

NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE AN IÚIR AGUS MHÚRN

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 April 2003 at 7.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

In the Chair: Councillor F Feely

Other Members: 29

In attendance: Councillor PJ Bradley  
Councillor C Burns  
Councillor W Burns  
Councillor H Carr  
Councillor M Carr  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor M Cole  
Councillor M Cunningham  
Councillor B Curran  
Councillor J Fee  
Councillor J Feehan  
Councillor F Feely  
Councillor I Hanna  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D Hyland  
Councillor D Kennedy  
Councillor B Lewis  
Councillor E Martin  
Councillor A Moffett  
Councillor M Murphy  
Councillor J McArdle  
Councillor J McCreesh  
Councillor PJ McDonald  
Councillor P McElroy  
Councillor P McGinn  
Councillor J O'Hare  
Councillor J Patterson  
Councillor H Reilly  
Councillor M Ruane  
Councillor A Williamson

Officials in Attendance: Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration  
Mr R Dowey, Director of Finance  
Mrs R Mackin, Assistant Director of Administration (Equality)  
Mrs C McKenna, Assistant Director of Administration (General Services)

Also in Attendance Mrs C McAteer, Committee Administrator  
Mr T Mackle – Planning Service  
Ms B McGlinchey – Planning Service

Apology Mr T McCall, Clerk & Chief Executive

**M.106/2003 - MINUTES**

On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Williamson Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on Monday 3 March 2003 were adopted as a true and accurate record, same having being circulated.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**M.107/2003 - FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING  
– THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2003  
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Report of Finance Sub Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20 March 2003 (copy circulated)

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

**M.108/2003 - SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE  
– WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2003  
(REF: M/168)**

Read: Report of Special Meeting of the Finance Sub Committee held on Wednesday 26 March 2003 to discuss matters relating to the Newry and Mourne Millennium Company Limited. (Copy circulated)

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

**M.109/2003 - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
– TAXATION ISSUES FOR ELECTED MEMBERS  
(REF: M/42/3 & F/1)**

Read: Report of Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday 3 March 2003 with Mr McKeever HM Inspector of Taxes, Inland Revenue to discuss matters relating to taxation issues for elected members (Copy circulated).

On the proposal of Councillor Williamson seconded by Councillor Feehan it was agreed to approve the above Report.

**M.110/2003 - PAYMENT OF CREDITORS DURING THE MONTH OF  
APRIL 2003  
(REF: F/1)**

On the proposal of Councillor Williamson seconded by Councillor McArdle it was agreed to grant authority to the Director of Finance to pay creditors on the 18 or 23 April 2003 due to the year end being 31 March 2003.

**M.111/2003 - MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS  
- 11 MONTHS ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2003  
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Management Accounts for 11 months ended 28 February 2003. (Copy circulated)

It was agreed to mark the above Report noted.

A debate then arose in relation to the striking of the District Rate and a number of Councillors said representations had been made to them by members of the public to ensure that the rates were reduced in the future.

In response to Members queries Mr R Dowey Director of Finance advised that the general grant had already been reduced this year (2003/2004) and would be reduced by a further sum in the financial year 2004/2005. He said the Council had a £1million favourable expenditure variance and this would offset some of the deficit in the general grant this year (2003/2004) and absorb some of the rates increase.

During the debate Councillor Curran referred to the fence which had been erected outside the District Council Offices at Monaghan Row and said he was not happy with the design of the fence.

Mr Curtis said the design had been approved by elected members at a Special Meeting held with the architect to discuss the renovation works and full details of the project had been given at that Meeting.

**M.112/2003 - PURCHASE OF DIGITAL/NETWORK PHOTOCOPIERS AND  
UPGRADE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY CENTRE  
SITES  
(REF: F/1)**

Read: Tender Evaluation Report from Mr S McGivern, Assistant Director of Finance (IT/Purchasing) recommending purchase of 2 Canon IR 5000 I Copier/Printer/Scanners at a cost of £8500 each and 3 Canon IR 2200 I Copier/Printers at a cost of £2770 each – total cost £25,450.

Mr McGivern also recommended that approval be given to the upgrading of Communications to City Centre sites plus the installation of new city wide telephone system at a total capital cost of £28,742.

On the proposal of Councillor McElroy seconded by Councillor Feehan it was agreed to approve purchase of the above equipment/services.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**M.113/2003 - TELECOMMUNICATION MASTS IN THE NEWRY AND MOURNE AREA  
(REF: PH/32)**

Read: Letter dated 19 March 2003 from Turley Associates advising that H3G had reviewed its site requirements in the Newry area and it had become apparent that the sites that had been withdrawn were no longer required to provide coverage for the network launch. They further advised it may be possible that the sites would be revisited, however if this should be the case the Council would be informed.

It was agreed to mark the above letter 'noted'.

Representatives from the Martins Lane Action Committee then addressed the Council in relation to their request for a Public Meeting to be organised to discuss issues relating to Telecommunication Masts in the Newry and Mourne area. The residents called on the Council to publicly say they did not want any more masts in Newry and Mourne and that all existing base stations and mobile phone masts be removed immediately as they were a blight on the landscape and a danger to peoples health.

Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration advised that Mr H O'Neill Director of Environmental Health was currently making arrangements to convene the Public Meeting on Telecommunication Masts as requested by the Council. He said it was important that speakers at the Meeting would be at a level to give the best representation possible and Mr O'Neill would ensure that the content of the Public Meeting was of a standard which was acceptable to everyone and give a balanced viewpoint.

Following further discussion Councillor McGinn proposed and Councillor Curran seconded that Newry and Mourne District Council take a precautionary approach and support no more masts in Newry and Mourne area until evidence shows they pose no danger to health.

As an amendment Councillor Kennedy proposed and Councillor Hanna seconded that any decision in relation to mobile phone masts be deferred until after the Public Meeting is held so that the Council can then consider the evidence and decide upon a course of action.

Councillor Kennedy then withdrew his amendment and the proposal was put to a Recorded Vote and voting was as follows (copy attached)

For	21
Against	Nil
Abstain	7

The proposal was declared carried and it was accordingly agreed that Newry and Mourne District Council take a precautionary approach and support no more masts in the Newry and Mourne area until evidence shows they pose no danger to health.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### **M.114/2003 - NOTICE OF MOTION (REF: M/2)**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor I Hanna :-

**a. “ That this Council calls upon the Secretary of State to take immediate action to instruct all of his Ministers to ensure that the monies made available through various EU funds are utilised for the benefit of Northern Ireland and are not lost to Northern Ireland as a result of a failure to spend all such monies within the time scales laid down by the EU”.**

**b. “That the Council seek the support of NILGA and other local authorities for this Motion”.**

In formally proposing the Motion Councillor Hanna said that EU funding of approximately £28 million had not yet been made available to the public. He requested that the Council contact the Secretary of State and ask him to ensure this money is distributed as it should be and that the various funding organizations are not blamed for not having spent the funding.

Councillor Hanna said applicants were being asked to submit a 40 page application form before their schemes could be evaluated and this was putting a lot of people off.

Councillor Bradley formally seconded the Motion and said that the distribution of EU funding was being hampered by bureaucracy and red tape.

Councillors Kennedy, O’Hare, Feely, Reilly, McElroy and Murphy also supported the motion and it was unanimously agreed to write to the Secretary of State, NILGA and the local authorities in Northern Ireland on this matter.

### **M.115/2003 - NOTICE OF MOTION (REF: M/2)**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillor PJ Bradley, Councillor P McElroy and Councillor J O’Hare :-

**“That this Council condemns, without reservation, the ongoing attacks on our senior citizens and we call upon the entire community to co-operate with local community groups, Social Services and the Police Service in an effort to bring those responsible to justice and to eliminate the constant fear of attack that our elderly residents, and those that live alone, are currently living through”.**

In formally proposing the Motion Councillor Bradley said there were those who were prepared to prey on our senior citizens and because of their actions elderly people were living in fear.

Councillor Bradley said the Council's own Community Associations could offer advice and support to the elderly within the community and Social Services should ensure that every reasonable type of service was afforded to the most vulnerable in our society.

Councillor Bradley said the PSNI were the only Police Service who could make arrests and take those responsible to court and he said that our senior citizens deserved 100% support from society.

Councillor McElroy said many elderly people living on their own were living in fear of having their homes broken into. He said anyone with information should pass it on so that those responsible who be apprehended and made to pay for their crime.

