

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 357 – 17th February 2009

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Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 357 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 7.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: F Campbell

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
H Connolly
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan
J Finlay, Mayor
E Robinson
A Patterson
M McCamphill

APOLOGIES Alderman Cousley, MBE
Councillor P McGuigan

IN ATTENDANCE Director of Borough Services
[Items 8-11]
Head of Leisure Services
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Committee Clerk

357.1 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 356 – 20TH JANUARY 2009

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

that the minutes of meeting No 356– 20TH January 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

LEISURE SERVICES**357.2 BALLYMONEY MUSEUM ARTEFACT MOUNT MAKING**

Head of Leisure Services advised that quotations were invited from 5 companies for Artefact Mount Making for the Ballymoney Museum.

Only 2 quotations were returned as follows:

- JDB Design £ 9,675.00
- Plowden & Smith £16,366.00

The quotations were sent to the consultant's, Hayley Sharpe Design to be checked for completeness and accuracy and evaluated.

The consultant's recommend acceptance of the lowest quotation received, that from JDB Design, a Dublin based company, in the sum of £9,675. Head of Leisure Services advised that this price was within budget.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the quotation from JDB design in the amount of £9675 be accepted.

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

to recommend that Council accept the lowest quotation, that from JDB Design for Artefact Mount Making for the Museum, in the amount of £9,675.

357.3 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE, BOUNDARY WALL RAILINGS AND GATES

* **Councillor Patterson arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm.**

Quotations were invited from 4 companies for the replacement of railings and gates at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

Four quotations were returned as follows:

- Scott & Stinson Engineering £ 9,468.00
- A & P Structural Engineering £10,000.00
- A Farlow Engineering Ltd £13,974.00
- Gault Engineering £16,935.10

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the quotation from Scott & Stinson Engineering in the amount of £9468 be accepted.

The Head of Leisure Services advised that the budget for this project is £18,000. He further advised that quotations were being invited for an electronic opening and closing mechanism for the gates. The estimated cost of such a system is around £2,000.00. Members agreed that an electronic system should be installed as the total cost was still within budget.

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

to recommend that Council accept the lowest quotation, that from Scott & Stinson Engineering for the replacement of railings and gates at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre in the amount of £9468.00 and to also proceed with the installation of an electronic system for the gates.

357.4 RIADA PRE 1950 CAR CLUB

The Riada Pre 1950 Car Club has written to the Council advising that they are having a display of Vintage Cars at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on 3 & 4 April 2009 and request financial support with the cost of using the Leisure Centre. The cost of hiring the facilities is approximately £495.

Council has previously supported the Club with the cost of hiring the Leisure Centre facilities.

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

to recommend that Council grant £400 to the Riada Pre 1950 Car Club towards the cost of the hire of the Leisure Centre for their event on 3rd and 4th April 2009.

* Alderman Simpson arrived at the meeting at 7.25pm.

357.5 KINGDOM OF DALRIADA ULSTER SCOTS SOCIETY

The Society has written to the Council advising that they are holding a 2 day festival and an exhibition in Ballymoney this year. The exhibition is to run from 3rd to 17th July 2009 and the Society has requested the use of the Museum for the exhibition.

As members are aware the Museum is due to re-open in May 2009 and the first exhibition to run from May to August is "Where Motorcycling Reigns".

Committee may wish to consider granting the use of another room in the Town Hall to the Society for their exhibition. Head of Leisure Services advised that both the Cramsie room and Shiels' room are available.

Motion

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Patterson:

to recommend to Council that an alternative room at the Town Hall be granted to the Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society free of charge.

A discussion ensued among members.

Councillor Robinson commented that had the exhibition been facilitated within the Museum there would be no charge levied to the Society, however because alternative rooms were being offered, a charge is then applied.

Amendment

It was proposed, as an amendment, by Councillor McCamphill, seconded by Councillor Cavlan:

to recommend that Council charge the Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society for the hire of the rooms during the exhibition from 3rd-17th July 2009.

Councillor Finlay expressed his dissatisfaction at the proposal to charge for the exhibition, and reiterated that had the Museum been available, the exhibition would have remained free of charge. Councillor Patterson concurred with Councillor Finlay's comments.

Head of Leisure Services informed members that the Museum had a permanent exhibition and a temporary exhibition gallery. The Temporary Exhibition gallery has a schedule of agreed programmes up to a year to eighteen months in advance.

The Chair put the amendment to the meeting, Councillor Finlay requested a recorded vote.

Voting was recorded as follows:

For 3	Against 4	Abstain 1
Alderman Connolly	Councillor Finlay	Alderman Simpson
Councillor Cavlan	Councillor Patterson	
Councillor McCamphill	Councillor Robinson	
	Alderman Campbell	

The Amendment was declared lost.

