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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 399, held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.00pm

**IN THE CHAIR** Alderman F Campbell

**PRESENT**

**Aldermen**  
C Cousley, MBE  
B Kennedy

**Councillors**  
R Halliday  
P McGuigan  
J Finlay  
R McAfee  
P McGuigan  
T McKeown  
E Robinson

**APOLOGIES:**

**Aldermen**  
H Connolly

**Councillors**  
J Atkinson  
C McLaughlin  
I Stevenson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Director of Central and Leisure Services  
Director Borough Services  
Committee Clerk

**399.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**399.2 MINUTES MEETING NO 398 – 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

It was proposed by Alderman Cousley, MBE, seconded by Councillor Halliday and  
**AGREED:**

*to recommend that the Minutes of LAC Meeting No 398 – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012, as circulated, be approved.*

**LEISURE SERVICES****399.3 GOOD RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP**

The Director advised the matter was referred back to the Leisure and Amenities Committee to give further consideration to the number of councillors appointed to the subcommittee.

The proposal made; that Council retain 9 member representation: 4 DUP, 2 SF, 1 UUP, 1 SDLP and 1 TUV.

Alderman Campbell advised he had spoken with the DUP Group Leader who had nominated Alderman Campbell, Alderman Kennedy, Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Finlay. Councillor Robinson felt the DUP were underrepresented as they had the majority on Council and advised that she had served on the sub-committee last year. She also enquired as to why no female councillors were appointed to the sub-committee.

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan seconded by Councillor McAfee:

***to recommend that Council increase the membership of the Good Relations Sub-Committee to 12 members; 5 DUP, 2 SF, 1 UUP, 1 SDLP, 1TUV and 2 IND.***

Councillor Finlay expressed his dissatisfaction with the proposal as DUP would remain underrepresented.

Chair put the motion to committee to a vote, 2 voted for, 5 voted against, the Chair declared the motion had fallen.

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

***to recommend that Council defer the item to enable the DUP Group to consider their representation on the sub-committee.***

#### **399.4 GOOD RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

The Director circulated minutes of the Good Relations Subcommittee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012. She drew members' attention to the agreed Terms of Reference and made members aware of the work going to be undertaken under the various objectives.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the minutes of the subcommittee meeting and the recommendations contained therein are approved.

The Director advised that the Council has still not received its Letter of Offer from OFMDFM however they have intimated that a Letter of Offer will be issued in line with the budget.

The Director drew members' attention to the recommended shared history project for councillors, giving details of the 2-day event planned for 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 to Dublin and the Boyne Heritage Centre. She agreed to provide full details to all members and requesting a prompt response regarding their participation to enable bookings to be made.

It was proposed by Councillor McKeown seconded by Councillor R McAfee and **AGREED:**

***to recommend to Council that (i) the minutes of the sub-committee meeting and the recommendations contained therein are approved. (ii) all 16 councillors are invited on the project on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December and any places not taken up be offered to staff on a first come first served basis.***

### 399.5 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Ballybogey over 50's Club for assistance towards an Ulster Scots Evening.
- (ii) North Antrim Music Art and Cultural Society for assistance towards City of Cultural Workshops.
- (iii) Stranocum & District Development Group for assistance towards a Best Practice Trip.
- (iv) Ballymaconnolly Renewal Group for assistance towards Community Workshops.
- (v) Ballymoney Royal Black Preceptory for assistance towards a Cultural Variety Concert.
- (vi) Ballybogey over 50's Club for assistance towards a Community Involvement Project.

The above 6 grant applications meet the criteria of the Small Grants Scheme.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the 6 groups are granted £350.00 each.

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

***to recommend that council grant £350 each to (i) Ballybogey over 50's Club for assistance towards an Ulster Scots Evening, (ii) North Antrim Music Art and Cultural Society for assistance towards City of Cultural Workshops, (iii) Stranocum & District Development Group for assistance towards a Best Practice Trip, (iv) Ballymaconnolly Renewal Group for assistance towards Community Workshops, (v) Ballymoney Royal Black Preceptory for assistance towards a Cultural Variety Concert, (vi) Ballybogey over 50's Club for assistance towards a Community Involvement Project.***

### 399.6 MAYOR'S SHOW

Members agreed to give consideration to the format and content of the Mayors Show, in particular the location and the extent of the entertainment on the day.

