

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
RESOURCES TASK GROUP**

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

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## RESOURCES TASK GROUP

Minutes of Resources Task Group Committee held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 2.00pm in the McKinley Room, Riada House.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor I Stevenson

**PRESENT:**

**Aldermen**  
F Campbell  
H Connolly

**Councillors**  
J Finlay  
Councillor E Robinson (Mayor)

**APOLOGIES:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive  
Head of Corporate & Development Services

### 49.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 49.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 47 – 25TH MARCH 2013

The Chief Executive reminded the meeting that as the Mayor had indicated at the last Council meeting that she wanted to request a change to the minute record the committee agreed at its last meeting to defer these minute to the current meeting, in view of her personal circumstances.

The Mayor indicated that she was content and was not pursuing any amendment to the minute which had been adopted by Council.

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

***that the minutes of the Committee's meeting, No. 47, on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, be confirmed as a correct record.***

**MINUTES MEETING NO 48 – 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2013**

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

***to recommend that the Minutes of Meeting No 48 – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.***

**49.3 CLERICAL SUPPORT**

The following motion from the last meeting of the Group was deferred to this meeting by the Chair (*copy of extract from last meeting on this subject was circulated for members' convenience*).

***to recommend that Council provides £13,366 to restore the building control budget, the cost to be met from underspend in the current year or from reserves. (proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Ald. Campbell).***

The Chair said he disagreed with the assertion that services were treated differently and his concern was costs for borough ratepayers. He had tabled this matter out of fairness to both officers and members to allow clarification. He was content that adequate time had elapsed to allow discussion on this matter and hoped that matter could be drawn to a close at this meeting and the recommendation put forward at the last meeting was now before committee for consideration.

Councillor Robinson advised that the DUP grouping had met earlier in the day to review the matter and having taken account of the issues put forward, including boiler work needing to be done by building control staff and on reflection requests for increase resource costs or other budget matters arising during the rate process, should revert to RTG as is the norm. She expressed the view that the proposed resource costs being met from underspend or reserves were a wise decision. In the circumstances she said she was content to support the recommendation, as set out above.

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

***to recommend that Council provides £13,366 to restore the building control budget, the cost to be met from underspend in the current year or from reserves.***

**49.4 VACANCIES****4.1 Fuel Poverty Co-Ordinator (Borough Services)**

This above post will become vacant at the end of June 2013. It is a PHA (Public Health Agency) fully funded post with monies guaranteed up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. It provides a service to all of the Councils within the Northern Group.

It is **RECOMMENDED** by Corporate Management Team to fill the post on a contract basis up to March 2015, it being considered essential for the continued delivery of fuel poverty initiatives.

The Deputy Director of Borough Services presented the matter and responded to members' questions. He undertook to convey to the Officer words of tribute from members for her contribution to the fuel poverty programme and to wish her well in her new post.

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

***to recommend that the post of Fuel Poverty Co-Ordinator be filled on a contract basis up to March 2015, it being considered essential for the continued delivery of fuel poverty initiatives.***

**This Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.00 p.m.**