Councillor O'Hare said this was everyone's problem. She said it was important people started looking after the elderly within the community and advocated the importance of being a good neighbour.

Councillor Moffett, Patterson, Kennedy, and McArdle also supported the Motion.

Councillor Lewis said his party would not support the Motion. In his opinion the Motion was trying to use the genuine fears of the elderly and vulnerable for cheap publicity and this was an attempt by the SDLP to enlist back door support for the PSNI.

Councillor Lewis said since the SDLP had accepted the PSNI they had studiously avoided a public debate on the PSNI.

Councillor Lewis said Sinn Fein had been vocal in calling for an end to these attacks which he said were totally unacceptable. He said the elderly and vulnerable were easy prey and Sinn Fein had worked within their communities, with groups and individuals without any support from the PSNI to offer support and advice to those most at risk.

Councillor Lewis said Sinn Fein would support local groups in neighbourhood watch schemes etc and in other ways which they could assist the elderly and vulnerable.

A discussion then arose in relation to the PSNI and Councillor Hyland gave details of a number of incidents where he said the PSNI did not respond to requests for assistance.

During the debate it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fee seconded by Councillor McArdle to organise a public debate in relation to policing issues within the District and that groups such as community/voluntary groups; representatives from PSNI; representatives from Social Services youth groups, and other interested parties be invited to participate.

At the request of Councillor Fee it was also agreed that a copy of the Patton Report be circulated to all those who would participate in the public debate and also a copy of Mr Pattons comments when his report was made public.

It was then agreed that the Notice of Motion as proposed by Councillor Bradley and seconded by Councillor O'Hare be put to a Recorded Vote and voting was as follows (copy attached).

For	16
Against	Nil
Abstain	14

It was accordingly agreed to adopt the Motion as outlined.

### **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

#### **M.116/2003 - RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR H CARR (REF: M/42)**

Councillor H Carr advised that for personal reasons he would be submitting a letter of resignation from the Council to the Meeting. He said he had advised the Group Leaders at their Meeting on Friday afternoon but had felt that it would be appropriate for him to submit his resignation in person.

Councillor Carr said he had been an elected representative in the Crotlieve District Electoral area for almost 14 years and it had been a very enjoyable experience and a great privilege even though there were difficult decisions to be made and disappointments offset by many successes.

Councillor Carr said that throughout his term in office he had learned to respect the different political traditions whilst working within the Council setting.

Councillor H Carr paid tribute to the political role the SDLP had played in the peace process and also expressed his appreciation of the contribution made by other political parties to the process which he hoped would be brought to a successful conclusion.

Councillor Carr said it been an honor and a privilege for him to represent the people of Warrenpoint and the Crotlieve area. He thanked the Management Team and the entire Council staff for their unfailing courtesy and kindness during his term of office and wished everyone past and present all the best for the future.

Councillor H Carr also thanked his family for their support and said he like to put it on record that his family had not wanted him to resign from his position but that this was a personal decision he himself had taken.

Councillor Feely said he felt a great sense of loss at the resignation of Councillor H Carr. He said Hugh was a man of ability and integrity and such qualities were hard to find in politics.

Councillor Feely said Councillor Carr had shown great qualities of leadership and was an excellent speaker who was a great source of knowledge. He described Councillor Carr as a very able Councillor and a very hard worker for his constituency and he wished him and his family well for the future.

Councillor Bradley described Councillor Carr as a young man of integrity who would be sadly missed by the SDLP and all other parties within the Council. He said Hugh had the support of the SDLP branch in his decision but most of all he had the support of his family.

Councillor Bradley said he had known Hugh's family for a long time and his father Barney and late mother would be very proud of Hugh. He wished him and his family well.

Councillor Kennedy said he would like to pay his own warm tribute to Hugh Carr. He said he always had the greatest of respect for his integrity and his contribution to the Council and he recognised Hugh as an ardent nationalist and a fluent Irish speaker.

Councillor Kennedy said Hugh Carr respected other people's views and he had come to the Council with a very high reputation as the golden boy of the SDLP in South Down. He said it was a measure of Councillor Carr's integrity that he did not allow himself to become bogged down with politics and added he should have been Chairman of the Council but had stood aside and had allowed others to achieve this position.

Councillor Kennedy paid tribute to Councillor H Carr and said he was a worthy ambassador for Warrenpoint and the Crotlieve area. He himself was sorry to see Hugh leaving as he had been a worthy opponent, a colleague and a personal friend.

Councillor Fee described Councillor Carr as his friend, colleague and confidant for a long time and he hoped he would remain so. He said Hugh had taken this decision because of his commitment to his family and his young children and he hoped Councillor Carr's children would be able to look back on their father's contribution to politics and to his community.

Councillor Fee said Councillor Carr had a dream and a vision for his country which was much bigger than Newry and Mourne and he always retained his dignity and calmness even in very difficult circumstances.

Councillor Fee described Councillor Carr as a patriot in the 21<sup>st</sup> century which was an age of technology and change in Ireland. He said Hugh had always showed his patriotism to parish, county and country and wished him the very best in the future.

Councillor Hyland said he had known Hugh Carr for 10 years and he found him to be very upright and honorable person who was fully committed to his beliefs and was prepared to stand up and be counted for them.

Councillor Hyland said this Chamber would be a sorrier place without Hugh Carr who always went straight to the point and was a key political opponent.

Councillor Hyland said Councillor Carr had obviously realised there was more to life than politics and he wished Councillor Carr his wife, children, family and friends the very best in the future.

Councillor Patterson also paid tribute to Councillor Carr and wished him the very best for the future. He said Councillor Carr had the respect of everyone he met either in or out of the chamber and he paid tribute to Councillor Carr's family.



Councillor Williamson said he had known Hugh Carr a long time and praised his integrity and honesty. He said the Council would be a lot poorer when Councillor Carr left although he understood his reasons for taking this decision.

Councillor Williamson said he would like to think that he would always remain a friend of Hugh Carr.

Councillor O'Hare said when she was first elected she knew only two people in the Council Chamber and she said Hugh Carr's support and help were what guided her through the early years. She wished Hugh, his wife and children the very best in the future.

Councillor M Carr also thanked Hugh Carr for keeping him right when he was first elected as a Councillor. He said the SDLP would have great difficulty in replacing Hugh Carr and he would be sadly missed by the people in Warrenpoint where he was held in very high esteem.

Councillor M Carr extended his best wishes to Hugh and his family in the future years.

Councillor Moffett asked to be associated with the remarks to Councillor H Carr and he said he found him to be very honest and easy to work with and he wished his family well.

Councillor W Burns said Hugh Carr was a very capable politician for the people of Warrenpoint and very straight forward and upright. He stood up for what he believed in and would be missed within the Chamber and also the Warrenpoint area.

Councillor Lewis extended his best wishes to Hugh Carr and his family for the future. He said he did not agree with everything Hugh had said but they always co-operated and worked well together. He said Hugh would be missed by his party and the people who had elected him.

Councillor Lewis said Hugh had come to the Council Chamber with a mandate from those who had elected him and had always respected the views of others even though he might not necessarily have agreed with them.

Councillor Lewis also said Hugh Carr would be badly missed as a speaker of the Irish language within the Chamber.

Councillor Feehan wished Councillor Carr and his family all the best in the future and thanked him for all his support and valued help throughout the years.

Councillor Reilly said Hugh Carr had shown him that people genuinely love and appreciate the Irish language and culture and he had come from one of the finest families in the area. He wished him well for the future.

Councillor McElroy described Hugh Carr as a good friend and praised his honesty and truthfulness. He said he had a lot of friends and relatives in Warrenpoint and was held in very high regard by everyone he met.

Councillor McElroy congratulated Hugh on putting his family first over politics and wished him well in the future.

Mr E Curtis, on behalf of the Chief Executive and staff of Newry and Mourne District Council thanked Councillor H Carr for his 14 years of service. He said Hugh Carr had always treated the staff with fairness and know one could have asked more from an elected member. He said Hugh would be sorley missed and would be a great loss within the Chamber.