The budget for the Mayors Show was reduced to £8000 in 2009/10 and has remained unchanged to the current year.

The Director outlined the spend of the budget for the Mayor's Show in 2012. Members offered their comments on the event. Councillor McKeown said comments he had received were very positive and commended staff and Officers, stating that it is a very good event. Councillor Robinson felt there was not enough for children to be entertained with. Alderman Kennedy felt the show had lost its appeal to families and young people and that perhaps the budget needed to be increased. A number of members felt that all the entertainment should be at the Leisure Centre.

\* **Councillor McGuigan left the meeting at 7.55pm.**

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

***to recommend that the Director obtains costings for additional entertainment for young people at the Mayors Show and to bring the information back to committee for consideration.***

- \* Councillor McKeown left the meeting at 8.00pm.

### **399.7 BALLYMONEY SPORTS AWARDS 2012**

The Director reminded members that the 2012 Ballymoney Sports Awards will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.00pm in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre. Tickets cost £20.00 each.

### **399.8 COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT**

The Director advised that she had received an email from the Department for Social Development stating that there may be additional funding available in 2012/13 and enquiring if Council could spend it by 31 March 2013. The Director has responded stating that the Council would be in a position to accept additional funding. There is no indication yet as to the amount of the additional funding.

In response to a query from Councillor Finlay the Director advised that it was possible for the council to review the criteria of the Community Support Grant Scheme so that groups could apply for funding towards flowerbeds/baskets to enhance their area/village.

- \* Director of Central and Leisure Services left the meeting at 8.05pm.
- \* Director Borough Services arrived at the meeting at 8.08pm.

## **AMENITIES**

### **399.9 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY REQUEST COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERBED**

Correspondence in the above regard (dated 1<sup>st</sup> inst.) has been received on behalf of MS Society Northern Ireland. 2013 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Were members to accede to the request, this "celebration" could be done as previously by way of a commemorative flower bed utilizing the usual Meetinghouse Street site.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Committee consider the request and make a recommendation to Council on the matter.

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

***to recommend that Council celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Multiple Scleroses Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by planting a commemorative flower bed at Meetinghouse Street in the usual manner.***

### **399.10 RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY**

The core elements of this much loved facility were created and provided for Council by Enterprise Ulster over 30 years ago now. Since then the park has been extended and now provides a river corridor between the Ballymoney Bypass and the Bravallen Road.

Members have been aware for some time that again the deposit of river silt in the lake at park central is an issue (amongst others) which requires to be resolved and that perhaps (due to its reoccurrence) this would now be best to be done on a permanent basis.

Initial consideration, aided by an expert body – the River Restoration Centre (RRC), has been given to the distinct sections of the Ballymoney River as it traverses land under the Council's control. RRC has identified 6 distinct sections of the river where restorative work ought to be undertaken. (It is the case however that there are extensive reaches of the river where Council does not have control of both banks.) Whilst the Riverside Park stretch of the river must be viewed as a whole, the major work that needs to be undertaken relates to the park central section.

The options to be considered by Council are:- (1) do nothing, OR (2) de-silt the man-made basin at park central (as has been done on at least two previous occasions), OR (3) undertake necessary river restoration work in order to prevent a reoccurrence of, in particular, the silt deposit problem. As both options (2) and (3) will necessitate detailed discussion with relevant statutory agencies, such as Rivers Agency and NIEA, it would be unlikely (as previously advised) that any work could be commissioned or commenced within the present financial year. It is also the case that as both options (2) and (3) require resource outwith Council in-house capacity that **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that were Council to decide to progress either that it appoint and task its consultants: R Robinson & Sons.

