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Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Council Meeting No 847 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 4th September 2006.

IN THE CHAIR: J Finlay, Mayor

PRESENT:

Aldermen:
F Campbell
H Connolly
C Cousley, Deputy Mayor
J Simpson

Councillors:
B Kennedy M McCamphill
D McKay P McGuigan
A Patterson I Stevenson
M Storey, MLA

APOLOGIES:

A Cavlan
T McKeown
E Robinson
R Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Director of Borough Services
Director of Central & Leisure Services
Corporate Project Officer
Committee Clerk

Press

847.1 COUNCIL MEETING NO 846 – 7TH AUGUST 2006

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

that the minutes of Council Meeting No 846 held on 7th August 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

* **Councillor Simpson joined the meeting at 7:35 pm**

847.2 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 173 – 14TH AUGUST 2006

The Development Committee report was presented by Councillor Stevenson.

2.1 Bus and Rail Services, Ballymoney (173.7.2)

Councillor Storey recorded his disappointment that Translink have no plans to develop an integrated transport facility in Ballymoney and requested that the Chief Executive arrange a meeting of all relevant stakeholders to discuss future transport plans to address problems, particularly in the mornings and afternoons at school bus changeover times. Alderman Campbell seconded the proposal. The Mayor endorsed the comments made and suggested that the issue of routes be raised at the meeting also.

2.2 International Links (173.4)

Councillor McKay queried the cost-effectiveness of the establishment of a formal twinning with Douglas Borough Council given the implementation of the Review of Public Administration and the implications for lifespan of the current Ballymoney Borough Council.

The Chief Executive advised that a future Council could assume responsibility for the continuation of the agreement, should it consider the arrangement to be of benefit to the community. In the interim period, Council planned to promote the arrangement with Douglas by providing new signage as detailed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 173 – 14th August 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

847.3 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 02 – 17TH JULY 2006

Alderman Connolly presented the Consultation Committee report.

At the request of Alderman Connolly, the Chief Executive advised that a response had not yet been received from the Divisional Planning officer

relating to whether office meetings may take place for those applications where refusal relates to PPS14. The Chief Executive agreed to ascertain the position relating to this matter.

He also confirmed the arrangements for office meetings, advising Councillor McCamphill that it is the responsibility of whoever makes the request for an office meeting to contact the applicant/agent accordingly.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 03 – 21st August 2006, as circulated, be approved.

847.4 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 320 – 15TH AUGUST 2006

Alderman Campbell presented the Leisure & Amenities Committee report.

4.1 Tenders

As an additional item, the Director of Borough Services requested Council to approve the opening of tenders by himself or his nominee and Chair/Vice Chair of Committee for the purchase of:

- a) Festive lighting
- b) Periodic inspection of Council equipment and installations

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

that Council approve the opening of tenders by the Director of Borough Services or his nominee and Chair/Vice Chair of Committee, for the provision of festive lighting and inspection of Council equipment and installations and report accordingly.

4.2 'Roon the Toon' (320.8)

Councillor Stevenson congratulated Council on its involvement with the above, which proved to be an enjoyable and successful event.

4.3 Football Pitches & Megaw Park Tennis Courts Charges (320.3)

Councillor Storey indicated the view that items (2) and (3) should be deferred to the next Committee meeting, together with item (1), with no change to item (4) of the minute, in order for the Director to produce and circulate to members, the estimated costs involved.

It was proposed by Councillor Storey, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

that items (2) and (3) of minute 320.3 be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

Councillor Simpson requested verification of the charges relating to the training pitch. The Director of Borough Services confirmed that it is Council's intention to levy charges retrospectively for the use of the facility once the charges have been agreed.

Councillor McCamphill agreed that charges should be levied to clubs for the use of the facility. This was put to the vote with 6 members voting in favour and 2 against.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

4.3 Antrim Senior Hurling Team

As an additional item, Councillor McGuigan brought members' attention to the recent success of Antrim's Senior Hurling Team and proposed that Council recognise their achievement. This was seconded by Councillor McKay.

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

that the matter be referred to Committee for further discussion at its next meeting.

