

**Ballymoney Borough Council**

**Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 361 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010**

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Health & Environmental Services Committee Meeting No 361 held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 at 4.00 pm.

**IN THE CHAIR** Councillor E Robinson

**PRESENT**

**Aldermen**  
F Campbell, Mayor  
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor  
H Connolly

**Councillors**  
A Cavlan  
J Finlay  
R Halliday  
B Kennedy  
M McCamphill  
T McKeown  
A Patterson  
I Stevenson

**APOLOGIES** A Patterson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief Executive  
Director of Borough Services  
Head of Environmental Services  
Committee Clerk

**Equality Commission (Item 361.30)**  
Ms L King – Director of Policy  
Mr P Noonan – Policy Manager

**361.1 MINUTES – MEETING NO 360 – 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Cousley and  
**AGREED:**

*that the minutes of meeting No 360 on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.*

## MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#### 361.2 GARDEN (GREEN) WASTE

As had previously been discussed by both the NILAS Working Group and Committee, the NI Environment Agency has now formally advised Council that it must, with immediate effect, introduce alternative arrangements in respect of the way garden waste is both temporarily stored and subsequently dealt with. A full report was circulated to members.

***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that Council –

1. Note that NIEA requires changes to be made with immediate effect as to how Council deals with its garden (green) waste arisings;
2. Tender for the service of processing its garden (green) waste;
3. Adopt interim arrangements, if required, for the service of processing its garden waste (due to storage limitations).

A discussion ensued on alternative arrangements for dealing with green waste and the Director gave additional information regarding the two types of processes presently used in Northern Ireland and referred to indicative costs both in respect of the different processes and haulage costs to possible facilities. Councillor Stevenson expressed his reservation as to the recommendation, stating his view that the issue should be referred to the Minister. The Director clarified the role of NIEA as an enforcement body in ensuring compliance with legislation.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Councillor Kennedy and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council, with immediate effect, introduce alternative arrangements in respect of the way garden waste is both temporarily stored and subsequently dealt with, as set out in points 1, 2, & 3 above.***

- \* Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Halliday, Councillor Finlay and Councillor McKeown joined the meeting during discussion of this item at 4.05 pm, 4.10pm, 4.20 pm and 4.27 pm respectively.
- \* Councillor Kennedy left the meeting at 4.32pm and rejoined the meeting at 4.41 pm.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GENERAL

### 361.3 CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS - THE PRIVATE TENANCIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006 ARTICLE 36 (4)

#### Landlord

Mr. David McNeill

#### Dwelling- House

31 Charlotte Street,  
BALLYMONEY BT53 6AY.

Fitness inspection of the above dwelling has been conducted and the dwelling house meets the fitness standard for human habitation as set out in Article 46 of the Housing (NI) Order 1981.

***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that the Borough Council grant an Article 36 (4) Certificate of Fitness in respect of the above dwelling house.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council grant an Article 36 (4) Certificate of Fitness in respect of the above dwelling house.***

## LICENSING

### 361.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATIONS (FULL) (RENEWAL)

#### Premises

The Anglers' Rest,  
139 Vow Road,  
BALLYMONEY BT53 7NU.

The Bridge Bar,  
145 Bridge Road,  
Dunloy,  
BALLYMENA BT44 9EQ.

The Diamond Bar,  
2 High Street,  
BALLYMONEY BT53 6AG.

Lissanoure Castle Ltd.  
Concourse Centre,  
11 Knockahollet Road,  
Loughguile,  
BALLYMENA BT44 9JP.

Lissanoure Castle Ltd.  
& Public House,  
11 Knockahollet Road,  
Loughguile,

#### Applicant

Ms. Lorna Savoury,  
Athenas Ltd.

Mr. Daniel James McFerran

Mr. Martin Doyle

Mr Peter Mackie

Mr. Peter Mackie

BALLYMENA BT44 9JP.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise files also apply.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED:**

***to recommend Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licences as detailed above.***

**361.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATION (FOURTEEN UNSPECIFIED DAYS) (RENEWAL)**

**Premises**

**Applicant**

McMullan's Farm,  
17 Clintyfinnan Road,  
Armoy,  
BALLYMONEY BT53 8TW.

Mr. James McMullan,

Killyrammer & District  
Community Centre,  
137 Kilraughts Road,  
BALLYMONEY BT53 8ND.

Tracey Bartlett,  
Killyrammer & District Community  
Association.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Borough Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above. In addition to the Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1985 the additional conditions detailed on the premise file also applies.