Mr Curtis advised a Special Meeting of the Council would be held in the near future for the Council to take a decision on how to fill the casual vacancy in Crotlieve District Electoral area caused by the resignation of Councillor H Carr.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **M.117/2003 - PLANNING SHEDULE (REF: SB/13)**

Members considered the Planning Schedule and on those items which were marginal or where refusal was recommended the following comments were made thereon:-

#### NEW APPLICATIONS (Refusals)

NO	APPLC NO	SPTO	REFUSAL REASONS	COUNCIL ACTION TO ATTEND MEETING
1	01/1742	A	Need	Moffett, Kennedy
9	02/1562	A	Intgr/Repl	Bradley, O'Hare
10	02/1738	A	Integ/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns
12	02/1782	B	Design	Feehan, Moffett, Kennedy McCreech
13	02/1869	A	Intgr	Bradley, O'Hare, Murphy
16	02/1950	B	QI	Bradley, Moffett, Kennedy, McCreech
19	02/2038	B	Bldup	McGinn, Moffett, Feehan, Kennedy
22	02/2072	B	Intgr/Roads	Issue Refusal.
23	02/2076	A	Ovrshd/Design	Feely, Patterson, McElroy
28	02/2130	A	Replc	Hanna, W Burns
30	02/2138	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	McDonald
38	02/2235	B	Roads/Design/Intgr	Roads, C Burns
48	02/2333	B	Need	Martin, C Burns
55	02/2416	A	Design	W Burns, Cole, Cunningham, Reilly
58	02/2437	A	Design	Bradley, O'Hare, Moffett, Kennedy
60	02/2440	A	Design	Bradley, O'Hare, Murphy
61	02/2441	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns
62	02/2443	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Martin, C Burns
64	02/2484	A	Roads	Roads, Hanna, W Burns
65	02/2486	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Martin

67	02/2491	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	McCreesh
68	03/0002	B	Design/Roads	Issue Refusal
70	03/0015	A	Roads	Roads, Hanna, Cole, W Burns
73	03/0022	B	Intgr/Bldup	McGinn, Hyland, Kennedy, McCreesh, Moffett
75	03/0033	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	C Burns, Hearty
76	03/0043	A	Intgr/Bldup	Hanna, W Burns
85	03/0083	B	Intgr	McCreesh, Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan
89	03/0097	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb/Need	Hanna, W Burns

NEW APPLICATIONS (Refusals) – Continued

NO	APPLC NO	SPTO	REFUSAL REASONS	COUNCIL ACTION TO ATTEND MEETING
90	03/0103	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Patterson, McCreesh, McGinn, Hyland, Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan
93	03/0111	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	McCreesh, Feehan
94	03/0113	B	Intgr/Bldup/Roads	Roads, Feehan
97	03/0122	A	QI	Hanna, Moffett, Kennedy, Lewis, Feehan, McGinn
99	03/0130	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	C Burns, Hearty
100	03/0131	B	Intgr	C Burns, Hearty
104	03/0138	A	Intgr	O’Hare, Murphy, Moffett, Williamson
105	03/0140	B	Intgr/Bldup	Bradley, McCreesh, Moffett, Kennedy, Patterson, McGinn,
106	03/0145	A	Intgr/Bldup/Need/Roads	Roads, Hanna, Burns, Reilly
109	03/0152	A	Repl/Intgr	Bradley, O’Hare
110	03/0153	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	C Burns, Hearty, McCreesh
113	03/0163	B	Intgr/Bldup	Martin
114	03/0164	B	Intgr	C Burns, Hearty
115	03/0165	B	Intgr/Bldup/Roads	Roads, Martin, McCreesh
116	03/0167	A	Roads	Roads, Hanna, Cole, W Burns, Cunningham
117	03/0168	B	Intgr	Martin
118	03/0170	B	Intgr/Roads	Roads, C Burns, McCreesh
119	03/0177	B	Intgr/Design/Priv	McCreesh, Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan
121	03/0179	B	Roads/Design	Roads, McDonald
131	03/0197	B	Intgr	Martin
132	03/0198	B	Intgr	McCreesh, Feehan
134	03/0201	B	Intgr	Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan
141	03/0217	B	Intgr	McGinn, Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan, Lewis
142	03/0219	A	QI/Priv/Design	Bradley, M Carr
145	03/0228	A	Design	Bradley, O’Hare, Murphy
151	03/0244	B	Intgr/Design	Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan

152	03/0245	B		C Burns, Hearty, Fee
161	03/0260	B	Intgr/Bldup	McCreesh, McGinn, Feehan
162	03/0261	B	Need	Issue Refusal.
164	03/0268	B	Replc/Intgr	McDonald
167	03/0280	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Bradley, Martin, Murphy
168	03/0286	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Bradley, O'Hare, Williamson
169	03/0287	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Martin, Lewis, McGinn
171	03/0290	B	Intgr/Bldup/Roads	Roads, McCreesh
172	03/0293	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
173	03/0295	A	Intgr	Bradley, O'Hare, Williamson

NEW APPLICATIONS (Refusals) – Continued

NO	APPLC NO	SPTO	REFUSAL REASONS	COUNCIL ACTION TO ATTEND MEETING
174	03/0296	A	Intgr	Moffett, Kennedy
176	03/0304	A	QI	Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
177	03/0307	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb/Roads	Roads, Bradley, O'Hare, Williamson
181	03/0318	B	Intgr/Bldup	Issue Refusal.
186	03/0328	A	Intgr/Bldup/Need	Bradley, Murphy, Williamson
187	03/0329	A	Replc	Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
189	03/0335	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Moffett, Kennedy, McCreesh
190	03/0340	B	Need/Bldup/Ribb	Feehan, Moffett, Kennedy, McCreesh, McGinn, Lewis
193	03/0346	A	Need	Hanna, W Burns
195	03/0354	B	Intgr	McCreesh, Feehan
199	03/0361	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
200	03/0362	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
201	03/0364	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb/Roads	Roads, Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
202	03/0367	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Bradley, O'Hare
203	03/0370	A	Intgr	Moffett, Kennedy
205	03/0377	B	Intgr	Moffett, Kennedy
214	03/0393	B	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb/Roads	Roads, Martin, McDonald
215	03/0394	A	Roads	Hanna, Roads, Cole, W Burns, Roads
216	03/0400	A	Intgr	Hanna, W Burns
219	03/0415	B	Intgr	C Burns, Hearty
221	03/0422	B	Design/Need	Martin
223	03/0424	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Bradley, McGinn, Moffett, Kennedy
225	03/0426	B	Intgr/	McCreesh
227	03/0440	B	OvrDev/UrbnSpwl	Martin, McElroy
228	03/0441	A	Intgr/Ribb	Bradley, Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan
229	03/0442	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns, Cunningham, Reilly, Cole
231	03/0444	A	Intgr/Bldup	Mournes Councillors

232	03/0445	A	QI/OvrDev/Priv	Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
233	03/0450	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns
234	03/0451	A	Need	Hanna, W Burns
235	03/0453	A	Intgr	Hanna, W Burns
237	03/0456	B	Intgr	C Burns, Hearty, Fee
238	03/0460	A	Intgr/Bldup/Ribb	Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
239	03/0464			Issue Refusal
241	03/0482	A	QI	Hanna, Burns, Reilly

NEW APPLICATIONS (Approvals)

ITEM NO	APPLC NO	SPTO	REASONS	COUNCIL ACTION TO ATTEND MEETING
8	02/1368	A	Approval	M Carr, Williamson
24	02/2099	A	Approval	Burns, Cole, Cunningham, Roads

Applications Deferred at Previous Meeting

ITEM NO	APPLC NO	SPTO	REASONS	COUNCIL ACTION TO ATTEND MEETING
D1	01/1729	B		Issue Refusal
D2	01/1897	A		Office Meeting – Moffett Kennedy
D3	02/0334	B	Approval	Office Meeting – Hyland, McGinn, Moffett, Feehan, Kennedy, Patterson, McElroy
D4	02/0554	B		Mgt Board Referral
D6	02/0791	A		Office Meeting - Bradley, Ruane
D7	02/0821	A	Recorded Vote For 8      Against 4-8	Approval to issue.
D9	02/0966	A		Office Meeting - Bradley, Patterson, McElroy
D10	02/1045	A		Office Meeting - Bradley, O’Hare, Patterson
D11	02/1048	A		Office meeting -Hanna, W Burns, Reilly
D13	02/1193	A		Withdrawn
D14	02/1333	A		Office Meeting - Bradley
D17	02/1441	B		Issue Refusal
D18	02/1447	A		Mgt Board Referral
D19	02/1506	B		Withdrawn
D20	02/1519	A		Issue Refusal
D21	02/1588	A		Issue Refusal
D23	02/1664	A		Office Meeting – W Burns
D24	02/1708	B		Issue Refusal
D25	02/1712	A		Office Meeting – Bradley, O’Hare, Williamson
D28	02/1755	A		Office Meeting – W Burns

