

# ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of **Antrim Borough Council** held in the Round Tower Chamber, Antrim Civic Centre, 50 Stiles Way, Antrim on **Thursday 14 January 2010** at **2.00 pm**.

In the Chair : Councillor A D Cochrane-Watson, Mayor

Members Present : Aldermen -

S Dunlop  
M Rea

Councillors -

A K Brady  
T A Burns  
T Clarke  
H J Cushinan  
D R J Ford  
B Graham  
O C J Keenan  
D Kinahan  
A A Lawther  
P Lewis  
A Logue  
M Lucas  
S Nicholl  
J Smyth

In Attendance : Chief Executive  
Director of Corporate Services  
Director of Development and Leisure  
Public Relations Assistant  
Committee Secretary (*M Aiken*)

Apologies : Alderman R J Loughran

Councillor D Ritchie

## **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

The Mayor expressed regret that the New Year had commenced with news of the horrific bomb attack on PSNI Officer, Peadar Heffron, an upstanding member of the local community and former employee of Council. Members were unanimous in their condemnation of the attack and joined with the Mayor in sending best wishes for Peadar's recovery. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor purposed to visit the family at a convenient time.

### **PEADER HEFFRON**

Mrs Margaret Vine Haugh, a resident from Crumlin, was congratulated on being awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours for services to education.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations were extended to local businesses, Antrim Enterprise Agency, Hutchinson Homes and Townparks Car Sales, on recently completing environmental standard BS 8555.

Mrs Marretta Coleman from Templepatrick was congratulated on her recent appointment as National Chair of the British Junior Chamber, the first person from Northern Ireland to hold this position.

Thanks were extended to Council employees and also the Department of Regional Development for their excellent work during the recent snow and severe weather conditions which had affected the province.

### **THANKS**

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Keenan seconded by Councillor Smyth that the Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10 December 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed subject to Page 108 being amended to include Councillor John Smyth in the list of Members Present.

**CONFIRMATION  
OF MINUTES OF  
COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD  
ON  
10 DECEMBER  
2009**

***Minutes of Transition Committee Meeting of 10 November 2009 -***

The Chief Executive addressed queries raised by Councillor Nicholl with regard to reporting procedures and the status of the Transition Committee.

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Keenan seconded by Councillor Smyth that the Minutes of the Community Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 December 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed subject to -

**MINUTES OF  
COMMUNITY  
PLANNING  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD  
ON  
10 DECEMBER  
2009**

Page 37 being amended to include Councillor John Smyth in the list of Members Present and

Page 38 being amend to disassociate Councillor Lucas from the decision to invite Minister Murphy to address Committee, this decision having been taken after Councillor Lucas had left the Meeting.

Committee Chairman, Alderman Rea, presented the Minutes of the Environment and Borough Services Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2009, copies of which had been circulated.

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Alderman Rea seconded by Councillor Graham that the Minutes of the Environment and Borough Services Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2009 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed and that the recommendations be adopted.

**MINUTES OF  
ENVIRONMENT  
AND BOROUGH  
SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD  
ON  
17 DECEMBER  
2009**

Although the Committee Chairman, Councillor Smyth, had not been in attendance, he presented the Minutes of the Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2009, copies of which had been circulated.

***Audit Sub-Committee / Resources Sub-Committee Meeting  
Page 125***

**NOTED:** that the time of 1 pm agreed for the Audit/Resources Sub-Committee Meeting on Wednesday 13 January 2010 had been changed to 2 pm to accommodate the Committee Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Lawther seconded by Councillor Lewis that the Minutes of the Resources Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2009 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed and that the recommendations be adopted.

Committee Chairman, Councillor Nicholl, presented the Minutes of the Development and Leisure Committee Meeting held on 22 December 2009, copies of which had been circulated.

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Nicholl seconded by Councillor Lucas that the Minutes of Development and Leisure Committee Meeting held on 22 December 2009 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed and that the recommendations be adopted subject to Page 142 being amended to include in the recommendation that Council make a **'10% of cost contribution in the sum of £365'** to Antrim and District Historical Society in addition to acquiring a number of copies of the book *'Antrim and Beyond, Part 1 - Childhood Memories of Antrim in Wartime'* when published.