It was proposed by Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council renew the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above.***

**361.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 - LICENCE APPLICATION (FOURTEEN UNSPECIFIED DAYS) (GRANT)**

**Premises**

**Applicant**

Cloughmills Community Centre  
Rear of Sacred Heart Church  
Culcrum Road  
Cloughmills BALLYMENA

Fr. Aiden Brankin

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Borough Council grant the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above subject to compliance with NI Fire & Rescue Service

report. The Borough Council's "Conditions of Licence" adopted on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1985, and any such conditions which will be detailed on the premise file also apply. It was proposed by Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council grant the Indoor Entertainment's Licence as detailed above.***

### **361.7 THE BUSINESS OF TATTOOING, EAR PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS – REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AND PREMISES – PART V PROVISIONS**

#### **Applicant**

#### **Premises**

Ms Geraldine McErlain  
(Electrolysis/Ear Piercing)

3A Silver Springs  
Market Street  
BALLYMONEY BT53 6RD

Ms Hazel Cochrane  
(Electrolysis/Ear Piercing)

17A Navery Road  
BALLYMONEY BT53 8NN

***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that the above-mentioned persons and businesses be registered accordingly.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council register the above mentioned persons and businesses.***

### **361.8 THE HAIRDRESSERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1939**

#### **Premises**

#### **Applicant**

5A-5B High Street,  
BALLYMONEY BT53 6AH.

Alison Jane Carson

***IT IS RECOMMENDED*** that the above-named person and premises be registered under The Hairdressers Act (Northern Ireland) 1939.

It was proposed by Councillor Cavlan, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council register the above mentioned person and premises.***

## **HOME SAFETY**

### **361.9 BE STREETWISE/BEE SAFE 2010**

This event was held from 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Parish Centre, Queen Street, Ballymoney. As in other years, P7 children were put through safety scenarios set up

by HAP Ballymoney, Borough Services (including hand washing, noise awareness and litter), PSNI, Fire & Rescue Service, NIE, Coastguard, students from the UUU, H&SE Farm Safety and Translink.

Approximately 280 children were scheduled to attend the event this year.

Permission is sought to make a donation to St. Patrick's Parish Church as the Council's contribution to the running of the event.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council contribute £150 to St. Patrick's Parish Church, in respect of the use of the Church Hall for Be Streetwise/Bee Safe 2010 from within the existing Directorate budget.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council contribute £150 to St. Patrick's Parish Church, in respect of the use of the Church Hall for Be Streetwise/Bee Safe 2010.***

## BUILDING CONTROL

### 361.10 BUILDING CONTROL APPLICATIONS

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council note that during the report period, its Building Control Service approved various applications, which were in accordance with the requirements of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 as follows:-

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Approvals</u>
Full Plans	18
Building Notices	19
Regularisations	1
<b>TOTAL:-</b>	<b>38</b>

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council note the building control applications.***

### 361.11 NAMING OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

**17 dwellings at sites 75 – 91 Bravallen Road, Ballymoney  
for Armoy Homes Ltd, 78 Ballykenver Road, Armoy, Ballymoney**

The developers have written by letter dated 2/06/2010 again requesting that Council name the above new housing development.

The names suggested by the developer, in order of preference, are:

1. **“RIVERSIDE”.**

2. "MILLQUARTER".
3. "BROOKEDALE Manor/Close/ Park"
4. "BRAVALLEN Manor/Close/ Park"
5. "MILLWATER Mews"
6. "BROOKSIDE"
7. "BROOKELAND"

The second preference name "Millquarter" is in this instance not entirely appropriate, as only a very small portion of the site is actually located in the townland of Millquarter (the majority of the site is located in the townland of Bravallen).

The third preference name "Brookedale" is deemed to sound too similar to Brookvale (Park) in Bendooragh, and its use here would only lead to confusion.

The remaining names "Riverside", "Bravallen Manor/Close/Park", "Millwater", "Brookside" and "Brookeland" all appear to be in accordance with the general policy that street names should have some connection with the local area in which they are located (the Ballymoney River runs in close proximity to the site of the development, and a small tributary, now mostly culverted, transverses the site).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** therefore that Council approve one of the following names for the overall development:

1. "RIVERSIDE"
2. "BRAVALLEN Manor/Close/ Park"
3. "MILLWATER"
4. "BROOKSIDE"
5. "BROOKELAND"

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council approve the name of "Bravallen Manor/Close/Park" for the overall housing development.***

## MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#### 361.12 MUNICIPAL WASTE RETURNS

<u>Waste Type</u>	<u>May 2009</u>	<u>May 2010</u>	<u>Apr–May 09</u>	<u>Apr–May 10</u>
Mixed Residual Waste (waste direct to landfill)	724.78t	759.88t +4.84%	1,504.99t	1,610.50t +7.01%
Mixed Dry Recyclables (blue bin recycling)	124.52t	127.46t +2.36%	267.76t	264.44t -1.24%
Garden Waste (brown bin recycling)	149.94t	179.44t +19.67%	287.24t	294.84t +2.65%
Waste Recovery	92.84t	86.42t	204.42t	193.14t

(segregated CA site waste)		-6.92%		-5.52%
Cardboard Recycling	7.62t	7.02t	16.42t	17.96t
		-7.87%		+9.38%

Councillor Robinson expressed disappointment in the increase in mixed residual waste to landfill for the period April-May stating that more must be done to encourage recycling in the Borough. The Director will look at trends over the next few weeks and highlight the importance of recycling and the additional recyclates via local press articles.

\* **Councillor McKeown and Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 5.00 pm.**

### 361.13 CROSSTAGHERTY LANDFILL

NIEA Water Management Unit regularly monitors the Councils former landfill at Crosstagherty. As members are aware some years ago in order to separate landfill drainage from surface water making its way to the Ballymoney River, a sealed drain was installed within the bounds of the landfill site. Water Management Unit have advised that it is NIEA's opinion that the sealed drain may not have remained intact.

In order to ascertain the actual condition of this drain and associated manholes it is necessary to undertake a CCTV survey. This work is to be undertaken shortly. When the results are to hand what further work requires to be done will then be known and will be incorporated into a scheme which will also address weepage at the old culvert under the laneway adjoining the site treatment plant.

### 361.14 NORTHERN IRELAND RETHINK WASTE FUND 2010-2011

The Department of the Environment launched the Rethink Waste Fund on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to promote the efficient use of resources, with a particular focus on the reuse and recycling of waste and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The Department has identified a capital fund of circa £3 million to support Councils in introducing, expanding or otherwise improving their household waste reuse and recycling services. This Fund is for capital expenditure that must be incurred by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

The purpose of this capital programme under the wider Rethink Waste Fund is to support Councils to increase diversion of household waste from landfill through recycling and reuse and to improve the quality of recyclates. The Fund will be administered jointly by the Department and WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme).

Up to 100% of the agreed eligible costs for a project may be funded at the discretion of the Department. Agreed costs for this Fund means the amount agreed between the Council and the Department, which may be different from the amount requested. The Department will not provide revenue support.

Schemes proposed for funding must come with a firm budgetary commitment from the Council to meet the ongoing revenue costs of delivering the service, if applicable, in the medium to long term (i.e. for at least 3 years from the date of implementation of the service).

All applications will be scored against an Eligibility Criteria with the following weightings:

- Additional tonnages that will be diverted from landfill/recycled as a direct result of the project (20%)
- The applicant's ability to deliver the project within the stated timescale (20%)
- Estimated cost per tonne diverted/recycled and/or estimated cost per household served (15%)
- Quality of the scheme design (15%)
- The proposed end markets or outlets for the materials collected and the quality of the recyclates collected. Schemes that result in higher added-value outputs will score more favourably (15%)
- The reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup> saved) (10%)
- The quality of the applicant's arrangements for Health & Safety (5%)

Closing date for applications is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

#### Proposals for Funding

1. Re-branding of Civic Amenity Sites to Household Waste Recycling Centres
2. Purchase of concrete wall units for bulking up of materials suitable for recycling/reuse
3. Purchase of 1 no. static compactor
4. Purchase of 2 no. refuse collection vehicles for collection of recyclable materials
5. Introduction of food waste collection service to existing households receiving green waste collection service
6. Extension of green waste collection service to all households in the Borough
7. Introduction of food/green waste collection service to all households in the Borough
8. Pilot scheme for the collection of food waste using caddies.

The Director advised that the NWRWVG would probably submit a Group application relating to the purchase and distribution of home composters. He then responded to questions from members regarding the proposals placed before Council, giving additional information on potential costs as regards each proposal and the probable timeline for delivery for each proposed measure. There was general consensus that proposals 1 to 4 [which did not involve on-going revenue support] ought to be pursued. The Chair pointed out that Council needed to consider some measure[s] which would get material such as glass or food out of the black bin and so help Council meet its NILAS targets from 2011-2012 onwards. The Director was supportive of a pilot initiative along the lines advocated by the Chair – proposal 8 – a pilot scheme for the collection of food waste using caddies.

#### **Motion One**

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

***that the Director submit applications for those proposals deemed suitable for consideration (items 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8).***

**Motion Two**

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cavlan

***that the Director submit applications for those proposals 1, 2, 3 & 4.***

A vote was taken with four members voting in favour of motion one and three members voting against.

