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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 341 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney on Tuesday 18th March 2008 at 6.30 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: F Campbell

PRESENT: **Alderman**
H Connolly
C Cousley
J Simpson

Councillors
A Patterson
M McCamphill
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES J Finlay
Director of Borough Services

IN ATTENDANCE Director of Central & Leisure Services (Items 1-7)
Head of Amenities (Item 8-14)
Committee Clerk
B Kennedy & J Bustard –
Armoyle Motorcycle Road Racing Club (Item 1)

341.1 PRESENTATION - ARMOYLE MOTORCYCLE ROAD RACING CLUB

The Chairman welcomed Bill Kennedy and John Bustard to the meeting.

Mr. Kennedy presented details of the newly established motorcycle club and their plans for a Road Race in 2009 including the work involved and the associated costs.

Mr. Bustard presented details of the Armoyle Tourism Project. Copy of presentation attached as Appendix 1.

- **Alderman Simpson joined the meeting during this item the time being 6.35pm.**

After the presentation the Chair invited questions from members, which raised a number of issues, which were addressed including Viability and sustainability of the event, Costs involved, Other possible funders, including Moyle District Council and sponsorship, Identification of the racetrack, Proposed date of the event, Safety issues and Noise pollution.

- **Councillor Robinson joined the meeting during this item the time being 7.15pm**

The Chair thanked the Armoy Motorcycle and Road Racing Club representatives for their presentation and advised that Committee would consider their request for funding.

- **The representatives from the Armoy Motorcycle & Road Racing Club left the meeting at 7.25pm**

Following discussion on the various issues, which had been highlighted during the presentation.

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

to recommend that the matter be deferred to the May meeting of the committee and that the Director contact Moyle District Council to ascertain their position regarding funding for the club.

341.2 MINUTES MEETING NO 340 – 19TH FEBRUARY 2008

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

to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 340 – 19th February 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

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341.3 REPLACEMENT POOL COVERS TENDERS.

The Director advised that tenders had been invited via public advert for replacement pool covers for the swimming pool at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre. The closing date for receipt of tenders was 14th March 2008. The tenders were opened by the Chair of Committee and the Director.

The Director tabled the evaluation report on the four tenders received. Only one tender met the full tender specification, that from Glatz Pioneer in the amount of £17,471.

The Director advised that the budget was £20,000.

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

to recommend that the Council accept the tender from Glatz Pioneer in the amount of £17,471 for replacement pool covers.

341.4 BALLYMONEY ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Council at its meeting on 3rd March 2008 referred the request for financial support from the Ballymoney Ornithological Association back to committee for further consideration.

The Association is seeking support for its Annual Open Show on 7th and 8th November 2008 in St James Church Hall.

The Council currently has two relevant Leisure Services budgets from which financial assistance is granted, namely-

1. Community Support Grant Scheme where groups within the borough who satisfy established criteria can access a grant of £100 towards events.
2. Leisure Contributions budget from which a contribution towards the cost of hiring council facilities is made to groups/individuals within the borough.

The Director informed the committee that a Community Support Grant Scheme application had been received today from the Association.

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

to recommend deferral until the next meeting of the Committee when the Ornithological Associations Community Support Grant Application would be considered.

341.5 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS.

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Loughgiel Community Association for assistance towards Baby Yoga Classes for babies, parents, carers and grandparents
- (ii) Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club for assistance towards a "Roon the Toon" event
- (iii) Link House for assistance towards a support project for individuals and their families affected by substance abuse
- (iv) Ballymoney Branch Ulster Defence Regiment Association for assistance towards a bus trip to the Somme Heritage Centre for its members
- (v) Cloughmills Playgroup for assistance towards a trip to the Theatre
- (vi) Carnany Little Babes Parent & Toddler Group for assistance towards a trip to Treasure Island
- (vii) Ballymoney Branch Royal British Legion Womens Section for assistance towards a bus trip through the Glens of Antrim
- (viii) Stranocum Friendship Club for assistance towards a trip to Maghera Garden Centre.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the Council grant £100 each to the above 8 groups.

341.6 CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS HERITAGE TRUST PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

The Director advised the committee that the Council had received a written request from the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust for £500 towards purchasing cameras for their Photographic Competition. The cameras would then be donated to schools taking part in the competition for the pupils to use.

