

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO.317 – 16th May 2006

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[This summary of recommendations has been provided to assist Members. The text is neither comprehensive nor definitive and ought to be considered as such.]

Ballymoney Borough Council

Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting No: 317

Minutes of Meeting No: 317 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, 33 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney on Tuesday, 16th May 2006 at 7.30 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Wilson

PRESENT
Aldermen
H. Connolly
J. Simpson

Councillors
J. Finlay
M. McCamphill
A. Patterson

IN ATTENDANCE:
Director of Central and Leisure Services
[Items 1-7]
Director of Borough Services
[Items 1-22]
Councillor McKay
Administrative Assistant

317.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alderman Campbell, Alderman Cousley, Councillor Robinson and Councillor Stevenson.

317.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 316 – 20th APRIL 2006

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

the minutes of the committee's last meeting No. 316, on 20th April 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL AND LEISURE SERVICES

317.3 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE – CAPITAL PROJECTS 2006/07

On the 16th May 2006 the Committee Vice Chair together with the Director opened the Select List Applications received in respect of the following projects –
Health Suite Refurbishments and Provision of Childrens Soft Play Area.

The Applications were submitted to the Councils Consultants for evaluation and report.

The Director detailed to the Committee the contents of the reports, which were available at the meeting for Committees consideration.

Main Contract

Eleven applications, as undernoted were received from Contractors seeking inclusion on the Select List –

- i. Dixon Contractors, 143 Tullaghans Road, Dunloy, Ballymena, BT44 9EA
- ii. J.S. Dunlop Ltd, 48 Kirk Road, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, BT53 8HB
- iii. JPM Contracts Ltd, 79 Main Street, Dungiven, Co. Londonderry, BT47 4LE
- iv. Martin & Hamilton Ltd, 46 Doury Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT53 6JB
- v. Mulhern & Rushe Ltd, 57 Main Street, Dungiven, Co. Londonderry, BT47 4LE
- vi. J. Kennedy & Co. (Contractors) Ltd, Killeague Road, 17 Sandel Village, Knocklynn Road, Coleraine, BT52 1WW
- vii. TAL Ltd, Tal House, Lissue Industrial Estate East, Lissue Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RB
- viii. The Patton Group, Woodside Road Industrial Estate, Woodside Road, Ballymena, BT42 4PT
- ix. Messrs. Hugh Taggart & Sons Ltd, 18 Meetinghouse Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JP
- x. Reynolds & Bennett (Contractors) Ltd, 4 Fergusons Way, Kilbegs Business Park, Kilbegs Road, Antrim, BT41 4LX
- xi. Canavan Construction Ltd, 123a Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, Co. Londonderry, BT45 6HP

The Council's Consultants, R. Robinson & Sons have recommended the following six applications for inclusion on the select list –

- i. J.S. Dunlop Ltd, 48 Kirk Road, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, BT53 8HB
- ii. JPM Contracts Ltd, 79 Main Street, Dungiven, Co. Londonderry, BT47 4LE
- iii. Martin & Hamilton Ltd, 46 Doury Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT53 6JB
- iv. J. Kennedy & Co. (Contractors) Ltd, Killeague Road, 17 Sandel Village, Knocklynn Road, Coleraine, BT52 1WW
- v. TAL Ltd, Tal House, Lissue Industrial Estate East, Lissue Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RB
- vi. Reynolds & Bennett (Contractors) Ltd, 4 Fergusons Way, Kilbegs Business Park, Kilbegs Road, Antrim, BT41 4LX

Mechanical Services

Three Applications as undernoted were received from companies seeking inclusion on the select list –

- i. Vaughan Engineering Service Ltd, Aercon Works, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 4RF
- ii. R & F Mechanical Services Ltd, 13 Seymour Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JR
- iii. Maurice Stevenson, Site 32 Annesborough Industrial Estate, Craigavon, BT67 9JD

The Council's Consultants, Cogan & Shacleton have recommended that the following two applicants be included on the select list -

- i. Vaughan Engineering Service Ltd, Aercon Works, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 4RF
- ii. R & F Mechanical Services Ltd, 13 Seymour Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6JR

The Consultants have further advised that with only two applicants for the project there is the potential for problems should one or both fail to return a bonafide tender.

Cogan & Shackleton have recommended that consideration be given to either supplementing the list from either a pool of contractors who have tendered for similar works in the past or re-advertise the project.

The Director reminded members of the timetable that was set for the works to minimise disruption to the centres customers.

