

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure and Amenities Committee
Meeting No: 331 – 15th May 2007**

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**Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure & Amenities Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting No 331 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney
on Tuesday, 15th May 2007 at 2.00pm**

IN THE CHAIR: F Campbell

PRESENT **Aldermen**
H Connolly

Councillors
A Cavlan
J Finlay, Mayor
M McCamphill
T McKeown
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES
D Mc Kay, MLA
A Patterson
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE
Director of Borough Services
Items [10-17]
Director of Central and Leisure Services
Items [1-9]
Committee Clerk

331.1 MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting No. 330 – 17th April 2007 were circulated.

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

*that the minutes of the committee's meeting No 330, on 17th
April 2007, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

LEISURE SERVICES

331.2 CAPITAL PROJECTS - JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE

Applications were invited via public advert for inclusion on a select list of
contractors for the following works –

- (1) New Closed Circuit Television Installation
- (2) Replacement of the existing main sports hall lighting
- (3) Conversion of existing store to mat store

The closing date for receipt of applications was 11th May 2007.

The applications were opened by the Chair of Committee and Director of Central and Leisure Services and forwarded to the Council's consultants Cogan & Shackleton for evaluation.

22 applications were received and examined to determine suitability for the project:

Ask Electrical Limited
Braid Electrical Services Ltd
Campbell & Slevin Ltd
Dowds Electrical
E Kelly Electrical Contractors
Federal Electronic Security Ltd
Gordon Wilson Electrical
HM Electrics Ltd
Industrial Process Systems Ltd
Irwin Group
J&G Engineering (NI) Ltd
JD McGeown Ltd
MAC Electrics
McElwaine Electrical
MK Electrical
O'Hanlon & Farrell
RED Electrics Ltd
Red Sky Group Ltd
RHK Davidson & Co (Coleraine) Ltd
Sands & Toner (Newry) Ltd
Vaughan Engineering Group
Romec

Criteria for inclusion on the select list were as defined within the advertisement and agreed with the Project Team. The applications were examined and scores allotted under the appropriate criteria and the applicants ranked in score order.

The following six applicants had the highest-ranking score, are considered to have the skill and resources to carry out the contract and are recommended for inclusion on the select list.

Braid Electrical Services Ltd
Dowds Electrical
J&G Engineering (NI) Ltd
McElwaine Electrical
RED Electrics Ltd
Vaughan Engineering Group

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

to recommend to Council to accept the Consultant's recommendation that the above six companies be placed on the Select List to be invited to tender for the following works: (1) New Closed Circuit Television Installation, (2) Replacement of the existing main sports hall lighting and (3) Conversion of existing store to mat store.

331.3 HEALTH SUITE PROJECT – JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE

The Director advised that the contractor has confirmed the 25th May 2007 as the completion date for the new Health Suite and Changing Rooms.

An event to mark the official opening of the Health Suite and Treasure Island will be organised towards the end of June/early July.

331.4 BALLYMONEY SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council increased substantially its contribution to the Sports Advisory Committee in 2006/07. The Council also agreed that with effect from April 2007 the Talented Athletes Awards Scheme would be administered by the Sports Advisory Committee.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Sports Advisory Committee is invited to a meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee to make a presentation on its work and the grants made available to athletes in 2006/07.

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

to recommend to Council to invite representatives from the Sports Advisory Committee to a future meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee to make a presentation on its work and the grants made available to athletes in 2006/07.

After further discussion surrounding dates and timings and in addition to the above recommendation it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

to recommend to Council to invite representatives from the Sports Advisory Committee to a Special Meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee in June to make a presentation on its work and the grants made available to athletes in 2006/07.

331.5 COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Andrew Kane, Ballymoney, for financial support towards his participation in the Spirit of Enniskillen programme.
- (ii) Blaithin Buckley, Dunloy, for financial support towards her participation in the Maine Cross Community Programme.
- (iii) Mustapha Sid, Ballymoney, for financial support towards his participation in the Maine Cross Community Programme.

