

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

Minutes of Technical/Environment Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29 May 2007 in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry at 7.00pm.

In the Chair Councillor T Hearty

In Attendance Councillor C Burns
Councillor W Burns
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor M Cole
Councillor M Connolly
Councillor B Curran
Councillor G Donnelly
Councillor A Flynn
Councillor I Hanna
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Kennedy
Councillor T Murphy
Councillor M Mathers
Councillor J McCreesh
Councillor P J McDonald
Councillor P McGinn
Councillor K McKeivitt
Councillor M Murphy
Councillor J O'Hare
Councillor G Oliver
Councillor J Patterson

Officials in Attendance Mr T McCall, Clerk and Chief Executive
Mr J McCorry, Director of Technical/Leisure Services
Mr J Farrell, Director of Environmental Health
Mr S Cooper, Assistant Director of Environmental Health
Mr F Somerville, Director of Building Control
Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration
Mr L Dinsmore, Management Services Officer
Mrs L Vallely, Committee Administrator

Apologies Councillor G Stokes
Councillor J McArdle

T.E.S/130/2007- MINUTES

On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor Cole, minutes of the Technical/Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Monday 203 April 2007 were adopted as a true and accurate record, same having been circulated.

T.E.S/131/2007- MATTERS ARISING

T.E.S/108/2007 – (3) Warm Homes Scheme

Councillor Curran referred to the Warm Homes Scheme. He said he was aware the Housing Executive were keen to enter into a partnership with the Council to create more awareness on warm homes and energy conservation by way of holding an exhibition in Newry Sports Centre, which he said would be a very suitable venue for such an exhibition.

T.E.S/108/2007 – (5) Smoking (NI) Order 2006

Councillor Curran referred to the recent introduction of the smoking ban. He spoke of smoking in public vehicles and made particular reference to taxis, buses, learner driver cars, etc, and said he still noticed smoking in some of these public vehicles. He paid tribute those responsible taxi drivers who do not permit smoking in the vehicle and stressed that the smoking ban should be adhered to by everyone and he requested the Environmental Health Department take all measures to ensure this law is enforced.

Mr Farrell said that to date the smoking ban had been an outstanding success. He said that out of 1000 inspections of premises which had been carried, it appeared there had been 100% compliance. He said there were a number of issues with regard to smoking shelters and smoking in works vehicles but said these matters were being addressed.

He said with regard to smoking in any works vehicle, if the Environmental Health Department are provided with the registration number of a vehicle where smoking is occurring, the Department will have this matter followed up.

Councillor W Burns said since the introduction of the no-smoking ban people were now gathering outside licensed premises in order to smoke and he asked for clarification in terms of the law with regard to people consuming alcohol outside licensed premises.

Mr Farrell explained that with regard to the erection of a facility along a footpath that this was a matter for planning. He also added that in order for people to consume alcohol outside licensed premises that the Liquor License in respect of the premises must be altered to reflect this.

Mr Somerville said the consumption of alcohol outside a licensed premise was a Liquor License issue and that the Liquor License conditions must be changed in order to allow the consumption of alcohol outside the premises.

Councillor McCreesh said many publicans had gone to great expense in order to provide an environment for smokers. He said there appeared to be a lot of confusion

with regard to the erection of smoking shelters, etc, and he asked if there were any guidelines with regard to this aspect.

Mr Farrell explained all licensees had been visited and informed of the smoking Legislation prior to the introduction of the smoking ban. He said if a smoking area is covered then the walls must be 50% open. He added the Environmental Health Department were willing to offer any advice if needed.

Councillor Casey referred to Newry Town Hall and asked if smoking was permitted in the area between the entrance into the building and the exterior gates.

Mr Farrell said he did not believe smoking would have been permitted in this area at Newry Town Hall.

Councillor McKevitt referred to the effect the smoking ban was having on residents living in close proximity to licensed premises with regard to noise disruption and she asked if the Department had received any complaints to this effect relating to the Church Street area of Newry.

Mr Farrell confirmed a complaint had been received concerning a noise nuisance at Church Street and confirmed this matter was currently been dealt with by Environmental Health Officers. He pointed out there were two aspects of the smoking ban, and these were noise and litter.

Both Mr Farrell and Mr Somerville confirmed no complaints had been received with regard to tables and chairs on streets outside licensed premises.

