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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 337 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney on Tuesday 20th November 2007 at 6.30pm.

IN THE CHAIR: F Campbell

PRESENT**Aldermen**

H Connolly
C Cousley
J Simpson

Councillors

A Cavlan
J Finlay
M McCamphill
E Robinson
I Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Borough Services (Items 11-21)
Chief Executive
Head of Leisure Services (Item 1 -10)
Committee Clerk

Rasharkin GAA (Item 1)

P Hasson (Chairman)
E McMullan (Vice Chairman)

337.1 PRESENTATION – RASHARKIN GAA

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Rasharkin GAA to the meeting to give a presentation on their five-year development plan for the enhancement and expansion of existing sports facilities, attached as Appendix 1.

* **Councillor Finlay joined the meeting at 6.50 pm.**

Mr McMullan responded to a number of questions from members relating to possible future funding from sports councils, lottery bids and modernization funds.

Members thanked the representatives for their presentation and they left at 6.52 pm.

Discussion continued with the Chief Executive, at the request of Councillor Cavlan, clarifying that Council does have powers under Article 10(1) (C) of Recreation and Youth Service (NI Order) 1986 to provide funding to a body to develop a sports facility but these have not previously been exercised for facilities which are not Council owned.

The Chief Executive highlighted the following points for consideration:

- Source of funding, as this would not be an asset in Council ownership and loan conditions would not apply. Funding would have to be from revenue or revenue reserve monies.
- Need for Council to ensure that funding is used as provided e.g. released against an architect's certificate.
- 'Claw-back' arrangement to safeguard Council's interests.
- Precedent
- Open and transparent
- Need for facility

The Chief Executive invited members to consider the development of an overall policy on sport and leisure provision wherein a funding mechanism to limit funding to a percentage with an appropriate ceiling may be included. He responded to questions from Councillor Robinson relating to the formulation of a policy and Council's duty to secure adequate provision for sports facilities in the Borough.

It was **AGREED:**

to recommend that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Committee to enable further consideration of the issues and additional information to be obtained by the Head of Leisure Services.

The Head of Leisure Services will write to Rasharkin GAA thanking them for their presentation and advising them that this matter will be receiving further consideration.

337.2 MINUTES – MEETING NO 336 – 16TH OCTOBER 2007

2.1 Adoption of Minutes

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

to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 336 – 16th October 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

2.2 Amenities Matters Arising

Multi-use Arena/Megaw Park Sub Committee (336.14.2)

A request was made by Councillor Stevenson to change the time of the next meeting from 2.30 pm to 10.30 am on 6th December. The Director of Borough Services to notify Sub-Committee members accordingly.

[**Afternote:** The Committee Chair advised the Director on 21st November that the morning of the 6th December would not now suit as this proposal clashed with an invitation from the PSNI District Commander and that the Sub-Committee ought to remain at 2.30pm with Glebeside CA offered an alternative date.]

2.3 Kick About Area at Drumbolcan Park, Rasharkin (336.12)

Members were reminded that this matter was deferred to enable further information to be obtained on the level of contribution envisaged by Rasharkin Community Association and to provide an opportunity for Members to visit the site. The Director advised that a letter had been received on behalf of Rasharkin CA as follows –

...”Before we can think about finding funding we have to have an appraisal done and there is no point in doing an appraisal if the council is not going to agree to the site being used.

Our prime concerns and what we require agreement are as follows:

- The designated area being used as a ‘kick-about’ area
- Future upkeep and maintenance being undertaken by the council
- Insurance cover undertaken by the council

When we reach the stage of looking for funding, the council may be approached for a contribution. They can decide to contribute as much or as little or nothing as they see fit. It was never intended that anything but a small percentage would be asked from the council for the project.”

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

to recommend deferral until Rates for 2008/09 have been set by Council

The Director of Borough Services to write to the Association advising that their request remains under consideration.

