

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NO.316 – 20th APRIL 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: 316

Minutes of Meeting No: 316 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, 33 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney on Thursday, 20th April 2006 at 7.30 pm

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman Campbell

PRESENT

Aldermen
H. Connolly
C. Cousley
J. Simpson

Councillors
J. Finlay
A. Patterson
E. Robinson
R. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE:
Director of Health & Environmental Services
[Items 1-8]
Director of Financial & Administrative Services
[Items 1-16]
Administrative Assistant

316.1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor M. McCamphill and Councillor I. Stevenson.

316.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 316 – 20th APRIL 2006

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

the minutes of the committee's last meeting No. 315, on 21st March 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

316.3 DRUMAHEGLIS MARINA & CARAVAN PARK

It has been suggested that Council consider the provision of a Civic Function to celebrate the continuing success of its Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park. As has been reported, the Council's facility was the NI Regional Winner 2006 of the prestigious magazine Practical Caravan Awards and is regarded as one of the TOP 100 PARKS in GB.

It is also pleasing to report that the marina is fully booked with Council having to establish a berth waiting list.

Committee is invited to consider this business and make recommendation to Council.

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

to recommend to Council that a Civic Function be organised to celebrate and publicise the continuing success of its Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park, including the recent achievement of being judged NI Regional Winner 2006 in the prestigious Practical Caravan Awards.

316.4 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2006-2007

On 12th April the Committee Chair, together with the Director, opened the Select List Applications received in respect of the following 2006-2007 capital projects –

- (1) Stadium Public Address System
- (2) Changing Accommodation at Dunaghy and Balnamore

The Director spoke to the Council's Consultants reports, which were available at the meeting for Committee's consideration.

- (1) Stadium Public Address System
5 applications, as undernoted, were received from companies seeking inclusion on the Councils select list for the project –
Blackborne Electrical Company Limited, Springfarm Industrial Estate, Ballymena Road, Antrim;
Bryan Powercom Limited, 19 University Street, Belfast;
Dowds Electrical, 2/4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney;
HM Electrics Limited, 95 Glen Road, Maghera; and
Irwin Group, 6 Beresford Road, Mall East, Armagh.
The Council's Consultants, Cogan & Shackleton, having assessed the applications, have recommended the following 4 applicants for inclusion on the Council's select list for the project –
Blackborne Electrical Company Limited, Springfarm Industrial Industrial Estate, Ballymena Road, Antrim;
Dowds Electrical , 2/4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney;
HM Electrics Limited, 95 Glen Road, Maghera; and
Irwin Group, 6 Beresford Road, Mall East, Armagh.

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

to recommend to Council that the 4 companies recommended by its Consultants form the Select List for the provision of a Public Address System at the Stadium.

- (2) Changing Accommodation at Dunaghy and Balnamore
It was explained that select list applications for this project related to three elements – building contractors, electrical and mechanical services.
One application, that from G.F. Johnston Limited of 22 Ballymiscaw Road, Hollywood, was considered by the Council's Consultants to be non-compliant.

6 applications, as undernoted, were received from contractors seeking inclusion on the Council's select list for the project –
 Alex Morton Contracts, 43 Killysorrell Road, Dromore;
 Dixon Contractors, 143 Tullaghans Road, Dunloy;
 JPM Contracts Limited, 79 Main Street, Dungiven;
 J.S. Dunlop Limited, 48 Kirk Road, Ballymoney;
 Martin & Hamilton Limited, 46 Doury Road, Ballymena; and
 P. Scullion Limited, 296 Hillhead Road, Magherafelt.

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

Alex Morton Contracts, 43 Killysorrell Road, Dromore;
 Dixon Contractors, 143 Tullaghans Road, Dunloy;
 JPM Contracts Limited, 79 Main Street, Dungiven;
 J.S. Dunlop Limited, 48 Kirk Road, Ballymoney;
 Martin & Hamilton Limited, 46 Doury Road, Ballymena.

6 applications, as undernoted, were received from company's seeking inclusion on the Council's select list for the electrical services aspect of the project –

Braid Electrical Services Limited, Unit 2, Braidriver Business Park, Railway Street, Ballymena;
 Dowds Electrical, 2/4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney;
 Gordon Wilson Electrical, 24 Oakland Heights, Cullybackey;
 HM Electrics Limited, 95 Glen Road, Maghera;
 Image Technical Services, Grove Street East, Belfast; and
 RED Electrics, 9 Sentry Lane, Newtownabbey.

The Council's Consultants, Cogan & Shackleton, having assessed the applications, have recommended all 6 applicants for inclusion on the Council's select list for the project –

Braid Electrical Services Limited, Unit 2, Braidriver Business Park, Railway Street, Ballymena;
 Dowds Electrical, 2/4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney;
 Gordon Wilson Electrical, 24 Oakland Heights, Cullybackey;
 HM Electrics Limited, 95 Glen Road, Maghera;
 Image Technical Services, Grove Street East, Belfast; and
 RED Electrics, 9 Sentry Lane, Newtownabbey.