Councillor Curran said it was extremely important that at the outset of the introduction of the smoking legislation that people are provided with every assistance in order to comply with regulations. He referred to smoking outside premises and said he understood smoking must take place no less than 5 metres from where a person is working on the premises. He said this was a particular issue for doormen and said people needed to be encouraged to comply with the no smoking rules in this respect.

Councillor McGinn said there were indications that trade at licensed premises had fallen, in particular, during the week especially in rural areas. He said it was important the Council put out a message that it will endeavour to resolve any problems and issues which arise with regard to the smoking ban.

Mr Farrell said in his opinion the smoking ban had been hugely successful with the vast majority of premises complying. He said there were over 1000 food and hospitality premises in the District and the number of premises without the capacity for smoking was very small indeed. He said those premises which do not have this capacity will be offered advice from the Environmental Health Department and he added that he did not see this as being a problem.

BUILDING CONTROL

**T.E.S/132/2007- REPORT OF BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE
MEETING
- TUESDAY 15 MAY 2007
(REF: M/4/4)**

Read: Report Building Control Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May.
(Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor McKeivitt it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

The following issues were then raised and referred to the Building Control Department for comment and attention: -

1. Building site – corner of Catherine St/Edward St, Newry

Councillor Casey referred to a site at the corner of Catherine St/Edward St, Newry at which an old building had recently been demolished. He referred to hoarding which was in the process of being erected by the developer and said this was creating problems for nearby residents in terms of blocking their view. He also referred to concerns that there may be a vermin problem in the area where the old buildings had been demolished. He requested the Building Control Department contact the developer working at this site to ensure the erection of hoarding is carried out in compliance with health and safety regulations. He also asked that proper measures are taken to ensure safety of pedestrians at this location and that any residents living near by will not be affected or inconvenienced by this hoarding and the works which will take place.

It was also agreed the Environmental Health Department ensure that any vermin problem at this location is dealt with as a matter of urgency.

2. Wood pellet boiler system – Council offices/Monaghan Row

Councillor Curran referred to the excessive smoke which came from the wood pellet boiler systems at the Council Offices, Monaghan Row, earlier today. He said this had created a terrible inconvenience for the residents who lived in close proximity to the Council offices and he said he was disappointed this situation had not been dealt with more urgently.

Mr Somerville explained maintenance work had been carried out on the boiler system over the weekend period and as a result, the system had to be turned off in order to carry out the work required. He said the boilers had not been reset and when the system was reactivated too much fuel had gone into the system which had created the excessive amounts of smoke. He said the contractor was on site within ½ hour and had remained there most of the morning to deal with the situation. He said officers

were now aware of the correct sequencing procedure in order to reactivate the wood pellet boilers after they have been switched off.

T.E.S/133/2007- REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BUILDING CONTROL COMMITTEE - TUESDAY 15 MAY 2007 - RE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE - MINNEY DOYLE'S, HILLTOWN (REF: M/6)

Read: Report of Special Meeting of Building Control Committee held on Tuesday 15 May 2007 regarding an application for renewal of Entertainments Licence in respect of Minney Doyle's, Hilltown. (Copy circulated).

The report recommended the following: -

- That the issue of the Entertainments Licence for Minney Doyle's be deferred for a period of 2 months so that monitoring could be carried out by both Building Control officials and Environmental Health Department.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

T.E.S/134/2007- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MONTHLY REPORT - MAY 2007 (REF: PH/2)

Read: Environmental Health Monthly Report from Mr J Farrell, Director of Environmental Health, for the month of May 2007. (Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor McCreesh seconded by Councillor McKeivitt it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

The following issues were then raised in relation to the Environmental Health Department: -

1. Illegal dumping – Ballintemple Viewpoint

Councillor Flynn referred to the illegal dumping of animal carcasses at Ballintemple Viewpoint and asked for an update from the Environmental Health Department with regard to this matter.

Mr Farrell confirmed the Environmental Health Department had contacted the Forest Service with regard to the ownership of land at this location. He said it now appeared the Forest Service owned the vast majority of the land at this location. He said it was hoped a site meeting would be held very soon with representatives from the Environmental Health Department and the Forest Service in order to have the area

cleared. He said whenever the area was cleared the Environmental Health Department would arrange for the erection of no dumping signage. He said as this was a very isolated area the public needed to be vigilant and encouraged to report incidents of illegal dumping as this type of behaviour was totally unacceptable and could not be tolerated.