Councillor Finlay withdrew his motion and suggested that Society representatives are invited to the next Leisure and Amenities committee meeting.

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

to recommend that Council invite representatives from the Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society to the next Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting in March at 6.30pm.

* **Director of Borough Services arrived at the meeting at 8.05pm.**

357.6 COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- I. Rasharkin Community Association for assistance towards a Hands on History Project.
- II. Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society for assistance towards an Alternative St Patrick's Night.
- III. Bushside Independent Flute Band for assistance towards a St Patrick's Night event.

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

to recommend that council grant £350 each to (i) Rasharkin Community Association for assistance towards a Hands on History Project, (ii) Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society for assistance towards an Alternative St Patrick's Night and (iii) £300 to Bushside Independent Flute Band for assistance towards a St Patrick's Night event.

357.7 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- I. Cloughmills Community Action Team for assistance towards Child Protection Workshops.
- II. Vow Accordion Band for assistance towards a variety concert to celebrate 60 years of band.
- III. Starr of the North Pipe Band for assistance towards a clay shoot and BBQ.

- IV. Hebron Mother and Toddler Group for assistance towards purchasing children's toys.

Head of Leisure Services informed members that the amount of £200 remained in the community support grant budget.

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

to recommend that Council grant £50 each to (i) Cloughmills Community Action Team for assistance towards Child Protection Workshops, (ii) Vow Accordion Band for assistance towards a variety concert to celebrate 60 years of band, (iii) Starr of the North Pipe Band for assistance towards a clay shoot and BBQ, (iv) Hebron Mother and Toddler Group for assistance towards purchasing children's toys.

Councillor Finlay suggested that the groups be advised that the lesser amount of £50 each was granted due to the budget being expended.

- * **Head of Leisure Services left the meeting at 8.30pm.**

AMENITIES

357.8 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

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

Section I2 No. 6

Mr David White, 16 Parkview, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section 9 No. 1

Mrs Anne Gregory, 23 Semicock Park, Ballymoney
S A Grey Headstone and Base 'OG' Design

Section H2 No. 25

Mrs Anne Haining, 6 Cramsie Court, 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 Patterson and **AGREED:**

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

357.9 REVIEW OF CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS HERITAGE TRUST

Correspondence was received on 9th February in the above regard. By way of update for members, it is stated that –

- when initiated the review was intended to have been completed in time to inform funding decisions, particularly for the Councils.
- the draft report being revised, soundly supported the need for an organisation like the CCGHT and demonstrates that CCGHT has been very effective at delivering on its objectives.
- the consultants and others are working hard to produce a robust report to inform future support of a management body for the Causeway Coast area.
- the report will be circulated in March in advance of a Steering Group meeting to discuss the funding options and recommendations.

357.10 BUS SHELTER PROVISION UPDATE

As members will be aware the bus boarders required for the provision by Clear Channel of Adshel bus shelters have been provided at both sides of Charles Street now for some time. It has been learnt just now that Clear Channel has only recently submitted the necessary planning applications for these two bus shelters. If planning proves to be straightforward, it may be possible that Clear Channel would install these shelters around the end of April.

It is the case that Roads Service has completed work on its path linking Drumlee Road to the bus shelter provided by Council at the Drumlee/Finvoy Road junction.

357.11 CLOUGHMILLS COMMUNITY FACILITY

At the previous Committee meeting it was decided that the Cloughmills Community Facility project be further discussed at the February LAC. Since the previous meeting, correspondence has been received from Planning Service arising from informal discussions held to date on the possible re-development of the Council's Old Mill site. The information relayed, relates to NIEA: Historic Monuments Unit, which is presently of the view that as part of any formal planning application an industrial heritage impact assessment is necessary given that the site purchased by Council – the potential application site, according to NIEA “contains a corn and flax mill complex of great importance to the village of Cloughmills”.

In the ensuing discussion the Director dealt with a number of member questions regarding both the Council's proposals and the views of both Planning Service and other statutory consultees as known at the present time. He intimated that a further meeting was to be held, facilitated by Planning Service, which would hopefully clarify to a greater degree the actual position of NIEA HMU and allow that organisation also to know the position of others who also had a consultative role in the planning process. He further advised that if an industrial heritage impact assessment, as sought by NIEA

HMU, had to be undertaken then this work, which was of a specialist nature, would have both to be sourced and paid for. He drew attention to the fact that the different consultee requirements were such that it was presently difficult to see what development was possible at the site. The Mayor emphasised that it was important that progress was made and that Council continue to strive in order to provide vital facilities for the Cloughmills community.

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

to recommend to Council that the Cloughmills Community Facility project be further progressed at the March Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.