

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
RESOURCES TASK GROUP**

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Minutes of meeting of Resources Task Group held in the McKinley Room, Riada House on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor E Robinson, MBE

**PRESENT:** **Alderman**  
F Campbell  
H Connolly

**Councillors**  
J Finlay  
I Stevenson

**APOLOGY** Councillor T McKeown

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive  
Director of Borough Services  
Director of Central & Leisure Services  
Head of Corporate & Development Services

**52.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**52.2 MINUTES MEETING NO 51 – 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013**

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

*that the minutes of the Resource Task Group committee meeting No. 51 on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**52.3 CONSERVATORY RESTAURANT, JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE**

Following Council's decision to cease the in-house operation of the Conservatory Restaurant in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre the undernoted proposal is **recommended** for consideration and approval.

The Conservatory Restaurant will cease operation on 30 November 2013.

A strategic review of the councils catering operation will be undertaken. This will include the future type of operation, the level of service to be provided, the use of the aging kitchen and restaurant equipment and the possible inclusion of corporate catering. It is proposed that consultation would commence in relation to the 4 members of staff employed in the restaurant concerning potential redundancy and voluntary redundancy would be suggested in accordance with council's policy.

The current refurbishment project in the leisure centre and the planned closure of the swimming pool in December is likely to have a detrimental effect on the restaurant. The proposed closure would help reduce costs.

It is hoped to have the review completed in time for the 2014/15 Rates setting process.

- **Councillor Stevenson joined meeting at 2.10 p.m. during presentation of the report.**

During discussion the Director of Central & Leisure Services, in response to questions, advised on declining business, impact of current projects to refurbish changing rooms and closure of swimming pool, considerations since Council decision of February last, additional cost due to staff absence, staff consultation arrangements, operating costs, financial implications of any redundancies. The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that she would bring a further report to Committee at an early date to ensure all cost information was available to Council well in advance of the commencement of the rate process.

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

***to recommend that Council confirm the proposals to cease operations at the restaurant on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, undertake a strategic review of the catering operation, enter into consultations with staff employed at the at the facility, and a further report be made to Committee on completion of these tasks.***

**The meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.**