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

to recommend to Council to grant £75 each to (i) Andrew Kane, Ballymoney, for financial support towards his participation in the Spirit of Enniskillen programme, (ii) Blathin Buckley, Dunloy, for financial support towards her participation in the Maine Cross Community Programme and (iii) Mustapha Sid, Ballymoney, for financial support towards his participation in the Maine Cross Community Programme.

331.6 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Rasharkin & District Senior Citizens for assistance towards their annual summer outing.
- (ii) Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society for a seeding grant.
- (iii) Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society for assistance towards a cultural event with particular emphasis on games, music and dance.
- (iv) Cramsie Court Residents Association for assistance towards an outing for residents.
- (v) Ballymoney Branch of the Royal British Legion, Womens Section for assistance towards an outing for ex service personnel and members.
- (vi) The Mill Youth Club for assistance towards a visit to a wildlife sanctuary for the Junior Section.

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

to recommend to Council to grant £100 each to (i) Rasharkin & District Senior Citizens for assistance towards their annual summer outing, (ii) Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society for a seeding grant, (iii) Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society for assistance towards a cultural event with particular emphasis on games, music and dance, (iv) Cramsie Court Residents Association for assistance towards an outing for residents, (v) Ballymoney Branch of the Royal British Legion, Womens Section for assistance towards an outing for ex service personnel and members and (vi) The Mill Youth Club for assistance towards a visit to a wildlife sanctuary for the Junior Section.

331.7 LETTERS OF THANKS

The Ulster Sports & Recreation Trust thanks the Council for its contribution of £100 to the work of the Trust for 2007

331.8 WILLIAM JOHNSTON MEMORIAL TRUST AWARDS

The Director of Central and Leisure Services advised committee that the Causeway Wildcats Project had been awarded '2nd Place' in the William Johnston Memorial Trust Awards 2006. The Causeway Wildcats, a joint Ballymoney and Coleraine Borough Council project is the first of its kind in Northern Ireland and has been endorsed as a ground-breeding model of best practice by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland and the North Eastern Education and Library Board.

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

to recommend that Council write and congratulate the Sports Development Officers on the success of the Project.

331.9 TWINNING ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TEAM VISIT TO ISLE OF MAN

Councillor Finlay expressed his congratulations to Mr John Fall and Mr Peter Shields on their recent visit to the Isle of Man where the Ballymoney Football Team had a 3-0 win. Councillor Finlay suggested that a letter of thanks be sent. Councillor Robinson further agreed to send warm wishes to the organisers who showed great care to enhance the well being of the cross-community football team.

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Director of Central and Leisure Services left the meeting at 2.40pm.

AMENITIES**331.10 CONNECT 2 PROJECT: BALLYMONEY RAILWAY BRIDGE and LINKS**

Director of Borough Services advised that the Ballymoney Connect 2 Project has been selected by Sustrans as part of that organisation's bid to the Big Lottery Fund.

John Grimshaw of Sustrans writes –

"Since publishing the Long List in January we have been working with partners to develop each proposal to its full potential. At the same time we have sought to ensure that each scheme contributes to the overall balance of Connect 2 and meets a clear local need, is practical, deliverable and of the highest possible quality. We have been delighted by the positive reaction to Connect 2, the time and hard work invested in working with us and the impressive quality of the schemes.

I am very pleased to be able to confirm that your scheme is included in this final list of schemes, which together comprise the Connect 2 project submitted to the Big Lottery.

Your scheme has considerable scope for changing the local map and persuading the public to walk and cycle more. ...we will use the following citation in any public announcements and information sheets:

This route will create a promenade from the leisure centre on the south side of town to the town centre, making use of the Riverside Park green corridor along the way. The focus of the route will be a new bridge over the railway.

The real challenge is to draw the station towards the town and make the approach to the shops and the schools an attractive experience.”