It was agreed that a decision on the mechanical Services Select List be deferred to the Council Meeting on 5th June 2006 to enable the Director to discuss the two options in detail with both Cogan and Shackleton & R. Robinson & Sons

Electrical Services

Nine applications, as undernoted were received from companies seeking inclusion on the select list –

- i. Dowds Electrical, 2/4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney, BT53 6LE
- ii. RED Electrics, 9 Santry Lane, Newtownabbey, BT36 4XX
- iii. Braid Electrical Services Ltd, 2 Braidriver Business Park, Railway Street, Ballymena, BT42 2AF
- iv. HM Electrics Ltd, 95 Glen Road, Maghera, BT46 5JG
- v. Vaughan Engineering Service Ltd, Aercon Works, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 4RF
- vi. MFE Ltd, 40 Drumduff Road, Beragh, Co. Tyrone
- vii. J & G Engineering Ltd, Units 24/25 Harbour Court, 7 Heron Court, Belfast, BT3 9HB
- viii. McKinney & Patton, 2 Riada Ave, Ballymoney, BT53 7LH
- ix. P & L Electrics, 2 Aghanloo Ind Est, Limavady, BT49 0HE

The Council's Consultants, Cogan & Shackleton have recommended the following six applicants for inclusion on the select list –

- i. Dowds Electrical, 2/4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney, BT53 6LE
- ii. RED Electrics, 9 Santry Lane, Newtownabbey, BT36 4XX
- iii. Braid Electrical Services Ltd, 2 Braidriver Business Park, Railway Street, Ballymena, BT42 2AF
- iv. HM Electrics Ltd, 95 Glen Road, Maghera, BT46 5JG
- v. Vaughan Engineering Service Ltd, Aercon Works, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 4RF
- vi. J & G Engineering Ltd, Units 24/25 Harbour Court, 7 Heron Court, Belfast, BT3 9HB

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

to recommend to Council that the contractors recommended by the Consultants form the Select Lists for the Main Contract and Electrical Services, for the Health Suite Extension & Refurbishment & Provision of Soft Play Area Project.

317.4 TALENTED YOUNG ATHLETE AWARDS SCHEME

An application for financial support under the talented Young Athlete Award Scheme has been received from the local ice skater, Karla Quinn. She is still competing at the highest level and is preparing herself for the next Winter Olympics.

In 2004 & 2005 the Council contributed £2,000 under the scheme to Karla Quinn. In years three and four grant aid is dependent on how the athlete is performing.

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

to recommend to Council that the decision be deferred to allow the Director to obtain more information on the athletes performance and achievements.

317.5 KILLYRAMMER & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The matter of Killyrammer & District Community Centre Management Committee revised constitution and the lease of the Community Centre were deferred to this months meeting for further consideration by the Committee.

The Director detailed to the meeting the matters that had to be addressed under a lease arrangement. As the Chair of the Committee, who is also Chair of Killyrammer Management Committee was not present, it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the matter be deferred and that the Director produce a paper detailing the options available to the Council.

317.6 COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTION PLAN 2006/2007

In April 2006 the Council approved the 2006/2007 budget for the community relations programme.

The budget has been submitted to the Community Relations Unit for grant aid.

A draft community relations action plan has been developed for the year within the budget limits. This was circulated at the meeting for Committees consideration. Appendix 1

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

to recommend to Council that the Head of the Community Relations Unit be invited to the next Committee Meeting to detail for members what is eligible for grant aid.

317.7 COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for community relations grants were considered.

- 7.1 Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural & Heritage Society for assistance with an Exhibition of Banners and Lodge Materials.

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

To recommend that Council contribute £300 to Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society.

- 7.2 Orange Heritage & Cultural Committee for assistance with an event to celebrate and promote Ulster Scots.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £200 to Orange Heritage and Cultural Committee

- 7.3 Bendooragh & District Community Association for assistance with their Community Festival.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £350 to Bendooragh & District Community Association.

- 7.4 Dervock and District Community Association for assistance with their Community Week.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £350 to Dervock and District Community Association.

- 7.5 Cloughmills Boys and Girls Football Club for assistance with their Community Football Week.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £200 to Cloughmills Boys and Girls Football Club.

7.6 Carnary Community Association for assistance with their Community Week.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £300 to Carnary Community Association.

7.7 Lavin Flute Band for assistance with their Indoor Bowling Tournament.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £150 to Lavin Flute Band.

It was also agreed that evidence of expenditure should be sought from the groups, which received grant aid.

317.8 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT SCHEME

The following applications for community support grant were considered.

8.1 Little Acorns Parent & Toddler for Assistance towards Craft Courses for parents.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £100 to Little Acorns Parent & Toddler.

