

**Ballymoney Borough Council  
Leisure & Amenities Committee**

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*deal with requests in  
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*Provide new pontoon jetty  
with canoe access*

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 410, held in the Council Chamber, Riada House Ballymoney on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.05pm.

**IN THE CHAIR** Alderman F Campbell

**PRESENT**

**ALDERMEN**  
C Cousley, MBE  
B Kennedy

**COUNCILLORS**  
J Finlay  
R Halliday  
R McAfee  
T McKeown  
I Stevenson

**APOLOGIES:**

**Councillors**  
E Robinson, MBE

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Central and Leisure Services [Item 1-9]  
Director of Borough Services [Item 10-17]  
Business Support Officer

**410.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**410.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 409 – 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

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

*to recommend that the Minutes of Meeting No 409 – 17<sup>th</sup> September, as circulated, be approved.*

**Matters Arising****2.1 Changing Facilities for Astroturf Pitch (409.34)**

The Director advised that the changing rooms are in a bad state of repair and that prices are being obtained for plumbing and electrical services and a further report will be brought back.

Councillor Finlay stated this was good news that work was progressing as the changing rooms will help the Hockey team.

## LEISURE SERVICES

### 410.3 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) St Brigids GAC for assistance towards a Social Night;
- (ii) Glebeside CA Men's Group for assistance towards an Understanding the City of Culture Event;
- (iii) Glebeside CA Men's Group for assistance towards an Exploring the Peace Lines & Murals Event;
- (iv) Benvardin Community Association for assistance towards a History of Benvardin Event;
- (v) Cheers Youth Centre for assistance towards a Youth Inclusion Event;
- (vi) Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural & Heritage Society for assistance towards a City of Culture Trip;
- (vii) Dunloy Development Association for assistance towards an Active 3G Initiative;
- (viii) Dunloy Development Association for assistance towards a Village Annual Christmas Community Programme
- (ix) Cloughmills Community Association for assistance towards a Gala Ball;
- (x) Ballybogey Community Association for a Youth Inclusion Project;
- (xi) Cloughmills Vintage Club for a Community Fun Day;
- (xi) Glebeside Community Association for a Christmas Cultural Programme;
- (xiii) Finvoy Church Community Group for a Festival of Christmas Trees event.

The above 13 applications meet the criteria of the Small Grants Scheme.

The Director advised that to date £18,550 has been awarded in grants out of the budget of £19,140.

A discussion ensued on any proposed overspend and level of grant to be offered, to the current and future applicants.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and

**AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council grant £350 each to the following 13 groups:***

- (i) St Brigid's GAC for assistance towards a Social Night;***
- (ii) Glebeside CA Men's Group for assistance towards an Understanding the City of Culture Event;***
- (iii) Glebeside CA Men's Group for assistance towards an Exploring the Peace Lines & Murals Event;***
- (iv) Benvardin Community Association for assistance towards a History of Benvardin Event;***
- (v) Cheers Youth Centre for assistance towards a Youth Inclusion Event;***
- (vi) Stranocum Ulster Scots Cultural & Heritage Society for assistance towards a City of Culture Trip;***
- (vii) Dunloy Development Association for assistance towards an Active 3G Initiative;***
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- towards a Village Annual Christmas Community Programme*
- (ix) *Cloughmills Community Association for assistance towards a Gala Ball;*
  - (x) *Ballybogey Community Association for a Youth Inclusion Project;*
  - (xi) *Cloughmills Vintage Club for a Community Fun Day;*
  - (xi) *Glebeside Community Association for a Christmas Cultural Programme;*
  - (xiii) *Finvoy Church Community Group for a Festival of Christmas Trees event.*

The Director advised that savings may be identified within Good Relations Programme; she will bring a report to the Good Relations Sub-Committee meeting.

#### **410.4 GOOD RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that a meeting of the Good Relations Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm in Riada House.

The Director advised that the Consultant working on the new Strategy was available to come to the Good Relations Sub-Committee meeting and that an invitation could be extended to all members.