In the event of the Connect 2 project winning the vote, the grant which would be made towards your scheme is £350K. This would be available for five years following the Lottery vote.”

The Connect 2 Final List of projects published on 30th April 2007 is to be found as Appendix 1 to this report.

It is expected that for the next 8 months running up to the vote that Council will progress the scheme and also secure a large circle of supporters in order to win the vote.

In order to both galvanised and maximise public support for the Ballymoney Railway Bridge and Links Scheme all Members can play a vital part. The project now needs enthusiastic volunteers to champion it within the community.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that a small ‘publicity’ steering group is established.

Alderman Campbell commented that this was indeed a prestigious and ambitious scheme and that a lot of work had gone into the project to get it to this stage. He congratulated not only the Director but also those from the Council’s partner organisations – Roads Service, Sustrans and Translink for all the work done to date.

During the ensuing discussion, the Director intimated that the suggested ‘publicity’ group ought to comprise both Members and others, its prime task being to garner the public vote. He suggested that in order to keep the group manageable that five Members be appointed, two from the DUP and one from SDLP, SF, and UUP and that he would write to Party Leaders to obtain their nominees.

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

to recommend to Council that a small publicity steering group for the Connect2 Project be established and that five Members be appointed to represent all the political parties on Council.

331.11 VOW MEMORIAL STONE

Committee Minute LAC 327.3 (20th February 2007) refers. As Members are aware Council agreed that it would work with the United Sessions of Ballylaggan and Ballymoney Reformed Presbyterian Churches in order to erect at the entrance to the Vow Old Graveyard a suitably inscribed memorial stone acknowledging the Rev William Martin.

The United Sessions have sourced a suitable indigenous granite stone (750mm by 600mm) that interestingly is a ‘Vow’ stone found recently by a local farmer a few hundred metres from the graveyard. It is proposed to erect the ‘Vow’ stone between the two entrance gates projecting from the right hand side wall near the second (inner) gate where it can be clearly viewed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council approve this proposal.

The Director advised that having visited the site after the report had been written it would be better to erect the proposed memorial stone between the entrance gates on the right hand side but nearer the first entrance gate as then it would be more easily seen. He also advised that as the Vow Old Graveyard could be seen as a site of pilgrimage for those tracing their ancestry roots that Council petition the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Roads Service to erect appropriate signage at Vow Road.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED**;

to recommend to Council that it note where the `Vow' stone is to be placed and that it request appropriate signage at Vow Road to indicate the location of the Vow Old Graveyard.

331.12 NORTHERN IRELAND MILK CUP

The above tournament, in its 25th anniversary year, is acknowledged as one of the most prestigious and one of the most successful events of its kind not only in Europe but throughout the World. This status is only possible as a result of the support the volunteer organising Committee receives from a wide number of individuals, commercial enterprises and public bodies.

This year (2007) `Ballymoney' games will be played entirely at Council run facilities at Riada Playing Fields with both Riada Stadium and Riada One pitches being used.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council make its financial contribution for 2007 (£10,000) and in retrospect for 2006 (£10,000) for which budgetary provision was made.

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

to recommend that Council make its financial contribution for 2007 (£10,000) and in retrospect for 2006 (£10,000) for which budgetary provision was made.

331.13 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

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

Section I2 No. 134

Mrs. Iris McKnight, 15 Downview Drive, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No. 21

Mr. A Mitchell, 7 Semicock Park, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 Nos.18 & 19

Mr. John Inglis, 21 Robinson Avenue, Ballymoney

Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section H2 No.62

Mrs. Helen Royle Porter, 53 High Street, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No.20

Mr. John Wilmot, 1 Parkview Close, 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 the requirements.

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

to recommend that Council grant permission to the above applicants to erect memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to the usual requirements.