8.2 Bendooragh and District Community Association for assistance towards providing hanging baskets in their community.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £100 to Bendooragh and District Community Association.

8.3 Cloughmills Community Action Team for assistance towards tools and equipment for environmental work.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £100 to Cloughmills Community Action Team.

8.4 Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society for assistance towards a Fancy Dress Parade.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £100 to Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural and Heritage Society.

DIRECTOR OF BOROUGH SERVICES

317.9 PLAY AREA UPGRADE

On 2nd May the Committee Chair, together with the Director, opened the select list Applications received by the deadline set by Council (12 noon, 2nd May 2006) in respect of the upgrade of play areas at Balnamore, Magherahoney and Rockend. 3 applications received after the deadline were not opened.

The following 11 applications, which had been opened, were passed to the Council's Consultants – R Robinson & Sons for evaluation and report to Council –

Whitemountain Quarries Limited, 1 Letterloan Road, Macosquin
 Play & Leisure Service Limited, 24 Manse Road, Carrowdore
 M P Coleman Limited, Brigh Road, Stewartstown
 Leslie McGuckian, 36 Ruskey Road, Cookstown
 Street Play Leisure Limited, 2–4 Balloo Avenue, Bangor
 Boyd Landscapes Limited, 8 Logwood Road, Ballyclare
 Crawford Contracts Limited, Woodside Road, Ballymena
 Northstone (NI) Limited, 209 Bushmills Road, Coleraine
 T D McKane & Son, 35 Ednagee Road, Castleterg
 C A Haffey & Son Limited, 2a Carn Court Road, Portadown
 Riddles Brothers Limited, 34 Lupin Avenue, Donemana

The Council's consultants, having assessed the applications, have recommended the following 7 applicants for inclusion on the Council's select list for the project-

Whitemountain Quarries Limited
 Play & Leisure Service Limited
 Street Play Leisure Limited
 Boyd Landscapes Limited
 Crawford Contracts Limited
 Northstone (NI) Limited, Quarry & Asphalt Division
 T D McKane & Son

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

to recommend to Council that the 7 companies recommended by its consultants form the Select List for the upgrades of the Play Areas at Balnamore, Magherahoney and Rockend.

317.10 PROVISION OF 2 SAND MATTRESS PITCHES

On 2nd May the Committee Chair, together with the Director, opened the Select List Applications received by the Council's deadline (12 noon, 2nd May 2006) regarding the provision of a further two sand mattress pitches at Riada Playing Fields.

5 applications, as undernoted, were received from companies seeking inclusion on the Council's select list for the project –

Michael Ferrity Contracts, 77 Greencastle Road, Omagh
Whitemountain Quarries Limited, 1 Letterloan Road, Macosquin
Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Limited, 49 Ballynahinch Road, Saintfield
CA Haffey & Son Limited, 2a Carn Court, Portadown
Fox Building & Engineering Ltd, 250 Drumnakilly Road, Omagh

The Council's Consultants, R. Robinson & Sons, having assessed the applications, have recommended all 5 applicants for inclusion on the Council's select list for the projects –

Michael Ferrity Contracts
Whitemountain Quarries Limited
Tony Patterson Sportsground Limited
CA Haffey & Son Limited
Fox Building & Engineering Limited

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

to recommend to Council that the 5 companies recommended by its consultants form the Select List for the provision of 2 sand mattress pitches at Riada Playing Fields.

317.11 REPLACEMENT ROOFS AT KNOCK ROAD DEPOT

On 9th May the Committee Chair, together with the Director, opened the 4 tenders received (following public advertisement) in respect of the replacement of two roofs at the Council's Knock Road Depot.

The tenders received, as undernoted, have been passed to the Council's consultants R Robinson & Sons for evaluation and report –

	Tender Figure
J S Dunlop Limited, 48 Kirk Road, Ballymoney	£31,916.00
Jameson Roofing Specialists Limited, Unit 7, Brownstown Business Centre, Portadown	£28,005.80
E. Kearney & Son, 21 Crawfordstown Road, Portglenone	£36,447.00
JPM Contracts Limited, 79 Main Street, Dungiven	£29,160.00

The Council's consultants report was circulated at the meeting.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED:**

to recommend to Council that it accept the lowest tender received, that from Jameson Roofing Specialists Limited, Unit 7, Brownstown Business Centre, Portadown in the sum of £28,005.80 to replace to roofs at its Knock Road depot.

Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 9:20 pm

317.12 REPLACEMENT WATER TANKS

As members are aware Council has budgeted for the replacement of the main water tanks at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre this year.

