

ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of the **Environment and Borough Services Committee** of Antrim Borough Council held in The Round Tower Chamber, Antrim Civic Centre, 50 Stiles Way, Antrim on **Thursday 21 January 2010** at **10.00 am**.

In the Chair : Alderman M Rea

Other Members Present : Aldermen -

S Dunlop
R J Loughran

Councillors -

A K Brady
A D Cochrane-Watson
O C J Keenan
A A Lawther
A Logue
M Lucas
D Ritchie

Non-Committee Member Present : Councillor J Smyth

In Attendance : Chief Executive
Director of Corporate Services
Director of Development & Leisure
Fionnuala Close, Health and Wellbeing Manager
Paul Barton, IfH Health Inequalities Officer
Committee Secretary (*M Aiken*)

Apologies : Councillor B Graham

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman apologised for a slight delay in commencement of the Meeting owing to attendance by some Members at a previous Meeting which was still ongoing.

News of the expansion of the Emerald Isle recycling facility at Randalstown was welcomed.

The Chairman expressed his best wishes to Committee Secretary, Denise Waddell, for a speedy recovery to health.

Councillor Logue joined the Meeting at 10.10 am.

PRESENTATION

The Chairman welcomed Council's Health and Wellbeing Manager, Fionnuala Close and IfH Partnership Health Inequalities Officer, Paul Barton who were in attendance to address Health Inequalities in the Antrim Borough.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN ANTRIM BOROUGH

A document was tabled setting out the aims, objectives and expected outcomes of Council's 'Tackling Inequalities in Health' project and the Health Inequalities Officer addressed this in some detail. He explained the background to the Investing for Health approach to reducing health inequalities through working in partnership with Departments, public bodies, local communities, voluntary organisations, District Councils and social partners.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the Northern Investing for Health Partnership (NifHP) area had some of the most deprived wards in Northern Ireland and research showed that poverty and social exclusion were strong indicators of health inequalities.

Questions raised by Members were addressed and points highlighted during the discussion included -

- The need to educate parents and children regarding the importance of healthy eating and regular exercise
- Concern over the increase in diabetes

- Concern regarding respiratory disease statistics
- Concern at the uptake in smoking amongst young teenage girls in particular

Members were appreciative of the excellent work being done by staff through this initiative and the Fuel Poverty Scheme and expressed a wish to see this maintained and expanded.

The Chairman thanked the Officers for attending and they withdrew from the Meeting.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

REPORT: No. 3 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED: that, subject to the suitability of arrangements, Councillor Keenan and Council's Health and Wellbeing Manager, Fionnuala Close, attend the 18th UK Public Health Association Annual Public Health Forum in Bournemouth on 24 and 25 March 2010 with Registration fees of £320 per delegate and other related expenses being paid by Council.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

REPORT: No. 4 had been circulated.

Staff members were commended for their excellent work during the recent exceptionally inclement weather conditions; attention was drawn to the responsibility upon everyone to keep thoroughfares clear in such dangerous conditions for the safety of others.

NOTED: the Director of Development and Leisure would clarify a point in the report raised by Councillor Lucas regarding Non-Chargeable Collections.

**HEALTH
INEQUALITIES IN
ANTRIM
BOROUGH**
(continued)

**UK PUBLIC
HEALTH
ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC HEALTH
FORUM**

**CLEANSING
UPDATE**

REPORT: No. 5 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED: acceptance of Option 1b for the phased purchase between 1 June 2010 and 6 June 2011 of the current AssetCo fleet depending on age, price and condition of each vehicle at a total estimated cost of £746,560, to replace the current Contract Hire Vehicles (excluding sweepers).

Arising from discussion of the report it was

AGREED: that in future Members be issued with written reminders for Meetings of the Waste Management Sub-Group as Alderman Rea did not appear to have received the electronic notification of the last meeting.

Councillor Cochrane-Watson joined the Meeting at 10.57 am.

REPORT: No. 6 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED: acceptance of Option 4 of the report to purchase a new hooklift vehicle and containers for the collection of residual waste from household recycling centres at an estimated cost of £177,500.

**REPLACEMENT OF
CURRENT
CONTRACT HIRE
VEHICLES
(EXCLUDING
SWEEPERS)**

**OPTIONS FOR THE
COLLECTION OF
RESIDUAL WASTE
FROM
HOUSEHOLD
RECYCLING
CENTRES**

INTERVAL

There was a break at 11.05 am with the Meeting reconvening at 11.25 am. All present prior to the interval resumed their seats.

