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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 376 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, on Tuesday 21st September 2010 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR: F Campbell

PRESENT:

Aldermen
H Connolly
C Cousley MBE
J Simpson

Councillors
J Finlay
R Halliday
M McCamphill
A Patterson
E Robinson
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Cavlan
Councillor M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Borough Services [Items 1-12]
Director of Central and Leisure Services [Items 13-19]
Committee Clerk

376.1.1 MINUTES MEETING LAC 374 – 15TH JUNE 2010

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

*that the minutes of meeting no LAC 374 – 15th June 2010 as circulated,
be confirmed as a correct record.*

376.1.2 MINUTES MEETING LAC 375 – 29TH JUNE 2010

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

*that the minutes of meeting No LAC 375 – 29th June 2010, as circulated,
be confirmed as a correct record.*

AMENITIES

376.2 MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Correspondence has been received from Macmillan Cancer Support seeking the assistance of all NI district Council's in raising awareness of the organisation in its centenary year 2011. The idea of helping Macmillan raise its profile in local communities by Council "re-designing its flower beds" has been mentioned.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council assist Macmillan Cancer Support by providing a flower bed opposite the former Tesco site at Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney, to mark the centenary of the organisation in 2011.

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

to recommend that Council assist Macmillan Cancer Support by providing a flower bed opposite the former Tesco site at Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney, to mark the centenary of the organisation in 2011.

In response to a Member question the Director indicated the approximate cost of providing the type of bed being recommended by Committee.

376.3 SPRINGWELL CUP: PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Correspondence has been received from Springwell Running Club seeking Council permission and assistance to hold a round of the Springwell Cross Country Cup for primary schools at Riada Playing Fields on 20th October 2010 utilizing a 1000m course. This will be the first race in this year's series. 2010 will be the third running of the event in which schools from all three Council areas participate (Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady).

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council facilitate Springwell Running Club, permitting it to stage its event on 20th October at Riada Playing Fields and making the Stadium facilities available for the event's duration.

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

to recommend that Council facilitate Springwell Running Club, permitting it to stage its event on 20th October at Riada Playing Fields and making the Stadium facilities available for the event's duration.

* **Alderman Simpson arrived at the meeting at 7.06pm.**

376.4 REPAIRS TO RETAINING WALL AT RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY

The tenders returned on 26th August from the 8 no contractors on the Council's select list for the above project were opened on 31st August by the

Committee Chair: Alderman Campbell together with the Director of Borough Services and passed to the Council's consultants: R Robinson & Sons for evaluation and report. The tenders received are as follows:

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Tender Amount</u>
1 Gibson (Banbridge) Ltd Magherally Banbridge Co Down BT42 4EL	£138,343.00
2 McCombe Brothers (Antrim) Ltd Springfarm Industrial Estate Ballymena Road Antrim Co Antrim BT41 4NT	£118,591.95
3 John Graham (Dromore) Ltd Ballygowan Road Hillsborough Co Down BT26 6HX	£123,291.00
4 McLaughlin & Harvey 15 Trench Road Mallusk Newtownabbey Co Antrim BT36 4TY	£97,700.00
5 McCallan Brothers Ltd Quarry Road Carrickmore Co Tyrone	£105,983.13
6 Engineering Services 105 Lisaclare Road Stewartstown Co Tyrone BT71 5QH	£95,660.55
7 Highway Barrier Solutions Ltd 40 Manse Road Castlereagh Belfast Co Antrim BT8 6SA	£108,902.50
8 BSG Civil Engineering Ltd 6 Bank Square Maghera Co Londonderry BT46 5AZ	£80,867.50

In accordance with the consultant's recommendation, **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council accept the lowest tender received, that from BSG Civil Engineering Limited, 6 Bank Square, Maghera, in the sum of £80,867.50 and commence the project to repair the retaining wall at Riverside Park, Ballymoney.

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

to recommend that Council accept the lowest tender received, that from BSG Civil Engineering Limited, 6 Bank Square, Maghera, in the sum of £80,867.50 and commence the project to repair the retaining wall at Riverside Park, Ballymoney.

376.5 LAND AT RASHARKIN CEMETERY

Enquiries have been made as to whether or not Council would let its additional land at Rasharkin Cemetery. Given that the land, circa 2.8 acres, is surplus to requirements for the foreseeable future, it could be let for grazing, other purposes, for say 4 to 5 years, with the leasee being responsible for fencing and keeping in good heart, etc.

As it would not be appropriate to permit access from the county road through the cemetery, the land ought to be offered to its three adjoining land owners by inviting sealed bids.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council offer the land surplus to its present and foreseeable requirements at Rasharkin Cemetery in accordance with the Director's advice set out above.

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

to recommend that Council offer the land surplus to its present and foreseeable requirements at Rasharkin Cemetery in accordance with the Director's advice set out above.