Councillor Finlay indicated the sub-committee may want to meet on its own for the first time since reconvening, to discuss the current years' Action Plan.

The Director indicated that the Cohesion Officer would attend to report on the Cohesion Project that was ending in December 2013.

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

*to recommend that a meeting of the Good Relations Sub-Committee is held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm in Riada House.*

The Director reminded members the make-up of the sub-committee is 4 DUP, 2 SF, 1UUP, 1SDLP, 1TUV, Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio.

#### **410.5 GOOD RELATIONS STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2014-2017**

The current Good Relations Strategy expires in March 2014. Work is due to commence on a new 3 year Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan for the Causeway Coast & Glens District Council. Each of the 4 Councils will however produce its own Action Plan for 2014/15.

#### **410.6 REFURBISHMENT OF CHANGING ROOMS & TOILETS PROJECT IN THE JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE**

The Director advised that work is progressing well with the refurbishment of the Changing Rooms and Toilets and is on schedule to be completed on time by Mid December 2013.

Every effort is being made to keep the disruption to customers to a minimum.

A visit to see the refurbishment facilities will be arranged for members after the works are completed.

#### **410.7 SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE**

The swimming pool will close for planned maintenance on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013, reopening again on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014.

Notices will be displayed in the Leisure Centre to inform customers.

#### **410.8 ELECTRICITY AND GAS CONTRACTS FOR THE JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE**

Under the Direction made by the Department of the Environment in relation to Expenditure Controls and the Role of Statutory Transition Committees, non-capital contracts over £100,000 require the written consent of the Statutory Transition Committee (STC) before the Council enters into such contracts.

As the annual cost of both the electricity and gas contracts is over £100,000 then STC's written approval is required.

These contracts will be tabled for the next STC meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

The Director advised that further guidance had been received and that it was only contracts where their term extended beyond 31 March 2015 that required STC approval. She advised that the current contracts were for a 1-year period.

Councillor Stevenson had considered that with Council's amalgamation, contracts could be combined with a view to making savings.

The Director advised that there was collaborative working but that contract terms had to be aligned.

#### **410.9 BALLYMONEY SPORTS AWARDS GALA NIGHT**

Councillor Finlay congratulated the Sports Advisory Committee on an excellent awards evening, held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

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

***to recommend that Council write to Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee congratulating them on a very enjoyable evening, commending the role played by Council staff and in particular the work undertaken by Mr John Fall.***

- \* **Director of Central and Leisure Services left the meeting at 7.35pm.**
- \* **Director of Borough Services arrived at the meeting at 7.40pm.**
- \* **Councillor McAfee left the meeting at 7.35pm and re-joined the meeting at 7.40pm.**
- \* **Councillor McKeown left the meeting at 7.40pm.**

## AMENITIES

The Director of Borough Services advised he had a couple of additional items for consideration.

### 410.10 PROPOSED EASEMENT FOR NIE AT FINVOY ROAD

Members are informed that NIE seek an easement over Council lands at Finvoy Road which currently form the visibility splay at the access/egress to Rasharkin Cemetery. NIE seek the easement for a proposed adjoining electricity substation. Subject to agreement, NIE seek a number of permanent rights from the Council to include:

- A right of way
- Provision of an access road
- The right to lay underground cables, and
- The provision of sight lines (to include the use of the Council's existing sight lines)

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the easement is granted to NIE by way of a formal legal agreement, subject to Council's existing sightlines remaining unobstructed and with NIE being responsible for all legal fees that may be incurred.