2.4 Leisure Matters Arising

Ballymoney Sports Awards

At the request of Alderman Simpson, the Head of Leisure Services explained that Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee had held their annual sports awards on Saturday 10th November in Ballymoney

Town Hall. The awards were presented by Christine Bleakley and sponsored by the Alpha Newspaper Group. The Head of Leisure Services also confirmed that Ballymoney Times Newspaper had held an additional sports awards in October.

LEISURE

337.3 ADVICE SERVICES – “OPEN DOORS”

The Department of Social Development, which funds advice services through District Councils and Community Support Plans, has set out a new structure for the future delivery of advice services in Northern Ireland to be piloted during 2008 with rollout expected to commence from 2008/09. It is designed to ensure that advice centres are where they are needed most and to ensure that there is no duplication of services between different providers.

The location of the services will be agreed in consultation with councils, other statutory bodies and the Advice Services Alliance (ASA). As well as geographic spread, the new structure will also take into account the information needs of specific groups and deprived areas and will provide for improved, more effective, local access to advice and better delivery of specialist as well as generalist advice services. All advice organizations will have to competitively bid to deliver advice services under the new policy. A copy of the strategy is available on request.

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

to recommend that the Strategy be noted.

* Alderman Cousley arrived at 7.21 pm.

337.4 SUGGESTED CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES 2007/08 FOR TIC AND JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE

The Head of Leisure Services circulated dates of revised opening times at the Joey Dunlop Centre and Tourist Information Centre between 22nd December 2007 and 1st January 2008, also advising that the pool at the Leisure Centre will be closed for a period of two weeks prior to the run up to Christmas to enable a programme of maintenance work to be completed.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the revised opening times be adopted.

The Head of Leisure Services responded to questions by Councillor Cavlan regarding the availability of gift vouchers to be redeemed at the centre. He confirmed that such vouchers are available and will shortly be arranging advertisements to promote these.

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

to recommend that the revised opening times for the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and the Tourist Information Centre over the Christmas period, as circulated, be adopted.

337.5 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

Annual budget	£5500
Grants awarded at 1 st November	£4200

The following applications for grants were considered.

- i. The Mill Youth Club for assistance towards a Christmas party for children.
- ii. Bushvale Senior Citizens' Group for assistance with annual Christmas dinner.
- iii. Derrykeighan & District Community Association for assistance with annual Christmas dinner.
- iv. Stranocum & District Community Association for assistance with Senior Citizen Christmas party.
- v. Eden Primary School for assistance with storytelling and writing workshop.
- vi. Cloughmills Golden Oldies for assistance with Christmas dinner.
- vii. The Autumn Leaf Club for assistance with annual Christmas dinner.
- viii. Ballybogey Community Association for assistance with junior and senior youth club Christmas events.
- ix. Ballybogey 50+ club for assistance with Christmas dinner.
- x. FHB Patient Participation Group for assistance with the distribution of a newsletter to all patients.

* **Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 7.30 pm.**

* **The Director of Borough Services joined the meeting at 7.30 pm.**

The Head of Leisure Services advised that Mill Youth Club have received maximum funding in the current year and at the request of Councillor Finlay, gave further information relating to the application made by FHB Patient Participation Group. A revision of the criteria for funding was discussed. The Head of Leisure Services agreed to advise Mill Youth Club that they have

been allocated their quota of funding for the period and will visit the FHB Patient Participation Group to ascertain further information.

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

to recommend that grants of £100.00 be made to:

- i. Bushvale Senior Citizens' Group***
- ii Derrykeighan & District Community Association***
- iii Stranocum & District Community Association***
- iv Eden Primary School***
- v Cloughmills Golden Oldies***
- vi The Autumn Leaf Club***
- vii Ballybogey Community Association***
- viii Ballybogey 50+ Club***

Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 7.41 pm.

337.6 BELFAST TELEGRAPH SPORTS AWARDS 2007

The Awards will be held Monday 21st January 2008, Ramada Hotel, Belfast with tickets for tables of 10 at £60.00 per person plus VAT. Closing date for applications is Monday 3rd December 2007.

MOTION ONE

It was proposed by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Councillor Cavlan,

that Council note the event.

