

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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Minutes of Development Meeting No 234, held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney on Wednesday 18th April 2012 at 6.30 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J Finlay

PRESENT:

Aldermen
F Campbell
H Connolly
B Kennedy

Councillors
J Atkinson
W Blair
R Halliday
R McAfee
I Stevenson
M Storey

APOLOGIES: Councillor E Robinson
Councillor M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Committee Clerk

Townscape Heritage Initiative Project Officer (Item 2)
Mr N Brown – THI Project Officer

234.1 PRESENTATION – TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE

The Chair welcomed the Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) Project Officer to the meeting to give a presentation on the progress of the initiative (attached as Appendix 1). He responded to questions from members on the five year scheme attracting £1.34M towards the total project costs of £2.5M. Issues raised included funding streams, extension to conservation area, roller shutter doors, criteria for inclusion in the scheme, conservation and economic benefits of the scheme and community engagement.

The Chair thanked the Project Officer for his presentation and welcomed the initiative which represents a major investment in the town.

The Project Officer left the meeting at 7.05.

234.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 233 – 21ST MARCH 2012

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

to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 233 – 21st March 2012, as circulated, be approved.

234.3 EVENTS:

3.1 Events Sub-Committee

The Head of Corporate & Development presented report of the events sub-committee which had met on 16th April, dealing with Olympic torch relay, Diamond Jubilee and other 2012 events and activities, attached as appendix 2.

Arising from discussion on the report it was agreed as follows:

3.1.1 Co. Antrim Jubilee Dinner

Six members expressed their interest. Those members not present would be contacted to ascertain interest, with the remaining places being filled by representatives from the business, community and voluntary sectors, as identified by the sub committee.

3.1.2 Vanves – Visit by Football Group.

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

that Mayor and Committee Chair represent Council.

3.1.3 Diamond Jubilee Community Grants

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

that grants be awarded, as recommended, (detailed in annex 1 of appendix 3) subject to receipt of all outstanding information to support the application being received by 27th April.

3.1.3 Village Working Group – Revised Arrangements

Having reviewed the existing arrangements with regard to the joint working group for Dervock, issues and impacts in relation to other

village projects coming on stream, including planning and funding issues, identified at DC231, and the involvement of the Office of the Chief Executive and Borough Services in development and delivery of village infrastructure projects.

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

- 1. that the implementation of revised arrangements for Dervock and other village renewal project groups, as appropriate, be approved.**
- 2. that at project planning stage project groups report to Development Committee, with reports to Leisure & Amenities (Amenities Section) when projects roll out to implementation stage.**

3.1.4 Christmas Programme

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

that Council meet the energy costs of Christmas lighting as a one-off having regard to the current economic climate.

234.4 NORTHERN AREA PLAN

The final sessions of the public examination of the draft Northern Area Plan 2016 were completed in Ballymoney Town Hall on 22nd March. A letter of thanks has been received from the Planning Appeals Commission for the accommodation, facilities and staff support provided.

234.5 CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS HERITAGE TRUST

Arising from discussions with the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust and committees invitation to the Trust to make a presentation to Council it is **recommended** that a workshop session be arranged on a mutually convenient date for members to receive a presentation on the work and activities of the Trust and an update on the Landscape Partnership Scheme and other initiatives being advanced in the region.

It was **AGREED:**

that a members workshop session be arranged to receive a presentation on the work and activities of the Trust and an update on the Landscape Partnership Scheme and other initiatives being advanced in the region.

234.6 NORTH EAST PEACE III PROGRAMME

The North East Peace III Partnership has appointed the Workers Education Association (WEA) in partnership with the Interaction Institute for Social Change and Mediation NI, to deliver Phase 2 of the Leadership in a Shared Society Project.

The aim of this project is to develop strong effective leadership amongst both civic and community representatives to assist the achievement of the NE Peace III Partnership's overall vision for the area. Details of the project are set out in the attached letter of 26th March.

Committee is invited to nominate five councillors, ideally representing all parties. Alderman Campbell, who had participated in a previous programme, advised that the sessions were mostly held during the day, with some evening sessions.

Alderman Kennedy, Alderman Connolly and Councillor Atkinson expressed an interest. This matter was deferred for discussion at the meeting of Council on 8th May.

A request has been received from representatives of NE Peace III to give a presentation to Council at its meeting on 8th May.

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

that representatives from Peace III will give a presentation to Council at its meeting on 8th May 2012.

