

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure & Amenities Committee**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 404, held in the McKinley Room, Ballymoney on Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR Alderman F Campbell

PRESENT

Aldermen
H Connolly
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillors
J Atkinson
W Blair
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
T McKeown
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES:

Councillors
E Robinson
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE:

Head of Amenities (Items 1-7)
Director of Central and Leisure Services (Items 8-12)
Committee Clerk

404.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

404.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 403 – 19TH FEBRUARY 2013

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

to recommend that the Minutes of Meeting No 403 – 19th February 2013, as circulated, be approved.

Matters Arising:**2.1 Dervock Community Facilities Project 403.13**

Head of Amenities advised that an issue with the tenders has now been resolved and Council has successfully appointed a contractor who will be starting work after Easter.

* **Alderman Cousley arrived at the meeting at 7.04pm.**

* **Councillor Finlay arrived at the meeting at 7.05pm.**

Chair advised that, at the request of relevant members, a further 3 additional items will be considered at the end of the Amenities business. Head of Amenities advised that a further item for consideration will be taken at the end of Amenities business.

AMENITIES

404.3 JOINT PROCUREMENT

Further to item LAC403.14 tenders were received and assessed on the procurement of electricity. Airtricity were the most competitive for non-half hourly sites with PowerNI being most competitive for half hourly sites. Rates reveal a saving over current rates of 1% for 2013/14. The tenders submitted by the two companies have been accepted on behalf of the collaborating Councils.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council notes the benefits in this procurement exercise for procurement in 2013/14

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

to recommend that Council notes the benefits in this procurement exercise for procurement in 2013/14.

404.4 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIAL

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

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5A Grey 'OG' Barrel Sides Headstone and Base

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grants permission for the above memorial to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

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

to recommend that Council grant permission for the above memorial to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

404.5 CORRESPONDENCE – RASHARKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Following the decision by Council to remove the caretaking role at Rasharkin Community Centre, correspondence has been received from the Rasharkin Community Centre Management Committee expressing concern over this proposal. They have requested that Council continue to provide a caretaker and administrative services up until the end of June 2013. Committee are asked to consider this request.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Community Halls within the Borough, caretaking arrangements and safeguarding of children's safety within Play Groups at the Halls.

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

to recommend that Head of Amenities speak to a representative of the Playgroup to ascertain what measures might be put in place to facilitate the Playgroup to comply with current legislation on safeguarding children, in light of Council's decision to cease provision of a caretaker.

404.6 PLAYING PITCHES CHARGES (399.19)

Councillor McAfee requested that Council consider a discount scheme for organisations making considerable use of its pitches as an incentive to such clubs.

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

to recommend that Council investigate rewarding clubs that spend over £4,000 on its pitches in any given financial year.

404.7 RIVERSIDE PARK (399.10)

* **Councillor McKeown left the meeting at 7.50pm.**

Councillor Stevenson requested an update on Riverside Park, plans for its redevelopment and the application for funding.

Head of Amenities explained the 2-stage application process through which Heritage Lottery money has been applied for.

404.8 BUS SHELTER AND PLAY AREA AT FINVOY

Head of Amenities intimated that a report on each of the above will be brought to the April committee meeting.

* **Head of Amenities left the meeting at 7.54pm.**

* **Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at the meeting at 7.55pm.**

LEISURE SERVICES

404.9 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Ullans Speakers Association for assistance towards Kitchen Equipment;
- (ii) North Antrim Cultural & Music Society for assistance towards a Historical Trip;
- (iii) Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup for assistance towards Equipment;
- (iv) Slieve An Orra Airmen Memorial Fund for assistance towards a Memorial Stone;
- (v) Ballymoney Ornithological Association for assistance towards the Annual Show;

- (vi) NI Fife Fancy Canary Club for assistance towards a Bird Show;
- (vii) Glebeside Community Association for assistance towards Crumlin Road Jail Visit;
- (viii) Dunloy Accordion Band for assistance towards a Concert Programme.

The above 8 applications meet the criteria of the Community Support Grant Scheme.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above 8 groups are awarded £200.00 each.

