

Ballymoney Borough Council

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Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Council Meeting No 876 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 3rd March 2008 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: **Councillor J Finlay (Mayor)**

PRESENT: **Alderman**
F Campbell
H Connolly (Deputy Mayor)
C Cousley
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan
B Kennedy
M McCamphill
P McGuigan
A Patterson
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Councillor D McKay, MLA
Councillor R Wilson
Councillor M Storey, MLA
Councillor T McKeown

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Borough Services
Director of Central & Leisure Services
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Corporate Project Officer

Press

876.1 STATEMENT BY MAYOR

“Many of you will have watched in awe as Harry Gregg, one of the “Busby Babes” and a reluctant hero, recounted his memories of the Munich air disaster on this the 50th anniversary.

I have learned that Harry started off his football career here in Ballymoney some 60 years ago, as a fifteen year old schoolboy playing for the local YMCA and Claughey Utd. He achieved all his youth international honours while attached to the Ballymoney clubs.

At 18 Harry earned a move across the Irish Sea to Doncaster Rovers before transferring to Manchester United where he is rated by many as one of the best goal keepers the

team ever had. Harry also played for Stoke City and the Northern Ireland National Team before moving to manage a number of teams.

Despite his outstanding success in the sport it has not changed Harry. Ballymoney and its people still hold happy memories for him and in turn many Ballymoney folk have fond memories of Harry. I think it would be appropriate given his connection with our town that we host a civic reception to recognize this extraordinary sporting character who kicked off an outstanding sporting career in Ballymoney.

Councillor Cavlan and Councillor McGuigan joined the meeting at 7.05pm.

On another sporting theme we have established strong sporting links between Ballymoney and Douglas. A number of football, rugby and hockey teams from here have visited Douglas and we have been pleased to receive their teams. A rugby team from Douglas is making an exchange visit to Ballymoney over the bank holiday weekend 14/15 March and I propose that Council reciprocate the hospitality we receive by hosting a reception for the visiting team and delegates from our twin borough on 14th March."

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

that civic receptions be held:

- (1) to recognize the sporting achievements of Mr Harry Gregg.***
- (2) for the visiting rugby team from Douglas, Isle of Man on Friday 14th March 2008.***

876.2 MINUTES – MEETING NO 873 – 29TH JANUARY 2008 (5TH FEBRUARY & 12TH FEBRUARY 2008)

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

that the minutes of meeting No 873 on 29th January 2008, 5th February 2008 & 12th February 2008, as circulated, be confirmed.

876.3 MINUTES – MEETING NO 874 – 4TH FEBRUARY 2008

Matters arising:

3.1 Staff Matter (874.2; 870.7)

1. Amendment

Referring to item 874.2, relating to a grievance from a staff member, Councillor Robinson advised that the minute did not accurately reflect what she had proposed.

She clarified that the minute be amended to read:

that in respect of the staff matter (870.7), only legal and other costs incurred by Council be met by Council.

2. **Appointment of sub-committee**

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

- (1) that Council confirm the appointment of a sub-committee to receive the report from the independent investigator and to make a recommendation to Council, the cross party sub-committee comprising the following members: Councillor Finlay (DUP), Councillor Robinson (DUP), Councillor Cavlan (SF), Councillor McCamphill (SDLP), Alderman Simpson (UUP);*
- (2) that the Mayor be authorised to retain independent solicitors specialising in employment law.*

3.2 **Adoption of minutes**

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

that the minutes of meeting No 874 on 4th February 2008, as circulated, be confirmed subject to the amendment noted at 876.3.1.

876.4 MINUTES – MEETING NO 875 – 12TH FEBRUARY 2008

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

that the minutes of meeting No 875 on 12th February 2008, as circulated, be confirmed.

876.5 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 24 – 21ST FEBRUARY 2008

Councillor Cavlan presented the report.

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

that the minutes of meeting No 24 on 21st February 2008, as circulated, be adopted.

876.6 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 191 – 18TH FEBRUARY 2008

Councillor Stevenson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of meeting No 24 on 18th February 2008, as circulated, be adopted.

876.7 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 337 – 26TH FEBRUARY 2008

Councillor Robinson presented the report.

7.1 Underage Sales Test Purchase Exercise (336.29)

Councillor Stevenson expressed concern at the high number of retail outlets in the Borough who were found to be in breach of the legislation governing the sale of tobacco products to a person under 16 years of age.

***Alderman Campbell joined the meeting at 7.25pm.**

7.2 Municipal Waste Returns (336.18)

Councillor Robinson congratulated the citizens of the borough for the reduction in the amount of waste sent to landfill in January 2008 and for the increase in blue bin recycling.

