

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
RESOURCES TASK GROUP**

MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2013

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RESOURCES TASK GROUP

Minutes of Resources Task Group Committee held on Monday, 28th January 2013 at 2.00 pm in the McKinley Room, Riada House.

IN THE CHAIR Councillor I Stevenson

PRESENT

Aldermen

F Campbell

H Connolly

Councillors

J Finlay

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive

Head of Corporate & Development Services

Director Central & Leisure Services

Director Borough Services

APOLOGIES

Alderman C Cousley

Councillor B Kennedy

46.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

46.2 MINUTES MEETING NO 45 – 26TH NOVEMBER 2012

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 45 on 26th November 2012, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

46.3 VACANCIES

3.1 General Operative vacancy (Environmental Services)

Following the retirement of employee ref 10377 and appointment of an internal candidate, ref. 10833, a vacancy has arisen. It is **recommended** that a refuse collector in lieu of a replacement general operative be recruited. The post is essential to service delivery and will not impact on the wages budget. The Chief Executive advised that this had been considered by management and was recommended for approval.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

to recommend that a refuse collector in lieu of a replacement general operative be approved and recruited.

46.4 VARIANCE REPORT

The 8th month variance report for 12/13 was circulated and discussed and officers responded to members questions. It was agreed that the report be circulated to all members with the papers for the forthcoming rates meeting.

46.5 CONSERVATORY RESTAURANT AT JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE

A review of the catering operation has been carried out by PSM Consulting. Two options were put forward by the Director of Central & Leisure Services for for consideration by members, from four options considered in the consultants report.

The Director explained the two distinct choices facing Council if it wishes to introduce measures to reduce the current operating subsidy –

1. Closure with a view to outsourcing management and operation of the restaurant.
2. Reduced opening hours to Friday and Saturday only.

Current staffing is 1 full time and 3 part time – equivalent to 2 full time employees. Details of the current years (2012/13) income and expenditure budgets, actual at November 2012 and project actual at year end, together with subsidy, were presented for both the restaurant and the vending operation. It was anticipated that the vending operation would continue under the management and operation of the leisure centre.

It is **recommended** that members give consideration to the options put forward and make a recommendation to Council.

Discussion ensued, during which the Director responded to members' questions and clarified issues.

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

that Council cease operating the restaurant inhouse and outsource management and operation of the restaurant, ensuring no gap in service.

The meeting concluded at 2.45 pm.