

Derry City and Strabane District Council

**Minutes of Meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee (Open)
held in the Guildhall, Derry on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 4.00 pm**

**Present:- Councillor Reilly (Chair); Aldermen Bresland, Hussey and Warke,
Councillors Duffy, Hastings, Jackson, R McHugh and Tierney.**

**In Attendance:- Director of Environment and Regeneration (Mrs K Phillips),
Head of Environment (Mr C Canning), Head of Capital Development and
Building Control (Mr F Morrison) and Committee Services Assistant (Ms N
Meehan).**

ER157/18 Notice and Summons of Meeting

The Director of Environment and Regeneration read the Notice and Summons for the Meeting.

ER158/18 Apologies

The Director of Environment and Regeneration completed the roll call and recorded apologies for Alderman Ramsey, Councillors Campbell, Dobbins, C Kelly and D Kelly.

ER159/18 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

ER160/18 Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's Business.

ER161/18 Confirmation of the Open Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on Wednesday, 13 June 2018

The Open Minutes of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on 13 June 2018 (ER127/18-ER149/18) were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

ER162/18 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

ER163/18 Sustainable Travel Brand

The Head of Environment presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members with regard to branding designs for Council's Sustainable Travel campaign.

Alderman Hussey welcomed the report but expressed concern at the absence of any reference to the use of e-bikes. He requested that Council write to the Department asking that legislation be introduced to bring Northern Ireland into line with the rest of the British Isles.

Councillor Duffy congratulated Council's marketing team on the branding stating that they were most innovative and highly professional in their approach.

The Committee

- Recommended**
- (a) that Members approve the brand developed and marketed by Council's marketing team to be used across a suite of programmes; and**
 - (b) that Council write to DfI requesting the regularisation and equalisation of e-bikes in Northern Ireland in line with the rest of the UK.**

ER164/18 Bryson Energy

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval to continue to provide to support for Bryson Energy.

Councillor Jackson welcomed the report and the recommendation contained therein. He referred to the programme of works carried out by Bryson Energy in schools to educate young people and the advice and support they provided throughout the Council area in relation to available grants and improvement schemes to address fuel poverty which was invaluable.

Councillor Tierney agreed that Council continue its relationship with Bryson Energy and commended the work carried out by them both in schools and with vulnerable Housing Association tenants throughout the Council area. He queried the figure in respect of visits to vulnerable home owners which had not been included in the report.

Councillor Hastings referred to those schools already visited by Bryson Energy and enquired if they would be targeting other schools in the future, and, if so, how many.

The Director of Environment and Regeneration confirmed that Bryson Energy did engage with private householders. She referred to 3.6 of the report which stated that Bryson Energy would carry out Sustainable Energy presentations in 25 schools and suggested that she provide feedback that Members were keen that these visits consist of schools not previously targeted.

The Committee

- Recommended**
- (a) that Members approve financial support for Bryson Energy for 2018/19 to the value of £9,000; and**
 - (b) that representatives from Bryson Energy be invited to address a future Meeting of Committee on the work carried out by them.**

ER165/18 Audit of Columban Heritage in County Donegal and Derry City and Strabane District Council

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to seek Members' approval to be a formal member of a project partnership to deliver an audit of Columban heritage which is being led by Donegal County Council (DCC) and to commit a budgetary sum towards the overall project costs.

Alderman Hussey welcomed the report and referred to the importance of encouraging all ecclesiastical links.

Subsequently the Committee

- Recommended** (a) that Members approve that DCSDC become a formal member of a project partnership to deliver an audit of Columban heritage which is being led by Donegal County Council (DCC) and to commit a budgetary sum towards the overall project costs to a maximum of £3,000; and
- (b) that a paper be presented to a future Meeting of Committee to update Members on the audit and final report.

ER166/18 Regional Crematorium - Draft Site Selection Criteria

The Head of Environment presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to inform Members of draft site selection criteria with regard to the development of a regional crematorium.