376.6 TRANSLINK ULSTER IN BLOOM: 2010 COMPETITION

As members may be aware from media coverage, Ballymoney achieved a very credible joint third placing in the `Town' category of this year's Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition. The announcement of winners was made at Lissanoure Castle, Loughgiel on 2nd September. As was the case in 2009, Coleraine won the `Town' category and this year Dungannon came second and Banbridge and Ballymoney joint third. At the announcement of winners it was satisfying to note that three slides from Ballymoney were used by the judges to illustrate innovative and good practice.

Councillor Robinson commented on the very pleasing flower arrangements during the summer season and extended her thanks to all involved with this. Councillor Finlay concurred with Councillor Robinson's comments. In thanking the members for the sentiments expressed, the Director intimated that presently work was on-going to identify modest ways in which some improvements might be made to Ballymoney town bearing in mind next year's competition and advised that an order would shortly be being placed for the necessary plants.

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

to recommend that Council hold a reception for employees involved with the Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition, as a mark of appreciation for their hard work and commitment made during the season and in attaining joint third prize in the 'Town' category.

376.7 NATIONAL TRIALS DAY 2010

National Trails Day is an all Ireland event celebrating the wonderful variety of countryside trails to be found throughout Ireland, for walking, cycling, horseriding, canoeing and many other activities. The main aim of the day is to encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to get outdoors. This year the event will be held on Sunday 3rd October and Ballymoney will be hosting one of the walking activities with a nature ramble in Riverside Park at 11am. Participants will experience the abundance of natural attributes which can be found within a small urban park setting and its importance both for wildlife and plant life. The Countryside Access and Activities Network (CAAN) is organising and marketing National Trails Day with the support of financial partners DCAL, NIEA, Waterways Ireland and Sport NI. All events are free of charge and there will be 'giveaway' items for all participants. All events organised for National Trails Day 2010 are listed on www.nationaltrailsday.co.uk

376.8 DERVOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE

Arising from a meeting with Councillor Storey and others to discuss Dervock's 2012 Olympic Games initiative, correspondence has been received from Dervock Community Association. In essence Council is asked to indicate what is happening from its perspective concerning the innovative Dervock community facility – "Can we ask for your perspective on where we might be by the time of the Olympics in terms of new changing rooms and perhaps including some aspect of our modular plan for a much needed village sports facility?"

A discussion ensued, during which the Director was advised as to overtures made on behalf of the local football club as regards training facilities and lighting for same. Councillor Finlay requested that the Director bring a report back to Committee at a future date in respect of the issues raised including cost projections.

* **Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 7.40pm.**

376.9 SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS: RIADA STADIUM

As members have previously been advised DCAL has designated the Council's Riada Stadium as a venue to which the Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order 2006 and associated guidance applies.

Consequently Council, in accordance with its statutory obligations, must issue a General Safety Certificate for its designated venue. This process is well advanced and the draft General Safety Certificate for Riada Stadium, it is anticipated, will be brought before the Council's Health & Environmental Services Committee, to be held on 28th September 2010.

During the safety certification process undertaken in respect of Riada Stadium, certain issues have come to light which, if not rectified, will limit the number of spectators permitted at the venue.

It is also the case that having become aware of Sport NI's Stadia Safety Programme – Urgent Works funding scheme, 2 no. applications were made on behalf of Council by the deadline (27.08.2010) – an infrastructure application and a safety equipment application. In conjunction with the former funding application, as members are aware, a planning application, which has been streamlined, has also been made to Planning Service. Were Council to be successful as regards the funding applications made to Sport NI, it could then undertake necessary work at Riada Stadium in order to bring the venue better in line with the statutory guidance relating to spectator safety.

376.10 ALTNARICHARD PICNIC AREA

Work has been undertaken over the summer, which is on-going, with the Office of the Chief Executive, to draw down funding under the INTERREG Causeway Connections Project. As the only potential Council scheme which fits the project criteria, assistance (on a 100% basis) is being sought to carry out essential work at this location as part of improving the Borough's walk product and infrastructure.

- * **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 7.46pm during consideration of the above matter.**
- * **Councillor Stevenson rejoined the meeting at 7.50pm during consideration of the above matter.**

376.11 LOWER BANN CANOE ACCESS SIGNAGE

In November 2009 Council contributed £150 to the CAAN Lower Bann Canoe Access Signage Strategy project as did Antrim, Ballymena and Coleraine. Members are asked to note that "canoe trail" signs have now been erected at Movanager, Drumreagh and Drumaheglis.

376.12 FESTIVE LIGHTING SWITCH ON

By way of advance notice, members are asked to note that the Switch On for the 2010 Ballymoney Festive Lighting Scheme will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 25th November.

- * **Director of Borough Services left the meeting at 8.05pm.**
- * **Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 8.05pm.**
- * **Alderman Simpson left the meeting at 8.05pm and returned at 8.10pm.**
- * **Councillor Stevenson rejoined the meeting at 8.15pm.**

- * **Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at the meeting at 8.15pm.**

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376.13 PROGRAMME FOR COHESION, SHARING AND INTEGRATION – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister have launched the Programme for Cohesion, Sharing and Integration for public consultation.

