

Ballymoney Borough Council
Corporate & Central Services Meeting No 382 – 25th January 2010

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No. 382 held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 25th January 2010 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR Alderman J Simpson

PRESENT

Aldermen
F Campbell, Mayor
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor
H Connolly

Councillors
J Finlay
R Halliday
M McCamphill
E Robinson
I Stevenson
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE R Hunter, R Robinson & Sons [Item1]
Chief Executive [Item1-4]
Director of Central & Leisure Services [Item 5]
Head of Corporate & Development Services [Item1-4]
Committee Clerk

382.2 ROBERT DUNLOP MEMORIAL GARDEN

Richard Hunter, R Robinson & Sons presented a report from Quantity Surveyors on the tenders received for the memorial garden to Dr Robert Dunlop.

Tenders were received from 5 No contractors on Wednesday 20th January 2010 as follows:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>TENDER FIGURE</u>
Earney Contracts Limited, Lisburn – tender withdrawn	£135,998.34
(Arithmetical Error of minus £36,665.20, revised figure:	£172,663.54)
Patrick Bradley Limited, Kilrea	£168,336.00
JPM Contracts Limited, Dungiven	£169,700.00
Lagan Group, Belfast	£175,247.00
McAvoy Construction, Banbridge	£176,875.00

The Quantity Surveyors confirmed the tender submitted by Patrick Bradley in the sum of £168,336.00. and the supporting priced contract documentation can be used for valuations and adjustments of variations.

In response to question, the Chief Executive confirmed that the tender price did not include the sculpture for which an independent fundraising appeal had been launched. The Council had sought approval for DoE to raise a loan of £250,000 to cover the cost of the project approved by Council.

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

to recommend that Council accept the tender from Patrick Bradley Limited, Kilrea, to undertake a minor works contract for the memorial garden to Dr Robert Dunlop in the sum of £168,336.00.

- * Alderman Cousley arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm during consideration of the above matter.
- * Councillor Stevenson arrived at the meeting at 7.10pm during consideration of the above matter.
- * Councillor Storey arrived at the meeting at 7.15pm during consideration of the above matter.
- * Richard Hunter left the meeting at 7.20pm.

382.1 MINUTES MEETING NO 381 – 22ND DECEMBER 2009

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

that the minutes of meeting no 381 – 22nd December 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

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382.3 STAFF MATTERS

3.1 Pay Negotiations

As members are aware, extensive consultations and discussions have been taking place in response to the NJC trade union side pay claim.

The National Employers have now informed the three trade unions (UNISON, GMB and Unite) that they are unable to offer any increase in pay for 2010/11. This is in response to the unions' claim, submitted in October, for an increase of 2.5% or £500 a year (whichever is greater) with effect from 1 April 2010; a total cost of 2.8%.

A press release issued by the employers was previously circulated.

The Chief Executive advised that in the absence of an agreement, the 1% pay increase provision remained in the rates estimate. Councillor Storey observed the National Employers being unable to offer any increase in pay for 2010/11 and commented that this was the sad reality in the current economic climate.

382.4 CONSULTATION – DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT (INDEMNITIES FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS) ORDER

This consultation document, issued by the Department of Environment, is seeking views on the Department's proposal to make an Order to enable district councils to provide indemnities to some or all of its members and officers. This has been circulated to the Corporate Management Team for comment and a further report will be tabled at the February meeting. The deadline for responses is 31st March 2010.

- * **Chief Executive left the meeting at 7.45pm.**
- * **Head of Corporate and Development Services left the meeting at 7.45pm.**
- * **Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at the meeting at 7.45pm.**

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382.5 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Treasury advise schedules detailing payments for Period 10, 2009/10 drawn on the Council's Revenue and Capital Bank Accounts were circulated at the meeting.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the payments are made.

- * **Councillor Storey left the meeting at 7.47pm during consideration of this above matter.**

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

to recommend that accounts to the value of £609,000.13 from the Revenue Account and £71,251.28 from the Capital Account for period 10 - 2009/2010 be approved for payment.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.