Councillor Finlay reminded members that receptions hosted by the Mayor should be arranged through his office and not agreed by Committee.

4.4 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 320 – 15th August 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein, approved.

847.5 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 320 – 22ND AUGUST 2006

The report was presented by Vice Chair Councillor McCamphill in the absence of Councillor Robinson and it was agreed that all items would be

discussed with the exception of item 320.2, which would be discussed 'in Committee'.

5.1 Fair Trade Policy & Implementation Plan (320.1.1)

The Director of Borough Services advised that the launch date has now been agreed - 19th September 2006. Further details will be made available in the near future.

5.2 Warmer Ways to Better Health (320.2.12)

The Director of Borough Services brought members' attention to the information, previously circulated, relating to financial assistance available for heating, insulation and renewable energy measures. He requested that members encourage applications from the community

5.3 Application for Consent to Discharge Effluent (320.2.6)

At the request of Councillor Storey, the Director of Borough Services confirmed that it is the responsibility of the Water Management Unit of EHS to grant consent to effluent discharge, either to a watercourse or underground strata, although effluent may find its way to a watercourse over time. Analysis of water sampling takes place to ascertain whether a particular installation is compliant, although the query arose as to the volume on watercourses over time. The Director agreed to make enquiries with EHS to clarify the issue.

5.4 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 320 – 22nd August 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved, with the exception of item 320.2.2.

847.6 Landfill Disposal Tenders (320.2.2)

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

that Council move 'into Committee' to discuss this matter.

- * **Members of the press retired from the meeting, the time being 8.15 pm**
- * **Councillor Kennedy joined the meeting, the time being 8.17 pm.**

The Director of Borough Services presented to members, information relating to haulage and transportation costs provided by six companies who had tendered for the provision of landfill disposal following the end of the contract at the Dargan Road Landfill Site on 1st November. One tender was deemed to be non-compliant. The Director outlined each company's cost per tonne of the remaining five Companies and the method of transportation and responded to a number of questions from members relating to disposal venues, life expectancy of sites, the position of Council following RPA and cost comparisons. He also confirmed that although Council were not legally bound to accept any of the tenders, the recommendation to Council is to consider those tenders received to enable continuation of waste disposal from the effective date.

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Councillor Mckay and **AGREED:**

that Council approve the tender from Natural World Products Limited, t/a NWP Recycling, this being the lowest tender.

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

'that Council move 'out of Committee'

The press re-entered the meeting, the time being 8.50 pm.

847.7 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE NO 346 – 29TH AUGUST 2006

Councillor Patterson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 346 – 29th August 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

*** The Director of Borough Services and the Director of Central & Leisure Services retired from the meeting, the time being 9.00 pm.**

847.8 PEACE PEOPLE – MAYORS FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN

Details of the Mayors for Peace Campaign, www.mayorsforpeace.org was circulated.

Their aim is:

- to call for the abolition of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction
- to call on the US to end the occupation of Iraq
- to call for a just sustainable world peace for ourselves and future generations.

The Peace People request the Mayor, with the Council's consent, to become another Mayor for Peace in this worldwide campaign.

847.8 PROPOSED ABOLITION OF N.I. HOUSING COUNCIL

The Housing Council have written to Council seeking support to have the decision to abolish the Housing Council postponed and reviewed.

A copy of their case, set out in letter 10/8/06 was circulated.

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Consultation Committee for further consideration.

847.9 HEALTH SERVICE: INTENSIVE CARE BEDS - PAEDIATRICS

Council made representations to the Minister, via the Health & Social Services Council, about the low numbers of paediatric intensive care beds within Northern Ireland.

Correspondence was circulated on the subject, provided by Councillor Stevenson, Council's representative on the Northern Health & Social Services Council. This correspondence included:

- Letter dated 14/6/06, from Northern Health & Social Services Council to the Health Minister
- Letter dated 7/7/06, from the Minister's Private Secretary to the Northern Health & Social Services Council;
- Letter dated 23/8/06, to Councillor Stevenson from the Causeway Health & Social Services Trust.

847.10 REPORTS

A list of reports was circulated for members' information.

This being all the business, the meeting closed, the time being 8.00 pm