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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 370 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, on Tuesday 16th March at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor I Stevenson

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor
J Simpson

Councillors
R T Halliday
M McCamphill
A Patterson
J Finlay

IN ATTENDANCE: Cultural Services Officer [Items 1-4]
Director of Borough Services [Items 5-10]
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES: **Councillors**
A Cavlan
E Robinson
Alderman
H Connolly

Director of Central and Leisure Services
Head of Leisure Services

LEISURE**370.1 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS**

The following applications were considered:

1. Ballymoney Evergreen Club for assistance towards an event to mark the finale of a series of Ulster Scots Taster Workshops. Amount requested £350.
2. Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a visit to Corrymeela and workshop. Amount requested £350

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above 2 groups are granted £350 each.

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

to recommend that Council grant £350 each to (i) Ballymoney Evergreen Club for assistance towards an event to mark the finale of a series of Ulster Scots Taster Workshops and (ii) Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a visit to Corrymeela and workshop.

- * **Alderman Cousley arrived at the meeting at 7.03pm.**

370.2 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL FUND 2010/11

Confirmation has been received of acceptance of DCAL's offer of £4,000 grant aid towards Community Festivals Fund 2010/11. The Cultural Services officer reminded members that Council agreed to match funding with £4,000 from its budget. She further advised that application forms are currently being prepared and that the scheme will be advertised shortly with anticipation of the new scheme being introduced as soon as possible.

370.3 BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Ballymoney Community Resource Centre has rescheduled the Councillors and Officers Shared Open Spaces and Neutral Venues meeting from Tuesday 23rd March to Wednesday 28th April 2010 in order to allow members sufficient time to schedule these dates in their diaries. Please note that the Thursday 15th April 2010 meeting date still stands.

- * **Alderman Simpson arrived at the meeting at 7.04 during consideration of the above matter.**
- * **Councillor Patterson arrived at the meeting at 7.04pm during consideration of the above matter.**
- * **Cultural Services officer left the meeting at 7.07pm.**

370.4 MINUTES OF MEETING LAC 369 – 16TH FEBRUARY 2010

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

that the Minutes of Meeting No LAC 369 – 16th February 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

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370.5 AMENITIES PROJECTS 2010-2011

Members, at the invitation of the Chair, put forward suggestions for certain projects that they would like to see progressed within the 2010/11 year. In light of the suggestions made, the Director drew the following matters to the Committee's attention –

- He had, post 12th February, requested the Council's QS to look again at the potential cost of delivering a range of building projects given the present state of the construction industry. Committee was made aware of the information received, including a revised proposal in respect of one of the locations.

- It would be in the Council's interests to be in a position to simply notify the CC&G Transitional Committee in its present voluntary phase i.e. by June 2010 at the latest as to the projects Council was prioritising in 2010/11.
- Committee/Council needed to consider, in determining its project priorities, not only the potential capital spend but also issues such as the control and the on-going revenue costs of the facilities to be provided.

The Director also again drew the Committee's attention to representation received from CAT and NICCY concerning play facilities at Cloughmills and asked that Committee specifically address this matter as part of the present deliberations. A discussion then ensued, but no conclusion was reached by Committee.

Following further discussion and in light of the additional information given by the Director, it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by the Mayor and **AGREED:**

that this business be further considered at the Committee's meeting in April 2010.

370.6 BALLYMONEY FESTIVE LIGHTING SCHEME 2010

Since 12th February when Council determined its budget for the 2010 Ballymoney Festive Lighting Scheme, discussions have taken place with both the President of Ballymoney Chamber of Commerce and the installation contractor previously used.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that given present circumstances (RPA, budget, etc.) that Council ought to continue for 2010 with the installation contractor previously used, who has indicated that his price in respect of the cost of the erection of the Council's lighting scheme would be the same as for 2009.

In response to a query from Councillor Finlay as to who had responsibility for the Christmas Lights Switch-On, the Director clarified that the budget within the Amenities remit simply related to installation. Alderman Campbell advised that the Chamber of Commerce looked after the entertainment. Members agreed that it would be productive this year to have a meeting arranged between all those associated with the Christmas Lights Switch-On, so that various issues could be discussed.

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

to recommend that Council convene a meeting with all those associated with the Christmas Lights Switch-On and that the Council be represented by the Mayor, Chair of Leisure and Amenities Committee and Chair of Development Committee, together with appropriate officials.

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

to recommend that Council continue with the installation contractor previously used in respect of the Ballymoney Festive Lighting Scheme for 2010.

370.7 FENCING AT FULTON PARK, BALNAMORE

Further correspondence has been received from a concerned resident whose property abuts the playing field at Fulton Park, Balnamore requesting Council to review immediately the fencing provision at its facility.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee consider the matter again with a view to making a recommendation to Council.

At the meeting the Director gave further information to members, including a potential cost for the work envisaged.

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

to recommend that Council be minded to give favourable consideration to the issue raised regarding the augmentation of certain fencing provision at Fulton Park, Balnamore.

370.8 LAND FOR A FOOTBALL PITCH ETC AT BALLYBOGEY

Members will recall correspondence from Ballybogey Community Association in the above regard which was addressed at the Committee meeting held on 17th November 2009. It was the Committee's recommendation that the Community Association be written to seeking disclosure of the allegedly willing seller. Following receipt of the information sought, a preliminary meeting has now taken place with the named individual.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee further consider the matter with a view to making a recommendation to Council as to how it ought to proceed.

The Director informed members that the land in question was in joint ownership. It was agreed that preliminary discussion be continued in order to ascertain the intention the joint owners and that following this the matter would again be considered by Committee.

370.9 SIGNAGE RE DERRYKEIGHAN OLD GRAVEYARD

Members may recall that at the Committee meeting held on 24th October 2008 correspondence on behalf of the Select Vestry of the Parish Church of St Colman, Derrykeighan drawing attention to the need for suitable signage to the old graveyard and church ruins at Derrykeighan was considered. Although it has taken some considerable time to achieve, signage has now been provided to assist, those seeking direction to Derrykeighan old graveyard and church ruins.

**370.10 LOUGH NEAGH (LEVELS) SCHEME (CONFIRMATION) ORDER
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010**

DARD has advised that the above Order came into operation on 1st March 2010. The 2010 scheme supplements and modifies those of 1955, 1995 and 2004 so that the mean level of the Lough shall now be the mean level as recorded on the systems maintained by the Department at Toombridge and Oxford Island, on the northern and southern shores respectively and additionally at Loughview Road and Ardboe Point on the eastern and western shores respectively of the Lough. The range of levels within which Lough Neagh is controlled will not change under the new scheme.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.52pm.