234.7 PROJECT UPDATES

7.1 Tourism Area Plan

Work is continuing with the consultancy team facilitating the process and the plan is substantially complete. The final plan will be presented for adoption by Council.

7.2 Town Centre Development

With regard to future development of the town arrangements have been made for Minister of Social Development to visit Ballymoney in early May. With regard to the Council's interest in a sustainable towns initiative support was being provided to a working group of business leaders.

7.3 Rural Development Partnership Projects

7.3.1 Drumaheglis Strategic Project

Formal applications to be invited shortly by the Rural Development Programme. Project plans had been developed and planning permission being progressed.

7.3.2 Borough Trails

The feasibility study report had been completed and consultation was being entered into with NI Tourist Board Consultation and other parties to further develop the outline project plan. A presentation on the project would be arranged for members.

7.4 Social Enterprise Project

Arrangements are well advanced with regard to the establishment of limited companies in respect of those groups managing council's community halls. A programme of support for financial planning, policy development and training issues, under a social enterprise initiative, was being drawn up in association with the community networks.

234.8 RATE REFORMS

Fact sheets on the rate relief effective from 1st April has been circulated to members under OCE memo dated 2nd April.

234.9 BROADBAND AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACT SHEET

A copy of DETI updated guidance note covering the telecommunications market and broadband issues in NI is attached. It provides an overview of a number of projects brought forward by DETI and sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of network operators, DETI and the telecommunications Regulator, OFCOM. Attention is drawn to the arrival of Onwave Ltd to the Northern Ireland market. Onwave are delivering satellite broadband services under DETI's Remote Broadband Services Contract, previously held by Avanti.

234.10 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG) TO ACCOMPANY POLICY PED 8: 'DEVELOPMENT INCOMPATIBLE WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT USES' OF PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 4: 'PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'

Policy PED 8 of PPS 4 sets out the Department of Environment's planning policy for 'Development Incompatible with Economic Development Uses'. The policy provides protection for existing economic development enterprises from any form of development that is incompatible and likely to prejudice the continued existence and the employment generated by the established use

The SPG provides clarification in regard to certain types of industrial use which would be incompatible with existing industrial undertakings requiring a particularly contaminant free environment (such as life sciences, food processing and research and development sectors). Some of these established enterprises are of significant importance to the Northern Ireland economy and it is in the public interest to ensure that their continued existence and employment provided is not jeopardised through incompatible development.

The SPG does not materially affect the overall policy thrust or intention of PPS 4. In addition, it does not affect the outcome of the equality impact, rural proofing and anti-poverty screening exercises undertaken for PPS 4.

A copy of the public consultation document was circulated with Consultation Committee papers for the meeting on 16th April.

The consultation papers are available on the Planning NI Website at www.planningni.gov.uk. and the consultation period will end on 23 April 2012.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

APPENDIX 1



THI Presentation

APPENDIX 2**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****Events Sub Committee****16th April 2012**

Present: Alderman F Campbell, Alderman B Kennedy,
Councillor J Finlay, Councillor R Halliday

In Attendance: Head of Corporate & Development Services

1. 2012 Inspired Events to mark Diamond Jubilee and Torch Relay

An update on the activities planned in the village on the day of the Torch Relay and preparations for the Torch Relay was given. Members were advised that the name of the torch bearer for Dervock has not yet been announced. A dedicated marathon website had been developed by the Museum, raising the profile of the celebrations.

The events associated with the Dervock Olympic celebrations, delivered by the Museum and the village association and the events to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to be published in a 2012 events brochure were presented. Council's key events centred around the historic moment in the town's history when the Royal Couple visited in 1953 on their Coronation visit to Northern Ireland. Key events include an exhibition of vintage film, photographs and memorabilia in the museum, 1950's movie nights, An illustrated talk by local historian S Alex Blair on the Queen's 1954 visit and our Royal Links; an exhibition on life and times in the borough in 1953; a community celebration cycle around Ballymoney's shared use path network to mark the opening of the new cycle friendly pedestrian bridge; music from the Coronation year in the Diamond; Church Services and Parades; Sports Day to mark QEII Fields Award; Armed Forces Day; Jubilee Pageant joining the Mayor's Show; tree planting; presentation of commemorative coins to P7 schoolchildren; Jubilee Beacon; Council sponsored Jubilee Race at Armoy Race of Legends; Jubilee flowerbed; charity knitting event; community tribute triangle bunting.

Events and activities in local communities, with funding provided by the Jubilee Events Fund would be added to the Jubilee events diary on the website.