Councillor McDonald asked if it was possible to erect some type of barrier in order to block the area off.

Councillor McGinn said the people responsible for this dumping were poisoning communities and he asked if there was any evidence to indicate who was responsible.

Mr Farrell explained the dumped material included building rubble and carcasses of dead animals. He said there was also black bags dumped but stated it would not be acceptable to request any officer to go through the contents of these bags. He said tags had been removed from the dead animals and therefore it was not possible to trace the owners.

**T.E.S/135/2007- LIQUOR LICENCE SCHEDULE
(REF: M/152)**

On the proposal of Councillor McKevitt seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed the Council had no objections to those Liquor Licenses listed on the Liquor License Schedule, subject to there being no objections from the Environmental Health and Building Control Departments.

TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES

**T.E.S/136/2007- (A) REPORT OF TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING - 16 MAY 2007
(B) TECHNICAL/LEISURE SERVICES GENERAL
REPORT- APRIL 2007
(REF: MT/2/5)**

Read: Report of Technical/Leisure Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16 May 2007. (Copy circulated).

Read: Technical/Leisure Services General Report for the month of April 2007. (Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor W Burns seconded by Councillor Hanna it was agreed to approve the above Reports and the recommendations contained therein.

The following issues were then raised and referred to the Technical/Leisure Services Department for comment and attention: -

1. Pride of Place/Tidy Towns Competition

On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly seconded by Councillor McKevitt it was agreed to include Newry and the Crossmaglen area in the Pride of Place/Tidy Towns

Competition as contained under Item 1.2.1 in the Technical/Leisure Services General Report April 2007.

2. Locked barrier – playing fields at rear of Newry Swimming pool

Councillor T Murphy referred to an incident which took place at the playing fields to the rear of Newry Swimming pool, during which an ambulance could not gain access to the playing fields to attend a casualty due to the access barrier being locked.

Councillor Murphy asked if the Council were aware this gate had been locked and he asked why it had been kept locked, especially during a football match.

Mr McCorry said he was aware of the above matter following a request from Councillor Feehan to Mr Curtis. He confirmed it was currently under internal investigation. He said a key for the barrier had been issued to a contractor who had been carrying out bore hole investigations at this location as part of the overall major leisure provision development.

He said that on completion of the internal investigation into this matter the outcome of same would be reported back to Council via the Technical/Leisure Services Committee in due course.

He also stated that in the interim, all relevant persons will have access to this playing field facility.

3. Bin collection

Councillor McCreesh referred to the bin collection at a domestic dwelling at Dundalk Road, Newtownhamilton. He said this dwelling is situated a distance from the main road and he asked if officials could look at this matter as currently the occupier has to wheel the bin quite a distance to a collection point by the refuse vehicle.

Mr McCorry explained all refuse collection routes were measured and explained that in some cases if access is too narrow and refuse vehicles cannot gain access then the bin must be brought to a suitable collection point.

It was agreed that details of the address at Newtownhamilton be forwarded to Mr McCorry and arrangements will be made for a Technical/Leisure Services Officer to examine the problems raised by Councillor McCreesh concerning the bin collection at this location and that Councillor McCreesh be advised accordingly.

4. Clean up – Old graveyard, Drumlough Road, Rathfriland

Councillor O'Hare referred to the old graveyard at Drumlough Road, Rathfriland which is maintained by the Council. She asked if the Council could carryout additional cleanup operations at the old graveyard, in particular a clean up of old head stones in order that names and dates are more visible, in advance of an event due to be held shortly which is being organised by the Dromore Historical Society.

It was agreed the Technical/Leisure Services Department arrange to have the above clean up carried out.

5. Clean Up – Meeting House graveyard

Councillor Casey referred to the Meeting House graveyard and said he had received complaints from relatives of people buried at this graveyard regarding the poor condition of the graveyard and also expressed concerns at the fact the area was being used as a drinking den.

He requested the Council contact the relevant Church Body responsible for the maintenance of the Meeting House graveyard to request that a clean up be under taken at the graveyard following complaints received regarding its current state.

