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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 347 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 6.30 pm.

**IN THE CHAIR:** F Campbell

**PRESENT:**

**Alderman**  
H Connolly  
C Cousley  
J Simpson

**Councillors**  
M McCamphill  
A Patterson  
E Robinson

**APOLOGIES** A Cavlan

**IN ATTENDANCE** Director of Central & Leisure Services (Items 1-8)  
Director of Borough Services (Items 8-19)  
Committee Clerk

**347.1 MINUTES MEETING NO 344 –12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

It was proposed by Councillor McCamphill seconded by Alderman Connolly and  
**AGREED:-**

*to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 344 – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**347.2 MINUTES MEETING NO 345 – 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly seconded by Alderman Cousley and  
**AGREED:-**

*to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 345 – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**347.3 MINUTES MEETING NO 346 – 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson seconded by Councillor Patterson and  
**AGREED:-**

*to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 346 – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.*

**LEISURE****347.4 BALLYMONEY MUSEUM SECURITY FIT OUT**

The Director of Central & Leisure Services gave members an update on the museum fit out, advising that the museum would be closing to the public on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008. However, some cultural services exhibitions would be staged in the Town Hall. In response to a query, she advised that the security works were complete except for some remedial works around the doors. Once this work was fully completed, a security review would be undertaken.

**347.5 PRESENTATION – HALEY SHARP DESIGN – BALLYMONEY MUSEUM**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Keith Beattie, Museum Manager, to the meeting to present a detailed design plan of the proposed museum fit-out produced by Sharp Design in conjunction with Council officers and Causeway Museum Service. The purpose of the presentation is to provide members with an opportunity to view the proposal in detail and make a recommendation to Council for its approval, following which, seven Companies from Council's select list will be invited to tender for the work. It is anticipated that tenders will be returned by end of September and that the work will commence by November 2008. A summary of the plan is attached as Appendix 1. A full copy of the presentation can be provided on request.

The Museum Manager responded to a number of questions including:

- Contacts made for exhibition material
- Restriction of Internet access
- Proposed layout of 'hub' for motorcycle display
- Proposal for film shows/highlights of events in the hub
- Noise levels and use of induction loops
- Environmental conditions

The Chair, Councillor Robinson and Alderman Connolly thanked Mr Beattie for his in-depth presentation of the proposal.

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

*to recommend that Council accept the detailed design, as presented,  
produced by Sharp Design for the museum fit-out.*

Mr Beattie left the meeting at 7.20 pm.

#### **347.6 PUBLIC ADDRESS INSTALLATION, REFURBISHMENT OF HOT WATER SYSTEM AND PROVISION OF CONTROLS AT THE JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE**

The following tenders were received in respect of the Electrical Engineering Services contract works at the above named project. Please note these values are exclusive of VAT.

a.	J. F. & H. Dowds Ltd., 2-4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney	£ 76,830.00
b.	H M Electrics, 95 Glen Road, Maghera, BT46 5JG	£ 82,036.00
c.	Blackbourne Electrical Co. Ltd., Springfarm Industrial Estate, Ballymena Road, Antrim, BT41 4NZ	£ 88,616.00
d.	RED Electrics, 9 Sentry Lane, Newtownabbey, BT36 4XX	£ 92,383.00
E	Vaughan Engineering, Aercon Works, 556 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 4RF	£ 94,284.00
f.	Antrim Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Ltd., 208 City Business Park, Dunmurray, Belfast, BT17 9HY	£ 106,863.00
g.	RHK Davidson & Co. Ltd., 35 Bushmills Road, Coleraine, BT52 2BP	Failed To Return Tender
H	Braid Electrical Services Ltd. Unit 2, Braidriver Business Park, Railway Street, Ballymena, BT42 2AF	Failed To Return Tender

A report produced by Cogan and Shackleton, Consulting Engineers, was presented at the meeting. The Director of Central & Leisure Services responded to questions from members relating to the proposed work, the timescales for completion and budget provision.