7.3 Adoption of minutes

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

that the minutes of meeting No 337 on 26th February 2008, as circulated, be adopted.

876.8 CORPORATE AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 363 – 25TH FEBRUARY 2008

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of meeting No 363 on 25th February 2008, as circulated, be adopted.

876.9 RESOURCES TASK GROUP No 10 – 28TH FEBRUARY 2008

Alderman Simpson presented the report of the meeting, circulated at the meeting.

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

that the minutes of the Resource Task Group No 10 on 28th February 2008, as circulated, be adopted.

876.10 LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 340 - 19TH FEBRUARY 2008

Alderman Campbell presented the report.

Matters arising:

10.1 Scally Park (340.9)

In response to a query from Councillor Cavlan the Director of Borough Services confirmed that the plans submitted to Planning Service proposed housing and a toddler play park. Councillor Cavlan and Alderman Connolly welcomed the proposed plans.

10.2 Ballymoney Ornithological Association (340.19)

Councillor Kennedy expressed disappointment at Committee's recommendation. Following clarification from the Director of Central and Leisure Services regarding the amount that could be awarded under Council's Community Support Grant scheme to the association, it was proposed by Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED:**

that the matter be referred to the March meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee for further consideration.

10.3 Roundabout at Kilraughts Road (340.5)

Councillor Stevenson expressed his thanks to the staff involved in the landscaping work undertaken at the Kilraughts Road Roundabout.

10.4 Adoption of minutes

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

that the minutes of meeting No 340 on 19th February 2008, as circulated, be adopted.

876.11 ANNUAL TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES 2008/09

The Director of Central and Leisure Services referred members to the report previously circulated, attached as Appendix 2.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED that the suppliers, as listed, be accepted by Council to supply goods and services for the period 2008/2009.

At the request of Alderman Simpson the Director clarified that the main criteria for the award of tenders is cost but other factors including invoicing and previous record are also considered. She also advised that where no tender had been received for a particular service quotations would be sought for the supply of that item.

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

that the suppliers, as set out in appendix 2, be accepted by Council to supply goods and services for the period 2008/2009.

- **Director of Borough Services and Director of Central and Leisure Services left the meeting at 7.40pm.**

876.12 ROADS SERVICE

When Roads Service representatives met with Council in November 2007 they agreed to investigate further a number of roads issues raised. They responded as follows:

Lights at Greenwood Park

A survey has been carried out and it has been confirmed that all lights are fully operational and nothing has been removed. Councillor Wilson could contact Mr Whiteside, Street Lighting Engineer, who will be happy to try and resolve any identified problems.

Provision of Street Lights at Swallow Court, Ballybogey

Swallow Court, Ballybogey is still the responsibility of the developer and it is up to him to provide the street lighting.

Provision of Street Lights at Walker's Cross (Gracehill/Fivey Roads)

There is no development at this junction and therefore does not meet the criteria for street lighting provision in rural areas.

Councillor Robinson and Alderman Connolly expressed dismay at the decision not to provide street lighting at the junction of the Gracehill/Fivey Roads.

Inadequate lighting in the vicinity of the Salvation Army Hall at Cockpit Brae

A survey has been carried out and it is agreed that the street lighting in the vicinity of the Salvation Army Hall could benefit from upgrading. This will be added to the list of street lighting proposals for the next financial year providing resources available.

The Mayor and Alderman Simpson welcomed the plans to upgrade street lighting in this area.

Poor lighting on Main Street, Ballymoney

Main Street, Ballymoney is currently lit to a good standard and no problems have been identified. If there is a particular issue Alderman Simpson should contact Mr Whiteside, Street Lighting Engineer, who will try to resolve the problem.

Review layout of Turnpike Junction at Rasharkin

Two collisions involving slight injuries have been recorded at this junction over the past four years and both of these involved drivers overshooting or driving out of the side roads and colliding with vehicles on the main road. However, the junction will be examined to determine if there are any additional traffic management measures that can be introduced to reduce the risk of further such collisions.

Speed check and traffic volume at school in Stranocum

An assessment of Bushvalley Primary School on the Ballinlea Road will be carried out with a view to including it in a Safe Routes to School programme that

aims to introduce additional traffic management measures outside schools. There is, however, a large number of schools competing for inclusion in this programme and the outcome of the assessment procedure will allow schools to be ranked in priority order. Council will be kept apprised of the outcome.

Councillor Cavlan expressed the hope that this survey would take place soon.

