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Ballymoney Borough Council

Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting No: 318

Minutes of Meeting No: 318 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, 33 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney on Thursday, 22nd June 2006 at 7.30 pm

IN THE CHAIR: The Mayor [item 318.1]
Alderman F. Campbell [from item 318.2]

PRESENT

Aldermen
F. Campbell
H. Connolly
C. Cousley
J. Simpson

Councillors
A. Cavlan
J. Finlay
M. McCamphill
D. McKay
A. Patterson
E. Robinson
I. Stevenson
R. Wilson

In Attendance:
Director of Borough Services
[Items 1-18]
Director of Central & Leisure Services
[Items 5-25]
Clerical Assistant

The Director asked the Mayor if he would take the Chair for the Election of Chair.

318.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Wilson

that Alderman Campbell be elected Committee Chair for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor McKay, seconded by Councillor Cavlan

that Councillor Cavlan be elected Committee Chair the ensuing year.

The Mayor put the proposal that Councillor Cavlan be Committee Chair first and two members voted for Councillor Cavlan with six voting against. He then put the proposal that Alderman Campbell be

Committee Chair and this was carried with six members voting for the proposal. The Mayor declared Alderman Campbell Committee Chair for the ensuing year.

Alderman Campbell took the Chair and thanked the Members for his re-election. He said he would endeavour to do his best on the Committee.

318.2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Patterson

that Councillor Wilson be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

It was proposed by Councillor McKay, seconded by Councillor Cavlan

that Councillor Cavlan be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chair put the proposal that Councillor Cavlan be Committee Vice-Chair first and two members voted for Councillor Cavlan with six voting against. He then put the proposal that Councillor Wilson be Committee Vice-Chair and this was carried with six members voting for the proposal. The Chair declared Councillor Wilson Committee Vice-Chair.

* Alderman Simpson joined the meeting at 7:35 pm.

318.3 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor McKeown and Councillor Storey.

318.4 MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 317 – 16th May 2006

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

that the minutes of the committee's last meeting No. 317, on 16th May 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

318.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

317.2 Replacement Water Tanks at JDLC

The Director reported that following a meeting between the Councils consultants and officers to discuss the phasing of the work to be undertaken at the Leisure Centre this year it had been agreed that the three work elements be combined within one contract with the work

relating to the replacement of the water tanks progressing first. The Director responded to Members questions.

317.18 Riverside Park Improvement Plan

The Director informed the Committee that further work had been done to ensure that an offer of grant of £50,000 from Environment 7 Heritage Service be retained and made available in 2007-2008 for the provision of the proposed Shared Use Path Link from Riverside Park to the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre via Riada Playing Fields. He advised that 2007-08 would be the last chance to obtain such a grant towards work which had been estimated at £180,000.

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

to recommend to Council that a letter be written accepting the EHS grant and that the matter be reviewed at the next budget round.

BOROUGH AMENITIES

318.6 REPLACEMENT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VEHICLE

The tenders received as undernoted, following public advertisement for a 3.5t GVW 5.5t GTW beaver tail vehicle, were opened by Alderman Campbell and myself on 6th June 2006 –

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Price</u>
Drumack Coachworks 10 Drumack Road Rasharkin	Renault Master	£17,458
	Iveco Daily	£18,308

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accept the lowest tender received, that for a Renault Master in the sum of £17,458 from Drumack Coachworks.

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

to recommend that Council accept the lowest tender received, that for a Renault Master in the sum of £17,458 from Drumack Coachworks.

318.7 PLAY AREA PROVISION

Presently Council has play areas at the following locations within the Borough - Riverside Park and Megaw Park, Ballymoney, Loughguile (Millennium 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, Drumahaglis and Glebeside.

Of the 29 play areas under its control those at Riverside Park, The Millennium Centre, Stranocum, Macfin, Killyrammer, Carnany, Clontyfinnan, Ballybogey, Dervock, Rasharkin and Seymour Drive are 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.