6. Illegal use of quads/motorbikes – Thomson’s Land

Councillor Donnelly said she had received complaints from concerned residents living in the Glen Hill area regarding the illegal use of motorbikes and quads, in particular at weekends, at Thomson’s land.

Mr McCorry explained the illegal use of quad and motorbikes at Thomson’s land had been an ongoing problem. He said concrete bollards had been erected at this location but unfortunately people were gaining access at other parts of the site.

Mr McCorry confirmed the Technical/Leisure Services Department would arrange to re-examine this matter.

7. Parking problems – Newry Sports Centre

Councillor McGinn referred to the serious problem of the lack of car parking for patrons using Newry Sports Centre and asked if there was any update with regard to resolving this matter.

Mr McCorry explained the Council were presently tendering for the provision of a barrier to be installed at the entrance to the Sports Centre car park. He said the purchase of this equipment would not be a lost investment as it is proposed the barrier can be relocated else where when it will no longer be required at the Sports Centre facility.

It was agreed this matter would be reported back to Council via the Technical/Leisure Services Committee in due course.

**T.E.S/137/2007- REPORT OF NEWRY TOWN COUNCILLORS MEETING
- WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2007
RE USE OF NEWRY SPORTS CENTRE/NEWRY
SWIMMING POOL – DISABLED GROUPS
(REF: M/124)**

Read: Report of Newry Town Councillors Meeting, included all interested Councillors, held on Wednesday 16 May 2007 regarding the use of Newry

Sports Centre and Newry Swimming Pool by disabled groups in the Newry and Mourne area. (Copy circulated).

The Report recommended the following: -

1. It was agreed that in order to facilitate parents that regular meetings be held with C. Lowe and P. O'Neill during normal class times and that a meeting is held with Councillors on an annual basis if required.
2. Mr D Russell, Recreation & Sports Development Officer to attend the next Newry Town Councillors Meeting re disabled access to Council Leisure Facilities.
3. C. Lowe to advertise in local youth clubs, Community Centres, bulletins, parents network etc. the proposal to run a six week class in badminton and tennis for children with special needs to ascertain the take up for these classes. Council to consider holding one session in South Down, Newry and South Armagh, subject to demand.
4. C. Lowe to contact local golf clubs in the Council district to ask if they would consider providing access and facilities for disabled children.
5. Council to advertise for special needs coaches / those with special needs training in any sports discipline in the Council's Grapevine internal magazine.
6. Mr D Russell, Recreation and Sports Development Officer to contact parents in the Newry and Mourne District Council area to advise on all possible avenues of funding for classes and other similar projects for children with special needs.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Hare seconded by Councillor W Burns it was agreed to approve the above Report and the recommendations contained therein.

**T.E.S/138/2007- BUDDY BEAR TRUST CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION
SCHOOL
RE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
(REF: F/3)**

Read: Correspondence dated 10 May 2007 from the Buddy Bear Trust Conductive Education School for children with Cerebral Palsy requesting financial assistance from the Council in view of the schools current funding crisis and possible closure. (Copy circulated).

Mr McCall said as a District Council, it was not possible for the Council to provide financial assistance in this instance but suggested this matter should be referred to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Councillor McGinn said the Buddy Bear Trust feel the SELB are not encouraging people to use the school. He said the school carried out terrific work as did all schools who deal with special needs children.

Councillor Hanna said whenever parents with a special needs child wish to send their child to school they are given options to where they wish to bring their child. He said it was parental choice as to where these children are sent.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Hare seconded by Councillor McKeivitt it was agreed: -

- (a) The Council write to the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister requesting the Northern Ireland Assembly treat the financial crisis of the Buddy Bear Trust School in Dungannon with urgent attention and ensure immediate arrangements are made for necessary funding to be made available to save the school from closure and to allow it to continue with invaluable work in helping and supporting children affected with Cerebral Palsy.
- (b) The Council write to the SELB seeking their views on the matters raised in the above correspondence from the Buddy Bear Trust in relation to the SELB.

**T.E.S/139/2007- PETITION – TRAFFIC CALMING
- CARRICKBAWN PARK ROSTREVOR
(REF: G/4/1)**

Read: Petition from residents of Carrickbawn Park, Rostrevor seeking support from Newry and Mourne District Council for the implementation of speed ramps in the Carrickbawn Park area.

