

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 384 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on Tuesday 24th May 2011 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Stevenson [Item 1]
Alderman Campbell [Items 2-17]

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE

Councillors
J Atkinson
W Blair
A Cavlan
J Finlay
R Halliday
B Kennedy
T McKeown
C McLaughlin
I Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Borough Services [Items 1-10]
Director of Central & Leisure Services [Items 11-17]
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES: **Councillors**
Councillor Robinson
Councillor Storey, MLA
Councillor McAfee
Councillor McGuigan

384.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Committee agreed that Councillor Stevenson in his role as Mayor take the Chair and conduct the election of the Committee Chair.

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

that Alderman Campbell be elected Chair of Committee for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Cavlan:

that Councilor Cavlan be elected Chair of Committee for the ensuing year.

The Mayor invited members to vote for the 2 nominees in alphabetical order. 7 members voted for Alderman Campbell while 2 members voted for Councillor Cavlan.

The Mayor declared Alderman Campbell elected Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee for 2011/12.

Alderman Campbell assumed the Chair and thanked members for his election.

384.2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed by Alderman Cousley, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and **AGREED:**

that Councillor Halliday be elected as Vice-Chair of Leisure and Amenities Committee 2011/12.

Alderman Campbell declared Councillor Halliday elected as the Vice-Chair of the Leisure & Amenities Committee for 2011-2012.

384.3 MINUTES OF LAC 383 – 12TH APRIL 2011

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

that the Minutes of LAC 383 – 12th April 2011, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

- * **Councillor McKeown arrived at the meeting at 7.03pm.**
- * **Alderman Connolly arrived at the meeting at 7.05pm.**

Councillor Cavlan sought clarification regarding some information given in respect of the Community Festival Fund 2011-2012 and the Chair advised that the Director of Central & Leisure Services would deal with the query later in the meeting.

AMENITIES**384.4 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS**Section I2 No. 133

Mr. Hugh Dean, 28 Navery Road, Ballymoney
Dark Grey Granite Headstone and Base.

Section I4 No. 7

Mrs. Kathleen Millar, 25 Eastermeade Gardens, Ballymoney
SA Grey 'Ogee' Headstone and Base

Section H4 No. 23

Mrs. Moira Adams, 23 Finvoy Road, Ballymoney
SA Grey 'OG' Design Headstone and Base

Section I4 No. 13

Miss Ann McIlwaine, Garryduff House, 4 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section 6 No. 135

Mr. Frank McNeilly, 8 Kilraughts Road, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No. 23 & 24

Mrs. Marion E. Milligan, 112 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant permission for the above memorials to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

It was proposed by Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor McKeown and **AGREED:**

to recommend that Council grant permission for the above memorials to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

384.5 USE OF FACILITIES

5.1 Riverside Park, Ballymoney

Ballymoney Gospel Hall have requested permission to hold open air gospel services at Riverside Park from 7.00pm to 7.30pm on Friday 3rd June at the park central car park and on Monday 6th June at the Bravallen Road car park.

5.2 Riverside Park, Ballymoney

Trinity Presbyterian Church has requested permission to hold an open air service on Sunday, 19th June at 6.30pm at Riverside Park.

5.3 Megaw Park, Ballymoney

The streetreach area co-ordinator for the Green Pastures church in Galgorm has requested use of Megaw Park on Friday 24th June in order to run an 'it's a knockout competition'. The organizer has advised that both the company coming in to run the event and the church will have all relevant insurances.

5.4 Fulton Park, Balnamore

The Barn Fellowship, Macfin, have requested the use of the football pitch, together with changing facilities from 25th to 29th July in order to host community events. The facilities are required Monday to Thursday 2.00pm to 4.30pm and on Friday from 2.00pm to 9.00pm.

5.5 Drumbolcan Park, Rasharkin

Rasharkin District LOL No.5 has requested the use of both the Community Centre and Playing Fields at Drumbolcan Park in order to host the 2013 12th July demonstration in Rasharkin.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grants its permission to the above named organisations to use its facilities for the purposes sought.

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

to recommend that Council grant its permission to the above named organisations to use its facilities for the purposes sought.

384.6 USE OF RIADA STADIUM & PLAYING FIELDS

6.1 U19 Internationals

On 11th and 13th April at the request of the Irish Football Association [IFA] the

Councils Riada Stadium hosted 2no. U19 Internationals between Northern Ireland and Slovakia.

6.2 Northern Ireland Boys Football Association Finals

Following an approach by the Irish Football Association [IFA] the Riada Stadium and Playing Fields were used on 2nd May as the venue for the 'finals' of the various Northern Ireland Boys Football Association competitions. The IFA supplied portaloos for use by the general public / spectators attending and first aid was provided by St Johns. In total six matches were played, with the stadium pitch being used for the U15, U16 and U17 finals and pitch no.1 for the U11, U13 and U14 finals.

The events ran smoothly and favourable feedback was received both about the condition of the pitches and indeed the Councils excellent facilities.

Councillor Kennedy thought that it was very good for Ballymoney that Council, due to its foresight in providing these excellent facilities, was able to host such prestigious matches.