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

***to recommend that Council accept the lowest tender from JF & H Dowds Limited in the amount of £76,830.00 for the PA installation, refurbishment of Hot Water System and provision of Controls at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.***

### **347.7 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS**

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Cramsie Court Residents Association for assistance with outing to Londonderry.
- (ii) Drukendult & District Community Association for assistance with a Christmas dinner.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £100 be awarded to each applicant.

A discussion ensued relating to the criteria in applying for Community Support Grants. Members were asked to give consideration to the criteria of constituted bodies and it was agreed that this matter be tabled for further discussion at the meeting of Committee in September. The Director of Central & Leisure Services agreed to provide a report at that meeting on the levels and recipients of funding allocated during the current year.

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

***to recommend that a grant of £100.00 be awarded to each of the above two applicants.***

- \* **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 7.45 pm. The Director of Borough Services arrived at this time.**

### **347.8 BALLYMONEY SPORTS AWARDS**

A request from the Chairman of Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee seeking Council permission to apply for an occasional bar licence as per previous years for this years Ballymoney Sports Awards to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October in Ballymoney Town hall.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council grant permission for Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee to apply for an occasional bar licence for the above Sports Awards.

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

***to recommend that Council grant permission for Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee to apply for an occasional bar licence for the Sports Awards event on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008.***

- \* The Director of Central & Leisure Services left the meeting at 7.50 pm.

## **AMENITIES**

### **347.9 ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS**

The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations (NI) 2008 require that by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008 public buildings such as Riada House and Ballymoney Town Hall must display energy performance certificates. Work is in hand by the Council's consultants: Cogan & Shackleton to ensure that Council complies with its statutory duty.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council note its obligations under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations (NI) 2008 and the fact that work is being undertaken to ensure that Council complies with its statutory duty re. both Riada House and Ballymoney Town Hall.

At the request of Alderman Simpson, the Director of Borough Services confirmed that from 30<sup>th</sup> December it would be a statutory duty to display energy performance certificates on public buildings.

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

***to recommend that Council note its obligations under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations (NI) 2008 and that it approve and make provision for the necessary work to be undertaken.***

### **347.10 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS**

Applications have been received as undernoted for the erection of memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery.

Section I3 No. 81

Mrs May Kane, 24 Chestnutt Grove, Ballymoney  
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No.65

Mrs Lorinda Tweed, 40 Railway View, Macfin, Ballymoney

All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section E2 No. 142

Mrs A Cluff, 21 Armour Avenue, Ballymoney  
All Polished Black Granite Headstone & Base

Section D No. 19

Mrs Ann McConville, 20 Eastburn Drive, Ballymoney  
Black Ebony Granite, All Polished Headstone & Base

Section I3 No. 78

Ms Lucy Alcorn, 39 Portrush Road, Ballymoney  
Mourne Granite. Headstone & Base

Section I3 No. 70

Mrs Isobel McGivern, 41 Greengage Cottages, Ballymoney  
Flame Headstone and Base

Section I3 No.79

Mr James McDowell, 24 Eastermeade Gardens, Ballymoney  
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No. 60

Mrs Kathleen Kane, 1 Mount Street Mews, Coleraine  
All Polished Black Galaxy Granite Barrell Side Headstone & Base

Section I3 No. 53

Mr Taylor Woods, 39 Cherry Gardens, Ballymoney  
Black Granite Headstone and Base

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council grant permission to the above applicants to erect memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

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

***to recommend that Council grant permission to erect memorials, as set out above.***

### **347.11 CLOUGHMILLS RECREATIONAL FACILITY SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A meeting of the above Amenities Sub Committee was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August in Riada House. In précisising the minutes, the Director of Borough Services responded to member's questions relating to the benefits of developing the Old Mill site and the



involvement of Planning Service in any proposal for change of use. The date of the next meeting will be finalised at the meeting of Council on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Minutes (Meeting No. 6), to be found at the Appendix 2 to this report, be agreed.