Work is currently on-going as regards estimating the cost of upgrading both 'small' and 'large' play areas and indicative costs will be available to Members at the meeting.

Committee is invited to consider this issue and make recommendation to Council as to its forward programme for the rejuvenation of play areas within the Borough.

The Director indicated that larger play areas would cost approximately £75,000 and the smaller areas would cost approximately £45,000. The total cost to rejuvenate all of the remaining areas being estimated at approximately £930,000.

Councillor Cavlan asked if Scally Park was going to be considered as it was in poor condition. Alderman Connolly informed the Committee that this park was subject to vandalism and that the Community Association had discussed perhaps using the land as a toddlers play area but so far this has not been forthcoming. He also informed the Committee that Council had made a large investment into the play park at the Millennium Centre rather than upgrading the Scally Park facility. In response to a question from Councillor Wilson, the Director advise that within six or seven miles there were play areas at Magherahoney, Ballyknock, Loughgiel Millennium Centre, Scaly Park, Ben Vista and Rockend. He also stated that the Millennium play park was to the latest standards, and that Magherahoney and Rockend were to be rejuvenated this year. Councillor Finlay suggested that Council continue with its policy regarding the rejuvenation of play areas.

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

that Council continue its present policy as regards the rejuvenation of play areas.

318.8 STADIUM

Council has provided an excellent new stadium at 33 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney and it is considered that the facility ought to be named.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the facility be known as RIADA STADIUM.

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

to recommend to Council that the facility be known as Riada Stadium.

318.9 NEW WATERBUS: "The Lady Sandel"

The proprietor of a new tourist waterbus which will operate on the Lower River Bann from the middle of June 2006 has written to Council to introduce the service.

Based at the new Christie Park Jetty in Coleraine the 60 seater vessel will be offering both downstream and upstream public cruises of two hours duration, in addition to special cruises and private charter opportunities to and from jetties all along the Bann.

The proprietor of "The Lady Sandel", a 50 foot, fully enclosed waterbus-type vehicle equipped with toilet and snack bar facilities wishes to be welcomed at Drumaheglis Marina without charge.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council welcome both this new venture and "The Lady Sandel" to it Drumaheglis Marina.

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

to recommend that Council welcome both this new venture and "The Lady Sandel" to it Drumaheglis Marina.

318.10 FENCE AT FULTON PARK, BALNAMORE

Following the provision of the sand mattress pitch at Fulton Park work to reinstate the 2m high boundary fence to the rear of a Taughey Road property has been queried by the owner occupier. Representations have been made that a 2m high fence is insufficient to prevent 'nuisance' from both errant balls and their retrievers. This is an issue with which Members are familiar.

Further information, including costs will be made available at Committee.

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

The Director advised that since writing the report a letter of complaint had also been received from an owner/occupier of property behind one of the goals partially protected by a 6m stop fence. He responded to Members questions and advised that a 3.65m fence to protect the complainants and the home in between would cost approximately £5,800 whereas to fence three sides would cost approximately £25,000. He responded to Members questions.

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

to recommend to Council that the two residents who have raised the issue be contacted and informed that the matter will be reviewed as part of next years budget round.

318.11 'PRIEST'S WELL', RASHARKIN: Assertion as a Public Right of Way

Residents within Rasharkin Village have made a request that Council consider re-opening what is considered locally to be the remains of an old public right of way. The lane, now overgrown, leads from Main Street, alongside Wallace Park to an unscheduled archaeological site known as the Priest's Well. This is a source of ground spring water, which is made use of by residents.

Under the provisions of The Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, Part II, section 3 (1) "A district council shall assert, protect and keep open and free from obstruction or encroachment any public right of way..."

Research of OS Maps dating back to 1830 clearly show the existence of this lane as a public right of way connecting the Town Hill Road and Glebe Road, although today it is much shorter due to the development of the Craigs Road dissecting it by 1857 and agricultural improvements.

The current landowners Mr and Mrs Stacey of Antrim, clearly remember the public right of way being used. They have completed a "rights of way reply form" agreeing that the route is a public right of way, and have no objection to the Council asserting and signing the route, carrying out minor works to re-instate, on the proviso that Council take on the public liability for the lane.