331.14 AMENITIES CAPITAL PROJECTS 2007-2008

The Committee Chair, together with the Director of Borough Services will open tenders on 11th May for the undernoted four Amenities Capital Projects 2007 – 2008:

1. Cycle Track Link form Ballymoney Riverside Park to Riada Playing Fields / JDLC;
2. Works to Car Parks and Accesses at Riada Stadium;
3. Play Area Upgrade at Bendooragh, Dunloy and Dunaghy; and
4. CCTV Installations at Riada Stadium and Knock Road Depot.

It is hoped that the respective tender reports will be available for consideration by Committee at its meeting.

At the meeting the Director presented, as follows, tender reports in respect of the 2007 – 2008 Amenities projects, indicating that in total the lowest tenders were within budget -

14.1 CCTV Installation at Riada Stadium and Knock Road Depot

On 11th May Alderman Campbell and the Director of Borough Services opened the undernoted tenders received in respect of the above project. A Select List had been previously agreed by Council for this contract and tender documents were only sent out to those on the Select List.

Tenderer	Price
JBE Building Services Limited	£55,000
Braid Electrical Services	£55,193

Antrim Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Limited	£67,825
J F &H Dowds Limited	£68,852
J&G Engineering Limited	£84,381
R E D Electrics Limited	£89,318

It is the Council's consultants (Cogan & Shackleton) **RECOMMENDATION** that as all these contractors had previously been approved for a Select List they are all considered capable of undertaking the work to a high standard and within budget. We would therefore recommend that the lowest tender, that of JBE Building Services Limited, 105 Railway Street, Ballymena, in the tender sum of £55,000 excluding vat be accepted.

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

to recommend to Council to accept the lowest tender received for the provision of CCTV Installations at Riada Stadium and Knock Road Depot, that from JBE Building Services Limited, 105 Railway Street, Ballymena, in the sum of £55,000 excluding VAT.

14.2 Play Area Upgrades at Bendooragh, Dunloy and Dunaghy

On 11th May Alderman Campbell and the Director of Borough Services opened the undernoted tenders received in respect of the above project. A Select List had been previously agreed by Council for this contract and tender documents were only sent out to those on the Select List.

Tenderer	Price
Crawford Contracts Limited	£147,405.00
Northstone (NI) Limited	£149,778.75
TD McKane & Son	£152,613.35
Street Play Leisure Limited	£169,830.00
Boyd Landscapes Limited	£184,758.00
Whitemountain Quarries Limited	£201,260.00

Tender documents were sent to Play & Leisure Services Limited however they did not tender and no correspondence was received from them.

It is the Council's consultants (R Robinson & Sons) **RECOMMENDATION** that as all these contractors had previously been approved for a Select List they are all considered capable of undertaking the work to a high standard and within budget. We would therefore recommend that the lowest tender, that of Crawford Contracts Limited, Woodside Road Industrial Estate, Woodside Road, Ballymena, in the sum of £147,405.00 excluding vat be accepted.

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

to recommend to Council to accept the lowest tender received for the provision of Play Area Upgrades at Bendooragh, Dunloy and Dunaghy, that from Crawford Contracts Limited, Woodside Road Industrial Estate, Woodside Road, Ballymena, in the sum of £147,405.00 excluding VAT.

14.3 Cycle Track Link from Ballymoney Riverside Park to Riada Playing Fields/JDLC;

On 11th May Alderman Campbell and the Director of Borough Services opened the undernoted tenders received in respect of the above project. A Select List had been previously agreed by Council for this contract and tender documents were only sent out to those on the Select List.

Tenderer	Price
Patrick Bradley Limited	£235,026.25
Earney Contractors Limited	£246,094.06
Whitemountain Quarries Limited	£253,198.00
McLaughlin & Harvey Limited	£275,700.00
Rodgers Contracts (Ballynahinch) Limited	£279,999.00
MP Coleman Limited	£280,721.00
Northstone (NI) Limited	£297,707.50

By letter dated 4th May Lagan Construction decided not to tender for this contract.

It is the Council's consultants (R Robinson & Sons) **RECOMMENDATION** that as all these contractors had previously been approved for a Select List they are all considered capable of undertaking the work to a high standard and within budget. We would therefore recommend that the lowest tender, that of Patrick Bradley Limited, Craigall Quarry, Kilrea, in the amended sum of £235,026.25 excluding vat be accepted.