On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor O'Hare it was agreed to refer the above matter to the Special Council Meeting with Roads Service regarding the presentation of the Spring Report to be held on Thursday 31 May 2007.

**T.E.S/140/2007- PARKING ISSUES
– ST BRIDGET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
GLASSDRUMMAN
(REF: G/4/1)**

At the request of Councillor Hearty it was agreed to refer an item regarding parking and associated safety issues outside St Bridget's Primary, Glassdrumman, for consideration at the Special Council Meeting with Roads Service regarding the Annual Report to be held on Thursday 31 May 2007.

**T.E.S/141/2007- ADVERTISEMENT
– LAMA NATIONAL DESK TOP DIARY 2008
(REF: M/150)**

Read: Email dated 9 May 2007 from Mr S Kelly Project Director, Lama Diary 2008, inviting the Council to purchase an advert in the Lama National Desk Top Diary 2008 at a cost of €750.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Hare seconded by Councillor McKevitt it was agreed the Council purchase a ¼ page colour advertisement in the Lama National Desk Top Diary 2008, at a cost of €750, as per previous years.

**T.E.S/142/2007- SHSSB – SOUTHERN DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
COORDINATION TEAM
RE INVITATION – DEVELOPING AN INTEGRATED
ALCOHOL AND DRUGS SUPPORT SERVICE
– TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2007 (SEAGOE HOTEL,
PORTADOWN)
(REF: M/53)**

Read: Email dated 18 May 2007 from Ms Joan Porter, Southern Drugs and Alcohol Coordination Team, inviting representatives from the Council to attend “Developing an integrated alcohol and drugs support service” to be held on Tuesday 19 June 2007 in the Seagoe Hotel, Portadown.

On the proposal of Councillor Patterson seconded by Councillor McKevitt it was agreed to appoint the following representatives to attend the above event: -

- Ms Aisling Rennick, Investing for Health Officer
- Councillor J O'Hare
- Councillor I Hanna
- Councillor W Burns

**T.E.S/143/2007- NEWRY AND MOURNE DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
PARTNERSHIP
(REF: G/13/20)**

Councillor Curran asked for an update regarding the Newry and Mourne Drugs and Alcohol Partnership. He asked if this group had been holding regular meetings and expressed concern at the serious drugs epidemic in Newry.

He said if the issue of drugs and alcohol is not addressed that the Health Service will be inundated with people suffering from additions to drugs etc. He referred to the excellent work being carried out by Martin Connell at the Know the Score project based at St John Bosco, but said unfortunately more work was needed to tackle this problem.

Councillor O'Hare referred to efforts being made locally in her constituency to raise awareness of the issue of drugs.

Councillor Hearty said meetings had taken place in Crossmaglen which he said had been very helpful in raising awareness of drug abuse.

Councillor McGinn said a coordinated and effective approach was required to tackle the rising problem of drug abuse. He said many parents were still not aware of the signs of drug and substance abuse and it was vital that parents are informed and advised on this matter. He said facts and figures showed that cocaine was rampant

and very easily available in the area and said it was important that this matter be addressed, as it will destroy our young people.

Mr Curtis said the Council had taken a decision that this Partnership would only meet as and when requested by elected Members in view of the fact of the number of other organisations which have now received funding, etc, to deal with drugs issues.

He said an officer had been appointed for the South Armagh area but that funding for this post had not been sustained and that an officer had now been appointed to deal with the entire District.

It was unanimously agreed to convene a full Council meeting with all relevant groups/agencies, both voluntary and statutory, who are currently operating in the District and who are involved in the provision of advice and assistance in relation to drugs abuse. This meeting will provide an overview from the groups as to what areas of work they are currently undertaking and perhaps put together a coordinated approach to this issue.

**T.E.S/144/2007- APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A SOCIETY
(REF: M/64/2)**

It was agreed to note no Applications were received for the month of May 2007 with regard to Registrations as a Society.

**T.E.S/145/2007- NILGA RE: INFORMATION SEMINAR ON EUROPEAN
GROUPING OF TERRITORIAL COOPERATION
- FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2007 (EUROPA HOTEL BELFAST)
(REF: M/53)**

Read: Email from T Lennon, NILGA dated 23 May 2007 inviting representatives from the Council to attend an information seminar on the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation to be held on Friday 15 June 2007 in the Europa Hotel Belfast.