Following the drawing up of a scheme by the Council's Consultants Cogan & Shackleton applications will be invited for inclusion on a select list and then work would be tendered.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that this project be commenced and that the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair, together with the Director or his nominee be authorised to open both applications and tenders received for report to Council.

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

to recommend to Council that the project be commenced with it's consultants - Cogan & Shackleton asked to draw up the scheme and that applications for inclusion on a select list be invited and the work subsequently be tendered; and that the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair, together with the Director or his nominee, be authorised to open both applications and tenders received in respect of the replacement water tank scheme for report to Council.

Councillor Finlay re-entered the meeting at 9:30 pm

Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 9:30 pm

317.13 STADIUM PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

On 12th May the Committee Chair, together with the Director, opened the 3 tenders received. Blackbourne Electrical Company Limited although invited to tender did not do so. The tenders received were –

HM Electrics	£31,043.00
JMF Electrics	£32,215.00
Irwin Electrics	£39,539.00

These were passed to the Council's consultants Cogan & Shackleton for evaluation and report. The Consultants report was available at the meeting for consideration by the Committee.

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

to recommend to Council that it accept the lowest tender received that from H M Electrics, 95 Glen Road, Maghera in the sum of £31,043.

317.14 PERIODIC INSPECTION & TESTING OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council tender, via the select list procedure, the periodic inspection and testing of the electrical installations in its properties, including remedial works as required.

This work will also include the following –

- Testing of portable appliances in each of the buildings
- Functional testing of the emergency lighting installation in each building
- Functional testing of the fire alarm installation in each building
- Functional testing of the lighting protection installation in each building

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair, together with the Director or his nominee be authorised to open the applications and tenders received for report to Council.

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

to recommend to Council that it tender, via the select list procedure, the periodic inspection and testing of the electrical installations in its properties, including remedial works as required and that the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair, together with the Director or his nominee, be authorised to open the applications and tenders received for report to Council.

317.15 BALLYBOGEY PLAY PARK LIGHTING

The issue of placement and availability of lights at this Council facility has been raised. The matter has been investigated and it is estimated that the movement/replacement of a lighting column together with the necessary timer would cost £725.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that this expenditure be sanctioned, together with the ongoing cost of electricity to operate the lights when necessary during the period 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

In the ensuing discussion mentioned that Alderman Campbell had mentioned to him that when the hall was in use, the playing of football in particular at the kickabout area, which backed on to the hall, was disruptive. The Director advised that this could be taken into account by overriding the proposed timer when the hall was in use.

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

to recommend to Council that this expenditure be sanctioned, together with the ongoing cost of electricity to operate the lights when necessary during the period 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

317.16 PLAY AREA PROVISION

Presently Council has play areas at the following locations within the Borough – Riverside Park and Megaw Park, Ballymoney, Loughguile (Millenium Centre), Dervock, Cloughmills, Balnamore, Bendooragh, Ballybogey, Rasharkin, Dunloy, Stranocum, Macfin, Clontyfinnan, Killyrammer, Ballyknock, Benvista, Rockend, Ballynagarvey, Greymount Park, Dunaghy, Lislagan, Magherahoney, Seacon, Carnany, Fernbank, Seymour Drive and Westgate, Ballymoney, Drumahelis and Glebeside.

Of the 29 play areas under its control those at Riverside Park, The Millenium Centre, Macfin, Killyrammer, Carnany, Clontyfinnan, Ballybogey, Dervock, Rasharkin and Seymour Drive are to the latest standards. This year Council is to upgrade the play areas at Balnamore, Magherahoney and Rockend. This then leaves 15 locations to be considered, together with the proposal by a member that land under the Council's control at Scally Park, Loughguile be used to provide a further play area and a request from Druckendult Community Association for a play area.

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

to recommend to Council that it defer a decision on this matter until next month, in order that the Director might prepare estimates of the cost of upgrading both 'small' and 'large' play areas so that Council might then consider its programme for the remainder of its term.

317.17 DSD SMALL POCKETS OF DEPRIVATION PROGRAMME

As members are aware DSD withdrew its offer of funding under the above programme to the three town community associations late last financial year. It is understood that the funding package has now been reinstated and will continue for a three year period.

Council has been involved with both Castle Community Association and Glebeside Community Association regarding the delivery of measures.

In the case of Castle CA, in the first instance, work at Seymour Drive and Westgate play areas has been identified as priority. The Community Association wish to see a higher fence and hard surfaces provided at the Seymour Drive site, together with improvements to fencing and play equipment at Westgate.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council facilitate the delivery of these measures and recoup from Castle CA its expenditure.