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

to recommend that Council grant £200 each to (i) Ullans Speakers Association for assistance towards Kitchen Equipment, (ii) North Antrim Cultural & Music Society for assistance towards a Historical Trip, (iii) Ballymoney & District Community Playgroup for assistance towards Equipment, (iv) Slieve An Orra Airmen Memorial Fund for assistance towards a Memorial Stone, (v) Ballymoney Ornithological Association for assistance towards the Annual Show, (vi) NI Fife Fancy Canary Club for assistance towards a Bird Show, (vii) Glebeside Community Association for assistance towards Crumlin Road Jail Visit, (viii) Dunloy Accordion Band for assistance towards a Concert Programme.

404.10 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Cloughmills Boys and Girls Football Club for assistance towards a Cross Community Dance;
- (ii) Compass Advocacy Network for assistance towards a 'Best Buddies Scheme';
- (iii) North Antrim Cultural and Musical Society for assistance towards a Historical Display;
- (iv) Ballymoney Old Vehicle Club for assistance towards an Annual Cultural Family Fun Day;
- (v) Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society for assistance towards an Alternative St.Patrick's Day;
- (vi) Japanese Cultural Centre for assistance towards a Diverse Cultural Awareness Event;
- (vii) Japanese Cultural Centre for assistance towards a Samurai Arts Display;
- (viii) Dunaghy Flute Band for assistance towards a Cultural Workshop;
- (ix) Ballymoney Elim Church, Crown Jesus Ministries for assistance towards a Street Reach Programme;
- (x) St.Bridgets GAC for assistance towards a Cloughmills Got Talent;
- (xi) Slieve An Orra Airmen Memorial Fund for assistance towards a Memorial Event.

The above 11 applications meet the criteria of the Small Grants Scheme.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above 11 groups are granted £350.00 each.

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

to recommend that Council grant £350 each to (i) Cloughmills Boys and Girls' Football Club for assistance towards a Cross Community Dance; (ii) Compass Advocacy Network for assistance towards a 'Best Buddies Scheme'; (iii) North Antrim Cultural and Musical Society for assistance towards a Historical Display; (iv) Ballymoney Old Vehicle Club for assistance towards an Annual Cultural Family Fun Day; (v) Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society for assistance towards an Alternative St. Patrick's Day; (vi) Japanese Cultural Centre for assistance towards a Diverse Cultural Awareness Event; (vii) Japanese Cultural Centre for assistance towards a Samurai Arts Display; (viii) Dunaghy Flute Band for assistance towards a Cultural Workshop; (ix) Ballymoney Elim Church Crown Jesus Ministries for assistance towards a Street Reach Programme; (x) St. Bridget's GAC for assistance towards a Cloughmills Got Talent; (xi) Slieve An Orra Airmen Memorial Fund for assistance towards a Memorial Event.

404.11 GOOD RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - 12TH MARCH 2013

Good Relations Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes were circulated. **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the minutes and recommendations contained therein are adopted.

The Director drew members' attention to the Ballymoney Cohesion Project at item 6, and advised that PEACE III had agreed to an extension to the community Cohesion Project to include people from the 4 target areas of primary and secondary school, young adults and intergenerational age groups from all rural villages.

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

to recommend that Council approve the extension to the Ballymoney Cohesion Project.

At the request of Alderman Kennedy, Councillor Atkinson gave committee a synopsis of a recent Good Relations Northern Arc project visit to Donegal.

Councillor Stevenson stated that the event was a very good Good Relations project and briefly outlined the Ulster Scots and Irish language aspects of the project and the areas visited.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Alderman Cousley, MBE and
AGREED:

to recommend that the Minutes of the Good Relations Sub-Committee, 12th March 2013 and recommendations contained therein, are approved.

At the request of Councillor Finlay, Director of Central and Leisure Services shall advise on the Churches representation on the Churches Forum.

404.12 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL FUND 2013/14 – DCAL FUNDING

The Director advised that the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) has offered grant not exceeding £4000 for 2013/14. Council has budgeted to match the DCAL funding in 2013/14.