Request for roundabout at Ballybogey

While it is appreciated that there may be delays to traffic on the Benvardin Road during the morning peak there are no current plans to construct a roundabout at this location. The collision history of the site will, however, be examined as the collision remedial and traffic calming programme is developed for the next financial year and this will allow a thorough assessment of the safety of this junction to be carried out.

876.13 THE EASTBURN AVENUE, BALLYMONEY (ABANDONMENT) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008 (SR 2008 NO 44)

The order shall come into operation on 7th April 2008. The area of road described in the schedule is abandoned (57 square metres of road to the front of No 10 Eastburn Avenue, Ballymoney)

876.14 NORTHERN IRELAND WATER NON DOMESTIC CUSTOMER CHARGES

New sewerage charges will be introduced from April 2008 for all non-domestic customers in Northern Ireland. At the same time there will be changes to the charges for non-domestic water customers. The changes will be phased – 50% of the full charge will be applied in 2008/09, increasing to the full charge in 2009/10.

Customers will be mailed a brochure clarifying the new water and sewerage charging structure and how this will affect them. The mailing will commence on 18th February 2008 for completion by end March 2008. Further information is available from christine.mcilhatton@niwater.com Tel. 028 90741166.

876.15 PARTY AFFILIATION

Councillor Audrey Patterson has written to advise that she is to be known as a Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV) councillor.

876.16 BUDDY BEAR TRUST – CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

The Trust are hoping to compile a booklet of the speeches made at the Assembly during the cross party debate on Conductive Education which was approved by the Assembly on 19th February 2008.

Many Councils, MLAs, students and others have sent letters of support to the OFDFM Minister. The Trust would like to include Council's comments in this booklet.

876.17 RESOLUTION - BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL

At its monthly meeting held on 4th February 2008 the undemoted resolution was passed by Ballymena Borough Council, which has been referred to Council for support.

“That Ballymena Borough Council unequivocally opposes the suggestion attributed to the Consultative Group on the Past, that amnesty may be considered for members of paramilitaries responsible for the vilest atrocities. In even contemplating this action the Consultative Group displays gross insensitivity towards the Victims, violates the legal system and legitimises terrorism.”

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay that:

Council write to Ballymena Borough Council to express its support for their resolution.

Councillor McGuigan expressed his opposition to the proposal.

The Mayor put the motion to the vote.

Seven members voted for and three members voted against.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councillor Kennedy requested clarification on Council’s policy on dealing with resolutions passed by other Councils. Referring to standing orders the Chief Executive explained that resolutions are tabled for Council’s information. Council may consider each resolution and respond accordingly.

876.18 REPORTS

A schedule of reports was tabled for members’ information.

876.19 NILGA REPORTS

- 19.1 The NILGA monthly update February 2008 was tabled for members’ information.
- 19.2 The NILGA Waste Management Reference Guide was issued to members.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Annual Tenders for Supplies and Services 2008-09

ANNUAL TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES 2008/2009

Tender No.	Description	Items	Supplier recommended for acceptance
1.	Building Supplies		
	(a) General		Christies Limited
	(b) Timber		No Tender
	(c) Homegrown Timber		No Tender
	(d) Concrete		No Tender
	(e) Electrical		
2.	Paint		Sigmakalon Limited
3.	Sand, screenings		George Peden Ltd
	(a) Bitumen etc		George Peden Ltd
4.	Cleaning Materials		Bunzl McLaughlin
5.	Ground Maintenance Materials		WM Landscape Services
6.	Street Nameplates		PWS Ireland
7.	Maintenance		
	(a) Electrical		Trevor Ramage
	(b) Plumbing		A McDonald & Son
	(c) Tradesmen/Labourers		WS Dunlop
	(d) Painter		Brian Lamont
	(e) Grass cutting machinery		Owen Mullan
8.	Hire of Plant	1,2,5 4,6,9,10,11,12 3,7,8	Hugh Taggart & Sons Ltd George Peden Ltd Brown Bros
9.	Chemicals		No tender
10.	Catering Supplies		
	Confectionery		Courtney & Nelson
	Vending (Hot Drinks)		
	Foodstuffs		Aghadowey Food Services
	Catering Utensils		Aghadowey Food Services
11.	Tyres		ATS - OGC
12.	Batteries		Paints & Components

APPENDIX 1

13. Protective Clothing	Safetycare
14. Industrial Cleaning Products	TRB Ireland
15. Waste Containers	Schaefer
17. Oils	Lubricant Distribution
18. Stationery/Office Supplies	Office Stationery Coleraine Office Equipment Printer Consumables Datapac