

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
RESOURCES TASK GROUP No. 35**

Monday 24th January 2011

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Minutes of Meeting No. 35 of Resources Task Group held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, on Monday 24th January 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

In the Chair: Alderman James Simpson

Present: Alderman C Cousley

Councillors

A Cavlan
B Kennedy
M McCamphill
E Robinson

Apologies: Alderman F Campbell,
Councillor J Finlay

35.1 Minutes – Meeting No. 34 – 22/11/2010

It was proposed by Councillor Kennedy seconded by Alderman Cousley and
AGREED:

that the minutes of the group's last meeting, No. 34 on 22nd November, 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

35.2 Variance Report

The eight month variance report (April – November 2010), circulated, attached as appendix A.

Net variances in services of the two directorates and the Office of the Chief Executive were discussed with relevant officers. Specific issues which engaged members attention included energy costs, reduction in leisure centre income, reduction in bank interest v. savings on loan charges, downward trend in use of facilities and impact on outdoor facility use during severe weather conditions, increased fuel costs, revised waste disposal contract and green waste costs, single status and equal pay costs.

35.3 Fire at Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre

In response to questions the Director of Central & Leisure Services updated members on the fire incident at the Leisure Centre which Fire Service and Council's Insurers had concluded appeared to be an electrical fault. She advised there would be loss of income due to sauna facility being closed, confirming that Council had insurance for loss of income.

35.4 Vacancies Report

The Chief Executive advised that the following vacancies, arising in Borough Services Directorate, had been considered by management and recommended agreed. The Director of Borough Services presented the report, as follows, responding to members questions.

1. Post ref. 10294 – refuse collector/chargehand

Present incumbent due to retire on 11th February 2011. Post is essential to service delivery and it is **recommended** that it is filled via the councils recruitment options.

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

to recommend that the post of refuse collector/chargehand, as detailed, be filled via Council's recruitment options.

2. Posts ref. 10909 and 10910 – civic amenity site attendants

Both posts (which are seasonal contracts) fell vacant on 30th September 2010 the previous postholders having been recruited for two years (2009 and 2010). The posts are essential to service delivery and it is **recommended** that they are filled via the Councils recruitment options.

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

to recommend that the posts (2 no) civic amenity site attendants, as detailed, be filled on a permanent basis via Council's recruitment options.

3. Post ref. 20772 – part time caretaker

This post which is essential to service delivery is not in the strict sense vacant. The incumbent who is over the state retirement age has applied to have his contract extended for a second time. It is **recommended** that Council agree to this further contract extension.

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

to recommend that Council agree to the extension of contract for the above post, as detailed.

4. Post ref. 20732 – community centre caretaker

The present incumbent has indicated his intention to retire on 8th May 2011. As this is the only community centre under management committee control where Council provides a caretaker, this is the opportune time to review the matter. A number of options are available dependant on the policy Council may adopt.

Members debated the options of filling the post on the existing specification and management arrangements or bringing this facility into line with other community buildings where the responsibility for caretaking would lie with the management committee. The Director of Borough Services appraised members of comments by Council's Internal Auditors, arising from review of non-corporate buildings, with regard to review of current working arrangements and existing agreements with management committees, with a view to establishing a more formal arrangement between Council and Management Committees, including, inter alia, terms of use, responsibilities, insurance, communication, rental fees and establishment of various procedures.

Arising from discussion, during which account was taken of the fact that further community buildings were proposed to be provided, the Director of Borough Services agreed to prepare a principles paper to allow members to give further consideration to policy options with regard to options for management of community buildings.

It was **AGREED**:

to recommend that provision for the above-mentioned post be retained in the budget for the incoming year pending further consideration of policy options.

35.5 Next Meeting – Monday 28th February 2011 2pm

The meeting concluded at 3.40 p.m.

Appendix A – 8 month variance report (April – November 2010)



Variance Report April
- November 2010