor Williamson, seconded by Councillor Stokes, minutes of the Technical/Environmental Services Committee Meeting, held on Monday 26 November 2007, were adopted as a true and accurate record, same having being circulated.

MATTERS ARISING

**T.E.S/321/2007:- STEPHEN NELSON CASE
(REF: M/3)**

In reply to Councillor Casey, Mr Curtis said that he had spoken to a legal advisor and relayed his advice on the Mr S Nelson case to the Special Group Leaders' Meeting

and the recommendations arising from the meeting would be taken back to the Group Leaders' January Meeting.

**T.E.S/322/2007:- LIGHTS AT MOORE ROAD, KILKEEL
(REF:G/4/3)**

Councillor W Burns asked if there had been any reply regarding the removal of the lights on the Moore Road, Kilkeel.

Mr Curtis confirmed that no reply had been received as yet and this matter would be followed up.

**T.E.S/323/2007:- CHRISTMAS TREES AND ILLUMINATIONS
(REF: F/7)**

Councillor Hearty said that the Christmas tree in Crossmaglen was leaning to the left.

Councillor T Murphy advised that there was a similar problem with the tree in Camlough.

Mr McCorry advised that the Grounds Maintenance gardening squad would fix the tree the following day.

Councillor Ruane said that half of the lights on the Christmas tree at Warrenpoint had gone out and that there were problems with the lights all over the town.

Mr McCorry advised that a Council officer inspects the trees and illuminations and then reports any problems to Norlect. He said that this work would be actioned promptly.

**T.E.S/324/2007:- WARRENPOINT BURREN ROSTREVOR
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YULETIDE FAIR
(REF: M/23; VB/21)**

At the request of Councillor M Carr it was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Warrenpoint Chamber of Commerce on the success of their Yuletide Fair held on Sunday 16 December 2007. He said that special thanks should go to the sub group, Council staff and Jim Boylan of Boylan Electrics.

Councillors McKevitt and O'Hare said that they would like to be associated with Councillor Carr's remarks.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

**T.E.S/325/2007:- EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS AND SIGN
TREASURER'S ADVICE SHEET - NOVEMBER 2007
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Examination of accounts and sign Treasurer's Advice Sheet in respect of payments for month of November 2007.

On the proposal of Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Williamson, it was agreed to approve payments made for the month of November 2007 in the sum of first payment run - £580,032.66, second payment run £1,747,885.26.

**T.E.S/326/2007:- EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS - MANUAL PAYMENTS
- NOVEMBER 2007
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Examination of accounts in respect of Manual Payments for month of November 2007 (two payment runs) (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Williamson, it was agreed to approve payments for the month of November 2007 in the sum of first payment run - £315,588.82, second payment run - £3,369.81.

**T.E.S/327/2007:- IMPREST GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT -
NOVEMBER 2007
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Analysis of Revenue Payments made through the Imprest Account for the month of November 2007 (copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Williamson, it was agreed to grant approval for payments made through the Imprest General Revenue Account for the month of November 2007 in the sum of £16,141.99.

**T.E.S/328/2007:- REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING CONTROL MEETING
- FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 2007 RE: DUAL LANGUAGE
NAME PLATES
(REF: M/54)**

Read: Report of Special Building Control Meeting to which all Councillors were invited, held on Friday 7 December 2007 re: dual language nameplates (copy circulated).

Councillor Kennedy expressed his concerns with recommendation No. 2 and the fact that he could not agree with its contents and called for a recorded vote on adoption of the recommendations contained within the report.

Voting was as follows:

For: 18
Against: 5
Abstain: 1

It was therefore agreed to adopt the above report and the recommendations contained within.

**T.E.S/329/2007:- REPORT OF BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE
MEETING – 12 DECEMBER 2007
(REF: M/5/4)**

Read: Report of Building Control Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2007 (copy circulated).

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

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

**T.E.S/330/2007:- MONTHLY REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH –
DECEMBER 2007
(REF: PH/2)**

Read: Monthly Report from Mr J Farrell, Director of Environmental Health – December 2007 (copy circulated).

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

**T.E.S/331/2007:- REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
COMMITTEE – 4 DECEMBER 2007
(REF: M/4/5)**

Read: Report of Environmental Control Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2007 (copy circulated).

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

**T.E.S/332/2007:- LIQUOR LICENCE SCHEDULE
(REF: M/152)**

Read: Liquor Licence Schedule (copy on display at meeting).

On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor McDonald, it was agreed to approve the above Schedule.

TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES/MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

**T.E.S/333/2007:- REPORT OF TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE – 5 DECEMBER 2007 AND
TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES GENERAL REPORT
– NOVEMBER 2007
(REF: MT/2/5)**

Read: Report of Technical/Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2007 and Technical/Leisure Services General Report for month of November 2007 (copy circulated).