The Director responded to a number of member queries and intimated that work was on-going to try to identify possible contributory funding opportunities.

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

***to recommend that Council task its consultants to explore both options 2 and 3 as outlined above and avail of external funding ought this to be available to undertake the necessary work at Riverside Park, Ballymoney.***

### 399.11 RASHARKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The following issues have been highlighted in correspondence to the Council's Director of Central & Leisure Services recently received:-

- (1) Condition of centre
- (2) Split of electricity costs

As both can be said to be policy matters **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Committee consider same and make a recommendation to Council.

The Director gave further information to members regarding the matters raised and indicated that the first point would also apply in the case of another Council facility [Killyrammer]. Councillor Robinson stated that, as Council had previously determined, all legal entities running 'Council' community buildings should be dealt with in the same manner. The Director also stated that it was also necessary for Council to formalize its position as regards waste containers and collection at each of the facilities and advised that a 'black' bin and a 'blue' bin had been given to each of the 'new' community centres, it being a matter for the legal entity to make the necessary arrangements for waste collection. During the ensuing discussion the Director undertook to provide further

information to Committee regarding the condition of the two 'older' facilities and suggested that members might wish to visit each centre.

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

***to recommend that site visits be arranged to both Killyrammer and Rasharkin for all members and that Committee again consider the matter at its next meeting.***

### **399.12 SPRINGWELL CUP: PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY**

A request has been received from Springwell Running Club seeking Council permission and assistance to hold a round of the Springwell Cross Country Cup for primary schools at Riada Playing Fields on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 utilizing a 1000m course. This will be the second race in this year's series. 2012 will be the fifth running of the event in which schools from all three Council areas participate (Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council facilitate Springwell Running Club, permitting it to stage its event on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Riada Playing Fields and making the Stadium facilities available for the event's duration.

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

***to recommend that Council facilitate Springwell Running Club, permitting it to stage its event on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Riada Playing Fields and making the Stadium facilities available for the event's duration.***

### **399.13 FENCING CONTRACT**

Council has allocated £50,000 for the upgrading of boundary fencing. Eight tenders were received by the closing date 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and were opened by the Committee Chair – Alderman Campbell and the Head of Amenities on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012:

JN Cummins & Co (Tipperary)	£49,899.35
Kane's Construction Ltd (Dungannon)	£55,056.70
NK Fencing Ltd (Carrickfergus)	£57,234.05
Maghera Fencing Ltd (Maghera)	£58,681.00
Hugh Sayers (Ballycastle)	£59,051.70
O'Neill Fencing Ltd (Strabane)	£63,084.74
Harte & Eakin (Coleraine)	£64,080.00
Clerk Fencing (Rostrevor)	£76,100.82

Although based in Tipperary, JN Cummins & Co have a sales and installation presence in Northern Ireland and have been operating here for 4 years. They manufacture fencing and have supplied a wide range of public and private clients throughout Ireland since their foundation in 1989.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council award the fencing contract to JN Cummins & Co.

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

***to recommend that Council award the fencing contract for the upgrading of boundary fencing to JN Cummins & Co. at a cost of £49,899.35.***

### **399.14 BALLYBOGEY RDP PROJECT**

In accordance with the Council's decision that a contractor select list be established in respect of this project, 23 pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ's) were furnished to applicants. 15 PQQ's were returned by the closing date 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and were opened by the Committee Chair – Alderman Campbell and the Head of Amenities on 1<sup>st</sup> October and passed to the Council's consultants. R Robinson & Sons have confirmed that the undernoted 6 contractors submitted satisfactory responses and should be included on a Select List to tender for the work:-

1. Maurice Flynn & Sons Ltd., Saunders House, 62 Springbank Ind. Estate, Pembroke Loop Road, Belfast BT17 0QL
2. Lagan Construction Ltd., Rosemount House, 21-23 Sydenham Road, Belfast BT3 9HA
3. M P Coleman Ltd., Brigh Quarry, Brigh Road, Stewartstown BT71 5JP
4. Crawford Contracts Group, Woodside Road Ind. Estate, Woodside Road, Ballymena BT42 4QJ
5. F P McCann Ltd., Knockloughrim Quarry, Drumard Road, Magherafelt BT45 8QA
6. Earney Contracts Ltd., 221 Comber Road, Lisburn BT27 6XY.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council appoint the above named 6 no. contractors to form its Select List for the Ballybogey RDP Project.