Councillor Finlay expressed his objection to the easement proposal at this time given the concerns local residents had raised regarding the proposed NIE substation. Director of Borough Services, who indicated that he had been unaware of any concerns, suggested that the matter be held over and that NIE be invited to Council to make a presentation concerning the proposed new substation.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Halliday and

**AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council invite NIE to make a presentation to regarding its proposals for a new electricity substation.***

### 410.11 PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR BALLYMONEY RAILWAY BRIDGE

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council note that Ballymoney Shared Use Railway Bridge has won a prestigious industry award. At the recent Construction Employers Federation (CEF), Construction Excellence Awards 2013, Contractors McLaughlin & Harvey scooped first prize in the Transport Infrastructure Section beating off competitors including Graham Construction, McCann Bam JV and Farrans Construction to win top spot. McLaughlin & Harvey were announced as section winners at a gala evening ceremony held in the Culloden Hotel on 26 September. This prestigious ceremony is now firmly established as the highlight of the construction calendar in Northern Ireland and this award demonstrates the quality of work achieved in the completion of this significant town project.

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

***to recommend that Council note that Ballymoney Shared Use Railway Bridge has won a prestigious industry award.***

#### **410.12 ROUTE AVENUE UPDATE**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Committee/Council note that, following extensive research to ensure all of the landowners at Route Avenue were identified, all except one have now agreed to assertion by the completion of a Public Rights of Way Reply form. Following the recommendation at LAC 375, 29 June 2010 and as adopted at CM 923 5 July 2010, Council, in exercise of its statutory duty will now move to assert the public right of way and ask the Court to vindicate it.

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

***to recommend that Council note that it will now move to assert the public right of way at Route Avenue.***

\* **Councillor McKeown returned to the meeting at 7.50pm.**

#### **410.13 REDUNDANT FESTIVE LIGHTING**

Approaches have been made on behalf of Associations within the Borough as to what Council might be doing with its now redundant festive lights.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Committee consider the issue and advise Council as to how it ought to address the matter.

In the ensuing discussion the Director of Borough Services responded to member questions and suggestions and indicated what steps might be taken to address the matter. Members were agreed that in offering the lights and fittings that its interests ought to be protected and that when the lights were disposed of it would not be responsible for erection or any other associated matters.

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

***to recommend to Council that its redundant lights & fittings, in the first instance, be offered to local community groups without charge, then advertised and then disposed of.***

\* **Councillor McKeown left the meeting at 8.05pm.**



#### 410.14 CHRISTMAS TREE RELOCATIONS

Two approaches have been made with regard to Council facilitating the relocation of village Christmas trees. As this is unbudgeted expenditure (circa £5,000) **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Committee consider the requests and make a recommendation to Council.

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

***to recommend that Council facilitate the relocation of village Christmas trees as requested.***

#### 410.15 USE OF RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY

Correspondence has recently been received from the Anchor Boys Section Route Battalion Boys' Brigade regarding the use of Riverside Park, Ballymoney on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12noon for a balloon release to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council agree to the request.

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

***to recommend that Council grant the use of Riverside Park to the Anchor Boys Section Route Battalion Boys' Brigade for a balloon release to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12noon.***

#### 410.16 MEGAW PARK UPDATE

The Director of Borough Services advised that two approaches had recently been made in respect of Megaw Park and that same could be pursued by Council, were it so minded, as the proposals received would not impinge on the integrity of the Council's proposed scheme which was to be tendered shortly. The Director indicated that both processes could be pursued simultaneously.

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

***to recommend that Council grant authority to the Director of Borough Services to deal with the requests made in accordance with the Council's procedures.***

**410.17 PONTOON AT DRUMAHEGLIS**

The Director of Borough Services referred to Minute CM983.10.1 [5<sup>th</sup> August 2013] when Council was informed that an application under the DCAL 2013/14 Water Recreation Grant Programme to provide a pontoon jetty incorporating canoe access, etc at Drumaheglis had been successful in that the Department would contribute a maximum of £20,000 in grant aid to the project. He advised that working in conjunction with Waterways Ireland it is estimated that the project cost is £35,000 and that it was necessary to progress the scheme now in order to comply with the Department's requirement that work be complete by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. The Director recommended that the project be undertaken.

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

*to recommend that Council provide a new pontoon jetty, incorporating canoe access, etc at Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park.*

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