

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 6.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Chair Councillor Casey

Vice Chairperson: Councillor J Rice

Members:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor G Stokes

Officials in Attendance: Mr R Moore, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management (Acting)
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/044/2019: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillor Trainor and Councillor Taylor.

The Chairman noted this was the last Meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee before the elections and said that in future the Building Control and Planning reports would be tabled at the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting.

RTS/045/2019: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest.

RTS/046/2019: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019. *(Circulated)*.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed the Action Sheet of Wednesday 20 February 2019 be noted and actions removed as marked.**

BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING

RTS/047/2019: 6 MONTHLY REPORT – BUILDING CONTROL AND REGULATIONS

Read: 6 monthly report on Building Control and Regulations. (Copy circulated).

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the above report.**

RTS/048/2019: 6 MONTHLY REPORT – LICENSING

Read: 6 monthly report on Licensing. (Copy circulated).

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the above report.**

RTS/049/2019: GAMING AND AMUSEMENT POLICY

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Mr F Quinn, Head of Service, re: Gaming and Amusement Policy. (Copy circulated).

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to recommend approval of the Gaming and Amusement Policy as circulated at the meeting.**

PLANNING

RTS/050/2019: CURRENT APPEALS – FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Report of current appeals in February 2019. (*Circulated*).

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the above report.**

RTS/051/2019: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2018-2019 – MARCH 2019

Read: Report on Record of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives December 2018-2019 – March 2019. (*Circulated*).

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the above report.**

RTS/052/2019: PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Read: Report on Planning Committee Performance for February 2019. (*Circulated*).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed to note the above report.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

RTS/053/2019: **SCHEME FOR SPONSORSHIP OF FLORAL PLANTING DISPLAYS ON ROUNDABOUTS AND ROADSIDE VERGES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Mr A Mallon, Head of Maintenance, re: proposed scheme to permit sponsorship of floral planting displays on roundabouts and road side verges throughout the District.
(Circulated).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to recommend the following:-

- **The Council agree in principle to the development of a scheme to permit sponsorship of floral planting displays on roundabouts and road side verges throughout the district.**
- **Council Officials to consult with Dfi, Council's Planning Department and other relevant bodies to ensure any scheme developed had the approval of the relevant land owner and was in compliance with relevant legislation.**
- **Council Officials to develop a policy document for the implementation and operation of the scheme for consideration and agreement with Council.**

Members raised the following issues:-

- Restrictions on design, layout and size of signage and also to ensure impromptu signs were not erected on roundabouts
- There should be no adverse impact on Council staff.
- Sites should be well maintained and kept up to a good standard.

RTS/054/2019: **FLOOD ALLEVIATION OF DRAIN ALONG NEWRY/PORTADOWN CANAL AT LOCK GATE 5**

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Mr A Mallon, Head of Maintenance, re: flood alleviation of drain along Newry/Portadown Canal at Lock Gate 5.
(Circulated).

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Craig, it was agreed to recommend approval to the Council participating in the provision of improved drainage arrangements in the area of Lock Gate Number 5 at Carnbane Industrial Estate up to a maximum value of £10,000.

**RTS/055/2019: CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS
GROUP MEETING – 26 FEBRUARY 2019**

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Kevin Scullion, Facility Management and Maintenance re: report of Christmas Illuminations and Celebrations Group Meeting held on 26 February 2019. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to recommend:-**

- **Note the contents of this report and the report of the Christmas Illuminations Group Meeting held on 26th February 2019.**
- **Commence an Expression of Interest exercise to identify groups and sites across the district who would be interested in taking part in the Christmas tree project subject to agreement on funding of the project.**
- **Additional costs required for this project to be considered under separate report to SP&R Committee following the completion of the Expression of Interest and when information was available from the mid-year assessment on any potential underspend within the Council's Revenue budget.**
- **Extend the current provision of Christmas Illuminations in a number of areas including, Kilkeel, Castlewellan, Newcastle and at some of the Council's high footfall civic buildings such as Newry and Down Leisure Centres.**
- **Officers be granted authority to find a suitable location to plant the remaining purchased Christmas tree and to have the tree planted there.**

At the request of Councillor Clarke it was also agreed that Drumaroad be considered as a suitable location to plant the remaining purchased Christmas tree and that officials investigate this in conjunction with Drumaroad Community Association.

RTS/056/2019: PUBLIC CONVENIENCE PROJECT

Mr Scullion advised an issue regarding the possible provision of a public convenience in Dundrum Village had been considered at the January R&TS Committee Meeting and it had been agreed to submit an outline planning application for a piece of land subject to the landowner agreeing. However after consideration the landowner had now withdrawn his original offer and therefore officials were not able to proceed with the January recommendation.