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

***to recommend that Council appoint the above named 6 no. contractors to form its Select List for the Ballybogey RDP Project.***

### **399.15 DERVOCK RDP PROJECT**

In accordance with the Council's decision that a contractor select list be established in respect of this project, 21 pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ's) were furnished to applicants. 15 PQQ's were returned by the closing date 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and were opened by the Committee Chair – Alderman Campbell and the Head of Amenities on 1<sup>st</sup> October and passed to the Council's consultants. R Robinson & Sons have confirmed that the undernoted 6 contractors submitted satisfactory responses and should be included on a Select List to tender for the work:-

1. Northstone, Shiny Road, Macosquin, Coleraine BT51 4PS
2. Patrick Bradley Ltd., Craigall Quarry, Kilrea BT51 5XR
3. Maurice Flynn & Sons Ltd., Saunders House, 62 Springbank Ind. Estate, Pembroke Loop Road, Belfast BT17 0QL
4. Earney Contracts Ltd., 221 Comber Road, Lisburn BT27 6XY.
5. Hawthorn Heights Ltd., 38A Vale Road, Greysteel BT47 3BL.
6. John Campbell & Sons Ltd., 7A Lough Road, Ballinderry Upper, Lisburn BT28 2PQ.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council appoint the above named 6 no. contractors to form its Select List for the Dervock RDP Project.

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

***to recommend that Council appoint the above named 6 no. contractors to form its Select List for the Dervock RDP Project.***

### **399.16 RASHARKIN RDP PROJECT**

In accordance with the Council's decision that a contractor select list be established in respect of this project, 22 pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ's) were furnished to applicants. 15 PQQ's were returned by the closing date 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and were opened by the Committee Chair – Alderman Campbell and the Head of Amenities on 1<sup>st</sup> October and passed to the Council's consultants. R Robinson & Sons have confirmed that the undernoted 6 contractors submitted satisfactory responses and should be included on a Select List to tender for the work:-

1. M P Coleman Ltd., Brigh Quarry, Brigh Road, Stewartstown BT71 5JP
2. Patrick Bradley Ltd., Craigall Quarry, Kilrea BT51 5XR
3. Northstone, Shinny Road, Macosquin, Coleraine BT51 4PS
4. Down Developments Ltd., Quarry Business Park, Portadown Road, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 8QF.
5. J S Dunlop Ltd., 48a Kirk Road, Ballymoney BT53 8HB
6. Patrick Keenan, Rocktown Quarry, 35 Rocktown Road, Knockloughrim BT45 8QF.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council appoint the above named 6 no. contractors to form its Select List for the Rasharkin RDP Project.

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

***to recommend that Council appoint the above named 6 no. contractors to form its Select List for the Rasharkin RDP Project.***

### **399.17 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS**

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

Section I4 No. 45

'OG' Design Headstone and Base

Section I4 No. 58

All Polished Headstone and Base

Section I4 No.73

All Polished Granite Headstone and Base

Section I3 No. 37

Granite Headstone and Base

Section 6 No.108 & 109  
Black Granite all Polished Surround

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council grant permission for the above memorials to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

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

*to recommend that Council grant permission for the above memorials to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.*

#### **399.18 BALLYMONEY WAR MEMORIAL**

Councillor McAfee drew the Director's attention to some further work which was requested in respect of the flagpoles at the war memorial.

#### **399.19 PLAYING PITCHES CHARGES**

Councillor McAfee requested that Council consider a discount scheme for organisations making considerable use of its pitches as an incentive to such clubs. Arising from the ensuing discussion it was agreed that the present charges which have not been increased recently be furnished to members by email.