384.7 COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PROJECTS

7.1 Ballybogey

The Councils contractor – WS Dunlop has taken possession of the site (with provision made for continued access to the play area) and has commenced work. It is anticipated that the extensive renovation/new build project will be complete by the year end.

7.2 Balnamore and Stranocum

Again the necessary arrangements are in hand so that the Councils contractor – Martin & Hamilton will be on site and commencing work at both locations at the beginning of June. The anticipated completion date is also by the year end.

384.8 AMENITIES CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Council's consultants – R. Robinson & Sons have been briefed in respect of the provision of a MUGA at Glebeside and work at Megaw Park, Ballymoney. It is hoped that scheme details for both projects will be available for consideration at the Committee's meeting on 14th June.

Councillor Stevenson said that he was looking forward to progress being made as soon as possible.

* **Councilor McKeown left the meeting at 7.16pm.**

384.9 CLOUGHMILLS PLAY AREA

Further to earlier discussion as to the most appropriate location for the provision by Council of a Play Area, agreement has now been reached with the Cloughmills Action Team that the

most appropriate site, given all the factors that ought to be considered, is to move the facility from its present Strand Park location to the Council's Old Mill Site, with the new facility forming part of a comprehensive plan to regenerate this land which Council has owned for some considerable time. Initially it is envisaged that the new play park will be provided seeking assistance from RDP in conjunction with the first phase of a long held Council ambition to provide a riverside walk within the bounds of the land it acquired. The first phase of the envisaged bio-diverse riverside walk would link the Ballycreagh Road to the proposed play area location and then continue to just beyond the old mill buildings.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council approve this proposal and sanction the pursuit of the necessary planning and funding applications.

Councillor Finlay welcomed the news contained in the Director's report and thanked him for all his work on the matter. Councillor McLaughlin supported the view that the Old Mill Site would be the preferred location for such a facility and raised the issue of what ought to be done with the Council's Strand Park land. The Director made a number of suggestions for this land which Council could further explore with the local community.

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

to recommend that Council approve this proposal and sanction the pursuit of the necessary planning and funding applications.

384.10 INCREDIBLE EDIBLE, CLOUGHMILLS

Representations have been received from the Cloughmills Action Team seeking the continued assistance of Council in order to further develop the multi award winning project known as "Incredible Edible, Cloughmills". CAT is seeking to work in partnership with Council at its Old Mill Site and is looking for Council agreement to utilize that portion of the site immediately to the rear of the old mill buildings to provide a number of features such as raised beds, a polytunnel, tool shed, composting toilet, and two yurts, together with a continuation of the riverside walk referred to in the previous item. CAT, in order to deliver these proposals, will seek to maximize funding opportunities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council agree in principle to make available to the Cloughmills Action Team, in accordance with the necessary safeguards, the land it has sought at the Old Mill Site so that necessary project funding might be obtained.

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

to recommend that Council agree in principle to make available to the Cloughmills Action Team, in accordance with the necessary safeguards, the land it has sought at the Old Mill Site so that necessary project funding might be obtained.

* Director of Borough Services left the meeting at 7.30pm.

* Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at the meeting at 7.35pm.

LEISURE SERVICES

384.11 SYNTHETIC PITCH – REPLACEMENT OF CARPET

Tenders were invited by public advert for the Replacement Carpet of the Synthetic Pitch with a closing date of 6th May 2011.

Four tenders were received which were opened by the Mayor and Director of Central & Leisure Services on 10th May 2011 and forwarded to the Council's Consultants, R Robinson & Sons for evaluation and report. The reports received were circulated to members.

The Director advised that the consultants had recommended that the lowest tender received, in the sum of £114,990.25 from Crawford Group be accepted. This contractor had scored the highest combined mark in terms of price and quality.

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

to recommend that Council accept the tender from Crawford Group for the Replacement Carpet of the Synthetic Pitch in the sum of £114,990.25.

384.12 RESURFACING OF CAR PARK AT JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE

Tenders were invited by public advert for the Resurfacing of the Car Park with a closing date of 6th May 2011.

Seven Tenders were received which were opened by the Mayor and Director of Central & Leisure Services on 10th May 2011 and forwarded to the Council's Consultants, R Robinson & Sons for evaluation and report. The reports received were circulated to members.

The Director advised that the Consultants had recommended that the lowest tender received, in the sum of £42,293.90 from Martin Contracting Services Ltd be accepted.

This contractor had scored the highest combined mark in terms of price and quality.

Councillor Kennedy commented that he did not see the need for the resurfacing of the car park and thought that it was a waste of ratepayers money.

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

to recommend that Council accept the lowest tender received from Martin Contracting Services in the sum of £42,293.90.

Councillor Kennedy was recorded as being against the proposal.

384.13 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL FUND 2011/12

Following public advertisement for applications under the 2011/12 Community Festival Fund Grant Scheme 9 applications were received by the closing date of 6th May 2011. The applications have been checked for completeness and assessed and scored in

accordance with the criteria set out in the guidance notes for the Community Festival Fund.