Mr Scullion said the provision of a public convenience in Dundrum would remain on the agenda and would continue to be considered as part of the capital spend for public conveniences.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/057/2019: COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN-UP

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Johnny McBride, Assistant Director: Waste Management (Acting) re: piloting of a Community Spring Clean-Up Initiative, which had been co-designed with the Council's Active and Healthy Communities Directorate. The initiative known as the "Cleaner, Greener Communities Initiative builds on a growing social movement in respect of environmental issues as well as the success of other spring-based community clean-up initiatives. *(Circulated)*

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Macauley, seconded by Councillor Harvey, it was agreed to recommend approval of the "Cleaner, Greener Communities Initiative.**

In response to queries from Members Mr McBride confirmed this was a pilot project which was aimed at encouraging engagement with the community and when completed an evaluation report would be brought back to Committee.

RTS/058/2019: CROSS BORDER ANTI-DUMPING PROJECT

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Mr L Dinsmore, Head of Waste Processing and Enforcement re: Cross-Border Anti-Dumping Project. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to recommend:-**

- **Initiate the cross border anti-dumping project;**
- **Mandate Officials from the Council to prepare a joint action plan with Louth County Council; and**
- **Support the identification of external funding sources to support the implementation of the project.**

RTS/059/2019: CONSULTATION RESPONSES TO EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING, DEPOSIT RETURN AND PLASTICS NON-RECYCLED CONTENT TAX

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Waste Management (Acting) re: consultation responses to Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Deposit Return and Plastics Non-Recycled Content Tax. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to recommend approval of the recommendation to consider a Council respond as part of a wider arc21 response to the three consultations – Reforming the UK Packaging Producer Responsibility Scheme (PPRS); Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) and Plastic Packaging Tax (PPT).**

It was also agreed that if the Party Groupings had any particular comments to make that they submit same to Mr J McBride who would forward them to arc21.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

RTS/060/2019: PROPOSED WEIR ON NEWRY RIVER

NOTED: Mr Moore provided an update in relation to River's Agency position in regard to the maintenance of Newry River.

Read: E mail dated 13 February 2019 from Rivers Agency in response to a request from the Council for a proposed weir for Newry River and advising as a weir would have no drainage benefits or reduction in flood risk it was a project which Dfi Rivers were unlikely to provide any funding towards. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Casey, it was agreed to refer this issue back through the Master Plan process for consideration.**

FOR NOTING

**RTS/061/2019: ARC 21 MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN
– 28 FEBRUARY 2019**

Read: ARC 21 Members Monthly Bulletin 28 February 2019. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the contents of the above monthly bulletin.**

RTS/062/2019: ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES – 31 JANUARY 2019

Read: ARC 21 Joint Committee Minutes 31 January 2019. *(Circulated)*.

AGREED: **It was unanimously agreed to note the contents of the above Joint Committee Minutes.**

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

Items 20 and 21 were deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on these items.

RTS/063/2019: IMPLEMENTATION OF MIXED DRY RECYCLABLES CONTRACT

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director:
Waste Management (Acting) re: implementation of Mixed Dry
Recyclables (MDR) Contract. ***(Circulated)***

RTS/064/2019: BRING SITE TENDER

Read: Report dated 20 March 2019 from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director:
Waste Management (Acting) re: Bring Site Tender. ***(Circulated)***

Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Andrews seconded to come out of closed session.

When the Committee was out of closed session the Chairman reported the following had been agreed:-

Implementation of Mixed Dry Recyclables Contract

On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to note the implementation plan arising from the award of a contract for the management of the Council's Mixed Dry Recyclables (MDR) Waste.

Report on Bring Site Tender Awards 20 March 2019

On the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Macauley, it was agreed to approve the recommendation of arc21 of the tenders for:-

- Lot 1 for the servicing of Bring Centres for Mixed Glass to the Company named in the Officer's report, for a period of two years with optional extensions of any time up to two years initially followed by up to a further two years;
- Lot 2 for the provision of banks and servicing of Bring Centres for Textiles to the Company names in the Officer's report, for a period of two years with optional extensions of any time up to two years initially followed by up to a further two years:
- Lot 3 for the servicing of Bring Centres of Mixed Paper, for a period of two years with optional extensions of any time up to two years initially followed by up to a further two years: and
- Lot 4 for the servicing of Bring Centres for Mixed Cans, for a period of two years with optional extensions of any time up to two years initially followed by up to a further two years.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.15 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 1 April 2019.

Signed: Councillor Casey
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee

Signed: Mr R Moore
Director of Neighbourhood Services