

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 389 held in the Committee Room, Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on Thursday 17th November 2011 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman F Campbell

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillors
J Atkinson
W Blair
A Cavlan
R Halliday
R McAfee
E Robinson
I Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Central & Leisure Services
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES: Alderman H Connolly
Councillor J Finlay
Councillor C McLaughlin
Councillor P McGuigan

389.1 MINUTES MEETING NO 387 – 18TH OCTOBER 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Halliday, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and
AGREED:

***to recommend that the Minutes of Meeting No 387 (Leisure),
as circulated, be approved.***

Matters Arising**Ballymoney Sports Awards 2011 (387.8)**

Councillor Robinson expressed her congratulations to staff for the Ballymoney Sports Awards, remarking that it was an outstanding event.

389.2 PRESENTATION BY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN COMMUNITIES (BRIC)

The Director advised she had received correspondence from representatives of BRIC stating that they were unable to attend the meeting. Representatives from BRIC had proposed to make a presentation on the aims of the organisation and the programmes they will roll out over the next three years.

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

to recommend that Council invite representatives from BRIC to a future committee meeting in 2012, after the Rates Estimates meetings have taken place.

389.3 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) 36th Ulster Memorial Drumming Club for assistance towards an Educational Visit to the Somme Centre. Amount requested £350.00
- (ii) Ballybogey Community Association for assistance towards a Joint Christmas Cultural Event with Cloughmills. Amount requested £350.00
- (iii) Ballybogey 50+ Club for assistance towards a Reflective Event. Amount requested £350.00
- (iv) Cloughmills Community Youth Club for assistance towards a Christmas Cultural Event. Amount requested £350.00
- (v) Cloughmills Senior Citizens Bowling Club for assistance towards a Christmas Cultural Event. Amount requested £350.00
- (vi) Glebeside Womens Club for assistance towards "Glebeside in a Better Light". Amount requested £350.00
- (vii) Cloughmills Community Action Team for assistance towards Cloughmills Winter Wonderland. Amount requested £350.00
- (viii) Stranocum & District Development Group for assistance towards a Winter Programme of Events. Amount requested £350.00
- (ix) Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society for assistance towards a "Cultures, And Who Are They" Event. Amount requested £350.00
- (x) Cloughmills Community Association for assistance towards an Afternoon of Reminiscence. Amount requested £350.
- (xi) Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a Christmas Cultural Event. Amount requested £200.00.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that groups (i) to (x) are awarded £250.00 each and that group (xi) is awarded £200.00.

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

to recommend that Council grant £250 each to (i) 36th Ulster Memorial Drumming Club for assistance towards an Educational Visit to the Somme Centre, (ii) Ballybogey

Community Association for assistance towards a Joint Christmas Cultural Event with Cloughmills, (iii) Ballybogey 50+ Club for assistance towards a Reflective Event, (iv) Cloughmills Community Youth Club for assistance towards a Christmas Cultural Event, (v) Cloughmills Senior Citizens Bowling Club for assistance towards a Christmas Cultural Event, (vi) Glebeside Womens Club for assistance towards "Glebeside in a Better Light", (vii) Cloughmills Community Action Team for assistance towards Cloughmills Winter Wonderland, (viii) Stranocum & District Development Group for assistance towards a Winter Programme of Events, (ix) Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society for assistance towards a "Cultures, And Who Are They" Event, (x) Cloughmills Community Association for assistance towards an Afternoon of Reminiscence and £200 to (xi) Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a Christmas Cultural Event.

389.4 GOOD RELATIONS SUB COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Good Relations Sub-Committee meeting on 3rd November are attached as Appendix A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the minutes and decisions recorded therein are approved.

The Director drew members' attention to the changes that were made to the draft terms of reference, namely the addition of two matters the subcommittee wished to review-

- Review the Small Grant Scheme criteria and process
- Review the action plan

With regard to the Small Grant Scheme the Director reminded members that further consideration was to be given to what is deemed "eligible funding". She suggested bringing a batch of applications to the next sub-committee meeting for discussion.

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

to recommend that Council approve the Minutes of Good Relations Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2011 and recommendations therein, attached as Appendix A.