The Letter of Offer has been signed and returned accepting the grant of £4000 for 2013/14.

404.13 COMMUNITY CENTRES' LEASE AGREEMENT

Councillor Finlay queried the position of the lease agreements with Rasharkin and Killyrammer.

Director of Central and Leisure Services advised that the lease was the same as that signed by the 3 new community centre committees, that Killyrammer had formed a company limited by guarantee, but that a legal entity was not yet formed in Rasharkin. She reminded members that a Council decision was awaited on the Schedule of Roles and Responsibilities of the Council and Management Committee to be included in the lease. She further advised that at last months' committee meeting there was discussion about the repair works for which grant applications were submitted, by Borough Services.

The Director reminded members that Council had accepted that lease agreements would not be signed by Killyrammer and Rasharkin until the necessary repair works were carried out. Councillor Finlay indicated that it could be some months before the repair works would be undertaken.

The Director reminded members that only the grant application money for the refurbishment of Killyrammer and Rasharkin was included in the 2013/14 approved capital programme.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Appendix A: Minutes of Good Relations Sub Committee – 12th March 2013.

Minutes of Good Relations Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2013 at 2.30pm in Riada House, Ballymoney

Present: Ald Campbell
Ald Connolly
Ald Cousley
Cllr McGuigan
Cllr McKeown
Director of Central & Leisure Services (DCLS)
Good Relations Officer (GRO)

Apologies: Cllr Robinson, Cllr McLaughlin and Cllr Stevenson

1. Welcome and Introduction

Ald Campbell thanked everyone for attending and especially welcomed Ald Cousley back after having a short spell of ill health.

2. Minutes of Meeting on 8th January 2013

It was proposed by Ald Cousley, seconded by Cllr McGuigan and agreed that the minutes were a correct record.

3. Good Relations Budget 2012/13

DCLS gave a brief overview of the Good Relations budget for the year. It was stated that there had been no issues with regards to budget spend. In response to a query from Cllr Campbell, DCLS said that we should be receiving the same budget level from Community Relations Unit (CRU) this year.

4. Action Plan 2013/14

DCLS and GRO outlined to members a number of changes to the action plan for 2013/14 as follows:

- £5000 to be contributed to Ballymoney Churches Forum (currently Peace III funded but ends in September) in lieu of Rasharkin Forum – Ballymoney Community Cohesion Project to carry on work on Rasharkin Forum albeit in a revised format. An evaluation of the Forum to be presented to the next GR Sub Committee meeting.
- £2200 to be contributed to an Orange Order Programme and Exhibition which aims to promote the work of the Orange Order (in Rasharkin and will form part of CR week). Funding to be taken from the remainder of the money initially set aside for Rasharkin Forum and from Local History budget.
- Funding set aside for networking trips and cultural festival to be combined to produce a programme of events before and during CR Week.

- Funding set aside for bonfire and GR Awards ceremony to be reallocated to the grants programme pending outcome of discussions on the future direction of the Bonfire Committee.
- The annual joint project with Causeway Cluster councils this year will be the development of a new GR Strategy and Action Plan for the incoming year(s).
- Other projects in 2013/14 include:
 - WAVE
 - Hands of My Friend
 - Cheers/NEELB Youth Work
 - Corrymeela initiatives
 - CRED Funding initiatives
 - World War 1 & 2 local history projects
 - Carol Service
 - Midnight Soccer
 - GR Training – Councillors, staff and community

After a brief discussion it was proposed by Ald Connolly, seconded by Cllr McKeown and agreed that the action plan be approved.

5. New Good Relations Strategy Template

DCLS explained that CRU will be issuing councils with a new template for the 2013/14 GR Strategy which will have four broad headings. GRO stated that CRU reassured GRO's at a recent meeting that the agreed Ballymoney actions will fit into the new headings.

6. Any other Business

DCLS gave a brief update on Ballymoney Cohesion Project. It was explained that the project has been extended to include all of the villages in the Borough and intergenerational groups.

7. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to wait until CRU issue the new guidelines before setting the date of the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3.30pm