

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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Minutes of Development Meeting No 235, held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney on Wednesday 16th May 2012 at 6.30 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J Finlay

PRESENT:

Aldermen
F Campbell
H Connolly
B Kennedy

Councillors
J Atkinson
W Blair
R Halliday
R McAfee
I Stevenson
E Robinson
M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive
Head of Corporate & Development Services

North East Peace III Programme

235.1 NORTH EAST PEACE III PROGRAMME

The Chair welcomed Patricia O'Brien, Programme Manager and Colin Neilands, Workers Education Association (WEA). Mrs O'Brien introduced the Leadership in a Shared Society project and handed over to Mr Neilands, WEA, who had been appointed to deliver the project. Mr Neilands explained the aims and content of the project, target beneficiaries, both elected members and community leaders who would work together to develop an area based project. He also commented on the expected outcomes and invited expressions of interest, particularly from new councillors. Mr Neilands gave an overview of the training programme and responded to member's questions. Councillor Robinson and Alderman Campbell indicated that they had previously participated and found the programme highly beneficial.

The Chairman thanked the two representatives for their attendance and the manner in which they had responded to members questions.

The following members registered their interest in participating in the programme. Councillor Atkinson, Councillor Blair, Alderman Connolly, Alderman Connolly, Councillor McAfee.

It was **AGREED**

that committee approve the appointment of the five members to participate in the NE Peace III Leadership in a Shared Society Project.

235.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 234 – 18th April 2012

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

to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 234 – 21st March 2012, as circulated, be approved.

235.3 EVENTS

The Head of Corporate & Development Services updated the meeting on forthcoming events and presented report of the Events Sub Committee on 16th April.

- Pipe Band Championships on 2nd June with shuttle bus to convey visitors to town centre.
- Vanves Football visit on 15-17 June.
- Diamond Jubilee Grants five applications had not been progressed by the deadline of 27th April and were deemed withdrawn. A total of £3,190 had been awarded and details of the events supported would be publicly advertised. Risk assessments were being reviewed with groups where necessary and issues and mitigation measures addressed. It was reported that an application pack to Derrykeighan Community Association, following their success at expression of interest stage, had not been delivered and was reissued with an extended deadline. An award of £200 towards a street party on 4th June was **recommended** for approval, subject to conditions.

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

that an application from Derrykeighan Community Association for jubilee event grant on 4th June be approved.

- The 2012 Inspired events programme was circulated and members commended the range of events on offer celebrating the diamond jubilee and the 2012 Olympics. It was noted that the Royal British Legion Service and Parade on 9th June had had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

- Torch Relay arrangements settled by the project group. Volunteers from Dervock and the community association were supporting the Council team in the delivery of the event. The Torchbearer for Dervock had not been announced. The Torch Party would commence at 3 pm in Riverside Park in advance of the arrival of the torch. Local communities had been invited to join in the celebrations.
- A number of members commented on the public parade by Royal Irish Regiment following the Freedom ceremony which had been well received by the public and on the excellent arrangements for the event.

235.4 PROJECT UPDATES

- **Rural Development Programme – Progress**

NE Rural Development Partnership has already spend over £2M supporting rural businesses and communities and had a further £6M already committed to projects which would be implemented in the coming months. There will be a call for applications for measure 3.1 – farm diversification and measure 3.2 – business creation and development from 14th May.

- **Dervock Community Hall (RDP)**

Planning permission had been secured. The economic appraisal had been completed and the Rural Development Partnership was awaiting receipt of this to allow the assessment panel to consider the application by end of May. Council will have to comply with NER's terms and conditions on procurement, which may necessitate setting aside Councils policy. A report will be brought to committee.

- **Ballybogey Muga (RDP)**

Application submitted.

- **Rasharkin Project (RDP)**

Meeting to be arranged to develop revised project for consideration by Council, with a view to submitting in the next funding round.

- **Lower Bann Rural Tourism Development Project (RDP)**

DARD are keen to move on the strategic projects and clusters will open mid/end May and close end June. Applicants will be required to have any necessary planning and other statutory permissions applied for by closing date and implemented by end of 2012.

- **RIVERS – Inlandwaterways Project (Lower Bann – Drumheglis) (Interreg/NITB)**

Further development of project to support the funding bid to NITB for match funding of interreg supported project being progressed, together with procurement process issues, identified by SEUPB, on which advice from CPD given.