A vote was taken with two members voting in favour of Motion One and two members voting against.

Alderman Campbell used his casting vote to vote against Motion One.

MOTION TWO

It was proposed by Councillor McCamphill, seconded by Alderman Connolly,

that Council reserve a table for 10 at the event.

A vote was taken on the second proposal with five members voting in favour and two members voting against.

The Chairman declared Motion Two carried

337.7 NORTHERN IRELAND MUSEUM COUNCIL GRANTS

The Head of Leisure Services reported on a number of grants for conservation work and purchases made on behalf of Ballymoney museum including wood and metal artifacts, books and correspondence.

Alderman Campbell conveyed his thanks to the Manager and his team for securing these purchases, which will enhance the status of the museum.

337.8 CAUSEWAY MUSEUM SERVICE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

The Head of Leisure Services circulated to members, details of an exhibition entitled 'I mind when...', outlining stories from town and country, which was held from 4th October – 3rd November 2007 in Ballymoney Museum, and details of local events organised as part of that exhibition. The exhibition formed part of the Causeway Museum Service Community Outreach Programme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Chairman extended thanks to all staff involved for their hard work in making this event a success.

337.9 CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS MARKETING PLAN

In accordance with the Causeway Coast and Glen's 2007/8 Marketing Plan, a research programme will be undertaken from January 2008 for 12 months to look at providing a more robust indication of volume and value for both day and overnight visitors to the area and to provide detailed analysis for each council area using the STEAM research model, outputs of which include:

Total Revenue by Council Area
Analysis by sector of expenditure – eg Accommodation, Food & Drink etc
Revenue by Category of Visitor – eg Serviced/Non Serviced Accommodation, VFR
Tourist Days
Tourist numbers
Indication of number of jobs supported by tourism in each of the sectors.

The research will provide an opportunity to identify visitor spend and economic benefit for each local authority area. If this work were to be undertaken as part of the overall regional contract, the cost would be in the region of £4,000 per local authority with payment becoming due in the next financial year (2008/09).

* **Councillor Robinson returned to the meeting at 8.00 pm.**

It was **AGREED:**

to recommend that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Committee so that further information can be obtained on the level of contribution sought from Council.

337.10 CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE INTERPRETATION

Causeway Coast and Glens currently have £70,000 of International Fund for Ireland (IFI) money and Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) agreed that the funding should also be used to develop the tourism product and infrastructure along the Causeway Coastal Route. A list of tier 1 sites previously compiled by the local authorities and the Heritage Trust and agreed by NITB was circulated. NITB suggested that the IFI support be used to undertake a technical study of these tier 1 sites and look at the deficiencies and gaps at each site. Following the completion of this study, a programme of work would be drawn up.

This study would then be used as basis to co-ordinate the future development of the infrastructure and interpretation on the route and could also contribute to the detail of the proposed INTERREG application for Causeway Coastal Route development.

NITB were also considering an additional piece of work to examine how best to stimulate the private sector and promote entrepreneurship in the development of additional business opportunities along the route.

A request has been received for a contribution of £3,125 (£25,000 divided x 8) to fund a technical study of Tier 1 sites, which includes Drumaheglis Marina, and look at deficiencies and gaps at each site along the Causeway Coastal Route.

It was **AGREED:**

to recommend that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of Committee to enable the Deputy Mayor to obtain further information at the next meeting of Antrim Coast & Glens Management Committee meeting.

337.11 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN UPDATE

Members were advised that the Good Relations Officer has received information from each Directorate regarding their contribution to Community Services. This is currently being compiled and will be made available to members from Tuesday 27th November for consultation and for subsequent approval at the meeting of Council on 3rd December.

AMENITIES

337.12 RIVERSIDE PARK TUNNEL LINK [LAC336.10]

Further complaints have been received regarding anti-social behaviour at the above location. It is not considered that lighting the tunnel would resolve the

problem and therefore Committee is urged to consider the restriction of access to certain specified times by the installation of appropriate gates at either end of the tunnel under the railway.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that appropriate gates are installed at the Riverside Park tunnel link to limit access to certain specified times.

