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MINUTES of the Meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrickfergus, on **MONDAY**, the **FIFTEENTH** day of **FEBRUARY** 2010, at the hour of **7.40** o'clock pm pursuant to the Town Clerk's summons calling the Meeting, the following Members were present:

Councillor E Ferguson, Chairman Presiding

Aldermen: W Ashe M M Beattie D W Hilditch
P McKinney

Councillors: R Beggs C J Brown T Clements
M Cosgrove W Hamilton L McClurg
L Marsden

An apology for non-attendance was received on behalf of Councillors Day, S Dickson and J McClurg.

The following Officials were in attendance:-

Mr A Barkley Director of Environmental Services
Miss A Beacom Senior Committee Clerk

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Report from Director of Environmental Services for the month of January 2010, read and considered.

ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

ES.10/10
(ES.1/10)

Planning Consultation Returns

Members had been circulated with a breakdown of planning consultations processed for period 12 January – 9 February 2010, for information purposes.

Noted.

(ES.9/10)

Arising out of the foregoing, Alderman Hilditch referred to problems experienced recently by bin lorries and other utilities gaining access to developments. The Director of Environmental Services confirmed that he checked developments for access and that suitable consideration is specified. He also confirmed to Alderman Hilditch that consideration would be given to the existing apartments on the boundary of service station and forecourt at 84 – 88 Belfast Road, Carrickfergus.

(C.26/10) Councillor Brown referred to the recent bad weather which had created access difficulties for residents. He felt that Council should raise with Planning Service the provision of grit boxes by developers, in conjunction with Roads Service, in developments on an incline, particularly the north of the town.

ALDERMEN ASHE AND McKINNEY LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE.

Councillor Brown referred to a recent example at Brooklands Close, Whitehead, where a grit box could not be provided by Roads Service as the road had not been adopted after five years.

In principle, Councillor Beggs supported the line being taken but emphasised that any provision of grit boxes should meet Roads Service criteria, for example steepness of slope, volume of traffic, etc.

ALDERMAN ASHE RE-ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS STAGE.

The Committee AGREED to recommend accordingly.

ES.11/10
(C.305/09)
(SS.80/09)

Assistance with Part-Time Study - Thanks

Members were informed that Mrs Helen McClean, Office Manager, Environmental Services had been awarded OCR Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management. She wished to thank Council for its support with this course.

Noted.

Councillors Beggs and Brown requested that congratulations be passed on to the Officer.

ES.12/10
(ES.50/08)

Renewal of Registration of Lottery Scheme

Members were informed that the following application had been received for the renewal of registration of a Lottery Scheme under the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985:-

Name of Club/Society	Name of Applicant
Carrickfergus Chest Heart and Stroke Social Club	Mrs M Leith

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It was recommended that Council renew registration to hold a lottery for the above Club.

It was Proposed by Alderman Hilditch, Seconded by Councillor Clements, & AGREED to recommend accordingly.

ES.13/10
(ES.75/08)

Street Trading Act (NI) 2001

Members were informed that Mr John McConkey, trading as Discovery 2 Hot Food Bar had applied for a stationary street trading licence to sell hot food in respect of an area next to Station Road, Kilroot, Carrickfergus. This area was previously designated by Council as an area where street trading would be allowed.

The Officer recommended that a stationary street trading licence in respect of the above location be granted under Section 5 of the Street Trading Act (NI) 2001.

In response to a query from Councillor Marsden, the Director confirmed that the licence would specify provision of a receptacle for litter and to keep the area clean. He undertook to check whether Environmental Health could enforce a litter offence against the licence holder.

It was Proposed by Alderman Hilditch, Seconded by Councillor Beggs, & AGREED to recommend acceptance of the Officer's recommendation.

Councillor Beggs drew attention to the lack of a litter receptacle at a fast food outlet in the town centre.

ES.14/10
(ES.60/09)

Arc 21 Joint Committee – Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS)

Members had been circulated with copy report and recommendation from the Arc 21 Joint Committee concerning a protocol relating to the transfer of excess NILAS allowances between Arc 21 Councils, should they be required.

The Committee was asked to endorse the protocol which had been approved by the Joint Committee of Arc 21.

Councillor Brown queried the reward for Council and its ratepayers for meeting its targets, given the amounts of money set aside to ensure compliance. He was concerned that under this scheme there would be no benefit to Council.

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The Director stated that if Council did not hit its targets, it would be fined. The waste industry would be supportive of sharing tax credits as and when they were needed. All other Councils in Arc 21 would be taking up the same option.

Councillor Beggs was of the view that it would be difficult to predict the mix of waste products and there would be a degree of assurance to Council if resources were pooled.

The Director advised that it was the recommendation of the Joint Committee to approve the protocol, otherwise Council would be penalised in terms of not having a facility to share.

It was Proposed by Councillor Marsden, Seconded by Councillor Beggs, that on the basis that all Councils in Arc 21 would be subject to the same protocol (ie. no-one can trade the allowances as a quota), Council accept the recommendation.

On the Proposal being put to the meeting, 7 Members voted in favour with 2 against and 2 not voting.

The Chairman declared the Proposal carried.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 8.00 pm, when those Members present were as listed on page 1, with the exception of Alderman McKinney who left at 7.45pm.