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

- Mr J McGilly, Enterprise Development Officer
- Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration
- Councillor C Casey (Chairman of Economic Development Committee)
- Councillor J Patterson
- Councillor M Carr

**T.E.S/146/2007- DEMOLITION OF OLD CONVENT BUILDING
- HIGH ST NEWRY
(REF: G/4/9)**

Councillor Patterson expressed his extreme disappointment at a decision by Planning Service to allow a very old and historic building at the Convent at High St, Newry to be demolished. He said he accepted that new school buildings were required but

believed the old section of this building could still have been retained. He said there were a number of historic buildings in Newry for which permission had been granted for demolition and he referred to the recent demolition of an old building at Edward Street. He said instead of having these buildings listed the department are de-listing old buildings. He said many other towns and cities are retaining their old buildings and he asked that a meeting be convened with the Environment and Heritage Service Historic Monuments Branch, to discuss the retainment of historic buildings in Newry.

Councillor Curran said the old Convent building had great historic significance. He also referred to the Abbey building and questioned why an Order would not be placed the mature trees at this location.

It was unanimously agreed a Newry town Councillors meeting, including all interested Councillors, be convened with representatives from the Environment and Heritage Service, Historic Monuments Branch, to discuss the matter of retaining historic buildings in Newry.

T.E.S/147/2007- SINGLE FARM PAYMENTS
(REF: G/1)

Councillor W Burns referred to delays in farmers receiving their single farm payments. He said that following the necessary inspections many farmers still had received no further correspondence with regard to their payment. He said a review needed to be carried out of the entire system regarding Single Farm Payments in order to fast track the process for issuing payments and he also suggested farmers should receive a 60% upfront payment in order to help alleviate the financial burden on farmers in view of the many bills they received at this particular time of year.

He also pointed out he had been led to believe the Department were proposing to introduce more reviews and cross compliance inspections regarding Single Farm Payments and said concern has been expressed that farmers will have to undergo further bureaucratic processes in order to receive their payments.

At the request of Councillor W Burns it was agreed a letter be sent to the Minister responsible for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, regarding the problem raised concerning the payment of Single Farm Payments to farmers.

T.E.S/148/2007- SITE AT RAILWAY AVENUE NEWRY
(REF: CP/33/7)

Councillor McGinn referred to the former toilet block and car park site along Railway Avenue Newry and expressed concern at the general untidy appearance of the site at present and said this created a bad image in this area of the town.

At the request of Councillor McGinn, it was agreed a letter be sent to the developer responsible for the above site requesting they take some measures in order to improve the appearance of the site and also to examine the possibility of erecting suitable hoarding and provide the Council with an indication as to when they anticipate works will be commencing at this site.

**T.E.S/149/2007- REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECEPTION
- DOWN MINOR LADIES CAMOGIE TEAM
(REF: M/28)**

Councillor McKevitt referred to a previous request she made for a Civic Reception to be held for the members of the Down Minor Ladies Camogie Team on winning the All Ireland Minor B Championship Final. She said to date this reception had not been held. She requested an update on this matter and asked that arrangements be made to have a suitable reception held.

Councillor M Murphy pointed out he had seconded a request for a reception to be held as above.

It was agreed this matter be investigated and Councillor McKevitt advised accordingly.

**T.E.S/150/2007- MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
(REF: M/23; M/28)**

Councillor Hearty said he and Councillor C Burns and Councillor Donnelly had recently attended the Annual General Meeting of the Creggan Community Association. He said the Association had been operating now for ten years and paid tribute to the invaluable work which the Association has done in the community which has been of tremendous benefit to the Creggan Area.

At the request of Councillor Hearty it was agreed a message of congratulations be sent to Creggan Community Association.

Councillor Hearty also requested that a suitable presentation be held to mark the Association's ten years in existence, and in recognition of the dedicated work carried out by its members.

It was agreed Councillor Hearty be forwarded with the appropriate form for requests for Civic Receptions, to be completed and considered in line with Council policy in respect of such requests.