D29	02/1797	B		Issue Refusal
D30	02/1798	B		Issue Refusal
D31	02/1817	A		Office Meeting - Bradley
D32	02/1831	A		Office Meeting – W Burns, Reilly
D33	02/1849	A		Issue Refusal
D34	02/1910	A		Issue Refusal
D37	02/1959	A		Office Meeting – Bradley, W Burns
D39	02/1974	A		Mgt Board Referral

Applications Deferred at Previous Meeting (continued)

ITEM NO	APPLC NO	SPTO	REASONS	COUNCIL ACTION TO ATTEND MEETING
D40	02/1990	B		Office Meeting - Fee
D41	02/1992	A		Issue Refusal
D42	02/2033	B		Issue Refusal
D43	02/2068	A		Office Meeting – W Burns
D44	02/2090	B		Site Meeting – McGinn, Hyland, Moffett, Kennedy, Feehan, Patterson
D45	02/2113	B		Withdrawn
D46	02/2137	B		Issue Refusal
D48	02/2176	A		Office Meeting – Bradley, Murphy
D49	02/2191	A		Issue Refusal
D50	02/2194	A		Office Meeting – W Burns
D51	02/2243	B		Mgt Board Referral
D52	02/2249	B		Issue Refusal
D53	02/2252	B		Issue Refusal
D54	02/2258	A		Office Meeting – W Burns
D55	02/2279	B		Issue Refusal
D56	02/2308	A		Office Meeting - Cole
D58	02/2339	A		Issue Refusal
D61	02/2392	A		Issue Refusal
D62	02/2399	A		Issue Refusal
D64	02/2415	A		Defer for one month
D66	02/2427	B		Issue Refusal
D67	02/2451	A		Withdrawn
D68	02/2455	B		Office Meeting – Fee, Moffett, Lewis, McGinn, Kennedy
D69	02/2473	B		Office Meeting – McGinn, Patterson
D72	03/0034	A		Withdrawn
D73	03/0056	B		Issue Refusal
D76	03/0155	A		Office Meeting – Cole, W Burns, Reilly
D77	03/0171			Office Meeting – McArdle, Kennedy, Moffett, Feehan, McGinn, McCreesh

Councillor Moffett declared an interest in Planning Application P/2002/0554 – Site for Dwelling and Garage for Mr P Moffett.

In relation to Planning Application P/2002/0821 – Mr and Mrs Hingorani – Formation of new entrance onto Drumsesk Place, Warrenpoint and provision of 5 number new dwelling sites for detached dwellings within cartilage of existing dwelling, Councillor Kennedy proposed and Councillor Hanna seconded that Planning Service be advised to issue their decision of an approval in relation to this Planning Application and not to proceed with the Management Board referral as requested by Councillor M Carr.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote and voting was as follows (copy attached):

For:	10
Against:	4
Abstentions:	2

It was accordingly agreed to advise Planning Service to proceed to issue their opinion in relation to this Planning Application.

Read: Letter dated 3 April 2003 from SC Connelly & Co Solicitors outlining their concerns in relation to the continual deferment of Planning Application for a proposed residential development of 5 number dwellings within the cartilage of Brosley, Well Road, Warrenpoint (copy circulated).

It was agreed to mark the above letter noted.

Councillor M Carr expressed his disappointment at the decision taken by the Council in relation to this Planning Application and outlined a number of meetings which had been held previously in relation to this Planning Application. He said the access for the new dwellings was through Drumsesk Place, Warrenpoint which was the only and best example of a well laid out estate in Warrenpoint.

Councillor M Carr said the NIHE had agreed to sell a portion of their property without consulting their tenants and said local people had not been given an opportunity to see what type of houses were going to be built on the property.

Councillor M Carr said Planning Service had set a precedent and had opened the floodgates which would enable estates to be destroyed in Warrenpoint.

Councillor Michael Carr said the Area Plan was some 3 years overdue and said this Planning Application was a contravention of the Area Plan and added that in his opinion the Planners were operating outside their own policies.

**M.118/2003 - TELECOMMUNICATION MAST AT SCHOOL ROAD,  
JERRETTSPASS  
(REF: PH/32)**

Read: Letter dated 2 April 2003 from Mr Pat McBride, Divisional Planning Manager advising that Crown Castle International had given a voluntary undertaking to replace the existing mast at School Road, Jerrettspass and

that this process was now nearing completion. He advised the Department had received 2 Applications for the replacement of the mast at School Road, Jerrettspass and stated that whilst the Department was not likely to have any planning reasons for opposing the two new applications, it would be of assistance if the Council could confirm that it also had no planning objections to them (copy circulated).

Councillor Kennedy said the Council had set a precedent tonight not to support any further Planning Applications for Telecommunication Masts in the Newry and Mourne area.

It was agreed to mark the above letter 'noted'.

**M.119/2003 - PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 39 PRIVATE APARTMENTS AT CORRY SQUARE, NEWRY (REF: SB/13)**

Read: Letter dated 13 March 2003 from Pat McBride, Divisional Planning Manager replying to issues raised by the Council in relation to the Planning Application for numbers 1 and 2 Corry Square, Newry – construction of 39 private apartments with associated parking (copy circulated).

It was agreed to mark the above letter 'noted' and ensure that a copy of this correspondence was forwarded to Mr Gerard McKeown, a local resident of Catherine Street, Newry who had made a presentation to the Council in relation to this Planning Application.

**M.120/2003 - PROVISION OF MOBILE PLANT AT AN EXISTING QUARRY AT NARROW WATER, NEWRY (REF: SB/13)**

Read: Report of Crotlieve/Newry Town Area Councillors Planning Meeting to which all Councillors were invited to attend, held on Monday 10 March 2003 to discuss issues relating to Planning Application P/2002/1016 for the provision of mobile plant at an existing quarry at Narrow Water, Newry. (copy circulated).

The report recommended the following:

- I The Council write to Angela Smith, MP, Minister with responsibility for the Environment asking for an urgent Meeting with a delegation from the Council together with a small number of local residents to discuss concerns in relation to the development of the "Big Wood Quarry", Narrow Water, Warrenpoint Road, Newry.
- II The Council also ask the Minister to immediately issue instructions requesting an Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out in the "Big Wood Quarry"



area prior to any further consideration being given to the subject application and prior to Planning Service issuing any determination thereon.

- III The Council in any Meeting with the Minister, seek to petition her to take steps to begin the process of introducing Legislation into Northern Ireland known as the Review of Minerals Planning Permission 1985 (ROMPs) which is on a par with that currently in place in England.
2. The Council write to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland expressing concern that Northern Ireland does not have the same Legislation as other parts of England and Scotland i.e. the Review of Minerals Planning Permission 1985 which gives the Department authority to review a Quarry Operation if it has been dormant for a period of time and seeking his support in introducing this Legislation to Northern Ireland.
  3. The Council seek the assistance of the MLAs for Newry and Armagh and South Down in the matters raised with the Minister for the Environment.
  4. The Council write to Mr R McShane, Solicitor seeking legal advice in relation to the conditions granted in respect of this Quarry in the Planning Permission of 3 December 1980 i.e. in particular Condition Number 7,8 and 9 and asking for his opinion as to whether, because the Quarry had not been operating over the last 13 years, should Condition Numbers 7 and 8 not have been enforced and in doing so prevented the Quarry from becoming operational again.
  5. The Council write to Mr P McBride, Divisional Planning Manager advising that they had sought a Meeting with the Minister for Environment and asking her to issue instructions to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment as part of the Planning Process in the “Big Wood Quarry” area prior to any further consideration being given to the subject application and prior to Planning Service issuing any determination thereon.
  6. The Council ask its Rights of Way Officer to investigate the issue of any right of way in the “Big Wood Quarry” area and report back to the Technical and Environmental Services Committee Meeting to be held in April 2003.

On the proposal of Councillor Kennedy seconded by Councillor O’Hare it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein.

Read: Letter dated 25 March 2003 from Jim Wells, MLA referring to the meeting held on 10 March 2003 and advising that Mr Harbinson from the Minerals Unit had written to him indicating he had given incorrect information to the Council in that he had advised Planning Service could not direct the applicant to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment on this proposal. Mr Wells said Mr Harbinson had advised that Article 3 of the regulations allowed for such a direction.