#### **399.20 LAND AT CLOUGHMILLS**

Councillor Finlay advised that he is aware of land at Ballycregagh Road, Cloughmills, which may be suitable for use as a football pitch.

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

*to recommend that Council investigate the suitability of the land now identified as a football Pitch.*

\* **This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.**

**Appendix A:** Good Relations Subcommittee Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Appendix A****Minutes of Good Relations Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
October 2012 at 7.00pm in Riada House, Ballymoney**

**Present:** Ald Campbell  
Cllr Finlay  
Cllr McGuigan  
Cllr Stevenson  
Director of Central & Leisure Services (DCLS)  
Good Relations Officer (GRO)

**Apologies:** Ald Connolly, Ald Kennedy, Cllr Blair, Cllr McLaughlin

The Director invited a nomination to chair the Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Stevenson, seconded by Cllr McGuigan and agreed that Ald Campbell chair the Committee.

Ald Campbell took the chair.

**1. Draft Terms of Reference**

A draft Terms of Reference for the GR Subcommittee (Appendix1) was circulated. After a brief presentation by DCLS the Terms of Reference were discussed and agreed.

**2. Good Relations Action Plan 2012/13**

The GRO advised that, to date, Council was still not in receipt of the Grant Letter of Offer from OFMDFM.

The GRO presented a report detailing the Good Relation projects taking place and planned for 2012/13 (Appendix 2).

After responding to a number of queries from members the GRO drew attention to a number of areas that needed to be developed. Members agreed the following:-

- All Councillors to be invited to take part in a shared history initiative before the end of this calendar year
- To arrange a series of facilitated workshops/focus groups with the community & Councillors in order to address issues such as Flags and Shared Spaces

- Good Relations budget to provide, where possible, additional funding support to Council's Local Democracy Week initiatives so that more schools can participate
- To give further consideration to the Communication Plan at the next meeting
- To undertake a review of the GR Plan at a subsequent meeting

### **3. Small Grants Scheme**

The Good Relations Officer explained that there was £13000 set aside in the GR Budget for small grants. Members were informed that almost £11000 had already been allocated to groups. It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Stevenson and agreed to transfer £4500 from the Bonfire Committee Project to the Grants Scheme.

### **4. Training Needs**

Members agreed to give this matter some consideration for the next meeting.

### **5. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub Committee be held on Tuesday 8 January 2013 at 7.00pm in Riada House.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

**(Appendix 1)****Good Relations Sub Committee****Draft Terms of Reference**

One of the elements within the new Ballymoney Borough Council Good Relations Strategy 2011 - 2014 was the establishment of a Good Relations Council Sub Committee (members only). This committee would meet quarterly. The rationale being this was to develop a mechanism, which would illustrate and build civic leadership for a shared society within the Borough.

The potential functions of this committee, which could be enacted under this role, are outlined below:

- Oversight role in the delivery of the Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan and acting as advocates for the plan
- Civic leadership role for a shared society in Ballymoney – how to enact internally for the delivery of Councils own services and how to influence external deliverers of services who deliver services in the Borough; working in partnership with other agencies to encourage shared service delivery by others in the Borough – removing duplication and building on good practice – more connectivity
- Lead a strategic review of policies and procedures that promote a shared society e.g. shared space policies; booking policies that promote shared space; understanding and seeing good practice from elsewhere
- Understanding and assessing Good Relations Grants
- A more explicit role by civic leaders in tackling hard issues – support for members in how to achieve this – thinking about communication issues around the hard issues
- Civic leadership and engagement programme linking to the community
- Ongoing member training – leadership training programme - transformational leadership – building a collective vision and building mutual respect into the process
- Good practice trips at least twice per annum, linking to neighbouring councils

**As such then the committee could have the following role:**

- To ensure the delivery of the Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan 2011- 2014
- To act as advocates for the delivery of the plan and meet with those in receipt of grant aid accessed through the programme at least once a year
- Through a civic leadership role for a shared society in Ballymoney encourage the delivery of shared services in Ballymoney