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

to recommend to Council that it accept the lowest tender received for the provision of a Cycle Track Link from Ballymoney Riverside Park to Riada Playing Fields/JDLC that from Patrick Bradley Limited, Craigall Quarry, Kilrea, in the amended sum of £235,026.25 excluding VAT.

14.4 Works to Car Parks and Accesses at Riada Stadium

On 11th May Alderman Campbell and the Director of Borough Services opened the undernoted tenders received in respect of the above project. A Select List had been previously agreed by Council for this contract and tender documents were only sent out to those on the Select List.

Tenderer	Price
Whitemountain Quarries Limited	£93,200.90
Patrick Bradley Limited	£98,890.50
Earney Contractors Limited	£111,849.04
MP Coleman Limited	£117,085.55
Northstone (NI) Limited	£118,277.95
Rodgers Contracts (Ballynahinch) Limited	£136,152.50

It is the Council's consultants (R Robinson & Sons) **RECOMMENDATION** that as all these contractors had previously been approved for a Select List they are all considered capable of undertaking the work to a high standard and within budget. We would therefore recommend that the lowest tender, that of Whitemountain Quarries Limited, 1 Letterloan Road, Macosquin, Coleraine, in the sum of £93,200.90 excluding vat be accepted.

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

to recommend to Council that it accept the lowest tender received for the provision of Works to Car Parks and Accesses at Riada Stadium that from Whitemountain Quarries Limited, 1 Letterloan Road, Macosquin, Coleraine, in the sum of £93,200.90 excluding VAT.

331.15 MULTI USE GAMES ARENA

At its meeting on 3rd January 2006 Council adopted the undernoted recommendation from its Leisure & Amenities Committee (LAC 312.8 held 20th December 2005) in respect of a request by Glebeside Community Association regarding its sports facility project –

“to recommend that Council support this project and contribute up to £10,000 towards the cost of the project.”

The project entailed the provision of a multi use games arena on land within the Council's control at Alexandra Avenue, Ballymoney presently set out as a hard surfaced kickabout area. The present “kickabout area” is similar to a number of others provided throughout the Borough.

Further representations have been made by the Community Association to advise that –

- There is a need for such a facility
- Funding applications to date have been unsuccessful
- Council ought to provide such a facility and be responsible for its maintenance whilst the Community Association could run the arena.
- Council consider this further request.

It is also the case that Council has considered making improvements at Megaw Park. There is no doubt that Megaw Park is in need of being reinvigorated and there is merit in consideration being given to the provision of a multi use sports arena(s) at this location managed by Council.

Committee is asked to consider both propositions and make recommendation to Council.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED**:

to recommend to Council to defer any decision for one month.

331.16 NITB TDS FUNDING APPLICATION

Whilst a Stage II Application was progressed, it was not submitted as it would not have been possible for Council to deliver the project by the required deadline – 31st March 2008.

The Director expanded on the information contained in his brief report, advising that despite considerable work in his own time to progress the application, it became apparent having met with the relevant TDS Officer from the NI Tourist Board that it would not have been possible in the time now available to have awaited a NITB economic appraisal, secure necessary planning permission, obtain a select list and then invite tenders, secure Council funding, have the multi-purpose building built and completed and all claims submitted by 31st March 2008. He intimated that it was his intent nonetheless to progress this project so that Council would be in a better position to draw down future NITB funding and to that end revised proposals would be brought to a future Committee meeting.

331.17 TENNIS COURTS

Councillor Finlay queried the completion timescale for the works to be carried out at the JDLC Tennis Courts. The Director advised that the contractor had indicated that the new carpet would, weather permitting, be laid by 23rd May. He however reminded Members that the company in question, which had recently changed ownership, had in the past given undertakings which it had not fulfilled.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 3.50pm.