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

**T.E.S/334/2007:- REPORT OF MOURNES COUNCILLORS SITE
MEETING – 7 DECEMBER 2007 RE: FUTURE USE OF
KILKEEL TOWN HALL
(REF: CP/11)**

Read: Report of Mournes Councillors Site Meeting held on Friday 7 December 2007 to discuss future use of Kilkeel Town hall (copy circulated).

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

Mr McCall advised that the recommendation for Capital Provision contained in this Report would now be referred to the Rates Estimates Committee for consideration.

Councillor Reilly advised that the PSNI wished to purchase land at the old hospital site which could have consequences for the future of the land at the Town Hall.

On the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor M Murphy, it was agreed that a meeting be held with the PSNI regarding the site.

**T.E.S/335/2007:- NEWRY TOWN HALL – PROBLEM WITH ROOF
(REF: CP/4)**

Councillor Casey said that he had been told that the roof in Newry Town Hall was leaking.

Mr McCall replied that he had no knowledge of this, and Mr Shanks concurred with this.

Mr McCall advised prudence regarding this matter as the Report had not yet been confirmed. He said that the matter would be investigated as a matter of urgency and reported back to the Council.

**T.E.S/336/2007:- APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A SOCIETY
(REF: M/64/2)**

On the proposal of Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to approve the following applications for renewal of Registration as a Society, subject to all matters being in order:-

- Corrinshogo GFC, Chancellors Road, Newry, Co Down
- Culloville GFC, Corrasmoor Road, Culloville, Crossmaglen, Newry
- Dromintee GFC, 54 Ardavoyle Road, Dromintee, Newry
- Heart of Erin INF, 9 Havelock Place, Warrenpoint, BT34 3HE
- Kingdom GFC, 10 Dunavil Road, Kilkeel, Newry, Co Down, BT34 4JT
- Lissumon GFC, c/o 5 Tyrone's Ditches, Poyntzpass, Newry, Co Down
- Longstone GFC, 65 Longstone Road, Annalong, Co Down, BT34 4XA
- Saval GAC, c/o 45A Sheeptown Road, Newry, Co Down, BT34 2LA
- Silverbridge Harps GFC, Ford's Cross, Silverbridge, Co Armagh
- St Bronagh's GAA, 5-7 Mary Street, Rostrevor, Co Down BT34 3AY
- St Patrick's Youth Band, 34 Ballyvalley Road, Mayobridge, BT34 2RT

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

**T.E.S/337/2007:- NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: THE CHALLENGE OF
CHANGE – THURSDAY 7 AND FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY
2008 - MILLENNIUM FORUM, DERRY/LONDONDERRY
FEE: £225.00 + VAT (EARLY BIRD OFFER PRE-2 JAN -
£199.00+VAT
(REF: M/53)**

It was agreed to appoint the following representatives to attend the above conference:-

Councillor Casey
Councillor Feeley
Councillor Mathers
Councillor Stokes
Mr E Curtis

**T.E.S/338/2007:- REPORT OF FEWS AREA COUNCILLORS MEETING
WITH BESSBROOK BOWLING CLUB – 12 DECEMBER
2007
(REF: BG/7)**

Read: Report of Fews Area Councillors Meeting with Bessbrook Bowling Club held on Wednesday 12 December 2007. (Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Oliver, it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations therein.

**T.E.S/339/2007:- CORRESPONDENCE FROM PLANNING APPEALS
COMMISSION RE: INFORMAL APPEAL HEARING –
ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED ERECTION OF SEA
DEFENCE WALL – LAND AT CRANFIELD POINT,
KILKEEL
(REF: SB/13/3)**

Mr McCorry stated that this item was deferred until a future meeting of Council.

CHAIRMANS BUSINESS

**T.E.S/340/2007:- WORK ON NEWRY BYPASS
(REF: G/4/1)**

Councillor McDonald enquired as to why work being carried out on the Newry Bypass had stopped. He said that he had heard that staff had been paid off as there was a finding of historical significance on the site and he asked if this could be investigated. Mr McCorry said that Council would contact Roads Service in order to clarify the position on the matter and advise Councillor McDonald.

**T.E.S/341/2007:- HILLHEAD ROAD
(REF: G/4/1)**

Members asked if there was any update on the situation on Hillhead Road. Mr McCorry said that an update would be requested and reported to the Council.

**T.E.S/342/2007:- LETTER OF SYMPATHY
(REF: M/21)**

On the proposal of Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor M Murphy, it was agreed a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr Brendan Murney on the death of his wife Anne.

Councillors Williamson, McKevitt, O'Hare, W Burns and Councillor Reilly asked to be associated with this expression of sympathy.

**T.E.S/343/2007:- RESEARCH INTO DYSLEXIA – NEWRY SWIMMING
POOL
(REF: R/S 24)**

Councillor Carr said that Mr Michael Gilsenan, Optician, was carrying out research into improving the quality of life for children with dyslexia and had requested the use of Newry Swimming Pool for research purposes. It was agreed that a senior officer contact Mr Gilsenan to see how the Council would be able to assist him with his project.

