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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Corporate & Central Services Committee Meeting No 412 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, on Monday 25th February 2013 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor I Stevenson

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillors

J Atkinson
W Blair
A Cavlan
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
T McKeown
C McLaughlin
E Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Director of Central and Leisure Services [Item 11- 16]
Head of Corporate and Development Services [Item 1-10]
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillor P McGuigan

412.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

Councillor Robinson indicated she wished to raise an additional item as advised earlier to Chair and Chair confirmed this would be taken at the end of Corporate business (Item 10).

412.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 411 – 28TH JANUARY 2013

It was proposed by Alderman Kennedy, seconded by Alderman Campbell and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Minutes of Meeting No 411 – 28th January 2013, as circulated, be approved.

CORPORATE SERVICES**412.3 AUTISM NI “LIGHT IT UP BLUE” CAMPAIGN**

Autism NI has invited Council to get involved in the ‘Light It Up Blue’ campaign for Autism this year, regarding the recognition and compliance with the UN designation of World Autism Awareness Day; by lighting up the Clock Tower in blue for one day. As Autism Awareness Day falls on Easter Tuesday this year, we are welcome you to choose any day in April (Autism Awareness Month) if Tuesday 2nd April does not suit.

Throughout the success of last year’s campaign over 100 prominent buildings and landmarks worldwide were lit up blue, which include Chateau de Versailles near Paris, Tokyo Tower in Japan and the CN Tower in Canada. Therefore, this year, Autism NI want the light it up blue campaign to be even bigger in Northern Ireland.

Chief Executive advised the estimated cost of lighting the Clock Tower blue is £600, no budgetary provision has been made.

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

to recommend that Council get involved in the “Light It Up Blue” campaign by lighting up the Clock Tower in blue for one day in April, at an estimated cost of £600 and also arrange an event to raise awareness of Autism in Northern Ireland, funded from 2012/13 surplus.

- * **Councillor Finlay arrived at the meeting at 7.04pm during consideration of the above matter.**

- * **Councillor Atkinson arrived at the meeting at 7.05pm during consideration of the above matter.**

412.4 NILGA ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND REQUEST FOR SUBSCRIPTION 2013/14

A copy of NILGA's Business Plan for 2013/14 was circulated. Feedback from members is welcomed.

Between now and the completion of LGR programme, NILGA, indicates it will concentrate its efforts not just on the contents of its Corporate Plan and yearly work plan but, also, on developing post Reform actions and options regarding political representation, strong councils, effective two-tier government and capacity building for the role of councillors within the community.

NILGA has agreed that there will be no annual increase in subscription fees to Councils in 2013/14 so rates are maintained at 2010/11 levels for the fourth year in succession. Subscriptions are based on the most recent EPP for General Grant figures made available by DoE. The 2013/14 annual subscription for Ballymoney has been calculated at £4,792.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council confirm its contribution of £4,792 for 2013/14.

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

to recommend that Council confirm its NILGA subscription of £4,792 for 2013/14.

Councillor Finlay indicated that he did not support the recommendation to fund the organisation believing it did not provide benefits to Council.

412.5 PRESENTATION TO COUNCILLORS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM (LGR)

Confirmation has been received that Linda McHugh, Local Government Policy Division, will attend the Consultation Committee meeting on Thursday 21st March to address members on Local Government Reform.

412.6 BALLYMONEY PENSIONERS' PARLIAMENT EVENT

The Northern Ireland Pensioners' Parliament, organized by Age Sector Platform, was launched in 2011 and allows older people from across Northern Ireland to have their say on the issues that matter to them. Local Parliaments will take place between February and April 2013 and will ensure that older people's views from every county in Northern Ireland are represented. The Ballymoney event is being held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on **Friday 8th March**, 10 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

In order to identify the priority issues for older people in each county, a survey is being conducted. The results will form the basis of the discussion at each local parliament and will determine what issues were taken to the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament in May 2013.

Details of the event and a copy of the survey have been circulated to members under Office of the Chief Executive memo of 4th February 2013.

412.7 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regional Transition Committee on 30th January and the Causeway Coast & Glens Transition Committee on 3rd January were tabled at the meeting.

412.8 BALLYMONEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Application has been received from Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee for a contribution of £1,000 towards its activities in relation to the promotion of road safety initiatives in the current year. Provision of £500 is included in the budget. Last year this was supplemented with £500 from underspend in conference budget.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council approves a contribution of £1,000 to Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee.

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

to recommend that Council approve a contribution of £1,000 to Ballymoney Borough Road Safety Committee for 2012/13.

In response to an enquiry by Councillor Finlay it was clarified that the level of grant agreed for 2013/14 was £1,500. During discussion it was suggested by Councillor Robinson that the Committee be encouraged by Councils

representatives to apply for funding from Road Safety Council and other funding bodies.

412.9 NORTH ANTRIM AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

The 106th Ballymoney show will be held in the Showgrounds on 31st May and 1st June. Application has been received for a contribution towards the show. Each year the show attracts a large turnout of visitors from across the Province for its varied programme of events and exhibits. If sponsorship is for specific classes and sponsor wishes name included in the schedule and catalogue the deadline is Monday 4th March.