The Director advised that as the cost of gating the tunnel was in the order of £8,000 and that provision had not been made for this in the present budget, it was now his recommendation that the situation continue to be monitored meantime.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED**:

to recommend that gating be left meantime and that further monitoring be carried out.

337.13 CONVERSION OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES TO NATURAL GAS [LAC336.11]

Consideration has been given to the economic and other benefits of converting Council properties to natural gas. In this regard the Directorate has been working with both Firmus Energy and its consultants – Cogan & Shackleton. This report only addresses those Council properties within the Amenities remit namely: Ballymoney Town Hall, Riada House, Riada Stadium and the Knock Road Depot.

There is a strong environmental argument for conversion to natural gas. This fuel is the cleanest fossil fuel (with up to 30% less carbon emissions) and therefore its use by Council would not only give a lead to others but would help to create a more environmentally friendly Northern Ireland.

It is considered that in the present volatile fuel market that it would be best to progress any proposed boiler plant conversion on a dual burner basis, that is install new burners, which can handle both gas and oil.

Firmus Energy have intimated that at the three Council properties where gas is presently available, that is Riada House, Riada Stadium and the Town Hall, the grant available for conversion would cover the cost other than the difference in price between gas burners and the preferred dual burner option. The company has put this cost at £9,000. On present usage/price information it has been estimated that conversion of the aforementioned three Council properties could realise an annual saving of £4058.68. The payback period is therefore 2.2 years.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council convert its property at Riada House, Riada Stadium and Town Hall to natural gas on a dual burner basis.

The Chief Executive referred to the air quality benefits to be gained by the proposed conversions, to the fact that Council had lobbied for natural gas to

come to the town, the savings to be made and indicated that work was progressing as regards the possible conversion of the Leisure Centre. The Director of Borough Services clarified that it was an agreement in principle that was being sought in order that further discussions might be progressed with Firmus Energy. He also advised that the conversion of Riada Stadium to natural gas was dependant on the decision Council would make concerning the JDLC.

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

to recommend that Council convert its property at Riada House, Riada Stadium and the Town Hall to natural gas on a dual burner basis.

337.14 CONNECT2 UPDATE

Members are informed that the Sustrans Connect2 Project has successfully made it through to a final shortlist of four and it will be an exciting few weeks as it goes head-to-head with its three rivals who are Black Country Urban Park, Eden Project:The Edge and Sherwood:The Living Legend. Only one competitor will win £50 million.

Key dates and information about the public vote and TV programme

The competition is now called the “**Big Lottery Fund’s: The People’s £50 Million Contest**” (previously Living Landmarks:The People’s Millions), and public voting can take place as follows: -

- On the Internet at www.thepeoples50million.org.uk from 9am on 26th November until 12 noon on Monday, 10th December. Online voters must register before they can vote.
- Telephone voting will open at 9am on Friday 7th December and close at 12 noon on Monday, 10th December.

TV Programmes will be broadcast on successive evenings Monday, 3rd December to Thursday, 6th December on ITV1. A round up programme will be shown on Friday 7th December and it is thought that the telephone voting numbers will not be available before this date.

The order of broadcast will be:

Monday, 3 December: Eden Project:The Edge (championed by Ray Mears)
Tuesday, 4 December: Sustran’s Connect2 (championed by Lorraine Kelly)
Wednesday, 5 December: Sherwood:The Living Legend (championed by Brian Blessed), and
Thursday, 6 December: Black Country Urban Park (championed by Toyah Wilcox)
There will be a round up programme on Friday, 7 December.
The result will be announced on ITV1 on Wednesday, 12 December.

It is believed that the programmes will be aired in the evening at 11pm. While Big Lottery has now confirmed these dates, ITV1 reserves the right to change its programme schedules.