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

***to recommend that Council approve the minutes of the Cloughmills Recreational Facility Sub-Committee.***

### **347.12 CLOUGHMILLS PLAY AREA**

Correspondence has been received regarding the above Council facility. Council is being asked to undertake improvement work at the site namely –

- widen the existing gate for buggies and wheelchairs to get through and
- make a new gate near the swings with a path for access for buggies and wheelchairs.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Committee consider the concerns raised and makes recommendation to Council.

The Director gave further detail both as regards the correspondence received and the nature, etc., of the Cloughmills play area.

Councillor Robinson advised the Director of Borough Services that funding for play areas may be available via the Rural Development Programme. Councillor McCamphill, as a member of the Rural Development Committee, agreed to obtain further information as to whether Council could access such funding.

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

***to recommend to Council that its correspondents be advised that the issues raised remain under review.***

### **347.13 STRANOCUM WAR MEMORIAL**

As members are aware the above memorial is under Council control. The repair/improvement scheme authorised by Council was completed in June and the completion report seeking payment of the proffered grant has been submitted to the War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme by the due date – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

The Director of Borough Services circulated photographs taken following the improvement scheme for members' information.

**347.14 LOWER BANN PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

An update has been received from the Lower Bann Partnership, details of which are attached as Appendix 3.

**347.15 DUNLOY CHANGING ROOMS PROJECT**

The deadline for the receipt of tenders from the contractors on the Council's Select List for the above project is 12.00 noon, on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August. The Director of Borough Services advised that the tenders have been opened and passed to the Council's consultants for evaluation, with that report tabled to consideration at the Council's meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The Director advised at the meeting that the 5 tenders received, as undernoted, had been opened at 2.00pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> August by the Committee Chair [Alderman Campbell] and the Head of Amenities –

Piperhill Construction Limited	£251,000
Martin & Hamilton Limited	£242,855
E. Kearney & Son	£227,820
J. S. Dunlop Limited	£229,677.63
Dixon Contractors Limited	£234,070

**347.16 LETTERS OF APPRECIATION**Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park

The Mayor has requested that a letter he received from a Dutch couple who stayed at Drumaheglis in June this year be mentioned at Committee. Our visitors were most impressed by the attitude of the staff – “They were kind, approachable and helpful, far beyond what can reasonably be expected”. As also requested by the Mayor Drumaheglis staff have been made aware of the compliments paid to them.

Ballymoney Cemetery

It is also the case that the following written comment was received regarding Ballymoney Cemetery – “May I also take this opportunity to congratulate yourself (Marcus Gault) and the Council on the way the cemetery is run and on the excellent condition it is maintained”.

The correspondence has been acknowledged and the Director of Borough Services advised that staff members concerned have received personal letters of thanks from the Department.

**347.17 RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY GRANT APPLICATION**

Committee is asked to note that a grant application in respect of the upgrade of the shared use path at Rodeing Foot Wood at Riverside Park, Ballymoney has been

made to the NIEA Natural Heritage Grant Programme 2008. Work to the said path is one of the amenities projects included in the 2008-09 budget.

The closing date for grant applications is 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Council will be kept apprised of developments.

### **347.18 RECENT FLOODING**

Committee is advised that recent flooding has had an impact both Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park and at Riverside Park Ballymoney. Tidying up is progressing at both locations. It is also the case that damage assessments are being undertaken and will continue as flood waters abate.

The Director responded to member questions and advised that when damage assessments had been completed a further report would be made to Committee.

### **347.19 IFA GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Grant applications have been made to the Irish Football Association in order to part fund the necessary upgrade of fencing at both McCamphill Park, Dunloy and Drumbolcan Park, Rasharkin in conjunction with Dunloy F C and Rasharkin United F C respectively. The grant available is up to 80% of eligible expenditure and conditional on clubs being granted an annual allocation re. Council facilities. The work to be undertaken will ensure that both grounds are fully compliant with the revised IFA ground criteria relating to its Intermediate League for the 2009-2010 season.