It is estimated that to re-instate and upgrade the 160 metre path will cost approximately £3,500. Council has not budgeted for this expenditure in the present financial year. However, assertion of the lane as a public right of way will enable Council to seek funding under the Environment & Heritage Service, Natural Heritage Grant Scheme.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council assert the lane leading to 'Priest's Well', Rasharkin, as a public right of way and seek funding from the Environment & Heritage Service regarding the reinstatement and upgrade of the path.

The Director provided a location plan showing the laneway in question and during the ensuing discussion he responded to Members questions. Councillor McKay advised that he wished to place on record his thanks to the Councils Countryside Access Officer for all the research work she had done.

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

to recommend that Committee defer making a decision until its next meeting in order that Members could further consider the matter.

318.12 STRANOCUM WAR MEMORIAL

Correspondence has been received from Stranocum & District Community Association regarding the War Memorial in Stranocum, which is believed to be one of the oldest in Northern Ireland. The Community Association would like Council to carry out some work of restoration and improvement at the memorial.

A district council's powers and duties regarding war memorials are contained in section 7 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, as amended by;

- The Public Health and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1955;
- The Local Government (Modifications and Repeals) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973, and
- The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

The 1923 Act, as amended, stipulates that district councils **may** incur reasonable expenditure to erect, maintain, repair, protect, light, or alter a war memorial. Council has therefore a discretionary power in these matters and can use public money for the care of war memorials were it minded to do so.

Given that the matter raised by Stranocum & District Community Association is not something Council has budgeted for in the present financial year, **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Council's consultants R Robinson & Sons be asked to examine Stranocum War Memorial and prepare a costed report detailing the work which needs to be done for Council's consideration later in the year.

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

to recommend that Council's consultants R. Robinson & Sons be asked to examine Stranocum War Memorial and prepare a costed report detailing the work which needs to be done for Councils consideration in the next budgetary round.

*Councillor McCamphill left the meeting at 9:40 pm.

318.13 SYNTHETIC PITCH REJUVENATION

Further to Committee Minute LAC 314.4, at the behest of members site visits were undertaken on 10th May to the Council's own facility and to a new pitch provided by Moyle District Council and then on 17th May to two rejuvenated pitches at RAF Aldergrove and Portadown each dealt with by a different contractor.

The Council's consultants (R Robinson & Sons) original report and addendum referring to the site visits detailed above is to be found as Appendix 1 to this report.

The Director responded to Members question during the ensuing discussion.

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

to recommend to Council that it invite tenders for the rejuvenation of its synthetic pitch and that the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair, together with the Director or his nominee be authorised to open the tenders received for report to Council.

- Alderman Cousley left the meeting at 10:05 pm

318.14 CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT RASHARKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Correspondence has been received requesting that Council consider extending the current car parking and enhancing the illumination to the area at Rasharkin Community Centre.

The Council's consultants R Robinson & Sons could be asked to look at the issues highlighted and prepare a costed scheme for Council's consideration at the next budgetary round.

Committee is asked to consider this issue and make recommendation to Council.

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

to recommend that Councils consultants R. Robinson & Sons be asked to examine car park improvements at Rasharkin Community Centre and prepare a costed report detailing the work which might be done for consideration in the next budgetary round.

318.15 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

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

Section I2 No. 112

Mrs. Joan Patterson, 43 Semicock Road, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section E2 No. 61

Mrs. Jean McAuley, 37 Vow Road, 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 Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

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

318.16 FAITH MISSION OPEN AIR SERVICE

The Director advised that a letter had been received requesting the use of the Riverside Park for a Faith Mission Open Air Service on 30th June at 3pm and asking for the use of chairs.

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

to recommend to Council that it permit the use of the Riverside Park for a Faith Open Air Service on 30th June at 3pm, including the use of chairs.