2 applications, as undernoted, were received from company's seeking inclusion on the Council's select list for the mechanical services aspect of the project –

Image Technical Services, Grove Street East, Belfast; and
 McKay Plumbing & Heating, 120 Magheralane Road, Randalstown.

The Council's Consultants, Cogan & Shackleton, having assessed the applications, have recommended both applicants for inclusion on the Council's select list –

Image Technical Services, Grove Street East, Belfast; and
 McKay Plumbing & Heating, 120 Magheralane Road, Randalstown.

The Council's Consultants further advised that with only two applicants for the project there is the potential for problems should one or both fail to return a bona fide tender. Cogan & Shackleton recommended that consideration be given to supplementing the list from a pool of contractors who have tendered for similar work in the past. The Director advised that he did not favour this approach and that Council had time to re-advertise this part of the work, whilst retaining the 2 companies which had already

applied and had met the criteria for inclusion on the Council's select list for the project.

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

to recommend to Council that the companies recommended by its Consultants form the Select Lists for the provision of changing accommodation at Dunaghy and Balnamore, subject to the proviso that Council would re-advertise the mechanical services aspect of the project, whilst retaining the 2 companies which had already applied and had met the criteria for inclusion, in order to augment this particular select list for the project.

316.5 PLANNING APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

In order to facilitate the timely delivery of capital projects **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that planning approval now be sought for the final 2 replacement Changing Rooms (those at Dunloy and Dervock) within the Council's forward programme.

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

to recommend to Council that it now obtain planning approval for the final 2 proposed replacement changing accommodation (at Dunloy and Dervock) within the Council's forward programme.

316.6 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

Application has been received, as undernoted, for the erection of memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery -

Section 8 No. 195

Ms. Eva Carmichael, 32 Dehra Gardens, Ballymoney
All Polished South African Grey Granite Headstone and Surround

Section I2 No. 119

Ms. Phyllis McIntyre, 40 Cherry Gardens, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section H3 No. 31

Mr William Francis Beattie, 5 Grove Park, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section 6 No.57

Mrs. Hazel Gillen, 174 Seacon Road, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section H4 No.65

Ms. Martha Isobel Culbertson, 27 Chestnut Grove, Ballymoney
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 Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Robinson and AGREED:

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

316.7 SYNTHETIC PITCH REJUVENATION

The Director reminded Members that at the February Committee it had been agreed that the Riada Playing Fields Working Group would undertake site visits to similar facilities. He advised that the Working Group ought firstly to visit the Council's own pitch and that recently provided by Moyle DC and then those suggested by the two contractors having undertaken rejuvenation work. It was agreed that the Director would write out to the members of the Riada Playing Fields Working Group suggesting visit dates.

316.8 BALLYMONEY RIVERSIDE PARK

The Director advised that a recently advertised discharge consent application involved a proposed outfall to the Council's Riverside Park in an area which would be unacceptable. The application related to the proposed housing development at the former Tesco Supermarket site. He advised that he had written to the relevant authority – DoE Environment & Heritage Service seeking to protect the Council's interests and that the matter would also be drawn to the attention of Planning Service.

Councillor Finlay joined the meeting at 8:10 pm

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

316.9 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE – CAPITAL PROJECTS 2006/2007

The Council has budgeted for the following projects within the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre this year.

- I. Health Suite Refurbishment & Extension
- II. Childrens Soft Play Area
- III. Replacement Water Tanks

The Council's consultants will be engaged to draw up schemes for each project, applications will be invited for inclusion on select lists and then the works will be tendered.

Discussion ensued regarding the detailed works associated with the projects, the timescale involved and the need to minimise disruption to the centre users. It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Connolly and AGREED:

to recommend to Council that a Leisure Working Group consisting of Alderman Campbell, Alderman Connolly, Alderman Cousley, Alderman Simpson, Councillor Patterson, Councillor Robinson and Councillor Wilson be established to deal with the detailed works associated with the capital projects.

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

1. ***to recommend to the Council that the Health Suite Refurbishment and extension and the Childrens Soft Play Area be commenced, that the Councils Consultants be engaged to draw up detailed schemes and applications be invited for inclusion on a select list.***
2. ***to recommend that the Chair together with the Director of Financial and Administrative Services be authorised to open tenders for report to Committee and Council.***
3. ***to recommend that a decision on the Replacement Water Tanks project be deferred until next meeting.***

316.10 THE ISRM & IQL NATIONAL LIFEGUARD CHALLENGE

The National Lifeguard Challenge is being held on Saturday 10th June 2006 at the Stechford Casades, Birmingham.

The competition has been designed as a training exercise to both raise the profile of and test and reward the abilities of pool lifeguards. Knowledge & skills will be tested in the areas of leadership, health & safety, emergency procedures, operational management, first aid, team work and physical fitness. The cost for a team of 6 is estimated at £1165. to include travel accommodation and entrance fee and would be met from the Leisure Centres budget.