**The Chair declared the motion carried.**

- \* **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 5.25 pm.**
- \* **Councillor Cavlan left the meeting at 5.20pm and returned at 5.26 pm.**
- \* **Councillor Kennedy left the meeting at 5.25pm, returning at 5.30 pm and leaving again at 5.36 pm.**
- \* **Councillor McCamphill joined the meeting at 5.30 pm.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION****361.15 THE AIR QUALITY STANDARDS REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010**

The above Regulations made by the DoE NI on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010 came into operation on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. They revoke the 2007 Regulations of the same title and implement Council Directive 2008/50/EC an ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe, Directive 1999/30/EC relating to limits for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter and lead in ambient air, Council Directive 2000/69/EC relating to limit values for benzene and carbon monoxide in ambient air, Council Directive 2002/3/EC relating to ozone and Council Directive 2004/107/EC relating to arsenic, cadmium, mercury, nickel and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

**361.16 THE SOLVENT EMISSIONS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010**

The DoENI made the above Regulations on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April which came into effect in the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010. They amend the 2004 Regulations of the same title in line with the changes set out in Council Directive 2008/112/EC.

**FOOD CONTROL****361.17 LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION**

DARD has written on 9<sup>th</sup> June to advise concerning the EU Protected Food Names Scheme which is designed to protect the names of products which have qualities intrinsically linked to their place of origin. Within the last year DARD's Food Policy Branch has submitted applications to the EC for Armagh Bramley Apples, Lough Neagh Eels and New Season Comber Potatoes.

## LICENSING

### 361.18 LICENSING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mr Samuel Mullan Molly's 24 Main Street BALLYMONEY	Application for an Occasional Licence at Stranocum Hall on 19/6/10 (Amended Notices)	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
Mr Brooke Huey Glynns Bar 23 Church Street BALLYMONEY	Application for an Occasional Licence at McMullan's Farm on 10/7/10	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010
Mr James Stevenson Kelly's Bar 21 Church Street BALLYMONEY	Application for an Occasional Licence at Ballymoney Show Grounds on 4 & 5/6/10	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2010

## PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

### 361.19 PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The following responses have been returned to Planning Service and are provided to Members for information. This information has been shared with the Head of Corporate and Development Services and the Head of Building Control.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Comments</b>
D/2006/0599/F	Glenbuck, Dunloy.	Proposed 3 no. 2.3 mw Windturbines.	A revised noise impact assessment is requested to take account of new technical guidance on ground absorption, atmospheric conditions, wind shear and aerodynamic modulation.
D/2010/0115/F	Approx. 65m SW of 31 Tamlaght Road, Rasharkin.	Erection of 250kw Wind Turbine.	A Noise Impact and Shadow Flicker Assessment has been Requested.
D/2010/0122/RM	10m West of 1, 3 and 5 Henry Street, Ballymoney.	Proposed 6 no. Apartments.	Inadequate Refuse Storage and Collection Arrangements.
D/2010/0123/RM	10m West of 1, 3 and 5 Henry Street, Ballymoney.	Proposed 6 no. Apartments.	Inadequate Refuse Storage and Collection Arrangements.

D/2010/0060/F	583m N of Reservoir Road, Knockagallen, Corkey.	Proposed Wind Turbine 2.5MW	Condition Requested to Complete Noise Impact Assessment Post Completion, Comments Required Regarding Aerodynamic Modulation and Explanation Regarding Background Level Measurements.
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## COMMUNITY SAFETY

### 361.20 SAFER BONFIRE INCENTIVE SCHEME

Ballymoney Safer Bonfire Subgroup is piloting the use of cages on a number of sites across the Borough for the 12<sup>th</sup> July Celebrations. The cages are being introduced in an attempt to address the escalating costs of the bonfires. Through the scheme groups will have the opportunity to earn funding for their group to a maximum of £300 by adhering to set criteria. Through the scheme, groups will be encouraged to follow best practice in terms of health & safety and environmental protection. To date, 5 groups have agreed to participate in the scheme.

### 361.21 SUMMER SPLASH

Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership, with support from the DOJ, is aiming to undertake the Summer Splash initiative again this year. The initiative aims to reduce anti-social behaviour by providing activities to divert young people away from acting in an anti-social manner during July and August and offer them a more positive and constructive way of using their time. All community groups will be offered the opportunity to participate in this initiative and avail of a range of activities targeted at the 13-18 year old age group.

### 361.22 NCSN CONFERENCE

The Peer Leadership project, the Grow your own project (now called 'Incredible Edible', Cloughmills) will be showcased as an example of best practice at the annual National Community Safety Network (NCSN) conference, which is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in the Waterfront, Belfast. The conference attracts hundreds of practitioners from the field of community safety from all across the UK.

## LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

### 361.23 CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (PRIORITY SUBSTANCES AND CLASSIFICATION) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010

DoE is currently seeking views on proposed new Regulations which will transpose the requirements of the Priority Substances Directive (2008/105/EC) and which will

provide a statutory basis for classification schemes in support of the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC). The intent of the PSD is to set out a list of dangerous substances which present a significant risk to or via the aquatic environment and requires the progressive reduction or phasing out of these substances.

Council has been invited to comment by 10<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

### **361.24 CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON THE NITRATES ACTION PROGRAMME REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010**

DoE/DARD have issued a Consultation Paper seeking views on proposals for revised Regulations to control nitrate pollution from agricultural sources. As members will be aware the EC Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC) requires Member States to introduce action programmes to reduce nitrates from agricultural sources entering the aquatic environment and to review their action programmes every four years. These are proposed revisions to some measures compared to those contained in the 2006 Regulations which will have financial implications for the agricultural industry when the 2010 Regulations come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

Council has been invited to comment by 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

### **361.25 CONTROL OF OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES**

DoE Climate & Waste Division has issued a Consultation Paper on two pieces of draft legislation –

The Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations (NI) 2010 and  
The Ozone Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regulations (NI) 2010

The draft Regulations will revoke the present 2003 Regulations and aim to control Northern Ireland's emissions of ozone depleting substances, also implementing EC Regulation no. 1005/2009 operative since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Both NIEA and NI District Councils are named as enforcement authorities.

Council has been invited to comment by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

## **FUEL POVERTY**

### **361.26 FUEL POVERTY CO-ORDINATOR POST**

The Public Health Agency (Northern Office) have confirmed funding for the above post by letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> May. It remains unaltered from 09/10 at £40,410 and does not include the 2.5% uplifted as previously indicated. They have further advised that there is no guarantee of further funding beyond March 2011. Members are asked to note that this grant is less than budgeted for at rate estimate.

**361.27 GRANTS**

A breakdown of figures from 2009/10 showed that 68% of referrals were for householders over the age of 60. In order to try to target younger householders and those with children, a letter and information on the Warm Homes Scheme has been sent to all the Primary Schools in the Borough, encouraging uptake by young families in receipt of benefits such as Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit. Two schools have since requested leaflets to distribute to each family and a number of referrals have been made.

**361.28 AGRICULTURAL SHOW**

The Energy Efficiency Adviser shared a stand with the Home Accident Prevention Officer at the Ballymoney Agricultural Show. There was considerable interest in energy efficiency grants and the oil stamp saving scheme.

**361.29 DARD PROJECT “MAXIMISING ACCESS TO SERVICES, GRANT AND BENEFITS IN RURAL AREAS”**

The Public Health Agency and DARD have funded a one-year project to maximise access to benefits, grants and local services for rural dwellers. The project will target 88 of the most deprived rural super output areas in Northern Ireland. The areas have been amalgamated into 13 zones. The North Antrim zone incorporates two areas in Ballymoney – Benvardin and Ballyhoe & Corkey as well as 5 areas in Moyle and 1 each in Coleraine and Larne. Local volunteers will undertake home visits with 450 households across the Zone (50 per super output area). The Energy Efficiency Adviser is part of the local project team which is led by North Antrim Community Network.

The Chair welcomed this initiative.

**The meeting adjourned at 5.55 pm and reconvened at 7.00 pm to receive a presentation from representatives of the Equality Commission NI on Bilingual Signage.**

**Present:** E Robinson (Chair)  
F Campbell, Mayor  
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor  
A Cavlan  
J Finlay  
R Halliday  
M McCamphill

**In Attendance:** Chief Executive  
Director of Borough Services  
Head of Environmental Services  
Committee Clerk

**Equality Commission**

Ms L King – Director of Policy  
Mr P Noonan – Policy Manager

**361.30 BILINGUAL SIGNAGE**

The Chair welcomed representatives to the meeting to clarify information provided in recent correspondence to Council on the naming of streets in a language other than English (Irish). The Director of Policy reiterated the advisory role and responsibility of the Equality Commission in the formulation or review of policies. At the request of Alderman Campbell, she provided clarification on Section 75. She advised that circumstances are in place which allow Council to review its policies within the equality scheme and that it is for Council to decide on this issue. It was indicated that should Council wish to review its policy, mechanisms are in place to obtain guidance on the way forward and that advice could also be sought from the Human Rights Commission.

**The meeting closed at 7.46 pm.**