318.17 VINTAGE JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The Director advised that a request had been made that the Japanese Motorcycle Club [Northern Counties Section] are organising an event, both static and road bikes on 5th August 2006 between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm and have requested assistance. The Club would like Council to assist with crowd barriers, portable PA system and with event insurance and would see the event hereafter being part of the Councils NW200 promotion week. A Member advised that the event would clash with the Annual Cancer Parade. [When this was queried with the organiser on 23rd June he advised that he had mistakenly given the wrong date - the event is to take place on Monday, 7th August].

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

to recommend that Council provide safety barriers, the use of its portable PA system along with paying the event insurance.

318.18 LOWER BANN ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON GROUP

Alderman Simpson made reference to the fact that the recent minutes of the above Group made reference to a meeting the Director had attended. The Director informed him that various interests had wished to meet with him to put their views as regards the Drumaheglis contribution to River Bann useage.

Leisure Services

318.19 KILLYRAMMER & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Director circulated a position paper (attached at Appendix A) regarding Killyrammer & District Community Centre Management Committee's application to the Community Relations Unit for financial assistance towards the refurbishment of the Community Centre.

After a lengthy discussion regarding rental, responsibility for running costs and the length of lease it was proposed by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Robinson and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the Council does not lease the building and advises Killyrammer & District Community Centre Management Committee and the Community Relations Unit accordingly.

to further recommend that the Council's Consultants, R. Robinson and Sons draw up a Scheme of works at an estimated cost of £40,000.

318.20 COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTION PLAN 2006/07

The Head of the Community Relations Unit was not available to attend the committee meeting on 22nd June 2006. He is however available to attend the July committee meeting.

It was agreed that a special meeting should be arranged between the 10th and 14th July 2006 for the Head of Community Relations Unit to attend to discuss this matter and the budget for 2006/07.

318.21 COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANTS

The Director advised that in the first three months of this year Council had awarded Community Relations Grants amounting to £4,100. She advised that the Community Relations Unit had offered Grant on a budget of £8000 for the small grants programme this year – a reduction of £2,000 on the amount requested.

Members agreed that the same level of grants should continue to be awarded similar to those awarded this year to date until the budget is expended.

The following applications for Community Relations Grants were then considered:

- i. Stranocum & District Community Association for assistance towards their Community Festival Week. Amount requested £350.00

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

to recommend that Council contribute £350 to Stranocum & District Community Association towards their Community Festival Week

- ii. Castle Community Association for assistance towards a cross border educational trip. Amount requested £350.00

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

to recommend that Council contribute £200 to Castle Community Association towards a cross border educational trip.

- iii. Balnamore & District Community Association for assistance towards their Community Day. Amount requested £350.00

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

to recommend that Council contribute £200 to Balnamore & District Community Association towards their Community Day.

- iv. Killyrammer & District Community Association for assistance towards their Community Festival Week. Amount requested £350.00

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

to recommend that Council contribute £350 to Killyrammer and District Community Association towards their Community Festival Week.

- v. Castle Kidz, Parents & Toddlers Group for assistance towards an activity week. Amount requested £200.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £200 to Castle Kidz, Parents and Toddlers Group for assistance with an activity week.

- vi. Rasharkin Community Youth Club for assistance towards a summer activity week for children.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £200 to Rasharkin Community Youth Club towards their Summer Activity Week for Children.

318.22 COMMUNITY RELATIONS – YOUTH SUPPORT

The Committee considered two applications for financial assistance from Miss Gillian Taylor, 2 Parklands, Ballymoney and Mr Stephen McNie, Trinity Manse, Ballymoney who have been selected by 'The Spirit of Enniskillen Trust' to be part of a cross community programme travelling to Vermont in USA.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £75 each to Miss Gillian Taylor and Mr Stephen McNie to assist with the expenses of their cross community programme.

318.23 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

The following applications for Community Support grants were considered.

- i. Cramsie Court Residents Association for assistance with their annual outing. Amount requested £100.00

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

to recommend that Council contribute £100 to Cramsie Court Residents Association for assistance with their annual outing.