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

to recommend to Council a team of six people be entered into the Competition and that the Committee Chairman accompany the team to the event.

316.11 SCHOOLS SWIMMING PROGRAMME

The Secretary to the Board of Governors of Ballymoney Model Primary School has written to the Council enquiring if it would give consideration to the financing of the Schools Swimming Programme for the children of the Borough.

When the North Eastern Education and Library Board ceased to directly fund schools swimming and the swimming teachers, the Joey Dunlop Leisure devised a swimming programme, with swimming instructors in conjunction with the schools. The majority of schools this academic year have participated in the programme and have advised that they favour the present system. The current cost of £1.50 per session, which includes swimming instruction, is cheaper than the cost of a junior swim.

The Council has already set the budgets for 2006/07.

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

to recommend to the Council to write to the Board of Governors of the Model Primary School advising that the swimming programme devised for schools has been well received, and is more economical than the cost of a junior swim and will be continued in the next school year.

316.12 NORTH ANTRIM HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The North Antrim Horticultural Association will be holding its 78th Annual Show of Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Home Industries and Handicrafts on Saturday 19th August 2006 in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney. Last year the Association were delighted with the financial support from the Council. The Annual Show continues to enjoy widespread support from across the local community and receives entries from all age groups. The Association is anxious to ensure the continued success of the Show and has written to the Council requesting financial support for this years show.

**Declaration
Of Interest**

Councillor Robinson declared an interest as a member of the Association and left the room.

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

to recommend to Council that £100 be donated to the North Antrim Horticultural Association Show on 19th August 2006 in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Ballymoney.

Councillor Robinson rejoined the meeting

316.13 CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS TOURISM PARTNERSHIP – BUSINESS PLAN 2006-2009

Over a period of more than 12 months the eight Councils who are members of the Causeway Coast & Glens Regional Tourism Organisation have been engaged in a process of finding a formula to develop a Regional Tourism Partnership in line with the Northern Ireland Tourist Boards requirements to move the Regional Tourism Organisation concept onto a broader plane and provide a Regional Tourism Partnership with a remit extending beyond the marketing that was the raison d'être of the Regional Tourism Organisation.

The Causeway Coast & Glens Regional Tourism Partnership is one of the five regional partnerships that the NI Tourist Board has proposed for Northern Ireland commencing in April 2006 following the ending of EU Peace 2 marketing funding to the old Regional Tourism Organisations.

The NI Tourist Board defines the purpose of Regional Tourism Partnerships: “To supports the destination in the achievement of its potential through the delivery of a coordinated customer first approach to product development, industry development, visitor servicing and marketing communication”.

The draft business plan for the New Regional Tourism Partnership is attached as Appendix B. It details the new partnerships vision and objectives, core functions and activities, structure and membership, organisation and management, funding and monitoring and evaluation procedures.

The Councils contribution of £16,000 for 2006/07 is included in this years rates estimates.

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

to recommend to Council to adopt the Causeway Coast & Glens Regional Tourism Partnership Business Plan 2006-2009.

316.14 COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANT AID PROGRAMME

Revised guidance notes, application form and monitoring form to be used under the Community Relations Grant Aid Programme were considered by the Committee last month and recommended for acceptance to Council.

The Council at its meeting on 3rd April 2006 referred the matter back to this Committee.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Wilson and AGREED:

to recommend to Council that keep the revised guidance notes, application form and monitoring form be adopted and used under the Community Relations Grant Aid Programme with effect from May 2006.

316.15 KILLYRAMMER & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – REVISED CONSTITUTION

At the Annual General Meeting of the Killyrammer & District Community Centre Management Committee on the 4th April 2006 alternations to the constitution were approved. The revision was to the membership of the Management Committee. The revised constitution is attached as Appendix C

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

to defer this matter to the next meeting of the Committee

316.16 KILLYRAMMER COMMUNITY CENTRE – LEASE OF BUILDING

Killyrammer & District Community Centre Management Committee has been offered £65,000 grant by the Community Relations Unit towards the cost of repairs to the buildings. One of the conditions of the offer of the grant is that the building is leased to the Management Committee for a period not less than 99 years.

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

to defer this matter to the next meeting of the Committee and that the Director obtain a copy of the draft lease for consideration by the Committee.

316.17 NORTH WEST 200 – Corporate Hospitality Package

The Council at its meeting in January 2006 approved sponsorship of £8,000 for the 600 Supersport Race at the North West 200. As a sponsor Council has been given four silver package places for members/officers. The Silver package includes entrance to the paddocks, buffet lunch and a complimentary programme.

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

to recommend that Council nominate the Mayor, Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Patterson and Museum Manager to be representatives to the North West 200

316.18 REPORTS

The following reports were tabled:

1. PILOT PROGRAMME TO TACKLE CHILD OBESITY HELD IN JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE
2. JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE – THROUGHPUT AND INCOME
3. LETTERS OF THANKS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

****This being all the business the meeting concluded the time being 11.00 pm.****