It was agreed to mark the above letter ‘noted’.

Councillor Murphy proposed and Councillor Casey seconded that in future when an elected member from an outside body was invited to attend a meeting at the request of local residents that they be asked to leave the meeting with the local residents when the Council was making their decision on the issue.

As an amendment Councillor Kennedy proposed and Councillor Moffett seconded that this matter be referred to the next Group Leaders Meeting for further discussion in relation to the Council's Policy of the attendance of Elected Members from other bodies at a meeting when the Council was taking their decision on the issue discussed.

The amendment was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

For: 12

Against: 8

The amendment then became the substantive motion and was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

For: 11

Against: 6

It was accordingly agreed to refer the issue on the Policy of Elected Members from other bodies remaining at meetings of the Council to the next Group Leaders Meeting for discussion.

**M.121/2003 - ERECTION OF RETAINING WALL AT CRIEVE COURT,  
NEWRY  
(REF: SB/13)**

Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration advised Councillor Curran had contacted him regarding concerns of local residents in relation to the erection of a retaining wall at Crieve Court, Newry and had sought clarification on this matter.

Mr Curtis also advised he had received correspondence from John Fee, MLA which had been forwarded by the Divisional Planning Manager and which advised that on Friday 4 April the Department had served both a Stop Notice and an Enforcement Notice on the Developer/Agents in relation to unauthorised retaining structures at Monkshill (west of Crieve Court), Newry.

Mr McBride advised the Stop Notice required all unauthorised development to cease from Tuesday 8 April and the Enforcement Notice would require all unauthorised retaining structures to be removed after this notice came into effect on 2 May 2003. He said he would continue to keep the Council informed of progress in relation to this matter.

It was agreed to mark the above letter 'noted'.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### **M.122/2003 - NOTICE OF MOTION (REF: M/2)**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of Councillors M Murphy and B Lewis:-

***“ That this Council erect appropriate signage in Kilbroney Park to identify and explain for visitors the Flora and Fauna in the Park and that the signage be in keeping with the Council Bi-Lingualism Policy ”***

In formally proposing the Motion Councillor Murphy said there were many nature walks within Kilbroney Park which were used by tourists and school children alike. He said this would be a golden opportunity to educate children on the Flora and Fauna which was available in the Park, of which some of the trees were over 100 years old.

Councillor Murphy said he hoped signs could be erected to explain what each tree was and how long they had been there and that at the same time this would be an opportunity to implement the Council’s Bi-Lingualism Policy.

In formally seconding the Motion Councillor McGinn said he had visited other countries such as Wales where they had descriptions of the various plants/trees available in their parks and that the descriptions reflected the language of the area. He asked for the Council’s support on this Motion.

Following further debate the Motion was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

For: 17

Against: Nil

The Motion was declared carried and at the request of Councillor Kennedy it was agreed the Motion be referred to the relevant Council Official for a full report and costings on it’s implementation and how this scheme would be funded.

### **M.123/2003 - NOTICE OF MOTION (REF: M/2)**

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the names of H Reilly and A Moffett:-

***“ That this Council develop a comprehensive development scheme relating to a site which currently encomposes Mourne Hospital Site, Kilkeel PSNI Station and Kilkeel Town Hall ”***

Councillor Reilly said he wished to withdraw this Motion and refer it for consideration to the District Development Committee Meeting to be held in April 2003.

## CONFERENCES

### **M.124/2003 - INVITATION TO THE MAYOR TO VISIT RUSSIA – 6-11 MAY 2003 (REF: M/28)**

Read: Invitation from the Mayor of Arzamas inviting the Mayor of Newry and Mourne District Council to visit Arzamas from 6-11 May 2003.

Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration advised that representatives of this area had visited Newry and Mourne in November 2002 and were very impressed with Ireland's newest city and the significant way the area had developed over the past number of years. He explained the exchange visit would involve meetings at the highest level of Political and Government Officials and would concentrate on the sharing of information and development of cultural, economic and social linkage.

In response to Member's queries Mr R Dowey, Director of Finance advised that the likely cost of a person flying to Moscow including subsistence would be in the region of £1,000 to £1,500.

Councillor Casey proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded that no action be taken on this correspondence.

As an amendment Councillor Moffett proposed and Councillor Reilly seconded that the Council send the Mayor on this visit and that the Chief Executive or his nominee also be appointed to attend.

The amendment was put to a vote and voting was as follows:

For: 12

Against: 5

The amendment became the Substantive Motion and was put to a vote.

Voting was as follows:-

For 12

Against 5

It was therefore agreed that the Mayor of Newry and Mourne District Council and the Chief Executive or his nominee be granted authority to visit Arzamas from 6-11 May 2003.

**M.125/2003 - NILGA CONFERENCE  
- BUILDING BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(REF: M/53)**

Read: Invitation from NILGA inviting the Council to appoint representatives to attend a Building Better Local Government Conference to be held on 9 May 2003 at the Island Civic Centre, Lisburn.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint all those Councillors who were members of NILGA to attend this Conference.

**HEALTH/EDUCATION/TRANSPORT ISSUES**

**M.126/2003 - HELICOPTER LANDING PAD  
(REF: G/13/3)**

Read: Letter dated 31 March 2003 from Newry and Mourne Health and Social Services Trust formally requesting that Frank Curran Park be designated as a helicopter landing pad for Newry and Mourne Health and Social Services Trust.

Following discussion on this matter it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kennedy seconded by Councillor Moffett to convene a Newry Town Councillors Meeting, to which all Councillors would be invited to attend, with representatives from Newry and Mourne Health and Social Services Trust to discuss their request that Frank Curran Park be designated as a helicopter landing pad.

**M.127/2003 - HEALTH SERVICE WORKING GROUP MEETING  
- TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2003  
(REF: G/13/19)**

Read: Report of Health Service Working Group Meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2003 (copy circulated).

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

**M.128/2003 - SECURING OF ELECTRICITY SUB STATION  
- ST OLIVER PLUNKETT PARK, CAMLOUGH  
(REF: SB/2)**

Read: Report of Fews Area Councillors Site Meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2003 to discuss securing the electricity sub station situated at St Oliver Plunkett Park, Camlough. (copy circulated)

The report recommended the following:

1. (a) NIE to remove the obsolete equipment at the substation site in St Oliver Plunkett Park, Camlough and thereafter consider fencing of the site with a wooden fence.

1. (b) NIE to investigate the legality of them giving up a portion of their land to enable an access laneway to be provided between the hedge at number 2 Newry Road and their substation and if they were to provide fencing at this location, that the fencing be erected alongside the access pathway.
1. (c) NIE to report back to the Council on these issues.
2. Councillor Lewis to contact the NIHE regarding the possibility of them replacing the boundary fence at number 2 Newry Road, Camlough and also to ascertain if they would adopt a pathway between the substation and their property at number 2 Newry Road, Camlough.

On the proposal of Councillor Kennedy seconded by Councillor Moffett it was agreed to approve the above report and the recommendations contained therein.

**M.129/2003 - SINN FEIN REPRESENTATION ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE BOARD  
(REF: SB/5)**

Read: Letter dated 10 March 2003 from Des Brown, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland responding to concerns expressed by the Council at the lack of Sinn Fein representation on the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Board. (copy circulated).

It was agreed to mark the able letter 'Noted'.

**M.130/2003 - CONSULTATION ON ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES AND PENALTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
(REF: G/4/1)**

Read: Letter from NIO Criminal Law Branch enclosing a Consultation Paper on a number of proposals for changes to the law on Road Traffic Penalties (copy circulated).

It was agreed to refer this correspondence to the Parties to reply on a Northern Ireland wide basis and also to Independent Councillors to reply on an individual basis if they so wished.

**M.131/2003 - FLOODING AND DRAINAGE PROBLEMS AT BALLINRAN ROAD, KILKEEL  
(REF: G/4/1 & G/4/2)**

Read: Report of Mournes Area Councillors Site Meeting held on Wednesday 22 February 2003 to discuss flooding and drainage problems along Ballinran Road, Kilkeel (copy circulated).

The report recommended the following:-

1. Road Service and Water Service make the necessary arrangement to have repairs carried out to the Ballinran Road to ensure flooding does not occur again.