Voting

Big Lottery will only allow one vote per recognised telephone number or email address so phone systems using switchboards will only be able to vote once. Votes cast using e-mail addresses from a single IP address will be accepted but will be vetted to ensure that each vote only uses an e-mail address once. If people would prefer to vote by phone, then they will need to do this from home or their mobile. Call rates from a landline are lo-call rates (no more than 10p using a BT landline) and from a mobile are normal network rates. No profit is being made by either the Big Lottery Fund or ITV1 from the phone calls.

The Ballymoney Campaign

Only if Sustran's Connect2 wins will Ballymoney Railway Bridge and Links project receive funding of £350,000. Following the last meeting of the Connect2 Publicity Steering Group on 17 October a campaign is underway to inform the public and raise awareness to vote. A concept image of the possible new railway bridge is being provided by a company called "Big Lolly" and this will be used in the press and on static displays in the Town Hall, Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and provisionally Tesco supermarket. Banners will be erected at the Town Hall and Castlecroft and some 3,000 full colour A5 card flyers, 10,000 2008 calendars and 3,000 recycled pens made from tyres, denim, money and newspapers will be circulated throughout the Borough, the town centre and via schools to help bring the voting message into homes. Sustrans rangers will be in the town on Saturday, 24th November to help raise awareness also.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Members do what they can to raise public awareness for this exciting project by passing this information on to their constituents at every possible opportunity. If any Member would like to avail of the promotional items/fliers, etc., currently on order, please contact the Countryside Access Officer to arrange.

The Director circulated to Members the conceptual image of what the proposed railway bridge might look like. This had been devised as it had been deemed essential to give the local public especially something realistic to vote for. The image will be used in the present public awareness campaign, together with a number of other publicity materials, which had commenced and would continue up to the close of the voting period.

The Chief Executive stressed the need for everyone to get behind the project and mentioned the steps taken to encourage Council staff to participate in the vote.

At the request of Alderman Simpson, the Director clarified Translink's involvement with regard to the funding required to realise the Ballymoney aspect of the Sustran's Connect2 project.

337.15 REPARATION – COUNCIL LAND, BEN VISTA

Correspondence has been received on behalf of NI Water offering compensation to Council arising from the laying of pipework through Council land at Ben Vista, Corkey Road, Ballymoney, as follows –

Corkey Road, Corkey, Water & Sewage Scheme - £925.

The compensation offered has been assessed by the District Valuer on behalf of NI Water.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accept the compensation proffered by NI Water in respect of work undertaken on its land.

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

to recommend that Council accept the compensation of £925.00 proffered by NI Water.

337.16 PROVISION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT ROCKEND PLAY PARK

At the Committee's meeting on 20th February 2007 (item 327.9 refers) Members were advised that a request had been made by Roads Service on 15th February to permit it to construct a public footway on Council land at Rockend. Roads Service advised that following an initial assessment there was merit in listing a footway scheme on the Corkey Road, between Ben Vista and Rockend, but that presently it could not justify programming the entire scheme, although it is one of a number under consideration for future years. The views of Council were sought on allowing Roads Service to construct a 88m long by 1.8m wide footpath on the Council's land from the existing footway to the end of the Council's property near the stream (see accompanying plan and photographs). The route chosen would preserve the mature trees at the edge of the Corkey Road. Roads Service also advised that it anticipated that Council would take on ownership of the footpath once it had been constructed. A subsequent letter from the Road Service (2nd July 2007) advised that the proposed footpath scheme is now provisionally programmed for construction in 2008-2009 subject to the Council's views.

Council has investigated the possibility of alternative use of surplus land at Rockend, noting that the prospect for obtaining planning permission for the Rockend site is very poor.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee give further consideration to the request by Roads Service and make recommendation to Council concerning the matter.

* **Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 9.20 pm.**

The Director advised that a tree survey had recently been undertaken in respect of those trees which were adjacent to the Corkey Road along the boundary of the Council's land and that it would be necessary to undertake work as a consequence. A discussion ensued as to the rather unusual proposal by Roads Service that Council would maintain the public footpath Road Service would provide.