389.5 BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY COHESION PROJECT

The North East PEACE III Joint Committee has agreed to offer grant aid of up to £123,000 under Priority1. Reconciling Communities, Theme 1.1. Building Positive Relations at the Local Level. Coleraine Borough Council, as the Lead Council has issued a letter of offer on 20th October 2011. This will be completed and returned within the required timescale.

The project involves the development and implementation of a Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan across the 4 villages of Rasharkin, Dunloy, Stranocum and Ballybogey. The strategy will address a number of hard issues within the 4 villages including flags, murals and emblems, antisocial behaviour, parading and sectarianism and will specifically include engagement with teenagers and young adults in each of the villages.

A Cohesion Officer will be appointed to develop and implement the strategy and action plan. The Council has previously agreed to appoint the Cohesion Officer through the Employment Agency.

The duration of the project is 18 months, January 2012 to June 2013.

The Director shall report further to committee in due course.

389.6 RESEARCH PROJECT FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF GENERALIST VOLUNTARY ADVICE SERVICES

The Department for Social Development has offered funding to Coleraine Borough Council, on behalf of the 4 Councils in the Causeway Cluster, to undertake research and provide options on the provision of generalist voluntary advice services. Williamson Consulting has been commissioned to undertake the work.

All Councillors have been written to separately detailing the work to be undertaken and inviting views and comments from individuals or through party leaders. The deadline for submission of comments is 23rd November 2011. Members were advised that a Public Meeting in Coleraine Town Hall had taken place on Wednesday 16th November at 6.00pm.

The Director encouraged individual members or through their Party Leaders to make comment directly to Williamson Consulting, or to her, if that was more convenient and she would pass the comments on.

389.7 ARMOY MOTORCYCLE ROAD RACING CLUB - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

*** DECLARATION OF INTEREST** Alderman Kennedy declared an interest in the request and left the meeting.
Alderman Kennedy left the meeting at 7.45pm

The Director advised of correspondence and a DVD of the 2011 Race received from the chairman of Armoyle Motorcycle Road Racing Club. The Club advise that the 2012 Race is to be held on 27 and 28 July and request sponsorship of £2,000.

IT WAS AGREED that the request be considered at Rate Estimates meetings.

Members are to contact the Director to receive the DVD for home viewing.

*** Alderman Kennedy returned to the meeting at 7.55pm.**

389.8 COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND

The Director advised that discussions are currently taking place in the Department for Culture Arts and Leisure (DCAL) around the possibility of Councils considering commemoration type festivals as well as the usual festivals under the Community Festival Fund from 2012/2013. Initial work by themes of Titanic, Plantation and 2012-2022, however the DCAL Minister is considering expanding DCAL's approach to festivals to include anniversaries of Local, National and International events.

In response to a question the Director clarified that DCAL were merely seeking the views of Councils at this stage and that no additional funding has been offered.

Alderman Kennedy, whilst expressing caution felt that Council should not rule anything out at this stage.

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

to recommend that Council express an interest in expanding the Council's criteria for the Community Festivals Fund to include commemoration type events and that the Director enquires if additional funding will be made available by DCAL.

389.9 LEISURE SERVICES PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR 2012/2013

The Director circulated a paper at the meeting detailing proposed Revenue and Capital budgets and their impact on the Rates for 2012/13, attached as Appendix B.

The Director responded to a number of questions from members.

* **Councillor Atkinson left the meeting at 8.35pm during consideration of the above item.**

* **Councillor Stevenson arrived at the meeting at 8.45pm during consideration of the above item.**

This being all the business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Appendix A: Minutes of Good Relations Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2011.

Appendix B: Leisure Services Proposed Budgets for 2012/2013.

Appendix A

Minutes of Good Relations Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2011.

**Minutes of Good Relations Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd
November 2011 at 2.30pm in Riada House, Ballymoney**

Present: Alderman Campbell (Chair)
Alderman Connolly
Alderman Cousley
Councillor Blair
Councillor Robinson
Director of Central & Leisure Services (DCLS)
Good Relations Officer (GRO)

Apologies: Councillor Stevenson

1. Minutes of Meeting on 11th October 2011

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Blair and Agreed that the minutes of the Sub Committee meeting on 11th October 2011 were a correct record of the business.