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

**M.132/2003 - FLOODING ISSUES IN THE NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT**  
**(REF: G/4/1 & G/4/2)**

Read: Report of Newry Town Councillors Meeting with Representatives from Roads Service held on Monday 10 March 2003 to discuss flooding problems/roads issues in the Newry Town District Electoral Area (copy circulated).

Read: Report of Crotlieve Area Councillors Meeting with Representatives from Road Service held on Monday 10 March 2003 to discuss flooding problems/roads issues in the Crotlieve District Electoral Area (copy circulated).

Read: Report of Mournes Area District Electoral Meeting held on Monday 10 March 2003 with Representatives from Road Service to discuss flooding problems in the Mournes Area (copy circulated).

It was unanimously agreed to approve the above reports and the recommendations contained therein.

At the request of Councillor Murphy it was agreed the Council urgently contact Roads Service regarding the condition of the Hilltown Road to Rostrevor as parts of the road were subsiding and ask Roads Service to urgently inspect and investigate this road.

At the request of Councillor McElroy and Councillor Casey it was agreed Roads Service be asked to carry out urgent repair works to the potholes on the Fullerton Road and Templehill Road, Newry.

**M.133/2003 - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2003**  
**(REF: G/4/1)**

Read: Report of Traffic Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2003 (copy circulated).

The report recommended the following:-

1. On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed the Traffic Management Sub-Committee be put into abeyance and that traffic management issues be tabled at Newry City Centre Management Committee Meetings.

Councillor McElroy proposed and Councillor Feehan seconded that the above recommendation be accepted.

The proposal was put to a vote and voting was as follows:-

For	6
Against	4

It was accordingly agreed that the Traffic Management Sub-Committee be dissolved and that any future traffic management issues be referred to the Newry City Centre Management Committee for consideration.

### **CORPORATE/DEMOCRATIC/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

#### **M.134/2003 - MEETING WITH MR JIM AIKEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSPORT HOLDING COMPANY (REF: M/20/1)**

Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration advised that John Fee MLA had secured a meeting with Jim Aiken the Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company. He advised that an informal Introductory Meeting would be held with local Assembly Members and representatives of Newry and Mourne District Council in the Canal Court Hotel at 2 pm on Thursday 10 April 2003 and this would be followed by a meeting with the full Council at 3.00 pm in the District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the arrangements for the above meeting and that Representatives from the Chambers of Trade and Commerce and the Town Centre Manager be invited to attend the Council Meeting at 3.00 pm on Thursday 10 April 2003.

#### **M.135/2003 - MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT – BRUCELLOSIS AND TUBERCULOSIS IN SOUTH ARMAGH (REF: G/1/15)**

Read: Letter dated 22 March 2003 from Ian Pearson MP responding to the Council's request for a meeting to discuss concern about the spread of Brucellosis and Tuberculosis in South Armagh and advising he would be happy to meet with a delegation from the Council to discuss these issues (copy circulated).

Councillor John Fee MLA advised he had contacted the Minister's Office in his capacity as an MLA for South Armagh and had secured a meeting with the Minister to be held on 29 April 2003 at 9.45 am in Dundonald House. He advised he intended to issue an invitation to the 3 MLA's who were also Newry and Mourne District Councillors ie, Councillor Bradley, Councillor Kennedy and Councillor Murphy and invited the Council to nominate a delegation to attend a meeting with him.

Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration advised the Clerk & Chief Executive had contacted the Minister's Office who had confirmed that if the Council agreed to have a



joint meeting then this meeting could be held on 29 April 2003 but if the Council preferred to have their own meeting with the Minister, the Minister's Office would also be agreeable to this but the date was not likely to be before 29 April 2003.

Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration advised if the Council did want a separate meeting it was a matter for the Council to decide if they wanted to participate in the meeting on the 29 April 2003.

A debate followed on this matter and it was agreed to proceed with a joint meeting on 29 April 2003 and that all Fews and Slieve Gullion Area Councillor plus 1-2 Representatives from South Armagh Farmers Action Group would form part of the delegation.

It was agreed Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration would urgently contact the Ministers Office and ask that the number of the delegation be increased to allow all the above to attend.

**M.136/2003 - DELAYS IN SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS IN THE NEWRY AND MOURNE AREA  
(REF: M/2)**

Read: Letter dated 13 March 2003 from Des Browne MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland commenting on concerns expressed by the Council in relation to delays in Social Security Appeals in the Newry and Mourne Area (copy circulated).

It was agreed to mark the above letter 'Noted'.

**M.137/2003 - HELICOPTER ACTIVITY AND ARMY FOOT PATROLS IN THE SOUTH ARMAGH AREA  
(REF: PH/24/1)**

Read: Letter dated 20 March 2003 from Jayne Kennedy MP, Minister of State for Northern Ireland commenting on matters raised by Newry and Mourne District Council in relation to helicopter activity and army foot patrols in the South Armagh Area and also concerns about the spread of animal disease by Army Foot Patrols (copy circulated).

It was agreed to mark the above letter 'Noted'.

Read: Letter dated 31 March 2003 from the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dublin commenting on the Council's concerns in relation to Helicopter and Military Activities in the South Armagh Area and advising that the issues mentioned in the Council's letter had been raised with the British Authorities through the framework of the British/Irish Intergovernmental Secretariat in Belfast (copy circulated).

It was agreed to mark the above letter 'Noted'.

**M.138/2003 - ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – NEW VOTING REGISTRATION SYSTEM  
(REF: SB/21)**

Read: Letter dated 19 March 2003 from Seamus Magee, Head of the Electoral Commission Northern Ireland commenting on concerns raised by the Council in respect of the new voting Registration System and in particular the non appearance of adverts in respect of Warrenpoint and Crossmaglen (copy circulated).

Read: Letter dated 28 February 2003 from the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland commenting on the Council's concerns regarding application facilities for the Electoral Identity Card and also mobile application centres.

Read: Letter dated 10 March 2003 from the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland responding to the Council's request for the Electoral Office to hold additional Electoral Hearings in the Newry and Mourne District (copy circulated).

Read: Letter dated 11 March 2003 from the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland commenting on the Council's request for a meeting with the Chief Electoral Officer to discuss matters relating to largely to changes in the Registration Process emanating from the Electoral Fraud (NI) Act 2002.

Mr Stanley, Chief Electoral Officer replied to matters raised by the Council in his letter and concluded that he felt that attending a Special Meeting of the Council would not resolve matters to the satisfaction of members as their fundamental concern seemed to be with the new legislation (copy circulated).

Read: Letter dated 31 March 2003 from the Northern Ireland Office commenting on Council's concerns over the introduction of the new Electoral Registration System and the handling of the 2002/2003 Register of Voters by the Chief Electoral Officer (copy circulated).

It was unanimously agreed to mark the above letters 'Noted'.

Councillor Hearty asked if a guarantee had been received that Electoral Identity Centres in Crossmaglen would be publicly advertised.

Mr E Curtis, Director of Administration confirmed that Seamus Magee of the Electoral Commission of Northern Ireland had confirmed that this would be done.

**M.139/2003 - EQUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING –  
TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2003  
(REF: M/51/25/3)**

Read: Report of the Equality Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2003 (copy circulated).

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

**M.140/2003 - VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TEAM MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2003  
(REF: F/3/75)**

Read: Minutes of the Voluntary Contribution Team Meeting held on Wednesday 26 March 2003 together with a report of Voluntary Contribution Slippage Monies as at 31 March 2002 and its subsequent history and DEA allocations of spend for 2002/2003 and relevant comments.

The Minutes also included an attachment of a report of a Mourne Area Councillors Meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2003 to discuss Annalong Environmental Improvement Scheme and Annalong JIB Crane (copy circulated).

Councillor Hanna said he was extremely disappointed about the decision of the Voluntary Contribution Committee to refuse the application from the Kilkeel Schomberg Society. He said the work which this Group was doing could not be made public, but it was helping to bring normality to Kilkeel and it worked with people who had been involved in vandalism . He said this funding was needed to attract other sources of funding.

Mr Curtis explained that this application did comply with the Council's Voluntary Contribution and Equality assessment scheme. He said the main difficulty tabled at the Voluntary Contribution Team Meetings related to clarity as to whether or not the grant aid being requested would be expended by 31 March 2003, or close to the financial year end. If the Group could prove otherwise then the matter could be reviewed and an accrual made. However this would have to be strictly within the accounting guidelines and was a decision for Council.