- To network and liaise with other agencies to encourage shared service delivery by others in the Borough aiming to remove duplication and building on good practice and encouraging more connectivity
- To lead a strategic review of policies and procedures that promotes a shared society e.g. shared space policies; booking policies that promote shared space
- Take part in leadership training
- Take part in good practice trips twice per annum in order to gain a greater understanding of good practice in good relations work from elsewhere
- Review the Small Grant Scheme criteria and process
- Review the action plan

**(Appendix 2)****Ballymoney Borough Council Good Relations 2012/13****Theme 1: Leading for a Shared Society**

1a Civic & Community Leadership	The GR Committee to identify a relevant site visit, run a civic event, coordinate yearly plan and share good practice. Total Budget: £4000 (To be identified)
1b Shared Services	Statutory bodies to meet to engage in the cohesion process. Total Budget: £1500 (To be identified)
1c Shared Workplaces	Working with HR re GR/Equality staff training Total Budget: £2000 (Planned)

**Theme 2: Engaging People in Good Relations:**

2a Shared Education	Schools: All Set Cross Cultural Workshops. 1 completed with another booked for after Christmas. Total Budget: £2000 (Planned)
	Youth Groups: A youth residential booked for before Christmas in Corrymeela and currently Cheers doing a Diversity Within the Borough Project. Total Budget: £2000 (Planned)
2b Shared Communities	Grant Programme: Total Budget: £13000
	Networking Trips: 1 combined trip to Titanic Belfast with 40 people from Borough. Total Budget: £1000 (Delivered)
2c Community Development	Working with community groups and Ballymoney Community Resource Centre on an ongoing basis. Total Budget: £0 (Ongoing)
2d Culture & Diversity	Working with Bonfire Committee: Total Budget: £4500 (Bonfire Committee no requirement for this budget. Previously added to Grants Programme)

Cross Community Cultural Events: Mayors Show £825,  
Joint primary school initiative with Corrymeela to be  
arranged  
Total Budget: £2500 (Planned)

Sport & GR: A programme is ongoing with Sports  
Development Officer.  
Total Budget: £3000 (Planned)

#### 2e Multicultural Programme

Multicultural Event in Castlecroft in August £1735,  
Polish classes £1000 and 2x primary school world music  
workshops £1000  
Total Budget: £3500 (Planned)

#### 2f Victims

Working with Wave on a Programme of events  
Total Budget: £2000 (Planned)

### **Theme 3: Building and Promoting the use of Shared and Consensual Space:**

#### 3a Sectarianism & Racism

Groups/Agencies: Regular contact ongoing  
Total Budget: 0 (Ongoing)

Flags Protocol: Need to agree action for this year  
Total Budget: £3500 (To be identified)

Mediation Programme for Rasharkin. Monthly Forum  
meetings ongoing.  
Total Budget: £6000 (Planned)

Addressing attacks on property, people and graffiti.  
Hands of My Friend – joint funding with Coleraine  
Borough Council £1000. Rasharkin/Council Yurt  
Project: £1000  
Total Budget: £2000 (Planned)

#### 3b Shared Space

Ensuring Council/Community Venues are open to all.  
Need to agree action for this year  
Total Budget: £5500 (To be identified)

Local History: Friends of 36<sup>th</sup> Ulster Division Exhibition  
and guided tour  
Total Budget: £2000 (Planned)

Carols Together  
Total Budget: £500 (Planned)

**Theme 4: Delivering and Evaluating an Effective Programme**

## 4a Shared Services

GRO Forum: Poppies and Lilies Trip  
Total Budget: £2500 (Delivered)

Local Democracy Week  
Total Budget: £500 (Planned)

Community Relations Week  
Total Budget: £1000 (delivered)

Communication Plan. Need to agree action for this year.  
Total Budget: £1000 (To be identified)

## 4b GR Programme

GR Plan Review. Need to agree action for this year.  
Total Budget: £1500 (To be identified)