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

recommend that Council offer to Roads Service sufficient ground abutting the public road at its Rockend Play Area, to enable Roads Service to provide and maintain a public footpath at the location sought.

* **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 9.30 pm**

337.17 MILK CUP

Correspondence has been received in respect of the NI Milk Cup International Youth Football Tournament.

The Organising Committee has written to express its sincere thanks to the Councillors and the staff of Ballymoney Borough Council for their support of this year's 25th Anniversary Tournament.

"In addition to the financial backing, the provision of venues and the reception were very much appreciated. All this adds to providing an excellent quality of event and leaves our participants and visitors with a positive experience of their time at the Milk Cup. We would like to place on record our sincere thanks for the excellent support we received from Mr John Michael and Mr Jim Graham throughout the year.

The excellent facilities provided at the Riada Stadium are much appreciated by all our visiting teams and Council should be proud of their efforts for providing such an excellent venue and provision in the Borough."

As the Organising Committee looks to the future it has asked Council to consider the following –

- Increase its annual funding from the present £10,000 to £15,000;
- Make a three year agreement covering the 2008, 2009 and 2010 Northern Ireland Milk Cups.

An offer has been made that a delegation would be pleased to come to speak to the requests.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee invite a delegation from the NI Milk Cup Organising Committee to make a presentation at its next meeting on 18th December 2007 at 6.30pm.

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

to recommend that Committee invite a delegation from the NI Milk Cup Organising Committee to make a presentation at the next Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting on 18th December 2007 at 6.30pm.

337.18 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

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

Section 8 Nos. 93 & 94

Mr William Sharpe, 6 Carnbore Road, Bushmills
All Polished Grey Headstone and Base

Section H4 No. 136

Mrs Annie Cameron, 21 Ashley Park, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Headstone and Base

Section I3 No. 3

Mrs Ruth Barr, 76 Hamilton Park, Ballymoney
All Polished 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 Finlay, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED:**

to recommend that Council grant permission to the above applicants to erect memorials, as detailed.

337.19 BUS SHELTER REQUESTS

As Members are aware there are currently requests for bus shelters at seven locations throughout the Borough. The budgetary provision made this year for the erection of new bus shelters is £15,000.

Each location has been investigated and a short report follows -

Moneyleck Road, Rasharkin: Following the refusal of planning permission for a shelter at Churchill Crescent in the village, the possibility of an alternative site on the Moneyleck Road was investigated. However, it would appear that numbers waiting on buses at this location has dropped and Translink have stated there is no justification for a shelter at this location. Roads Service confirms the pavement is not wide enough along this road. Translink confirm the only possible area of need is on Main Street (Ballymena bound) and the footpath is not of adequate width at any point to locate a bus shelter. Translink maintain their opinion that a bus shelter would result in a negative situation for the village as a whole as it would force residents to wait at one location, cutting down on the number of stops the buses presently make.

Balnamore Village: In Balnamore at the peak time of 8.30am there are in excess of 40 pupils standing at the entrance to the primary school. Approximately 10 are bound for Coleraine and 30 for Ballymoney. Residents are also uplifted from this location periodically throughout the day. Translink would ideally like a shelter on both sides of the road in this instance. A shelter could be accommodated opposite the school on Housing Executive land. However, the outstanding need is on the Primary School side of the road. At the pedestrian entrance to the school Roads Service agree the lay-by could be built up and a shelter located adjacent to the existing litterbin. This would result in the loss of a third of the lay-by area and would be more expensive to develop. However, Translink confirm there is a proven need in this area for at least one shelter.

Cupindale Corner (junction of Kirk Road and Topp Road): Some 8 pupils gather at this location on weekday mornings and the request for the shelter comes from the parents of the children. Although a small number of pupils, a shelter could be accommodated on either the Topp or the Kirk Road. To date no approach has been made to the occupier of 1 Topp Road in advance of knowing Council's priorities for bus shelter provision this year.

