

Ballymoney Borough Council
Corporate & Central Services Meeting No 372 – 26th January 2009

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

Minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No. 372 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 26th January 2009 at 7pm.

IN THE CHAIR Alderman J Simpson

PRESENT**Aldermen**

F Campbell
C Cousley
H Connolly
J Simpson

Councillors

A Cavlan	J Finlay
B Kennedy	P McGuigan
E Robinson	

APOLOGIES**Councillors**

I Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive
[Items 1-6]
Head of Corporate and Development Services
[Items 1-6]
Director of Central and Leisure Services
[Item 7]
Committee Clerk

372.1 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 371 – 22nd DECEMBER 2008

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

that the minutes of meeting No 371 – 22nd December 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

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NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

372.3 CONTRIBUTION – BALLYMONEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

An application has been received from Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee seeking a grant of £1,000 for 2008/09 towards its programme of projects. The work of the committee is also supported by funding from DOE and through private sector sponsorship.

The committee deliver a number of projects which provide Council with the opportunity to show leadership within the community in relation to raising awareness of road safety issues. Some projects are funded by DOE while others are funded through seeking sponsorship and applying to various funding bodies. Some of the projects/activities which we have delivered during the year or which are currently on-going/planned are:

1. A Safer Driver Initiative in partnership with PSNI, Ballymoney Community Safety Partnership and the Institute of Advanced Motorists. This project ran for two years and was aimed at improving the driving skills of young people who are one of the most vulnerable groups in terms of road traffic collisions. Research is currently under way into the impact on the driving of the young participants. It is hoped to run this initiative again in the near future.
2. A Seminar, in conjunction with the DPP, on Social Corporate Responsibility for employers in the Coleraine, Ballymoney & Moyle areas to raise awareness of the number of collisions which occur when individuals are driving during the course of their employment, particularly in light of the new Corporate Manslaughter legislation.
3. Committee are currently researching the whole area of social marketing and how it can be applied to the changing the behaviour and attitudes of young drivers.

Committee express their thanks to the Council for their support in the past of the committees efforts to raise awareness, improve driver skills and behaviour, and contribute to the reduction of accidents on our roads.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council contribute £1,000 towards the work of Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee, as provided for in the budget.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £1,000 towards the work of Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee, as provided for in the current years' budget.

372.4 REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

Expenditure by the Electoral Office for NI in 2007/08 on the preparation and maintenance of the electoral register in Northern Ireland amounted to £1,752,477. Council's contribution is £1,982.04.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £1,982.04 to the Electoral Office for NI for the preparation and maintenance of the electoral register in Northern Ireland during the period 2007/08, as provided for in the current years' budget.

Members discussed the Electoral Office arrangements for maintenance of the NI Electoral Register and concern was expressed at difficulties being experienced by first time applicants, mainly young people, in providing necessary documents to confirm identity, and the number of applications rejected. It was the general view that the Electoral Office needed to do more to encourage people to register and to make the application forms and the process less bureaucratic.

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

to recommend that Council write to the Electoral Office for NI conveying members comments as set out above and requesting that consideration be given to introducing a more streamlined application process.

372.5 NILGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

The NILGA Annual Conference and Exhibition will be held on 26 & 27 February 2009 in Armagh. The theme is "Leading Change, Serving Citizens". The event is listed in the conference schedule and any members interested should advise the Office of the Chief Executive

372.6 NILGA STRENGTHENING MEMBER COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT AND PROTECTIONS

Committee is due to give consideration to the new provision for substitutes to NILGA, allowing councils to nominate substitute members (min 371.7 refers as circulated). Substitute members will have voting rights and therefore must be agreed by Council ***and must be from the same political party as the lead NILGA member.*** NILGA urges Council to avail of this opportunity. It is noted that the political make-up of the current representatives is 3 DUP and 1 SF.

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

to recommend that Council agree in principle to nominate substitute members to NILGA while also noting that the substitute members, parties to advise the Chief Executive as to names of substitute members.

Councillor Cavlan indicated that Councillor McGuigan would be SF party substitute member, while DUP group will discuss and notify the Chief Executive as to the names of their substitute member(s).

- * **Chief Executive left the meeting at 7.40pm.**
- * **Head of Corporate and Development Services left the meeting at 7.40pm.**
- * **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 7.40pm.**
- * **Alderman Campbell left the meeting at 7.40pm.**
- * **Councillor Kennedy left the meeting at 7.40pm.**
- * **Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at the meeting at 7.40pm.**

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372.7 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Treasury advise schedules detailing payments for Period 10, 2008/09 drawn on the Council's Revenue and Capital Bank Accounts were circulated at the meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the payments are made.

- * **Alderman Campbell rejoined the meeting at 7.50pm during consideration of the above matter.**
- * **Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.50pm during consideration of the above matter.**
- * **Councillor McGuigan left the meeting at 8.00pm during consideration of the above matter.**

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

to recommend that accounts to the value of £593,110.90 from the Revenue Account and £282,836.81 from the Capital Account for Period 10, 2008/09 be approved for payment.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.