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Minutes of Meeting No. 34 held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, on Monday 22nd November 2010 at 2.00 pm.

CHAIR	Alderman James Simpson
PRESENT	<p>Alderman F Campbell C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Councillors B Kennedy, Mayor M McCamphill E Robinson</p>
APOLOGIES	Councillor J Finlay
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Chief Executive Director of Borough Services, Director of Central & Leisure Services, Head of Corporate & Central Services</p>

34.1 MINUTES – MEETING NO 33 – 25 October 2010

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

that the minutes of Meeting No. 33 on 25th October 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

34.2 VARIANCE REPORT

Six months report (April-September 2010) circulated, attached as Appendix A. Net variances in services of two directorate and Office of Chief Executive discussed with relevant officers and projections for remainder of year. Specific issues addressed included – energy costs; recalculations of derating element of general grant; reduction in leisure centre incomes; reduction in bank interest v. Savings on loan charges as loans not drawn down; downward trend in use of facilities, hall, soft play area and restaurant at leisure centre; successful school swimming programmes; reduction in general grant (derating) and further reduction 2010/11; increased fuel costs; integrated working in sports grounds parks and open spaces, cemeteries and grounds maintenance.

Arising from discussion of options for budget reduction and service improvements Director of Central and Leisure Services advised that she was reviewing leisure centre opening hours, manpower plan and catering operation.

Potential cost to Council of implementing new Animal Welfare Bill if Council decide to make use of discretionary powers available under the Bill discussed. Additional resources would be required or extension of existing call-out veterinary service to implement Bill. It was agreed it would be difficult for Councillors not to use powers to some extent.

Chief Executive advised DARD had presented to SOLACE in 2006 on this matter and estimated cost per year across N.I. was estimated at £1/4 million.

34.3 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Kennedy and Seconded by Councillor McCamphill and AGREED:

that the next meeting on 21 December be deferred, unless the Chair decides there is business which needs attention.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Appendix A – Variance Report April – September 2010



Variance Report April
- September 2010