The Show and Press Launch will be held at Lissanoure Castle on Monday 8th April at 7.30 p.m.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council contribute £1,200 in respect of the running costs of the show and sponsorship, '*Champion and Reserve in Horse and Pony Classes*', as provided for in the budget.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £1,200 in respect of the running costs of the North Antrim Agricultural Association show and sponsorship, 'Champion and Reserve in Horse and Pony Classes', as provided for in the budget.

412.10 CORPORATE GIFTS

Councillor Robinson requested Council consider procurement of Corporate Gifts to be funded from 2012/13 budget surpluses.

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

to recommend that Council provide £2,000 towards purchasing Corporate Gifts funded from 2012/13 surpluses.

- * ***Chief Executive left the meeting at 7.35pm.***
- * ***Head of Corporate and Development Services left the meeting at 7.26pm.***
- * ***Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at the meeting at 7.37pm.***
- * ***Councillor T McKeown arrived at the meeting at 7.37pm.***

CENTRAL SERVICES

412.11 REPLACEMENT OF HOUSING BENEFIT FOR RATES

The Director advised, the matter was deferred at last month's committee meeting to enable Party Groupings to further consider the matter.

The Department of Finance & Personnel, on behalf of the NI Executive has published a preliminary consultation paper and comments/views are invited on how the scheme can operate in the future.

The changes under Welfare Reform, to the rate rebate element of Housing Benefit will apply from April 2014.

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

to recommend that Council write to Minister of Finance and Personnel to express the view that Council are opposed to reductions in the Housing Benefits.

- * **Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.43pm during consideration of the above matter.**
- * **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 7.50pm.**
- * **Councillor Halliday left the meeting at 7.50pm.**

412.12 ANNUAL TENDERS FOR GOODS & SERVICES 2013/14

The Director advised that following public advertisement 45 tenders were received.

The tenders have been evaluated and the schedule of suppliers for Goods and Services in 2013/14 attached as Appendix A is recommended for approval.

Referring to Tender No 10, Catering Supplies, the Director shall advise the companies that the in-house operation of the restaurant is due to cease during 2013/14.

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

to recommend that Council approve the Annual Tenders for Goods & Services 2013/14, attached as Appendix A.

412.13 NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS REFORM

The Department of Finance & Personnel has proposed a consultation document which provides information on the development of the policy for pension reform and the proposal for an Assembly Public Service Pensions Bill. The consultation document invites views on the care provisions which will be contained in the proposed Bill. Views are specifically invited on the relative merits of the care provisions in achieving the objectives for pension reform which were agreed by the Northern Ireland Executive on 8th March 2012. A copy of the consultation document was circulated at the meeting.

There will be a separate consultation exercise on the detail of the proposals for reform of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

* **Alderman Kennedy left the meeting at 8pm during consideration of the above matter.**

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

to recommend that Council defer the item to the next committee meeting.

412.14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM - £48M INVESTMENT FROM NI EXECUTIVE

Councillor Robinson advised that she was delighted to hear from DOE Minister that RPA had received £48M investment.

She stated that during her two years as President of NILGA she lobbied continuously for funding for RPA.

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

to recommend that Council, following the announcement of the £48M investment from NI Assembly, write a letter of appreciation to DOE Minister.

412.15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Treasury advice schedules detailing payments for Period 11, 2012/13 drawn on the Council's Revenue and Capital Bank Accounts were available for members to inspect at 6.30pm on Monday 25th February 2013 in the Council Chamber, Riada House. The Director of Central and Leisure Service was in attendance to provide information requested and deal with any queries.

***Payments made in Period 11 amount to:
Revenue Account £653,809.13
Capital Account £55,135.07***

412.16 DISTRICT RATES 2013/2014

The Director advised, the Department has produced a league table of all District Councils non domestic property and domestic property rates set for 2013/14, circulated at the meeting.

Council has retained the same position on the league table.

Appendix A: Annual Tenders for Supplies and Services 2013/2014

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

ANNUAL TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES 2013/2014

Tender No.	Description	Items	Supplier recommended for acceptance
1.	Building Supplies		
	(a) General		No tender
	(b) Timber		No tender
	(c) Homegrown Timber		No tender
	(d) Concrete		Northstone
	(e) Electrical		Yesss Electrical Ltd
2.	Paint		No tender
3.	Sand, screenings	Items 1 - 7	W & J Taggart
	(a) Bitumen etc	Items 8 & 9	Northstone Northstone
4.	Cleaning Materials		Bunzl McLaughlin
5.	Ground Maintenance Materials		Irwin Groundworks
6.	Street Nameplates		Mid-Antrim Signs
7.	Maintenance		
	(a) Electrical		Trevor Ramage
	(b) Plumbing		No tender
	(c) Tradesmen/Labourers		Covehill Homes
	(d) Painter		Ian Rankin
	(e) Grass cutting machinery		John Marshall
8.	Hire of Plant		Kealey Ltd
9.	Chemicals		Brenntag
10.	Catering Supplies		
	Confectionery		Courtney & Nelson
	Vending (Hot Drinks)		Aghadowey Food Services
	Foodstuffs		Aghadowey Food Services
	Catering Utensils		Aghadowey Food Services
12.	Batteries		Paints and Components
13.	Protective Clothing		Safetycare
14.	Industrial Cleaning Products		TRB (NI)
15.	Waste Containers		Craemer UK Ltd
17.	Oils		Lubricant Distribution