### **347.20 PROVISION OF PLAY AREA AT DERRYKEIGHAN**

The Director of Borough Services circulated to members a plan of the Community Hall site at Derrykeighan showing the site layout and the space possibly available for the installation of play equipment following the recent extension to the hall. He asked members to note the area of land required to install the type of play facilities favoured by the Community Association. Members noted the spacial limitation of the site and asked that the Director speak again with the Community Association.

**This being all the business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**

Appendices attached:

- Appendix 1 - Presentation by Haley Sharp Design
- Appendix 2 - Minutes of Cloughmills Recreational Facility Sub-Committee 5.8.08
- Appendix 3 - Lower Bann Partnership Update

**APPENDIX 1**



Haley Sharp Design -  
Ballymoney Museum

**APPENDIX 2**

**Cloughmills Recreational Facility Sub-Committee  
Meeting No.6  
Held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 2.30pm in Riada House**

Present: Councillor J. Finlay  
Councillor M. McCamphill  
Councillor A. Patterson

In Attendance: Director of Borough Services

Apology: Alderman F Campbell

Councillor A. Patterson presided.

1. Minutes Meeting No. 5

It was proposed by Councillor McCamphill, seconded by the Mayor that the minutes of the previous meeting (No. 5) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June be accepted as a true record. This was agreed.

2. Planning Update

The Director advised that Planning Service had indicated that it would hold its stance regarding the portion of land west of Ballycregagh Road. As regards the possible development of the Old Mill Site Planning Service advised that Rivers Agency had commented that most of the site is subject to flooding. However it was the view of Planning Service that it would wish to see some form of development but this had to be weighed up against the precautionary principle advocated by PPS15.

3. NIHE Correspondence

The Director advised that a letter had been received from the HE District Manager enquiring as to the availability of Council land at Strand Park. Members endorsed the Director's response that in certain circumstances the land referred to might be available.

4. Land Availability

The Mayor advised that he had recently spoken to two further landowners regarding land availability and that he and the Director had visited Cloughmills in order to look again at other possible sites without success.

5. Old Mill Site

The possibility of the development of the Old Mill Site within the footprint of its existing buildings for both community and play facilities, which members felt might

now be the best way forward, was discussed. It was suggested that a scheme at the location circa. 2001 might have been drawn up. The Director undertook to research the information provided.

6. Date of Next Meeting

**It was agreed** that the date of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee be set at a future Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting.

**APPENDIX 3****Project: Lower Bann Advisory Committee – Biodiversity Action Plan**

**Project Description** - Development and implementation of a biodiversity action plan for the Lower Bann & its hinterland. The plan will highlight action plan for the Lower Bann & its hinterland. The plan will highlight projects that can be put in place to improve the biodiversity of the river & during the process, delivery agents incl. local communities, private sector, local authorities etc will be engaged in delivering the projects.

**Update/Issues** – None

**Concerns** – None.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – April 08 – Sept 08.

**Project: Lower Bann Advisory Committee – Sustainable Management Strategy**

**Project Description** - This project will result in the provision of strategic integrated advice on the management and sustainable development of the Lower Bann River. It will result in a 'blue print' for the integrated & sustainable development & management of the resources the river has to offer.

**Update/Issues** – None

**Concerns** – None.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – April 08 – Sept 08.

**Project: Christopher Madden – Gone Canoeing**

**Project Description** – The project involves the development and implementation of the “Gone Canoeing on the Lower Bann” project that aims to provide tuition, equipment, transport and general logistics for canoe trips from Toomebridge to the Bar mouth. The tuition provided will range from training for beginners to advanced canoe skills development. The project will also include opportunities for canoe camping trips along the full distance of the river and will incorporate training and education on local natural history.