2. Terms of Reference

The Director reminded the members of the changes that were made to the draft terms of reference at the last meeting, namely the addition of two matters the subcommittee wished to review as follows -

- Review the Small Grant Scheme criteria and process
- Review the action plan

Councillor Robinson advised members about the Fair Share project and felt that under the Civic Leadership role members could ensure that Ballymoney Borough benefited from the project. She felt that in these challenging financial times every effort should be made to help the less well off within communities.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Alderman Cousley and agreed that the revised Terms of Reference be adopted.

3. Small Grants Scheme

The Director advised members that the Small Grant Scheme budget for this year was £10,000, which was completely expended by October 2011. She advised that some under spend was identified under other projects which would be transferred to the Small Grant Scheme but felt that this may not be adequate to fund all the applications that could be received for the remainder of the year. She advised that the number of applications this year had substantially increased which she felt was due to the current economic climate.

The Director then directed member's attention to the Small Grants Scheme guidance notes which were circulated with the agenda for the meeting. She read through the list of groups that could apply for grants.

Alderman Campbell asked whether groups outside the borough received money. The Director informed him that only groups constituted within the borough were eligible to apply to the grant scheme but that external group's who were linking up or running a project with a group that was already constituted within the borough could apply. The Director then went through the Grant Criteria and members indicated that they were content with the criteria. Members also indicated that they were content with the Grant Exclusions. In response to a query the Director clarified what was regarded as eligible expenditure and indicated that committee may need to give further consideration to the amount of grant awarded towards expenditure on refreshments which included food and sweets.

Members agreed to consider this at the next meeting when they would have details of the applications made for events/projects in December.

Under the Conditions of Grant, members felt that groups should only receive a maximum of two grants per year instead of three, thus leaving more money for other groups to avail off. **It was agreed that the conditions would be considered further at the next meeting.**

4. Date of next meeting

It was Agreed that the next meeting of the Sub Committee be held on Tuesday 10th January 2012 at 2.30pm in Riada House.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4pm

APPENDIX B

Leisure Services Budgets 2012/13

Paper to Leisure & Amenities Committee - 17 November 2011**Leisure Services Budgets 2012 - 2013****REVENUE**

	Budget 2011-12 £	Budget 2012-13 £
Cultural Services		
North West 200 contribution 5% increase organisers advise that average sponsorship is £15k	11,000	11,550
Borough Arts Committee budget was £15k reduced to £10k	10,000	15,000
Museum Service Exhibitions/events council agreed in principle to fund KK McArthur exhibition/events	15,000	27,500
Sports Development		
Sports Development Officer post vacant		
Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre		
Electricity	115,500	
Gas	99,750	
Restaurant - review ongoing, currently reduced opening hours. Saving on cost but also reduction in income.		
Income - year to date income currently below budget, current economic climate and fire in health suite.		
Leisure Contributions	4,500	7,000
Drama Festival		
Riada Pre 1950 Car club		
Ballymoney Motorcycle Club		
Weightlifting Championships		
Credit Union Schools Quiz		
Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club		
Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club		

Tourism

Tourism Coordinator Post vacant

Community Relations

level of funding from OFMDFM unknown at this stage

Community Services

level of funding from DSD unknown at this stage

1% reduction in DSD funding in current year

Advice Services

review ongoing re commissioning of generalist

voluntary advice services from 1 April 2012.

Community Support Grant Scheme

3,000

5,000

annual budget expended in June 2011

Community Festival Fund

level of funding from DCAL unknown at this stage

8,000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 3 YEAR, 2012-13 TO 2014-15

1. Upgrading of Plant Room Controls

Invest to Save project - energy efficiencies

2. Replacement of Flat Roof

Centre now 30 years old

3. Refurbishment of swimming pool wet and dry ducts

4. Refurbishment of swimming pool changing rooms, including toilets

5. Replacement of Sports Halls chairs and tables

currently hiring tables and chairs for events and functions

6. Refurbish internal fabric of leisure centre - repaint and replace worn carpets and curtains

7. Replacement of oil storage tank

8. Cover and light tennis courts area

facility would be operational all year round for various sports and coaching sessions