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

to note the correspondence as the Council already in conjunction with other councils, financially supports the Heritage Trust.

341.7 ALL IRELAND PRIDE OF PLACE COMPETITION 2008

The Director advised that the Council were invited to make nominations for the 2008 All Ireland Pride of Place Competitions. In 2005 Carnary and Stranocum were nominated.

The Director advised the committee that nominations must come from Local Authorities who must pay the entry fee of £400 plus expenses for the competition. As budgets had already been set there was no funding in place for this event.

Councillor Robinson expressed her concerns regarding the cost of the event to the community, which would be nominated.

Councillor McCamphill suggested that the Council should instead consider establishing an Environmental Improvement Award Scheme.

The Director advised that the Director of Borough Services had tabled this for committee's consideration prior to setting the Rates.

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

Not to nominate any entrants for this year's competition and to recommend Council consider establishing an Environmental Improvement Award Scheme next year.

- The Director of Central & Leisure Services left the meeting at 8.40pm
- The Head of Amenities joined the meeting at 8.40pm

AMMENITIES**341.8 PROPOSED FOOTWAY AT CORKEY ROAD**

The above matter was last considered at LAC337 (November 2007) when the following recommendation was 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”.

The Leisure & Amenities Committee recommendation was adopted by Council at its meeting on 3rd December 2007 and Roads Service were written to on 6th December.

Roads Service by letter received on 29th February 2008 have advised –

“A number of traffic/pedestrian surveys have now been carried out at this location which revealed low traffic levels and almost no pedestrians. The scheme priority has therefore decreased and it is no longer programmed for implementation in 2008-2009. It will now have to compete with other worthwhile schemes in the Ballymoney area for inclusion on our Works Programme in future years”.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council notes the recent Roads Service decision in respect of the proposed footway at Corkey Road.

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

to recommend that Council accept and note the recent Roads Service decision in respect of the proposed footway at Corkey Road.

341.9 USE OF BALLYMONEY RIVERSIDE PARK

A request has been received from the Ballymoney Local Committee of Cancer Research UK for use of the Council’s Ballymoney Riverside Park as a venue for a charity event. The Local Committee hope to organise a sponsored fun run/walk on either Friday 25th April (preferred) or Friday, 2nd May 2008. Last year a similar event raised £2,400.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant permission to the Ballymoney Local Committee of Cancer Research UK to use Ballymoney Riverside Park as a venue for a sponsored fun run/walk.

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

to recommend that Council grant permission to the Ballymoney Local Committee of Cancer Research UK to use Ballymoney Riverside Park as a venue for their event.

341.10 BEST KEPT AWARDS 2008

Correspondence has been received from the NI Amenity Council requesting entries for its 2008 Best Kept Awards for towns and villages within the Borough. In 2007 Council made the following nominations:-

Town: Ballymoney

Villages: Balnamore, Cloughmills, Dervock, Dunloy, Loughgiel, Rasharkin and Stranocum.

The NI Amenity Council have also requested payment of an affiliation fee of £750 for 2008/2009.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council pay the affiliation fee of £750 to the NI Amenity Council and that it again nominates Ballymoney and the above named villages for 2008 paying the appropriate entry fees.

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

to recommend Council pay the affiliation fee of £750 to the NI Amenity Council and that it again nominates Ballymoney and the above named villages for 2008 paying the appropriate entry fees.

341.11 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

An application has been received as undernoted for the erection of a memorial in Ballymoney Cemetery.

Section 6 No. 97

Mr James Wilson, 113 Loughanhill Park, Coleraine
Black Granite All Polished with Gold Lettering

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant permission to the above applicant to erect a memorial in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements..

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

to recommend Council grant permission to the above applicant to erect a memorial in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

341.12 PLAY AREA SURVEY

The committee were informed at their last meeting that Carnary Community Association were undertaking the same survey of local homes as undertaken by Council staff elsewhere to establish need as regards the provision of play area facilities. The survey results were received on 25th February.

188 homes were surveyed (1 property vacant) of which 102 have children (29 under 3 years, 94 aged 3-12 years and 21 13+ years).

In response to the question "Has your household used the play area in the last 12 months?" 61 respondents said yes and 15 said no.

The results as to usage frequency were: daily 22, weekly 31, monthly 6, more infrequently 2.