**T.E.S/151/2007- MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
(REF: M/23; M/28)**

Councillor Carr referred to the outstanding achievements of Judy Black at the Seagate Young Innovators Science Fair held last June, and more recently at the International Science and Engineering Fair at Albuquerque in May of this year, at which she represented Northern Ireland, finishing in second place in the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Category.

Councillor Carr said this was a tremendous achievement for Judy as she had competed in Albuquerque against 1,500 other applicants.

At the request of Councillor Carr it was agreed a letter of congratulations be sent to Judy Black on her outstanding achievements at both events as outlined above.

He also requested that in recognition of her achievements, the Council consider holding an appropriate presentation.

He also suggested that she be invited to give a presentation to Councillors at a future meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

It was agreed Councillor Carr be forwarded with the appropriate form for requests for Council receptions/presentations, to be completed and considered in line with Council policy.

T.E.S/152/2007- MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
(REF: M/23; M/28)

At the request of Councillor T Murphy it was agreed a message of congratulations to sent to Bessbrook United Under 12 Soccer Team on recently winning the Three Points Tournament Football competition recently held in Holland.

Councillor T Murphy also requested the council hold an appropriate reception for the team members in recognition of their success.

It was agreed Councillor T Murphy be provided with the appropriate forms for requests for receptions/presentations to be completed and considered in line with Council policy.

T.E.S/153/2007- MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
(REF: M/23)

At the request of Councillor Curran, it was agreed the Council extend a message of congratulations to Ian Sands for his involvement in the organisation of the recent Blues on the Bay Festival.

Councillor Curran said once again this event had been a tremendous success which has continued to attract thousands of visitors to our area. He also pointed out that next years event will mark the festivals 10th Anniversary and said the Council should support this event where possible.

T.E.S/154/2007- MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
(REF: M/23; M/28)

At the request of Councillor Curran it was agreed a message of congratulations be sent to Rory Lavery and Declan Trainor, on each winning an All Ireland Boxing Championship.

Councillor Curran also requested the Council hold an appropriate presentation to recognise Rory and Declan's achievements.

It was agreed Councillor Curran be provided with the appropriate forms for requests for Council receptions/presentations, to be completed and considered in line with Council policy.

T.E.S/155/2007- BEST WISHES
(REF: M/23)

On the proposal of Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Council send a basket of fruit to former Councillor, John Fee.

T.E.S/156/2007- SYMPATHY
(REF: M/21)

At the request of Councillor Cole it was agreed a message of sympathy be sent to the family of the late Lily Gawley.

Councillor Cole paid tribute to Lily's involvement with charity work in the area.

Councillor Carr asked to be associated with the message of sympathy to the Gawley family.

T.E.S/156/2007- SYMPATHY
(REF: M/21)

At the request of Councillor Carr it was agreed a message of sympathy be sent to the family of the late Paddy Curran.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 8.20pm.

For consideration at the Technical/Environmental Services Committee Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 25 June 2007.

Signed: _____
Clerk & Chief Executive

Signed: _____
Chairman

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NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Technical/Environmental Services

VENUE: Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry

DATE: Tuesday 29 May 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	8.20						
Burns W J	2	7.00	8.20						
Carr M	52	7.00	8.20						
Casey C	54	7.00	8.20						
Cole M J	48	7.00	8.20						
Connolly M		7.00	8.20						
Curran B	6	7.00	8.20						
Donnelly G		7.00	8.20						
Feehan J W	49								
Feely F	8								
Flynn A		7.00	8.20						
Hanna I B	10	7.00	8.20						
Hearty T	59	7.00	8.20						
Kennedy D	12	7.20	8.20						
Mathers M		7.00	8.20						
McArdle J	55								
McCreesh J P	44	7.00	8.20						
McDonald PJ	35	7.00	8.20						
McGinn P	56	7.00	8.20						
McKevitt K		7.00	8.20						
Murphy M	47	7.00	8.20						
Murphy T		7.00	8.20						
Mussen C									
O'Hare J	37	7.00	8.20						
Oliver G		7.00	8.20						
Patterson J	38	7.30	8.20						
Reilly H	26								
Ruane M	53								
Stokes G									
Williamson A V	39								

Officials in attendance:

Time of Arrival:

Time of Leaving:

Signed: *Louise Valley*

Date: *29 May 2007*