BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Council Meeting No 846 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 7th August 2006.

IN THE CHAIR: J Finlay, Mayor

PRESENT: Aldermen:

F Campbell H Connolly

C Cousley, Deputy Mayor

J Simpson

Councillors:

A Cavlan B Kennedy
M McCamphill D McKay
T McKeown A Patterson
E Robinson I Stevenson
M Storey, MLA R Wilson

APOLOGIES: M Storey

P McGuigan, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Borough Services

Head of Corporate & Development Services

Head of Leisure Services Head of Finance & IT Committee Clerk

Press

846.1 COUNCIL MEETING NO 845 - 3rd JULY 2006

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

that the minutes of Council Meeting No 845 held on 3rd July 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record with the following amendment.

1.1 Waste Management Grant spend (10.1)

Councillor Robinson's proposed amendment to Councillor Cavlan's motion should read:

That 50% of the cost of the lorry be funded by the grant, the remaining 50% being referred back to Committee regarding the use of it for waste management purposes.

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

that the minutes be amended to reflect this change.

846.2 CONDOLENCES

The Mayor expressed Council's condolences to former Councillor Bob McComb on the death of his wife, Mr John Michael on the death of his cousin and Mr Robert Downey on the death of his father.

846.3 CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor expressed Council's congratulations to Rasharkin Pipe Band on their first place achievement in the All Ireland Pipe Band competition at the weekend, following a 3rd place in the European Championships and 2nd at the Ulster Championships. He wished them well in the World Championships to be held on 12th August.

He advised that they had applied for financial assistance towards participating in the World Championships, as a similar award from Community Relations Funds had been made to Finvoy Band.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Wilson and AGREED:

to contribute £250 to Rasharkin Pipe Band to help in funding their participation at the World Championship Pipe Band Competition.

846.4 SEAL DOCUMENTS

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

that the seal of the Council be affixed to Grave Transfer Certificate No 1019 and Grave Registration Certificates No 1020 – 1025 inclusive.

846.5 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 172 – 10TH JULY 2006

The Development Committee report was presented by Councillor Stevenson.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 172 – 10th July 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

* Councillor Simpson entered the meeting at 7:40 pm

846.6 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 02 - 17TH JULY 2006

Alderman Connolly presented the Consultation Committee report.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 02 – 17th July 2006, as circulated, be approved.

* Councillor Bill Kennedy entered the meeting at 7:45 pm

846.7 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 319 – 18TH JULY 2006

Alderman Campbell presented the Leisure & Amenities Committee report including the following addendum:

7.1 Teddy Bears' Picnic

Teddy Bears' Picnic – Ballymoney Integrated Primary School Steering Group.

A letter has been received requesting the use of Riverside Park for a Teddy Bears' Picnic on the 12^{th} August between 2pm-4 pm, to raise awareness for the above project. No additional equipment is requested.

It was recommended that the use of Riverside Park be granted for a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Saturday 12th August between 2pm – 5 pm by Ballymoney Integrated Primary School Steering Group.

7.2 Riada Stadium

Councillor Kennedy enquired if charges had been agreed for the new Riada Stadium. The Director for Borough Services confirmed that a report would come before the Leisure and Amenities Committee at their August meeting.

A number of members commended council staff on the organisation of the Milk Cup event and the successful opening of the Stadium and reported on many complimentary remarks from overseas visitors.

7.3 Adoption of Minutes

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 319 – 18th July 2006, as circulated, together with the addendum set out above be adopted and the recommendations therein, approved.

846.8 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE NO 345 - 24TH JULY 2006

Councillor Patterson presented the report.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 345 – 24th July 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

8.1 Street Naming Policy (Draft EQIA) (345.7)

The Director of Borough Services advised the meeting that a letter dated 31st July 2006 had been received from the Equality Commission to the effect that its statutory duty investigations committee will be considering an investigation relating to a complaint received.

846.9 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 319 -25^{TH} JULY 2006

The report was presented by Councillor Robinson.

Alderman Simpson asked if there were any implications to implementation of the Fairtrade Policy. The Director of Borough Services reported that these products would be used for hospitality within the Council and that offices would use this food to promote this strategy. A report on implementation of policy had been presented to Committee. There was an expenditure of £2000 for promotional products from existing budgets.

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 319 -25^{th} July 2006, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

846.10 ALL IRELAND FREE TRAVEL SCHEME FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Northern Ireland concessionary Fares Scheme, which is funded by the Department for Regional Development, provides free travel on public transport for all Northern Ireland residents aged 65 and over.

Following agreement with the Government of the Republic of Ireland, it is the intention of the Department to introduce an All Ireland Free Travel Scheme for Older People. This Scheme will provide free travel throughout the island of Ireland for all eligible older people.

A document entitled "Public Consultation All Ireland Free Travel Scheme for Older People", seeks the views of consultees on the general policy. A second document entitled "Draft Equality Impact Assessment on the All Ireland Free Travel Scheme for Older People" seeks consultees' views on the policy's equality impact.

Views on both of these documents are invited before 1st September 2006.

The consultative documents are included in the weekly schedule.

846.11 Post Office - Dervock Branch

Post Office previously advised of the decision to proceed with the relocation of the above Post Office Branch to temporary premises at: 209 Knock Road, Dervock.

They have confirmed that the branch will open on an interim basis at the new location on 4th July, while work continues on the building of the brand new Post Office branch at the Carncullagh Road site. The new branch should be complete towards the end of 2006 / beginning 2007.

846.12 RESOLUTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

Derry City Council - 70th Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Spanish Civil War

Derry City Council recently adopted the following resolution:

"Derry City Council recognises that this July will be the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the international struggle against fascism in Spain and that many people from the North West, including this city, served with honour in defence of the Spanish Republic from 1936 to 1938.

Derry City Council commends the plans of the North West Spanish Civil War Committee to mark the said anniversary and to honour the memory of the International Brigades and the men from Derry, Donegal and Tyrone.

Derry City Council determines that officers be instructed to meet with the local organising Committee to examine ways in which Derry City Council can offer support to these activities especially the erecting of a permanent plaque in Derry City Centre and the realisation of a series of events."

Derry City Council directed that the passing of this resolution be sent to all Local Authorities throughout the island of Ireland to draw attention to the fact that this year is the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War.

846.13 REPORTS

A list of reports was circulated for members' information.

This being all the business, the meeting closed, the time being 8.00 pm