It is the conclusion of the Community Association that there is a need for the 'bottom play park'. "The other play park in the centre of Carnary estate is for young people up to 8 years of age and the equipment is not suitable for the older ones".

As members are aware during the latter part of 2007 surveys were undertaken of the Council's 'smaller' play areas and that surveys were also undertaken subsequently in respect of both Derrykeighan and Druckendult.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee at its June 2008 meeting review the matter with a view to determining and recommending to Council policy options.

Councillor Robinson asked for a further breakdown of the 3-12 years age group to determine how many children there are over 8 years of age who are affected by the lack of facilities.

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

to recommend that the Committee at its June 2008 meeting review the matter with a view to determining and recommending to Council policy options.

At the request of Councillor Stevenson, the Head of Amenities clarified the position regarding the Quinn Memorial Play Area and the kickabout area in Carnary as discussed at the previous meeting. Works have been undertaken to upgrade the paths and arrangements made to renovate the play surface in April and we are planning to relocate the kickabout area once weather conditions have improved.

341.13 KICKABOUT AREA AT DRUMBOLCAN PARK, RASHARKIN

In accordance with the decision taken at the February meeting of the Council's Leisure & Amenities Committee a site visit took place for Committee members at Drumbolcan Park on 4th March.

Members present inspected the extensive facilities and looked at potential sites for a kickabout area.

Councillor Stevenson informed the committee that following the visit members felt that a kickabout area would be good, however there are a number of areas within the Borough that do not have the same level of facilities which Rasharkin already has in place.

Councillor McCamphill stated that the Management Committee had requested that there was a greater need for a car park at the site than a kickabout area. Councillor Robinson also expressed safety concerns regarding a lack of parking facilities.

The committee **AGREED:**

to further consult with the Management Committee.

341.14 Select Lists.

The Head of Amenities informed the Committee that there is an existing Select List in place for the sand mattress pitch at Riada Playing Fields however new lists are required for:

- The cycle path at Riverside Park and extension to the car park at Riada Playing Fields.
- Proposed Changing Rooms in Ballymoney Borough (at Dunloy 2008).

The Select List invitation has been advertised and a report will be tabled at the April Committee meeting. Planning permission is to be sought and the Schemes are now subject to Economic Appraisal. The approval of which will determine the start dates.

It is unlikely that there will be much progress on site with the additional car parking and the new sand mattress pitch at Riada Playing Fields before the Milk Cup.

341.15 Rasharkin Cemetery

Councillor Stevenson inquired as to matters previously raised by Councillor Wilson regarding subsidence at the cemetery and the Head of Amenities advised that a report would be submitted to committee in due course.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Appendices attached

Appendix 1 Armoy Motorcycle & Road Racing Club Presentation

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Appendix 1

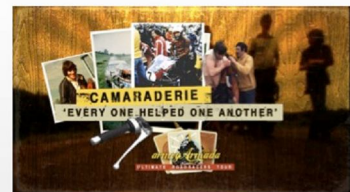
Armoy Motorcycle & Road Racing Club Presentation

Armoy Community Tourism Project

To bring the local community together through the mutual interest of motorcycle road racing



- Introduction & Overview
- Project Impacts & Results
- Community Based Tourism - Achieved
- www.armoyarmada.com
- Future Opportunities for AMRRC to champion



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Overview

The 'Armoy Armada Project' aimed to engage the local community in the development and subsequent deployment of a Multimedia GPS Trail, providing information on the area as well as an interactive multimedia trail enhancing our visitor experiences. The trail relates to the following key themes inherent in their story:

Camaraderie/Achievements/Renown/Ingenuity/Focus



Results

- Improved community relations
- The tourist potential of the area developed and promoted
- A new tourist attraction has been established



Impacts

- It's a better place to live
- Tourism in the area enjoys growth capitalising on the motorcycling road racing history

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Armoy Armada Website

www.armoyarmada.com

The website will give the background to the Armoy Armada and its association with the village.

It will contain:

- Information about tour and Area
- Armoy Armada Riders Profile
- Download Tour



Future opportunities:

- Conduct training events - focus on road safety, marshall training etc
- + visitor spend and overnight stays through value added activities
- Develop Momentum of Road Racing Club Activities
- + visitor numbers to the area with CC & G/NITB/Tourism Ireland
- Increase wider biking community's visits and spend
- Promote the Museum, memorial garden and other