**Update/Issues** – The promoters are now in the process of purchasing equipment and sourcing the most appropriate training opportunities.

**Concerns** – None. Project progressing well and a number of claims have been submitted. Insurance concerns had been alleviated.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – Ongoing.

**Project: Con Law – Lower Bann / Lough Neagh Cruises**

**Project Description** - The project involves the development and implementation of the “Lower Bann / Lough Neagh Cruises” project that aims to provide and supply a passenger vessel registered for up to 100 passengers to operate on Lough Neagh and the Lower Bann. Phase 1 of the project involved refurbishing the Maid of Antrim. Phase 2 involves developing and implementing a coherent marketing strategy for the introduction of the boat back into use in May 2007

**Update/Issues** – The leaflets and some of the posters have been designed and printed. The website should be up and running soon and the other actions highlighted in the marketing plan will be implemented over the forthcoming weeks.

**Concerns** – Timeframe with new tourist season approaching.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – June 2008

**Project: Cranagh Projects – Cranagh Marina**

**Project Description** - This project involves the erection of pontoons which will be large enough to accommodate 40 serviced moorings to current EU standards, including full disabled access. It is Phase 1 of a proposed 3 phase project, which will culminate in a marina with restaurant, accommodation and other stop-off facilities.

**Update/Issues** – Unfortunately as the Planning Permission will not be in place for at least another 6 months the project has been withdrawn. Thankfully Seamus and Mike withdrew the project as soon as this became clear to allow us the opportunity to offer the grant to other projects. It is hoped that planning will be in place in time for the project to make an application to the new rural development programme in 2009.

**Concerns** – Project Withdrawn

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – N/a

**Project: Kilrea Angling Club - Kilrea Hatchery Development**

**Project Description** - The project involves the development of Kilrea Fish Hatchery and Angling Centre as a facility for fishery education and angling improvement skills. This is Phase 2 of the Hatchery Development project which was previously funded by DCAL and



which is now complete. The project will involve construction of visitor facilities, provision of safety fencing, signage and purchase of equipment for the centre.

**Update/Issues** – The fence has been completed and the interpretation aspect of the project is currently being constructed.

**Concerns** – None      **Profiled Expenditure Date** – June 08

**Project: Lower Bann Partnership – Riverfest 2007**

**Project Description** - Lower Bann River Festival at Coleraine to be held in June 2007. It will provide an opportunity to show case and raise awareness of the land and water based recreational opportunities and the natural and build heritage significance of the Lower Bann corridor, it will target local people, tourists, families and special interest groups and individuals.

**Update/Issues** – The event took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June and the weather added to the event which attracted around 12,000 people over the two days. It is hoped that the success of this year can be built upon and the organisers are considering expanding the festivities to include other towns and villages along the Lower Bann.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – Complete.

**Project: Ulster Seaplanes Association – Ulster Seaplanes Project**

**Project Description** - The project envisages the provision of a training seaplane and a moveable pontoon to facilitate operations on different sections of the river. The association also needs funding to assist with the provision of a slipway to facilitate the transfer of the aircraft to its land base for storage and maintenance. Hangarage and workshop facilities are also required.

**Update/Issues**

Issues remain over the lease and also planning. The Promoters have confirmed that if planning permission is not granted at the next planners meeting they will consider withdrawing the project to allow the grant monies to be used by other projects. They will contact the LBP Office at the start of June.

**Concerns** – Planning, Environmental consents, Issue over land lease.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – August 2008

**Project: CAAN – Lower Bann Canoe Trail**

**Project Description** - The project involves the development of the “Lower Bann Canoe Trail” as part of the overall strategic development of canoeing throughout N. Ireland and involves five main components: 1. The development of a camp facility at Portneal Lodge, Kilrea. 2. The design, production and installation of 15 interpretation panels along the river. 3. The production of a detailed guide map. 4. Updating of existing web site to include the Bann route. 5. The promotion of a paddlers code for the river system.