2. Co Antrim Jubilee Dinner

A list of local business, community, charity, voluntary representatives were nominated to attend Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant's Jubilee Dinner in Ballymena on 31st May, to join the elected members, as Council's guests.

3. Vanves – Visit by Football Group.

The Twinning Association has made the necessary arrangements for the visit by the local football academy on 15th-17th June. Two/three officials representing Twinning

Association and Council have been invited to attend. The Twinning Association nominated a representative to attend. It was **RECOMMENDED** that Mayor and Chair of Development Committee represent Council.

4. Diamond Jubilee Community Festival Grants

A total of 21 grant applications have been received. In a number of instances all supporting information required had not been submitted, while clarification was required on some applications. The eligibility criteria and conditions were explained. It was **RECOMMENDED** that grants be awarded, as detailed on the attached schedule, subject to receipt of all outstanding information relating to the applications being received by 27th April.

5. Village Renewal Working Group – Revised Arrangements

Members discussed the village renewal projects arising from the village plans developed with the assistance of the Rural Development Programme and Council, the need for engagement, liaison and consultation with local village communities to further develop proposed projects, secure planning permission, prepare project costings and for Council to submit bids as the lead applicant and deliver projects. Arising from discussion on the process members reviewed the existing arrangements with regard to the joint working group for Dervock, issues and impacts in relation to other village projects coming on stream, including planning and funding issues, identified at DC231, and the involvement of the Office of the Chief Executive, supported by a project officer and Borough Services Directorate in development and delivery of village infrastructure projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

- 1. that the implementation of revised arrangements for Dervock and other village renewal project groups, as appropriate, be approved.***
- 2. that at project planning stage project groups report to Development Committee, with reports to Leisure & Amenities (Amenities Section) when projects roll out to implementation stage.***

6. Christmas Programme

The meeting confirmed commitment to meet the energy costs of the Christmas lighting as a one-off having regard to the current economic climate and agreed that Council be asked to endorse this decision.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

APPENDIX 3

Development Committee Events Sub-Committee
Queen's Jubilee Event Fund - 18/04/2012

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – JUBILEE EVENT FUND 18/4/2012

	Name of Group	Rec. Amount of Grant (if applicable)	Event
DJ-001	Cloughmills Cultural and Historical Society	£200.00	Evening Tea Dance on 18/05/2012
DJ-002	Kilraughts G.F. Association	£200.00	Fun Evening & BBQ on 08/06/2012
DJ-003	Ballymoney Evergreen Club	£200.00	Tea Party on 08/06/2012
DJ-004	Eden Primary School PTA	£190.00	Jubilee Treasure Hunt & Fun Evening on 08/06/2012
DJ-005	Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	£200.00	Tea Party on 05/06/2012
DJ-006	The Royal British Legion Women's Section	£200.00	Cream Tea and light entertainment on 07/07/2012 or 28/07/2012
DJ-007	Lavin Flute Band (Dunloy)	£200.00	Sports Evening on 15/06/2012
DJ-008	Balnamore and District Community Association	£200.00	Jubilee Festival from 01/06/2012-06/06/2012
DJ-009	Dervock & District Community Association	£200.00	Street Party in conjunction with KK McArthur Festival of Running 2012 on 03/06/2012
DJ-010	Glebeside Community Association	£200.00	Jubilee Celebration Event on 03/08/2012
DJ-011	Stranocum Ulster Scots	£200.00	Celebration Party on 02/06/2012
DJ-012	Glebeside Women's Group	Defer*	Jubilee celebration Event on 03/08/2012
DJ-013	Glebeside Mens Club	Defer*	Jubilee celebration Event on 03/08/2012
DJ-014	Eden Accordion Band	£200.00	Tea Party on 01/09/2012
DJ-015	Dunaghy Flute Band	£200.00	"An Evening of Celebration" on 15/07/2012
DJ-016	Ballybogey Over 50s Club	Defer*	Summer Seat to Commemorate
DJ-017	Garryduff Flute Band	£200.00	Family Fun Evening on 04/06/2012
DJ-018	Cloughmills Community Action Team	£200.00	Tea Dance on 21/06/2012
DJ-019	Stranocum & District Community Association	£100.00	Jubilee Celebration Event on ?
DJ-020	Ballybogey Community Association	Defer*	Tree Planting
DJ-021	Stranocum & District Development Group	£100.00	Jubilee Street Party on 04/06/2012

Note

1. Award of grants subject to submission of all supporting information by 27th April.
2. *deferred for clarification/eligibility