The Head of Environment advised that Barry McKiernan from Cogent Management Consulting, the firm appointed to carry out the Outline Business Case, was in attendance.

Councillor Tierney welcomed the report and the realistic approach that the three Councils had signed up to placing each on a level playing field in terms of deciding a site for the crematorium.

Councillor Duffy welcomed the progress which had been made to date and the agreed criteria.

The Chairperson also welcomed the progress which had been and commended those Officers involved on their hard work and efforts in this regard.

The Committee

- Recommended** that Members approve the Draft Site Selection Criteria prepared by Cogent Management Consultant as outlined in the report.

ER167/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering - Development of 42 New Dwellings and 24 New Apartments on Lands at Site on Skeoge Link, Galliagh, Derry

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to gain Members' consent to name a new development of forty-two new dwellings and twenty-four new apartments at a site on Skeoge Link, Galliagh, Derry (Phase 3 Galliagh Village).

The Committee

Recommended that, in accordance with Council policy, the above development be named 'Clon Dara'.

ER168/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering - Development of 6 New Dwellings on Lands at Garvan Road, Glebe, Sion Mills - Request for Development Name

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to gain Members' consent to name a new development of six new dwellings at a site on Garvan Road, Glebe, Sion Mills.

The Committee

Recommended that, in accordance with Council policy, the above development be named Glebe Heights'

ER169/18 Applications Processed Under Building Regulations (NI)

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to inform Members of applications processed under Building Regulations (NI) between 1 May 2018 and 31 May 2018.

Members noted the content of the report.

ER170/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering - Requests for Installation of Bilingual Signage

The Head of Capital Development and Building Control presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to inform Members of the outcome of recent applications to provide bilingual signage at Inch View, Ivy Terrace and West End Terrace, Derry.

Members noted the content of the report.

ER171/18 Update Report - Regional Crematorium

The Head of Environment presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to update Members of the appointment of Consultants to undertake the Outline Business Case with regard to the development of a regional crematorium.

Members noted the content of the report.

ER172/18 Sion Mills Heritage-Led Masterplan - Initial Consultation Stage

The Regeneration Manager presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. He advised that the purpose of the report was to provide an update to Members on the progress of the Heritage Led Masterplan for Sion Mills and the planned consultation process.

Members noted the content of the above report.

ER173/18 DfI Proposed No Waiting Restriction at Park Road, Strabane

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised that the purpose of the report was to inform Members of correspondence received dated 7 June 2018 from Transport NI, Network Development Section, regarding a DfI proposal to introduce a no waiting restriction at Park Road, Strabane.

Members noted the content of the report.

ER174/18 Proposed Disabled Parking Bays

The Director of Environment and Regeneration presented the above report, a copy of which had previously been circulated. She advised

that the purpose of the report was to inform Members of correspondence received in June 2018 from Transport NI, Network Development Section, regarding proposed disabled persons' parking bays at various locations throughout the district.

Members noted the content of the report.

Additional item

ER175/18 Removal of Hose Pipe Ban

Councillor Duffy requested that the fountains in Guildhall Square be turned on the following day following the lifting of the hose pipe ban.

Alderman Hussey expressed concern at reports which he had received regarding cattle crossing a river with low reserves in the Derg area. He referred to the potential for contamination stating that this had occurred in an area where the Derg Fest was due to be held.

Councillor Tierney said he understood that the water for the fountains in Guildhall Square was reused and as such queried why the fountains had been turned off.

The Head of Environment explained that the majority of the water used in the fountains was recycled however water was lost from the system through evaporation, children running through the jets etc which results in the loss of several hundred litres per week. He stated that Council was mindful of the request from NI Water to conserve supplies and had reviewed water use across all service areas. As the fountains were considered non-essential it was on this basis that the decision to turn off the fountains was agreed.

The meeting terminated at 5.00 pm

The Committee then went into Confidential Business.