**Update/Issues** – The trail was officially launched on the 21<sup>st</sup> February in Cutts House, Coleraine and received excellent coverage in the local and national press.

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – June08

**Project: LBAC / LBP – River Bank Enhancement Project**

**Project Description** - The project involves the development and implementation of the “River Bank Enhancement Project” along the Lower River Bann and involves three main components:

- i) Work and negotiations with landowners whose property runs up to the river bank
- ii) Fencing, re-profiling and planting indigenous native species in order to recreate semi-natural river bank especially in areas that have suffered from erosion caused by agricultural practice and uncontrolled recreational activities
- iii) Production of an information leaflet on best practice river bank management

**Update/Issues** – Camus has been added to the areas to participate in this scheme. Delivery of materials is due this week from Macafferri. Agreements to be drawn up with landowners before work commences.

**Concerns** – None.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – July 2008.

**Project: Sustrans – Lower Bann Cycleway**

**Project Description** - The project involves the development and implementation of the “Lower Bann Cycleway” project that involves the establishment of a new cycleway between

Toome on the edge of Lough Neagh and the North Coast. The cycleway will be a vital link in the National Cycle Network joining two highly used trails along the scenic River corridor. The project will also involve the development of a marketing programme to provide information materials, signage provision and cycling events. The new cycleway will provide for the social and recreational needs of both the local community and visiting tourists and will improve the quality of life for those who use it.

**Update/Issues** – Works now complete at the Frocess Road in Ballymoney and the route is being well used already by cyclists and walkers and will be a great addition to the works to be developed as part of the Sustrans Connect 2 scheme which recently won the peoples millions vote. Coleraine works are being revised in light of the Councils plans for Christie Park. Planning Service have confirmed that Planning Permission is not required for the revised path so works will progress once DCAL confirm that they are happy with the revised project.

**Concerns** – Very tight timeframe. Coleraine works are due for completion around July 2008. As final BSP payments must be completed by September 2008 there is little space for error. Sustrans and Coleraine BC aware of this and are confident project will complete on time. LBP manager will be kept up to date.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – August 2008.

#### **Project: Bann Systems – Game Angling Infrastructure**

**Project Description** – The aim of the project is to erect angling huts and toilet facilities at Carnroe, Movanagher and Portna. In-river works will also be completed at Movanagher and Portna.

**Update/Issues** – Project is on track. The organisation is meeting the pre-conditions before they start to source equipment and materials for the works.

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – July 2008 although some part claims could be submitted before this.

#### **Project: Bann Systems – River Watch Educational Project**

**Project Description** – The project involves a structured cross community educational initiative on salmon including the provision of mini hatcheries, field work equipment and associated published materials. 10 local schools will participate in the project.

**Update/Issues** – The project has been successfully implemented on a pilot basis at two schools in Kilrea and 8 other schools in the area are now involved in the project which has attracted the attention of the Education Minister.

**Concerns** – None    **Profiled Expenditure Date** – July 2008

**Project: Bann Systems – Training Angling Guides**

**Project Description** – The project involves the purchase of boats and training of five guides to become specialists in the local beats of the river. This will allow anglers to access parts of the river and its tributaries which were difficult to access before.

**Update/Issues** – None

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – July 2008

**Project: Robert Anderson – River Bann Waterbus**

**Project Description** – The project involves the development and implementation of the River Bann Waterbus project that currently operates a 60 seater scenic cruise vessel on the Lower River Bann. The vessel provides short public cruises along various stretches of the river. The project has been running since June 2006 and has received financial assistance to implement a promotional programme and to carry out minor refurbishment works to the vessel.

**Update/Issues** – DARD have agreed to amend Robert's letter of offer schedule which will allow him to claim for 50% of the costs he incurred when his engine broke down in July. The claim for this has now been submitted and is being processed by DARD. The original expenditure items such as marketing and training will now be covered by the business itself.

