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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No. 370 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 24th November 2008 at 7pm.

IN THE CHAIR Alderman J Simpson

PRESENT

Aldermen
F Campbell
C Cousley, Deputy Mayor

Councillors
J Finlay, Mayor
B Kennedy
M McCamphill
P McGuigan
E Robinson
I Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive
[Items 1-4]
Director of Central & Leisure Services
[Items 5-9]
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES

Aldermen
Alderman H Connolly

Councillors
A Cavlan
M Storey, MLA

370.1 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 369 – 27TH OCTOBER 2008

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

that the minutes of meeting No 369 – 27th October 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

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370.2 RATES LEAFLET

DFP Land and Property Services have offered the opportunity for Council to enclose an information leaflet on rates with the 2009-10 bills, mailed in April 2009. ***It is recommended*** that Council take up this opportunity to communicate rates information to local ratepayers.

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

to recommend that Council enclose an information leaflet on rates with the 2009-10 bills, to be mailed in April 2009 by DFP Land and Property Services.

* **Councillor Kennedy arrived at 7.04pm.**

370.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES

[a] Hearings

The Local Government Boundaries Commissioner has given notice regarding representations with respect to his provisional recommendations report and details of the schedule of public hearings into his provisional recommendations report has been circulated to members. It is noted that the hearing with regard to Causeway Coast District will be held in the Bushtown Hotel, Coleraine commencing 24th November.

[b] Mapping facility

On the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner's website you can find a home page link to a new mapping facility, labeled "interactive mapping" on which the provisional boundary lines for the new districts and wards are displayed. The user can search by street name, town, townland name or postcode.

* **Councillor Stevenson arrived at 7.05pm.**

370.4 NILGA STRENGTHENING MEMBER COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT AND PROTECTIONS

At the September AGM members voted to make several changes to the NILGA constitution. These changes were primarily to meet two objectives:

- to offer councils a greater opportunity for participation
- protection for NILGA members.

The changes are detailed in NILGA paper and the revised constitution, circulated. The changes are based on legal advice and consideration of the views expressed in an earlier consultation with councils. The amendments parallel the provisions in the constitutions of fraternal LGAs.

Councillor Finlay expressed his concern at the proposed amendments to the NILGA constitution and sought clarification on this matter. The Chief Executive will give a written response to Committee at the next Committee meeting in December.

- * **Councillor McCamphill joined the meeting at 7.15pm.**
- * **Chief Executive left the meeting at 7.20pm.**
- * **Director of Central and Leisure Services joined the meeting at 7.20pm.**

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370.5 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Treasury advise schedules detailing payments for Period 8, 2008/09 drawn on the Council's Revenue and Capital Bank Accounts will be circulated at the meeting.

It is recommended that the payments are made.

The Director responded to a number of members' questions.

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

to recommend that accounts to the value of £600,155.35 from the Revenue Account and £35,872.10 from the Capital Account for Period 8 2008/09 be approved for payment.

- * **Councillor McGuigan left the meeting during consideration of this matter at 7.45pm.**
- * **Councillor McCamphill left the meeting at 8.00pm.**

370.6 COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES – DEPENDANTS' CARERS'

The Director advised on the Department's determined new maximum rates of Dependants' Carers' Allowance, payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999, as amended. The new rates effective from 1st October 2008 were circulated.

STANDARD CARE	SPECIALISED CARE
£5.73 per hour	£11.46 per hour
£149.00 per month	£298.00 per month
Maximum payments per member, per month, shall not exceed £298.00	

It is recommended that the revised rates be applied with effect from 1st October 2008.

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

to recommend that the revised rates of Dependants' Carers' Allowance, payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999, as amended, be adopted with effect from 1st October 2008.

STANDARD CARE	SPECIALISED CARE
£5.73 per hour	£11.46 per hour
£149.00 per month	£298.00 per month
Maximum payments per member, per month, shall not exceed £298.00	

370.7 RATES ESTIMATES 2009/10 – DATES FOR MEETINGS

The Council at its meeting on 3rd November 2008 agreed, that apart from the first Council meeting to consider Rates Estimates (held on 20th November 2008 @ 10.30am) all other Council Meetings to consider Rates Estimates should be held in the evening.

The Director suggested the following dates and times for Council to meet to consider the 2009/10 Rates Estimates -

Wednesday 10th December 2008 @ 6.30pm
Wednesday 14th January 2009 @ 6.30pm
Monday 9th February 2009 @ 7.00pm (to strike the Rates)

Due to a number of other commitments, it was **AGREED**:

to change the Wednesday 10th December meeting to an alternative date of Tuesday 9th December 2008 at 6.30pm with all other dates being acceptable.

The Director advised that should any further meetings be required the dates of these can be agreed at the Rates meeting.

370.8 EMPLOYMENT AGENCY SERVICES – REVISED RATES

The Director reminded members that the Council has a contract with Diamond Recruitment Group for the provision of temporary staff at set hourly rates. In light of the increase in the national minimum wage, she advised that the rates need to be revised.

The Director circulated a schedule of the revised rates and advised that the agency's mark-up had remained unchanged.

It was **AGREED**:

that the revised rate, in accordance with increase in the national minimum wage, be applied from 1st October 2008.

- * **Councillor Kennedy left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.17pm.**
- * **Councillor McCamphill returned to the meeting during consideration of this matter at 8.10pm.**

370.9 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2007/08

The Director advised that Council is required annually to produce Performance Indicators for key Council Services and return them to the Department of the Environment (circulated). A discussion ensued among members regarding the statistics presented.

The Director reminded members that the net cost of Council Services this year included the provisions for Single Status and landfill site closure and this resulted in the net cost of services per head of population being much higher than the previous year.

The Director agreed to table the Performance Indicator's information for all Councils when it is available.

- **Councillor Finlay left the meeting during consideration of this matter at 8.46pm.**
- **This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.**

