

**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 25th November 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E Robinson, MBE

PRESENT: **Alderman** H Connolly

Councillor: I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: **Aldermen:** F Campbell
Councillors: J Finlay, T McKeown

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

54.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

54.2 MINUTES MEETING NO 53 – 28TH OCTOBER 2013

Reference was made to minute 53.3 ie business support officer post being an “at risk” post. Members were asked to note that the business support post is not in itself an “at risk” post, but is suitable alternative employment for an “at risk” post.

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

that the minutes of the Resources Task Group committee meeting No. 53 on 28th October 2013, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, the point of clarification above having been noted.

54.3 VACANT POST

The Museum Officer post has become vacant due to the resignation of the current post holder, service ending at 30th November.

The post is essential for the efficient delivery of the Museum Service. Also the current staffing structure of 2 full time museum officers was a condition of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant towards the fit out of the museum.

It is **recommended** that the Museum Officer post is filled via Vacancy Control procedure/recruitment campaign as appropriate.

In response to questions from Char the Director of Central & Leisure Services advised on the conditions imposed by HLF for two museum officers which remained for 10 years, the university student on bursary whose placement concluded at end of November and that pending filling of the post an interim appointment would be made via recruitment agency.

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

that the Museum Officer post be filled via vacancy control procedure/recruitment campaign as appropriate.

54.4 CONSERVATORY RESTAURANT IN JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE

Following Council's decision on 7th October 2013 to close the restaurant on 30th November 2013 consultation has taken place with the four members of staff and their trade union representative regarding redundancy/alternative employment.

The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that all four members of staff have agreed to accept voluntary redundancy in accordance with the Council's policy. The total cost of the redundancy payments is £40,236.41 and will be met from the General Fund (reserves). The process had been supported by the Labour Relations Agency who were preparing an agreement for signature by the parties.

A report on the strategic review of the provision of a catering service at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre will be presented to the Resources Task Group in due course.

During discussion the Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that the hot vending machine was currently out of order and an interim arrangement had been put in place to offer tea/coffee for meetings in line with the arrangements operating in the Town Hall.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 p.m.