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – Fully Claimed.

**Project: Lower Bann Partnership – History of the Local Industry**

**Project Description** - The project involves researching, collecting and collating information, anecdotal and photographic evidence, on the industries indigenous to the River Bann. The

data will be compiled in a heritage trail book that will be available to local educational establishments, libraries, and other outlets. The book will also be available in electronic form on the web. Local community groups and schools will be heavily involved in the delivery of the project.

**Update/Issues** – John and Noreen Hamilton were selected to carry out the research phase and a draft should be received mid June. They are currently carrying out interviews with a number of people and organisations. The project has received excellent coverage from the press.

**Concerns** – Timeframe.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – September 2008 although part claims will be possible as soon as associates are appointed.

#### **Project: LBAC / LBP – Baseline Study**

**Project Description** - The project involves the preparation of the “Lower Bann Baseline Information Project”. This will involve collecting and collating information, statistics and trends relating to the environmental, recreational and economic attributes of the Lower Bann corridor mainly through desk research study. The project will provide a snap-shot of the areas resources in 2006/07 and again in 2008 which will be made available to all interested parties through the web and an interactive Geographical Information System. The follow up data collection exercise will help in the evaluation of the Lower Bann Sustainable Development Initiative.

**Update/Issues** – None. Marenco LBAC are now planning the follow up work.

**Concerns** – None.

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – June 08

#### **Project: Coleraine Borough Council – Kilrea Riverside Walk**

**Project Description** - The project involves the development of the “Kilrea Riverside Walk”, a 1 Km long riverside pathway on the western bank of the Lower River Bann linking Portneal and Portna and involves five main components: i) Pathway construction, fencing, bridges and drainage. ii) Land acquisition. iii) Erection of Interpretation panels. iv) Production of walk leaflets. v) Professional fees

**Update/Issues** – Planning Permission has been approved and works to begin shortly.

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – July 2008.

**Project: Lower Bann Partnership – Marketing Analysis and Marketing Plan**

**Project Description** - The project involves the development and implementation of the “Marketing Analysis and Implementation” project for the Lower River Bann corridor and has two distinct phases.

*Phase 1: Market Analysis and Preparation of a Marketing Plan*

The Marketing Plan will inform the Partnership of the most suitable promotional options, identify market gaps, provide information on promoter needs and identify tourism development opportunities along the river. It will complement marketing strategies which have been created for the Lough Neagh Wetlands and the North Coast.

*Phase 2: Implementation of the findings of the Marketing Plan*

**Update/Issues** – The new Marketing Officer is now in post and is spending two days per week delivering Lower Bann Marketing Initiatives. A two page advertorial has been placed in the new RTP guide. The Activity Guide and Angling Guide have been completed and were marketed to potential visitors at the Birmingham Outdoor Show over the weekend of 14-16<sup>th</sup> March. The website ([www.riverbannireland.com](http://www.riverbannireland.com)) is now live although there will be a number of changes/additions to the site over the next few months. The guides and website will be launched on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> May on the Maid of Antrim. 11 applications were received for the marketing grants programme.

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – Phase 1 complete. – Phase 2 ongoing.

**Project: Mast Lowering at Toome**

**Project Description** - The project involves manufacturing a device, which is upside-down “L” shape, the top of which will act as a hook to be used for lowering the mast. The device will not require manning, ie the sailors of the boats would be able to lower their own mast. The device will be erected at one of the locks near the old Toome bridge.

**Update/Issues** – Due to ongoing issues regarding location and liability the project has been withdrawn.

**Concerns** – Withdrawn

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – N/a

**Project: LBP – Photographic Survey**

**Project Description** - The project involves the provision of a “ Photographic Survey of the Lower Bann”. This will involve taking aerial based photographs of the River corridor from Toome in the south to the Barmouth in the north. The photographs will then be catalogued and presented in a form suitable for use by key stakeholders. Attention will focus on strategic recreation zones and on important natural heritage areas including Lough Beg. The library will be accessible to members of the LBP, LBAC, special interest groups, students and others via managed web site access.