**T.E.S/344/2007:- DUMPING OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AT
KILKEEL
(REF: SC/1/2)**

Councillor Reilly stated that a bag of rubbish had been removed at Kilkeel which contained highly personal financial information. He said that it was Council's duty to inform the public as to the danger of dumping such personal information due to identity theft.

Mr Farrell said that he was aware of the incident and intended to follow up on same.

**T.E.S/345/2007:- FUNDING FOR FIRE SERVICES
(REF: SB/3)**

On the proposal of Councillor McArdle, seconded by Councillor Kennedy, it was agreed a letter be sent to the Minister regarding problems arising from lack of funding to the Fire Services at Kilkeel and Newtownhamilton. Councillor McArdle said that both fire stations needed renewal, rebuilding, and new vehicles.

Councillor Ruane suggested that Council contact Fire Services directly to ascertain what problems they were having.

Councillor Kennedy advised that the relevant Minister to whom such concerns should be addressed was Mr Michael McGimpsey.

**T.E.S/346/2007:- CLOSURE OF ROONEY ROAD, KILKEEL
(REF: G/4/1)**

Councillor W Burns said that an advertisement had appeared in the Mourne Observer stating that Rooney Road, Kilkeel would be closed from 7 January 2008. He said that this was not acceptable as this ring road around the Harbour was crucial to the efficient circulation of traffic in Kilkeel. On the proposal of Councillor W Burns, seconded by Councillor Hanna, it was agreed that a meeting be held with the Harbour Authority.

**T.E.S/347/2007:- WELCOME SIGNS – BALLYHOLLAND
(REF: G/4/1/33)**

Councillor McKevitt congratulated the Council on the erection of welcome signs at Ballyholland.

**T.E.S/348/2007:- BURGLARY AT BALLYHOLLAND
(REF: M/66)**

Councillor McKevitt said that she wished to condemn the recent creeper burglary at Ballyholland in which a widow had her car stolen.

**T.E.S/349/2007:- REQUEST FOR NURSERY AT ST BRIGID'S,
GLASSDRUMMOND
(REF: G/3)**

On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor Kennedy, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Department of Education in support of building a nursery at St Brigid's Primary School, Glasdrummond.

Councillor Hearty said that 20 children were turned away every year as there were no nursery facilities in the school and this was not satisfactory

Councillor Donnelly said that she also strongly supported this request.

**T.E.S/350/2007:- 2008 DIARIES
(REF: M/15/13)**

Councillor Hearty requested that he be provided with a 2008 diary.

Mr Curtis said that the diaries would be delivered within the next couple of days.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

**For consideration at the Technical/Environmental Services Committee Meeting
of the Council to be held on Monday 28 January 2008.**

Signed: _____
Chairman

Signed: _____
Clerk & Chief Executive

COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Technical/Environmental Services

VENUE: Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry

DATE: 17 December 2007

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	7.50						
Burns W J	2	7.00	7.50						
Carr M	52	7.00	7.50						
Casey C	54	7.00	7.50						
Cole M J	48	7.00	7.50						
Connolly M									
Curran B	6	(7.45)	7.50						
Donnelly G		7.00	7.50						
Feehan J W	49								
Feely F	8	7.00	7.50						
Flynn A		7.00	7.50						
Hanna I B	10	7.00	7.50						
Hearty T	59	7.00	7.50						
Kennedy D	12	7.00	7.50						
Murphy T		7.00	7.50						
Mathers M		7.00	7.50						
McArdle J	55	7.00	7.50						
McCreesh J P	44								
McDonald PJ	35	7.00	7.50						
McGinn P	56								
McKevitt K		7.00	7.50						
Murphy M	47	7.00	7.50						
Mussen C		(7.10)	7.50						
O'Hare J	37	7.00	7.50						
Oliver G		7.00	7.50						
Patterson J	38	7.00	7.50						
Reilly H	26	7.12	7.50						
Ruane M	53	7.00	7.50						
Stokes G		7.00	7.50						
Williamson A V	39	7.00	7.50						

Officials in attendance:

Time of Arrival:

Time of Leaving:

**T McCall
E Curtis**

**J McCorry
D Shanks**

**J Farrell
B Philips**

**L Dinsmore
M Boylan**

Signed: M Boylan

Date: 17 December 2007

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORDED VOTE

DATE: 17 December 2007

VENUE: Boardroom, Monaghan Row

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Technical and Environmental Services Committee Meeting

“That the Council adopt Report of Special Building Control Committee Meeting of Friday 7 December 2007 re: Dual Language Name Plates and the recommendations contained within the Report. “

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
C Burns	√		
W J Burns		√	
M Carr			√
C Casey	√		
M J Cole	√		
M Connolly			
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 McKevitt	√		
P McGinn			
J O'Hare	√		
J Patterson	√		
H Reilly		√	
M Ruane	√		
G Stokes	√		
A V Williamson	√		
TOTALS	18	5	1