The Director advised that the 2011/12 Community Festivals Fund budget is £8,000.00 of which 50% is grant aided by the Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure. She also advised that £650.00 of the budget would be used to meet administration costs. This left a fund of £7,350.00 to be allocated. The Director circulated a schedule detailing all the applications including the name of the festival, duration, events to be held and the scoring results. She advised that the application from Ballymoney Community Resource Centre did not meet the criteria of the fund.

Committee is asked to consider the applications and recommend the grant to be awarded.

Community Group	Name of Festival	Grant Recommended
Ballybogey community Association	Community Week	£925
Ballymaconnelly renewal Group	Community Festival	£900
Ballymoney Community resource Centre	Summer Scheme	NOT A FESTIVAL
Cloughmills Commuinity Action Team	Celebrating Local Success Festival	£950
Dercok & District Communitc Assoc	An Olympian STEP Forward	£1000
Dunloy Accordian Band Society	Ulster Scots Festival	£850
Glebeside Community Association	Community Week 2011	£925
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society	Ulster Scots Festival	£1000
Rasharkin Community Association	Funday Festival	£800

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the following conditions apply to the award of grant –

- i. 50% of the grant is paid in advance.
- ii. The completed monitoring form must be returned within 3 months from end date of the Festival.
- iii. The expenditure analysis form together with invoices / receipts to vouch the total expenditure of the Festival must be returned within 3 months from the end date of the Festival.
- iv. The balance of the grant will be paid if all expenditure has been vouched.
- v. Groups will be reminded prior to the 3 month deadline, to return the required information.

If all the requested information is not returned by the deadline, there will be no further communication with the group and the balance of the grant will not be paid.

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

to recommend that Council approve the 2011/12 Community Festival Fund grant as follows and in accordance with the above outlined conditions:

- 1. Ballybogey Community Association £925***
- 2. Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group £900***
- 3. Cloughmills Community Action Team £950***
- 4. Dervock & Disctrict Community Association £1,000***
- 5. Dunloy Accordian Band Society £850***
- 6. Glebeside Community Association £925***
- 7. Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society £1000***
- 8. Rasharkin Community Association £800***

Councillor Finlay also stressed the importance of Point III within the Conditions of Grant, advising groups that they may not be considered for funding for next year if the conditions are not met.

384.14 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grant were considered:

- i. Ballymoney Evergreen Club for assistance towards a cross community trip to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra.
Amount requested £350.00.
- ii. Dunaghy Flute Band for assistance towards an evening of Reflection and Cultural Awareness Workshop.
Amount requested £350.00.
- iii. Carnany Community Association for assistance towards their Community Fun Day.
Amount requested £350.00.
- iv. Carnany Youth Club for assistance towards a Youth Trip to Xplore Outdoor Portrush.
Amount requested £350.00.
- v. Glebeside Community Association for assistance towards an Ulster Scots Summer Scheme.
Amount requested £350.00.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above 5 groups are granted £350.00 each.

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

to recommend that council grant (i) Ballymoney Evergreen Club £350 for assistance towards a cross community trip to the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Cultra, (ii) Dunaghy Flute Band £350 for assistance towards an evening of Reflection and Cultural Awareness Workshop, (iii) Carnany Community Association £350 for assistance towards their Community Fun Day, (iv) Carnany Youth Club £350 for assistance towards a Youth Trip to Xplore Outdoor Portrush and (v) Glebeside Community Association £350 for assistance towards an Ulster Scots Summer Scheme.

384.15 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT SCHEME

The Community Support Grant Scheme Budget for 2011/12 is £3,000.00. To date grants totaling £2,739.00 have been made to groups, leaving a balance of £261.00.

Since the last Committee Meeting 9 applications for grant have been received. Two of the applications are not eligible for funding as the date of their event is past.

Committee is asked to consider what grant if any, will be made to the other 7 applicants.

The Committee was of the opinion that the 7 applications should all receive a small grant in the region of £50 each and enquired if funds from another Grant could be allocated.

The Director advised that the only other grant scheme was Good Relations.

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

to recommend that Council use £89 from the Good Relations budget and grant the following 7 applicants £50 each: (i) Cheers Youth Centre, (ii) Rasharkin and District Senior Citizen Club, (iii) Ballybogey 50+ Club, (iv) Ballybogey Football Club (v) Carnany Community Association (vi) Carnany Senior Citizen Group (vii) Finvoy Pipe Band.

The Director shall notify groups that the Community Support Grant Scheme has now been expended.

384.16 DSD GRANT FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2011/12

The Department of Social Development (DSD) has offered the Council Grant of £37,264.59 towards the Community Support Programme 2011/12.

£12,244.00 of the grant, which Council has to match with £15,956.00, is for Advice Services and £25,020.59 is for General Community Support.

The General Community Support Grant is reduced by 1% on last year's grant.

The grant for Advice Services remains the same as 2010/11.

As the grant had to be accepted before 6th May 2011 the Letter of Offer has been accepted by the Chief Executive and returned to Department of Social Development.

384.17 REFURBISHMENT OF HEALTH SUITE

The Director advised that the contractor had commenced work on 16th May and that it was hoped to have the Health Suite open for use by early September 2011.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.