- ii. Cloughmills Vintage Club for assistance with their annual vintage rally.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £100 to Cloughmills Vintage Club for assistance with their Annual Rally.

- ii. Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club for assistance towards their 'Roon the Toon' event – a display of classic motorcycles.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £100 to Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club for assistance with their 'Roon the Toon' event.

318.24 TALKS AND TOURS 2006

The University of Ulster at Coleraine have written to Council requesting support for their 2006 Talks and Tours Programme, which will take place from Friday 14th July to Wednesday 9th August 2006.

There are a number of items in the programme taking place in Ballymoney Borough.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and AGREED:

to recommend that Council contribute £150 to Talks and Tours Programme 2006.

** Alderman Connolly and Councillor Robinson left the meeting at 10:55 pm*

318.25 BALLYMONEY MUSEUM DESIGN AND FIT OUT

The Council has been awarded a Stage 1 pass from Heritage Lottery Fund for the design and fit out costs for Ballymoney Museum and have appointed consultants Haley Sharpe Design to draw up a detailed design for the Stage 2 Application to Heritage Lottery Fund.

Preparation for the Stage 2 application which is due to be submitted in September 2006 has involved a great amount of additional work for the Museum Manager who is trying to implement a programme of temporary exhibitions as well as meeting the demands placed on him by the design consultants. As a result of being under resourced there is a backlog of cataloguing for the museum collection, which, if standards are not met could result in the museum losing its registration status. There is a great deal of research to be carried out in relation to the storylines in the exhibition spaces and it is vitally important that an additional temporary resource is provided to enable staff to continue to deliver the high standard of museum service which visitors expect as well as preparing for the Stage 2 lottery application.

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

to recommend to Council that a budget not exceeding £5,000 be made available from reserves to fund the necessary research and work required for the stage 2 lottery application.

Councillor McKay and Councillor Cavlan left the meeting at 11:15 pm

318.26 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE CLOSURE

The Leisure Centre normally is closed on 12th July.

It is recommended, on economic grounds that the Leisure Centre is closed on the 12th and 13th July 2006.

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

to recommend that Council close the Leisure Centre on 12th and 13th July 2006 on economic grounds.

318.27 LETTER OF OFFER FOR 2006/07 BUDGET FROM COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

The Director advised that the Community Relations Unit has issued its offer of grant for 2006/07. The Council's budget for the year has been cut by £11760.

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

to recommend that Council accept the offer of grant but query the cut with the head of Community Relations Unit when he attends the special meeting and seek an increase in the budget.

318.28 ARTS & DISABILITY FORUM

The Arts and Disability Forum have written to Council requesting support for a project in their gallery in Belfast involving artists with disabilities.

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

to recommend that Council is unable to provide financial support for their project in Belfast but would offer artists with disabilities from the Ballymoney Borough the opportunity to exhibit their work in the new gallery in the Ballymoney Museum.

318.29 DRUMAHEGLIS MARINA & CARAVAN PARK – FUN DAY

The Director reminded members of the Easter Fun Day held at Drumaheglis on Easter Monday, 17th April 2006, which was a huge success. She advised that a number of enquiries had been received enquiring if there would be other similar events during the summer months. She advised that there was budget allocation in 2006/07 for only one of Fun Day, which cost around £1,700.

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

to recommend that Council make available a budget of £1,700 from reserves to fund another fun day at Drumaheglis towards the end of August 2006.

318.30 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AWARDS SCHEME COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAMME

The Director reported that letters had been received from Cloughmills Community Action Team and Ballymoney Community Resource Centre expressing concerns that the Environmental Improvement Awards were not being made available to villages this year.

Members acknowledged the work of many of the Community Associations in planting flower beds, erecting hanging baskets and cutting grass.

Members agreed that the matter is to be further discussed with the Head of Community Relations Unit.

It was also agreed that consideration would be given to establishing an Environmental Awards Grant Scheme at next years Rates Estimates.

This concluded the business of the meeting the time being 12:30 am