**Update/Issues** – Additional images have been purchased. All pics will be watermarked and saved on a DVD which will then be sent to accommodation providers to sell the area to their guests.

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – August 2008

**Project: LBAC – Water Based Activity Leaflet**

**Project Description** – The project will involve the preparation and publication of water based activity leaflets that will include information on safety, code of conduct, navigation, respecting heritage and respecting other users of the river. The publication will be made of semi- waterproof paper and will be in a format that is user- friendly for those on boats, etc.

**Update/Issues** – Complete. New leaflet has been printed and distributed.

**Concerns** – None

**Profiled Expenditure Date** – Reprint - June 2008

## **Bann Rowing Club – Replacement Steps**

**A.3 Organisation** c/o 5 Mountsandel Road Telephone: 07970 201372  
 COLERAINE  
 Co. Londonderry **Total Cost: £14,881.38**  
 BT52 1JB **Grant Requested: £11,161.03**  
 cv.hamill@btinternet.com

**A.4 Contact** Mr Victor Hamill  
*Position* Hon Secretary

### **Project Details**

**A.9 Project Title** **Replacement Steps**

**A.10 Project Summary** Removal of existing unsafe steps used for access to the river and their replacement using suitable materials to give a lifespan of at least 30 years.

**A.11 Project Location** Bann Rowing Club Boathouse Hanover Place  
 Coleraine  
 Co. Londonderry  
 BT52

## **Xplore Outdoors – Purchase of two Canoes**

**A.3 Organisation** 15 Glenara Woods Telephone: 07734365321  
 Coleraine  
 Co. Londonderry **Total Cost: £950**  
 BT51 3TR **Grant Requested: £475**  
 xploreoutdoors@hotmail.co.uk

**A.4 Contact** Mr Gareth Moore  
*Position* partner

### **Canoeing for all**

**A.10 Project Summary** We currently have four canoes as part of our fleet. Over the past year we have found that canoeing is becoming more and more popular with both families and larger groups on the River Bann. We would therefore like to increase our fleet of canoes to six boats in order to accommodate the growing interest. We see it as a great opportunity to promote the River Bann and introduce visitors to all the excellent attributes the river has to offer.

## **Lower Bann Riverfest Ltd**

**A.3 Organisation** Irwin Donaghy and Stockman Telephone: 07710015067  
 Queens Street  
 Coleraine **Total Cost: £74,170**  
 Co. Londonderry **Grant Requested: £19,670**

**A.4 Contact** Mr Robert Skelly  
*Position* Chairperson

**A.5 Correspondence** 12 Ballycranny Drive Telephone 07710015067  
**Address** Coleraine  
 Co. Londonderry Fax:



BT51 3JX

EMail: [ri.skelly@gmail.com](mailto:ri.skelly@gmail.com)**Project Details****A.9 Project Title****Lower Bann Riverfest****A.10 Project Summary**

The Lower Bann River Festival will be held on the 14th & 15th of June 2008 with build up events planned at Drumaheglis and Newferry.

The event provides an opportunity to show case and raise awareness of the land and water based recreational opportunities on the Lower Bann as well as the natural and built heritage of the Lower Bann corridor. The event will target local people, tourists, families, special interest groups and individuals

**Community Rescue Service – Patrol Boat****A.3 Organisation**

Cranagh Marina  
78 Portstewart Road  
Coleraine  
Co. Londonderry  
sean@northernforklift.com  
BT52 1EY

Telephone: 07711233802

**Total Cost: £87,655****Grant Requested: £60,000****A.4 Contact**

Position

Mr Sean McCarry  
Regional Commander

**Bann Search & Rescue****A.10 Project Summary**

To provide a vessel that can be used to carry out safety and prevention patrols along the full length of the Lower Bann.