The aim of the Programme is to bring about real changes for people and places across our society. To build a strong community where everyone, regardless of race, colour, religious or political opinion, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation can live, work and socialise in a context of fairness, equality, rights, responsibilities and respect.

An Executive Summary of the Consultation document together with a consultation questionnaire was circulated. A full copy of the consultation documents has been placed in the Members Room and the documents can be viewed or downloaded from the OFMDFM website at www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk.

The closing date for receipt of comments is 29th October 2010.

Members' comments are invited.

Public meetings have been arranged at a number of locations throughout September. Details of the remaining events are –

Tuesday 21st September – Newtownards
Wednesday 22nd September – Portadown
Monday 27th September – Armagh
Wednesday 29th September – Omagh

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

to recommend to Council that each of the respective Parties would comment separately on the document and that those Parties wishing to make comment to send their comments to the Director of Central and Leisure Services who shall pass them to the Office of The First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

376.14 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered –

- (i) Riada Concert Group for assistance towards a Cultural Fusion event on 15th October 2010. Amount requested is £350.00

- (ii) Balnamore & District Community Association for assistance towards a Cross Community Trip on 30th November 2010. Amount requested £350.00

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above 2 groups are granted £350.00 each.

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

to recommend that Council grant £350 each to (i) Riada Concert Group for assistance towards a Cultural Fusion event on 15th October 2010 and (ii) Balnamore & District Community Association for assistance towards a Cross Community Trip on 30th November 2010.

376.15 CAUSEWAY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Council makes an annual contribution to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and the Bureau provides an Advice Service in Ballymoney Town Hall 2½ days per week currently. The CAB has recently submitted its Annual Report for 2009/10 to Council.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council invite the CAB to the next meeting of committee to present their annual report.

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

to recommend that Council invite the CAB to the next meeting of committee to present their annual report.

Director of Central and Leisure Services shall circulate extracts from the annual report for members' information prior to their presentation.

376.16 BALLYMONEY SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – SPORTS AWARDS 2010

The Director advised that a request has been received from the chairman of Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee seeking council permission to apply for an occasional bar licence, as per previous years, for the 2010 Ballymoney Sports Awards to be held on Friday 15th October in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant permission.

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

to recommend that Council grant permission to Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee to apply for an occasional bar licence for the 2010 Ballymoney Sports Awards to be held on Friday 15th October in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

376.17 BALLYMONEY MUSEUMRoad Racing Nation

The temporary exhibition, Road Racing Nation, was on display from 9th May to 29th August 2010. The visitor figures during this period are as follows –

May	2389
June	882
July	1320
August	1560
TOTAL:	6151

Total visitors since 9 May 2009 [16 months] when we re-opened after the re-fit is: **23,181**. This gives an average per month of **1450** visitors.

Comments from Jim Redman MBE, six times World Champion motorcycle road racer, who visited the museum while here for the 'Roon tha Toon' event, 2 August 2010:

“I think it is fantastic the way that Joey and all the other riders have been given such recognition by the whole town. Most places would have let Joey just fade away. Congratulations to all those concerned.”

The exhibition has moved to Down County Museum from 17 September – 14 November. In Downpatrick, the display will include the original NW200 trophies, a collection of trophies from the Dromara Destroyers, leathers & helmets from the Dromara Destroyers and three motorcycles. Two of the motorcycles belong to a local collector, Ivor Skelton, a long time supporter of Ballymoney Museum.

Cycling Past

The current exhibition 'Cycling Past' was launched by the Mayor on 9th September and runs to 30th October. It is proving extremely popular and in recent days visitors have arrived from across NI specifically to see the display. Later this month a community arts project, funded by the Good Relations Programme, will conclude with the unveiling of a sculpture in the museum made from recycled bicycle parts and created by pupils from Ballymoney Model PS and St Joseph's PS Dunloy.

The Route Back Home

The Route Back Home family history festival (1 & 2 October) has attracted people from the USA, Ireland, England & Scotland, in addition to local enthusiasts. Representatives from the Ulster Historical Foundation, Public Record Office NI, Centre for Migration Studies, Libraries NI, Queen's University and the North of Ireland Family History Society will be taking part. In total, approximately 40 delegates are expected, including places made available to the members of the local community groups through Good Relations funding.

376.18 AGE AWARENESS WEEK 25 SEPTEMBER – 2 OCTOBER

The Director gave details of events during Age Awareness Week and advised that the Mobile Cinema would be at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on Monday 27th September.

376.19 ROTARY CLUB OF BALLYMONEY

The Director advised that correspondence has been received from the Rotary Club of Ballymoney seeking Council permission to plant 5,000 purple crocus bulbs outside the Conservatory Restaurant at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, this to aid awareness of Polio eradication. Millions of children in polio-endemic countries know that a freshly marked purple finger means freedom from the disease, each purple crocus is a symbol of helping one child become free from polio forever.

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

to recommend that Council grant The Rotary Club of Ballymoney permission to plant 5,000 purple crocus bulbs outside The Conservatory Restaurant at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.