- **Enterprise Week 2012 (INI)**

Enterprise Week would take place 12-18 November and it is planned to collaborate with Invest NI in a regional initiative, Impact North East, aimed at growing startup businesses.

- **Food Tourism Feasibility Study (RDP)**

Final draft report under consideration.

- **Dalriada Drives (RDP)**

Final draft report agreed. Presentation on outline project to be presented to committee.

- **Townscape Heritage Initiative (HLF)**

Stage 2 application completed and submitted by deadline. Application to be assessed and outcome advised by end of September.

- **Social Enterprise**

The three new community halls had been completed, agreements signed with the new limited companies established to manage the halls. A programme of social enterprise and other training was being developed to support the new companies.

235.5 STRATEGY UPDATES

- a) **Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Partnership**

Review assignment moving towards completion with meeting arranged to settle priorities and action plan activity.

- b) **Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust**

Workshop on landscape partnership project attended by Officer and Alderman Campbell on 1st May 2012

- c) **Town Masterplan (DSD)**

The DSD Minister visited Ballymoney on 9th May 2012 and announced funding for development of a town masterplan.

235.6 BROADBAND & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Updated guidance note, issued by DETI, covering the telecoms market and Broadband in NI circulated. This provides an overview of a number of projects brought forward by DETI and sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of network operators, DETI and telecommunications Regulator, OFCOM. Attention is drawn to the arrival of Onwave Ltd to the NI market. Onwave are delivering satellite broadband services under DETI's Remote Broadband Services contract, which was previously held by Avanti.

235.7 BALLYMONEY BOROUGH TWINNING ASSOCIATION - CONTRIBUTION

Application from Ballymoney Borough Twinning Association reporting on activity during 2011 with Council twin towns of Vanves and Douglas IOM, fundraising activity and annual accounts, together with proposed activities for the incoming year.

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

that Council contributes £5,000 to Ballymoney Borough Twinning Association to assist with advancement of twinning links in the communities, in accordance with budget provision made.

This concluded the business of the meeting the time being 7.30 p.m.

Appendices listed:

Appendix A Queen's Jubilee Event Fund

Appendix B Minutes of Events Sub Committee Meeting 16.4.12

APPENDIX A

Development Committee Events Sub-Committee
Queen's Jubilee Event Fund
DC235 – 16/5/2012

	Name of Group	Amount of Grant	Event
DJ-001	Cloughmills Cultural and Historical Society	£200.00	Evening Tea Dance on 22/05/2012
DJ-002	Kilraughts G.F. Association	£200.00	Fun Evening & BBQ on 08/06/2012
DJ-003	Ballymoney Evergreen Club	£200.00	Tea Party on 08/06/2012
DJ-004	Eden Primary School PTA	£190.00	Jubilee Treasure Hunt & Fun Evening on 08/06/2012
DJ-005	Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group	£200.00	Tea Party on 05/06/2012
DJ-006	The Royal British Legion Women's Section	£200.00	Cream Tea and light entertainment on 07/07/2012
DJ-007	Lavin Flute Band (Dunloy)	£200.00	Sports Evening on 15/06/2012
DJ-008	Balnamore and District Community Association	£200.00	Jubilee Festival from 01/06/2012-06/06/2012
DJ-009	Dervock & District Community Association	£200.00	Street Party in conjunction with KK McArthur Festival of Running 2012 on 03/06/2012
DJ-011	Stranocum Ulster Scots	£200.00	Celebration Party on 02/06/2012
DJ-014	Eden Accordion Band	£200.00	Tea Party on 01/09/2012
DJ-015	Dunaghy Flute Band	£200.00	"An Evening of Celebration" on 15/07/2012
DJ-017	Garryduff Flute Band	£200.00	Family Fun Evening on 04/06/2012
DJ-018	Cloughmills Community Action Team	£200.00	Tea Dance on 21/06/2012
DJ-019	Stranocum & District Community Association	£100.00	Jubilee Celebration Event on 4/6/2012
DJ-021	Stranocum & District Development Group	£100.00	Jubilee Street Party on 04/06/2012
DJ-022	Derrykeighan Community Association	£200-00	Street Party 4/6/2012