PROPERTY SERVICES

REPORT: No. 7 had been circulated.

Members gave a brief account of their study visit to Germany and in passing spoke of the cleanliness of the country and lack of vandalism. Brochures were available for perusal by Members.

NOTED: that Members welcomed the possibility of a geothermal resource for Antrim and, following a meeting to be held with GT Energy representatives in the near future, a report and recommendation would be brought to Committee as soon as possible.

GEOHERMAL ENERGY INITIATIVE

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

REPORT: No. 8 had been circulated.

NOTED: Officers to advise Councillor Lawther of areas where the objectives for nitrogen dioxide were not being met as indicated in the report.

AIR POLLUTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2008

REPORT: No. 9 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED: that in view of the importance of the standards set by the Food Standards Agency -

- 1 Officers to bring back to Committee additional information on food standards and how the Food Standards Agency Strategy for 2010-2015 would be implemented;
- 2 Representatives from the Food Standards Agency to be invited to give a presentation to Committee.

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY STRATEGY FOR 2010-2015

REPORT: No. 10 had been circulated.

The Director of Corporate Services spoke to the document and it was

RECOMMENDED: that Council submit a corporate response to the consultation on Proposals for Changes to Dog Control Legislation as set out in the report using Antrim's responses to specific questions.

REPORT: No. 11 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED: that legal proceedings be instigated for contravention of Council's Bye-Laws pertaining to the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place as undernoted -

PUBLIC DRINKING

Case Ref : SD/10/01
Date of Birth : 10 January 1986
Time : 11:30 hours on Saturday 19 December 2009
Place : Orchard Road, Crumlin

RECOMMENDED: that Council adopt the Minutes of a Meeting of the Bonfire Sub-Group held on 16 September 2009, copies of which had been circulated.

BUILDING CONTROL

REPORT: No. 13 had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED: that the following Officers be authorised to undertake enforcement activities within Antrim Borough in relation to Energy Performance of Buildings (EPC) Regulations:

- Bronagh Doonan, Assistant Director - Building Control
- William Richmond, Senior Building Control Surveyor
- Fiona Cleland, Senior Energy Performance Surveyor
- Three Energy Performance Surveyors

**CONSULTATION
ON PROPOSALS
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LEGISLATION**

**CONTRAVENTION
OF BYE-LAWS
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THE
CONSUMPTION OF
INTOXICATING
LIQUOR IN
DESIGNATED
PLACES**

**MINUTES OF
BONFIRE SUB-
GROUP MEETING
OF 16 SEPTEMBER
2009**

**AUTHORISATION
OF RELEVANT
OFFICERS TO
ENFORCE
ENERGY
PERFORMANCE
CERTIFICATES
REGULATIONS**

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

A bus shelter at Main Street, Crumlin was reported as being in an unsafe condition and dangerously situated. It was requested that the providers of the bus shelter be asked to have it replaced at a safer location.

BUS SHELTER AT MAIN STREET, CRUMLIN

Also, there was a request for Translink to be asked to provide statistics regarding the usage of bus shelters.

Members were reminded that Roads Service representatives were due to attend a future Meeting of Committee to discuss bus shelters and the list of requests held by Council.

AGREED: that Officers report back to Members on the present position regarding -

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- collection of refuse bins where rates payments are outstanding - Councillor Keenan
- controls over the burning of rubbish in the Borough - Councillor Keenan
- bin collection service for Randalstown Scout Hall - Councillor Ritchie.

RECOMMENDED: that the Assistant Director - Operational Services be asked to devise a pilot project for consideration by Committee on a proposal by a local retailer regarding the disposal of bulky items such as unwanted furniture.

BULKY COLLECTIONS

Councillor Lawther left the Meeting at 11.56 am.

RESOLVED: on the proposal of Councillor Keenan seconded by Councillor Ritchie that the remainder of Committee business be taken 'In Confidence'.

The Director of Corporate Services and Director of Development and Leisure left the Meeting at this point.

ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

- Cemetery Sub-Group Minutes of 18 December 2009 and related matters were considered.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 1pm.

Mayor

Chief Executive

Date