Mr Curtis reminded the members that other applications were approved on the assumption that Schomberg application was now being refused. These applications would also have to be reviewed if the Council was now proposing to reconsider the Schomberg application in order to avoid an overspend within the Mourne DEA budget of £30,000.

Councillor Cole proposed and Councillor McElroy seconded that the Council approve the recommendations arising out Voluntary Contribution Team Meeting held on 26 March 2003.

As an amendment Councillor Hanna proposed and Councillor Kennedy seconded that, in relation to applications relating to the Mourne DEA, that funds be distributed in accordance with the allocations decided upon at the Meeting of Mourne Area Councillors held on 26 February 2003.

It was agreed to take a recorded vote.

Voting was as follows

For: 4  
Against: 7  
Abstentions: 5

The amendment was declared lost and the motion was then put to a recorded vote and voting was as follows:

For: 7  
Against: 2  
Abstentions: 5

It was therefore agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cole, seconded by Councillor McElroy, to approve the recommendations arising out of Voluntary Contribution Team Meeting held on 26 March 2003.

**M.141/2003 - JOB EVALUATION RESULTS**  
**(REF: M/51)**

Read: Letters dated 3 March 2003 and 6 March 2003 from Belfast City Council giving details of the following Job Evaluation Results.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Postholder</b>	<b>Currant Grade</b>	<b>Evaluated Grade</b>
Finance	Purchasing Assistant	Vacant	New Post	Scale 5
Technical/Leisure Services	Landfill Site Manager	Vacant	New Post	SO2

**M.142/2003 - SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**  
**(REF: M/165)**

On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor McCreesh it was agreed the following documents be signed and sealed by the Chairman and Chief Executive on behalf of the Council:-

1. Contract –  
Alteration and Extension of District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry  
Contract Sum - £663,000,61.
2. Agreement for Lease – Lease of Premises at Newry Market to Larry Philips

**M.143/2003 - REQUEST FOR USE OF COUNCIL PLATFORM –  
SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2003  
(REF: R/S 217)**

On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor McCreesh it was agreed to approve a request from Councillor B Curran for use of the Council Platform in St Mary's Cemetery on Easter Sunday 20 April 2003 subject to the normal conditions of hire for the platform and the normal hire charges applying.

**M.144/2003 - SITE MEETING AT PLAY AREA – LATT VILLAS, NEWRY  
(REF: R/S 108/5)**

At the request of Councillor Moffett it was agreed to convene an urgent Fews Area Councillors Site Meeting at Latt Villas Play Area to discuss Play Equipment for the area.

**M.145/2003 - SYPMATHY  
(REF: M/21)**

Councillor Feely requested that a letter of sympathy be sent to the family of the late Father McCartan, Cloughogue who had been killed by a so called joyrider at the weekend.

He said Father McCartan had been a very learned man and a great Parish Priest for the area who had enjoyed the community in which he worked and was very well liked and popular.

At the request of Councillor Hanna it was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Gary Orr, Kilkeel who had been tragically killed in a motorbike accident.

Councillors Cole, Reilly, Cunningham and Feely asked to be associated with this message of condolence.

At the request of Councillor Cunningham it was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr Oliver Rodgers on the death of his brother whom he said would be sadly missed in the area.

Councillor Hanna asked to be associated with this letter of sympathy.

**M.146/2003 - CONGRATUATIONS  
(REF: M/23)**

At the request of Councillor Feely it was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to the Newpoint Players who had won the premier award for their play "Trogen Women" and had also won Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress and the Best Producers Award.

**M.147/2003 - REQUEST FOR SITE MEETING –  
LISGULLION PLAY AREA, ARMAGH ROAD, NEWRY  
(REF: R/S 108/5)**

At the request of Councillor Hyland it was agreed relevant Council Official arrange a Newry Town Councillors Site Meeting to be held at Lisgullion Playing Fields, Armagh Road, Newry to discuss problems with fencing adjacent to Mr Colm Rodgers land.

At the request of Councillor McElroy it was also agreed relevant Council Officials arrange a site meeting at this location to discuss problems of flooding on the playing fields at Lisgullion which was affecting adjacent property belonging to Mr Kerr.

**M.148/2003 - PRESENTATION TO INTERTRADE IRELAND  
(REF: M/4/2)**

At the request of Councillor Feely it was agreed to invite representatives from Intertrade Ireland to make a presentation to the Economic Development Committee Meeting and also that the Council would host a suitable meal for this occasion.

**M.149/2003 - LOYALIST BAND PARADE IN NEWRY –  
FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2003  
(REF: M/170)**

Councillor Casey proposed and Councillor Cunningham seconded that Newry and Mourne District Council express their objections to the Loyalist Band Parade which was to be held in Newry on Friday 25 April 2003 which they said was representative of loyalist paramilitary groups and was a provocative parade.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote and voting was as follows:- (Copy attached)

For	7
Against	2
Abstentions	2

The proposal was declared carried.

Councillor Casey proposed and Councillor Murphy seconded that the Council also write to the Parades Commission advising that they did not support the forthcoming loyalist band parade to be held in Newry on Friday 25 April 2003 as they believed this parade would have an adverse impact on the community relations within the district and asking that the parade be banned.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote and voting was as follows (copy attached).

For	8
Against	2
Abstentions	2

The proposal was declared carried

Councillor Kennedy proposed and Councillor Moffett seconded that the Loyal Sons of Benagh be given an opportunity to make representations to the newly formed DPP Board on the issue of the parade in Newry on Friday 25 April 2003.

The proposal was put to a recorded vote and voting was as follows (copy attached):-

For	4
Against	3
Abstentions	2

The proposal was declared carried and it was agreed to write to the DPP on this matter.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.10 am.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 2003.**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman of Council**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk of Council**

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE**

**DATE:** 7 April 2003

**VENUE:** Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Meeting of Council

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** That Newry and Mourne District Council take a precautionary approach and support no more masts in the Newry and Mourne Area until evidence shows they pose no danger to health.

<b>NAME OF COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>PJ Bradley</b>			√
<b>C Burns</b>	√		
<b>W J Burns</b>			√
<b>H Carr</b>	√		
<b>M Carr</b>	√		
<b>C Casey</b>	√		
<b>M J Cole</b>			
<b>M Cunningham</b>	√		
<b>B Curran</b>	√		
<b>J Fee</b>	√		
<b>J Feehan</b>	√		
<b>F Feely</b>	√		
<b>I B Hanna</b>			√
<b>T Hearty</b>	√		
<b>D Hyland</b>	√		
<b>D Kennedy</b>			√
<b>A B Lewis</b>	√		
<b>E Martin</b>	√		
<b>W A Moffett</b>			√
<b>M Murphy</b>	√		
<b>J McArdle</b>	√		
<b>J P McCreesh</b>			
<b>P J McDonald</b>	√		
<b>P McElroy</b>	√		
<b>P McGinn</b>	√		
<b>J O'Hare</b>	√		
<b>J Patterson</b>	√		
<b>H Reilly</b>			√
<b>M Ruane</b>	√		
<b>A V Williamson</b>			√
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>7</b>



**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE**

**DATE:** 7 April 2003

**VENUE:** Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Meeting of Council

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** That this Council condemns without reservation, the ongoing attacks on our senior citizens and we call upon the entire community to co-operate with local community groups, Social Services and the Police Service in an effort to bring those responsible to justice and to eliminate the constant fear of attack that our elderly resident, and those that live alone, are currently living through.