Bregagh Road: The original enquiry came from a resident living on Bregagh Road who has not been at that address for sometime now. Translink confirm there are only services operating at either end of the Bregagh Road. Magherahoney already has a serviceable shelter and Translink confirm there would be some justification for one at Bushside, but there have been no requests for a shelter at this location. Bregagh Road is not a feasible bus shelter location due to an absence of bus services on this road.

Ballyknock: While it would be feasible, subject to Water Service agreement, to place a shelter at an angle opposite Knockard Park, Translink are of the opinion that numbers do not really justify the expense. The 6 passengers quoted last year have dropped to 4, and at best these might go back to 6 having discussed with Logans their rural service (only 8 people are uplifted between Loughguille and Ballymoney at peak times in the morning along the whole length of the route).

Drumlee Road (junction of Finvoy Road): Translink confirm there is a justified need for a bus shelter at this location. There are some 12 children travelling on a daily basis to Ballymoney on the 118 Service. Due to this number gathering at a junction on a busy arterial road, bus drivers confirm a shelter would be beneficial. Roads Service confirms there is ample road verge and visibility splays to accommodate a shelter at this location.

Charles Street: Translink confirm that the existing bus stop opposite the Music Centre is a prime location for a bus shelter. It services the 218 Belfast Express and at the weekday peak times of 2.50pm and 3.50pm there can be upwards of 35 people waiting to board, possibly requiring two bus shelters. Translink confirm there is a lesser need on the Belfast bound side although a shelter would be acceptable here given smaller but regular numbers boarding buses. The existing pavement width is not sufficient to accommodate a shelter on either side of Charles Street presently. On the Coleraine bound section Roads Service are currently drawing up plans to put in place a bus border which would allow a double shelter to be accommodated at the roadside. As there is already a bus-parking bay on the Belfast bound side, a small area of ground would need to be sought from the Music Centre to accommodate a shelter. As Charles Street is one of the key arterial routes within the town centre, Clear Channel have been approached to consider the possibility of Adshel shelters at this location.

Members considered the above locations in terms of priority and justified need. As there are no services to Bregagh Road, this can be discounted. Translink would view Balnamore, Cupindale Corner, Drumlee Road and Charles Street as the primary locations of justified need.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee make recommendation to Council regarding its priorities for bus shelter provision in 2007-2008.

In the ensuing discussion it was accepted that it would be appropriate to make use of Clear Channel shelters at Charles Street, Ballymoney. The Director suggested that planning permission be sought in respect of the remaining viable locations – Balnamore, Ballyknock, Cupindale Corner and Drumlee Road.

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

to recommend that Balnamore Village, Cupindale Corner, Ballyknock and Drumlee Road be accepted as priority areas for the provision of bus shelters and that Council apply for the necessary planning permission.

337.20 2007 SUPERVALU BEST KEPT TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND HOUSING AREAS TRANSLINK ULSTER IN BLOOM 2007

Members are advised that the Council's nominations in each of the above competitions did not, regrettably, meet with success this year.

337.21 PROPOSED PLAY AREA AT DERRYKEIGHAN

The Director advised that he had recently received correspondence addressed to Councillor Robinson from Derrykeighan Community Association which gave information relating to the background and operation of the Association, possible grant funding provision for improved facilities and details of current and potential useage.

In order to further progress the proposed project he **RECOMMENDED** that:

1. Council officials examine the Community Association lease;
2. a survey of homes within Derrykeighan village be undertaken to ascertain verify need; and
3. a scheme be drawn up and costed for a toddler play area at the front of the building within the curtilage of the premises.

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

to recommend that Council undertake the steps as detailed above.

337.22 KILRAUGHTS ROAD ROUNDABOUT

The Director advised that agreement had been reached with Roads Service as to both the landscaping work to be undertaken and the budget available for the Kilraughts Road roundabout project. He advised that the project, to be delivered by Council for Roads Service, had commenced on 20th November. In response to Alderman Simpson, the Director advised that the budget secured was in excess of £9,000 and that when the work was complete Council would maintain the roundabout utilizing sponsorship income which had also been secured.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Appendices attached:

Appendix 1 Presentation by Rasharkin GAA

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