Glebeside CA would wish to see its sports facility project proceed. Notwithstanding that funding, other than that already secured from Council is being sought, IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Community Association is assisted by tasking the Council's consultants R Robinson & Sons to prepare the scheme and that on this basis planning approval be secured.

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

to recommend to Council that it facilitate Castle Community Association to delivery the improvements to both Seymour Drive and Westgate Play Areas sought and recoup from Castle CA its expenditure' and that it facilitate Glebeside Community Association by tasking the Council's consultants R Robinson & Sons to prepare the scheme and that on this basis planning approval be secured.

317.18 RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY

There is a need to consider an improvement plan for the Council's prestigious Riverside Park in Ballymoney in order to extend and complete the cycle path network, improve paths particularly at the Bravallen Road end, enhance planting and bio-diversity, and provide the envisaged link to the Council's Riada Playing Fields and Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Council's Consultants R Robinson & Sons be asked to investigate and prepare an improvement plan for Committee consideration later this year.

It is also pleasing to report that following use of the facility on 7th March by P6 & P7 pupils from both Landhead PS and Lislagan PS, recorded by the BBC, as part of those schools environmental work, letters congratulating Council have been received. The principal of Landhead PS wrote "we are pleasantly surprised by how clean and well kept the park was in comparison to the last time we visited". These 'well dones' have been conveyed to the Council staff who look after the park on a day to day basis.

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

to recommend to Council that the Council's Consultants R Robinson & Sons be asked to investigate and prepare an improvement plan for Committee consideration later this year.

Councillor Patterson left after this discussion at 10:00 pm

317.19 BUS SHELTER PROVISION

Since the last report to Committee additional investigations have been undertaken in conjunction with Ulsterbus regarding further bus shelter provision in the Borough. A report giving the assessment of a local Ulsterbus official concerning the possible provision of shelters at Rasharkin,

Bendooragh, Ballyknock and Castle Street and Townhead Street in Ballymoney is reproduced as Appendix 2.

It is the case that a potential site for a bus shelter in Bendooragh has been identified near 81 Bann Road.

The question of a replacement bus shelter at Magherahoney had been raised. The present shelter (an EU reinforced concrete panel type) is in good order and of similar construction to 27 others within the Borough. Its replacement is therefore not recommended.

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

to recommend to Council that R. Robinson & Sons prepare the necessary plans and secure planning approval for the following four locations: Townhead Street, Castle Street, Bendooragh and Rasharkin (Churchill Crescent).

317.20 LOWER BANN CANOE TRAIL

Members will recall that Council has agreed to contribute £2,719 towards the cost of developing the Lower Bann Canoe Trail (minute CM818 – 7th November 2005 refers). The Countryside Access and Activities Network (CAAN), the body co-ordinating this development, has requested written confirmation from Council regarding the installation and maintenance of an interpretative panel (to be supplied by CAAN) at Drumaheglis Marina and Caravan Park. As part of the process, it is necessary to submit an application to Planning Service in order to obtain “consent to display” permission for the interpretive panel.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council install, maintain and insure the interpretive panel to be supplied by CAAN for Drumaheglis as part of the Lower Bann Canoe Trail project.

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

to recommend to Council that it install, maintain and insure the interpretive panel to be supplied by CAAN for Drumaheglis as part of the Lower Bann Canoe Trail project.

317.21 TRANSLINK ULSTER IN BLOOM 2006

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board have written inviting entries for the 2006 Ulster in Bloom Competition. Last year Ballymoney and Stranocum were nominated by Council. Stranocum achieved (for the second year running) a joint 3rd place in the small village category.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council nominate Ballymoney and Stranocum as its entries in the Translink Ulster in Bloom 2006 Competition.

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

to recommend to Council that it nominate Ballymoney and Stranocum as its entries in the Translink Ulster in Bloom 2006 Competition.

317.22 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

Applications have been received as undernoted for the erection of memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery.

Section I2 No. 94

Mr James Gault, 2 Fishloughan Terrace, Coleraine
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section I2 No. 96

Mrs Jennifer Peden, 85 Tober Park, Cullybackey
All Polished Topical Green Granite Headstone and Base

Section I1 Nos. 100, 101, 102

Mrs E.J. Voyce, 18 Beech Hill, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite headstone, Base, Posts and Kerbs

Section I2 No. 15

Mrs May Millar, 30 Ballindreen Road, Ballybogey
Black granite Headstone and Base

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant permission to the above applicants to erect memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

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

to recommend to Council that it grant permission to the above applicants to erect memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 10:55 pm

REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community Relations Grants – Letters of Thanks
2. Bank of Ireland Countryside Walks Programme
3. Drumaheglis Easter Fun Day