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
PJ Bradley	√		
C Burns			√
W J Burns	√		
H Carr	√		
M Carr	√		
C Casey			√
M J Cole	√		
M Cunningham			√
B Curran			√
J Fee	√		
J Feehan	√		
F Feely			√
I B Hanna	√		
T Hearty			√
D Hyland			√
D Kennedy	√		
A B Lewis			√
E Martin			√
W A Moffett	√		
M Murphy			√
J McArdle	√		
J P McCreesh			√
P J McDonald			√
P McElroy	√		
P McGinn			√
J O'Hare	√		
J Patterson	√		
H Reilly	√		
M Ruane			√
A V Williamson	√		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>14</b>

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE**

**DATE:** 7 April 2003

**VENUE:** Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Meeting of Council

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** That the Council approve the recommendations arising out of Voluntary Contribution Team Meeting – 26 March 2003

<b>NAME OF COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>PJ Bradley</b>			
<b>C Burns</b>			
<b>W J Burns</b>			
<b>H Carr</b>			
<b>M Carr</b>	√		
<b>C Casey</b>			√
<b>M J Cole</b>	√		
<b>M Cunningham</b>	√		
<b>B Curran</b>			
<b>J Fee</b>			
<b>J Feehan</b>			
<b>F Feely</b>			√
<b>I B Hanna</b>			√
<b>T Hearty</b>			√
<b>D Hyland</b>			
<b>D Kennedy</b>		√	
<b>A B Lewis</b>			
<b>E Martin</b>			
<b>W A Moffett</b>		√	
<b>M Murphy</b>	√		
<b>J McArdle</b>			
<b>J P McCreesh</b>	√		
<b>P J McDonald</b>			
<b>P McElroy</b>	√		
<b>P McGinn</b>	√		
<b>J O'Hare</b>			
<b>J Patterson</b>			
<b>H Reilly</b>			√
<b>M Ruane</b>			
<b>A V Williamson</b>			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE - AMENDMENT**

**DATE:** 7 April 2003

**VENUE:** Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
 Monaghan Row, Newry

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Meeting of Council

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** In relation to applications relating to the Mournes DEA, that funds be distributed in accordance with the allocations decided upon at the Meeting of Mournes Area Cllrs held on 26 February 2003.

<b>NAME OF COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>PJ Bradley</b>			
<b>C Burns</b>			
<b>W J Burns</b>	√		
<b>H Carr</b>		√	
<b>M Carr</b>			
<b>C Casey</b>			√
<b>M J Cole</b>		√	
<b>M Cunningham</b>		√	
<b>B Curran</b>			
<b>J Fee</b>			
<b>J Feehan</b>			
<b>F Feely</b>			√
<b>I B Hanna</b>	√		
<b>T Hearty</b>			√
<b>D Hyland</b>			
<b>D Kennedy</b>	√		
<b>A B Lewis</b>			
<b>E Martin</b>			
<b>W A Moffett</b>	√		
<b>M Murphy</b>		√	
<b>J McArdle</b>			
<b>J P McCreesh</b>		√	
<b>P J McDonald</b>			
<b>P McElroy</b>		√	
<b>P McGinn</b>		√	
<b>J O'Hare</b>			√
<b>J Patterson</b>			
<b>H Reilly</b>			√
<b>M Ruane</b>			
<b>A V Williamson</b>			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE**

**DATE:** 7 April 2003

**VENUE:** Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Meeting of Council

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** That this Council express their objections to the Loyalist Band Parade which was to be held on Newry on Friday 25 April 2003.

<b>NAME OF COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>PJ Bradley</b>			
<b>C Burns</b>			
<b>W J Burns</b>			
<b>H Carr</b>			
<b>M Carr</b>			√
<b>C Casey</b>	√		
<b>M J Cole</b>			
<b>M Cunningham</b>	√		
<b>B Curran</b>			
<b>J Fee</b>			
<b>J Feehan</b>			
<b>F Feely</b>			√
<b>I B Hanna</b>			
<b>T Hearty</b>	√		
<b>D Hyland</b>			
<b>D Kennedy</b>		√	
<b>A B Lewis</b>			
<b>E Martin</b>			
<b>W A Moffett</b>		√	
<b>M Murphy</b>			
<b>J McArdle</b>			
<b>J P McCreesh</b>	√		
<b>P J McDonald</b>			
<b>P McElroy</b>	√		
<b>P McGinn</b>	√		
<b>J O'Hare</b>			
<b>J Patterson</b>			
<b>H Reilly</b>			
<b>M Ruane</b>			
<b>A V Williamson</b>			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE - AMENDMENT**

**DATE:** 7 April 2003

**VENUE:** Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
 Monaghan Row, Newry

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Meeting of Council

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** That this council also write to the Parades Commission advising they do not support the forthcoming loyalist band parade to be held in Newry on Friday 25 April 2003 as they believe this parade would have an adverse impact on the community relation within the district and asking that the parade be banned.

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
PJ Bradley			
C Burns			
W J Burns			
H Carr			
M Carr			√
C Casey	√		
M J Cole			
M Cunningham	√		
B Curran			
J Fee			
J Feehan			
F Feely			√
I B Hanna			
T Hearty	√		
D Hyland			
D Kennedy		√	
A B Lewis			
E Martin			
W A Moffett		√	
M Murphy	√		
J McArdle			
J P McCreesh	√		
P J McDonald	√		
P McElroy	√		
P McGinn	√		
J O'Hare			
J Patterson			
H Reilly			
M Ruane			
A V Williamson			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**RECORDED VOTE - AMENDMENT**

**DATE:** 7 April 2003

**VENUE:** Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
 Monaghan Row, Newry

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Monthly Meeting of Council

**SUBJECT OF VOTE:** That the Loyal Sons of Benagh be given an opportunity to make representations to the newly formed DPP Board re: parade in Newry on 25 April 2003.

<b>NAME OF COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
<b>PJ Bradley</b>			
<b>C Burns</b>			
<b>W J Burns</b>			
<b>H Carr</b>			
<b>M Carr</b>		√	
<b>C Casey</b>			√
<b>M J Cole</b>		√	
<b>M Cunningham</b>	√		
<b>B Curran</b>			
<b>J Fee</b>			
<b>J Feehan</b>			
<b>F Feely</b>			√
<b>I B Hanna</b>			
<b>T Hearty</b>			
<b>D Hyland</b>			
<b>D Kennedy</b>	√		
<b>A B Lewis</b>			
<b>E Martin</b>			
<b>W A Moffett</b>	√		
<b>M Murphy</b>			
<b>J McArdle</b>			
<b>J P McCreesh</b>			
<b>P J McDonald</b>			
<b>P McElroy</b>		√	
<b>P McGinn</b>	√		
<b>J O'Hare</b>			
<b>J Patterson</b>			
<b>H Reilly</b>			
<b>M Ruane</b>			
<b>A V Williamson</b>			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

**NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**            **Monthly Meeting of Council**

**VENUE**                                    **Boardroom, District Council Offices, Newry**

**DATE:**                                    **7 April 2003**

Name of Councillor		Time of Arrival	Time of Leaving	Meeting Duration	Travel Time To/From Home	Mileage	Same Day Meeting	Total Time	Amount Payable
Bradley P J	1	7.20	12.15		50 Mins	12			
Burns C	58	7.00	10.50		1 hr	34			
Burns W J	2	7.10	2.10		1 hr 40	36			
Carr H	3	7.00	9.45		30 mins	14			
Carr M	52	7.00	2.10		40 mins	16			
Casey C	54	7.00	2.10		15 mins	1			
Cole M J	48	7.00	2.10		1 hr 40	42			
Cunningham M	51	7.00	2.10		1 hr 40	52			
Curran B	6	7.00	10.00		15 mins	3			
Fee J	7	7.00	1.15		1 hr	30			
Feehan J W	49	7.00	1.15		15 mins	6			
Feely F	8	7.00	2.10		25 mins	5			
Hanna I B	10	7.00	2.10		1 hr 30	42			
Hearty T	59	8.00	2.10		1 hr	34			
Hyland D	33	7.00	2.10		30 mins	4			
Kennedy D	12	7.30	2.10		20 mins	6			
Lewis A B	42	7.00	10.40		20 mins	8			
Martin E	57	7.00	10.30		30 mins	14			
Moffett W A	46	7.00	2.10		45 mins	11			
Murphy M	47	7.00	2.10		1 hr	26			
McArdle J	55	7.00	10.30		30 mins	3			
McCreesh J P	44	8.30	2.10		45 mins	20			
McDonald PJ	35	7.00	10.40		25 mins	16			
McElroy P	17	7.00	2.10		10 mins	5			
McGinn P	56	7.00	1.30		15 mins	6			
O'Hare J	37	7.00	2.10		50 mins	13			
Patterson J	38	7.00	11.30		40 mins	6			
Reilly H	26	7.00	2.10		1 hr 45	38			
Ruane M	53	7.00	12.00		40 mins	16			
Williamson A V	39	7.00	12.45		1 hr	22			

**Officials in attendance:**            **Time of Arrival:**            **Time of Leaving:**

E Curtis  
R Dowey  
C McKenna  
C McAteer  
R Mackin

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**Signed:**            **Colette McAteer**            **Date:** **7 April 2003**