Also, Councillor Clarke to be provided with clarification of the procedure for evaluation of tenders.

**MINUTES OF  
RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD  
ON  
17 DECEMBER  
2009**

**MINUTES OF  
DEVELOPMENT  
AND LEISURE  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD  
ON  
22 DECEMBER  
2009**

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Smyth seconded by Councillor Nicholl that Loan Sanction applications be submitted for the following schemes approved through the Development and Leisure Committee - Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 22 December 2009 refers.

- Antrim Forum Health Suite Refurbishment in the sum of £400,000 repayable over 10 years
- Playgrounds at Muckamore and Steeple, Antrim in the sum of £900,000 repayable over 15 years.

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Cushinan seconded by Councillor Ford that the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Public Services Committee held on 22 December 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed; also, while the Meeting had been held In-Confidence, the Minutes now to be regarded as 'open', this having been proposed by Councillor Nicholl seconded by Councillor Lucas.

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Cushinan seconded by Councillor Lawther that the Minutes of the Public Services Committee Meeting held on 22 December 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed.

**NOTED:** Members to confirm with Secretariat if they wished to attend the NILGA Conference and Exhibition on 18 and 19 February 2010 in the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle so that bookings and necessary payments could be made before 29 January 2010.

## **LOAN SANCTION APPLICATIONS**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 2009**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 2009**

## **NILGA**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Nicholl seconded by Alderman Dunlop that approval be granted for acceptance of funding in the sum of £956,826 in respect of the Active Communities joint project to enable a letter of offer to be signed by Council as required by Sport Northern Ireland.

**SPORT  
NORTHERN  
IRELAND**

**RESOLVED:** on the proposal of Councillor Nicholl seconded by Councillor Kinahan that, in response to a request received, Council issue a letter of support for an application by TIDAL to the International Fund for Ireland in respect of a proposal to acquire and redevelop the former police station site in Toome as a local community facility.

**FORMER POLICE  
STATION IN  
TOOME**

**NOTED:** letter of 22 December 2009 from Department of the Environment Climate Change and Waste Strategy Division, copies of which had been circulated, giving advance notice of an imminent consultation on a Draft Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill.

**DRAFT CLEAN  
NEIGHBOURHOODS  
AND ENVIRONMENT  
BILL**

**AGREED:** that Council accept for signature a Memorandum of Understanding from the Health and Social Care Board with regard to development of plans for Antiviral Collection Points in connection with the current Swine Flu.

**MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING  
REGARDING  
ANTIVIRAL  
COLLECTION  
POINTS IN  
CONNECTION  
WITH SWINE FLU**

**NOTED:** Notice of Motion from Ballymena Borough Council calling for the Northern Ireland Assembly to introduce an Autism Bill and appoint an advocate to speak for and assist families in accessing existing human rights and equality provision.

**MOTION FROM  
BALLYMENA  
BOROUGH  
COUNCIL CALLING  
FOR AUTISM BILL**

**NOTED:** that as agreed at the November Meeting of Council a Meeting with Royal Mail to discuss the proposed closure of Crumlin Sorting Office had now been arranged for 9.15 am on Thursday 21 January 2010 at Antrim Civic Centre, the necessary notice having already been issued to those Members involved.

**MEETING WITH  
ROYAL MAIL RE  
PROPOSED  
CLOSURE OF  
CRUMLIN  
SORTING OFFICE**

Members were asked to confirm whether they planned to attend the Antrim Tourism Conference at Dunadry Hotel on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 January 2010.

**ANTRIM TOURISM  
CONFERENCE  
29-30 JANUARY  
2010**

Congratulations were extended to Councillor Oran Keenan on completion of a 10-mile fundraising walk in support of Macmillan Cancer.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Before concluding the Meeting the Mayor thanked student, Rachel Boyd, who had been in attendance to observe the proceedings.

There being no further business the Meeting concluded at 2.45 pm.

**Mayor**

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**Chief Executive**

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**Date**

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