

Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 423– 18th November 2014

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 423, held in the Council Chamber, Riada House Ballymoney on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 6.30pm.

IN THE CHAIR Alderman F Campbell

PRESENT **Aldermen**
B Kennedy

Councillors
W Blair
A Cavlan
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
T McKeown
C McLaughlin
E Robinson, MBE
I Stevenson

APOLOGIES: **Alderman**
H Connolly
Councillor
A McLean

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Central & Leisure Services (item 1-7)
Director of Borough Services (Items 8-18)
Business Support Officer

Dalriada School
T Skelton – Principal
T Morrison – Board of Governor's Representative

423.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

423.2 MINUTES – MEETING NO 422 – 21ST OCTOBER 2014

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

that the minutes of Meeting No 422 on 21st October 2014, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

LEISURE SERVICES

With the consent of the Chair, the Director of Central and Leisure Services presented two additional items (423.6 and 423.7)

423.3 PRESENTATION FROM DALRIADA SCHOOL

The Mayor welcomed representatives from Dalriada School to the meeting to present the school's Sports Facilities Master Plan. The presentation is attached as Appendix 1.

Mr Skelton and Mr Morrison answered questions from the Mayor relating to the school's provision for rugby and other sports and what funding, if any, was available from the North Eastern Education and Library Board or Department of Education. The Mayor and Councillor Stevenson made reference to the hockey pitch at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre provided by the Council and used by Ballymoney Ladies Hockey Club which had recently been refurbished.

The Chairman thanked Mr Skelton and Mr Morrison for their presentation which concluded at 7.20 pm. Mr Skelton and Mr Morrison left the meeting at this time.

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

to recommend that Council note the presentation

- * **The following members joined the meeting during the presentation**
Councillor McLaughlin at 6.40 pm
Councillor Finlay at 6.50 pm.
- * **Councillor McKeown left the meeting at 7.35 pm.**

423.4 CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS INTEGRATED CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE STRATEGY

The Director advised that Ballymoney is the Lead Council for the procurement of consultants to produce a Culture, Arts & Heritage Strategy for 2015-2020 for the Causeway Coast & Glens District Council.

Council at its meeting on 3rd November 2014 granted committee council powers to deal with this item of business.

The tender for the procurement of consultants was publicly advertised on 17th October 2014, with the closing date for receipt of tenders being 7th November 2014. Tender documents were requested by 12 organisations with 1 tender being received by the deadline. This tender was opened on 7th November by the Chair of Committee and the Director of Central & Leisure Services. The Director advised that she had consulted the Chief Executive of the Causeway Coast & Glens Council and as only one tender was received it was agreed not to proceed with the

work at this stage but to revisit the matter again in January 2015 with a view to retendering. She advised that the tender was not evaluated.

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

not to proceed with the strategy work as only one tender was received but to consider the matter again in January 2015 with a view to retendering.

423.5 BALLYMONEY BOWLING CLUB – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Honorary Treasurer of the Ballymoney Bowling Club has written to Council requesting financial support towards the cost of improving its facilities. The Treasurer advises that the Club was founded in 1904 and is one of the oldest clubs in the Borough. In the 110 years of the club's history, members have brought great distinction to the Borough both at individual and team level and are currently recognised as one of the premier bowling clubs in Ireland. The Club plans to improve accessibility to its facilities recognising the positive impact that improved accessibility will have on players, officials and spectators both local and visiting. The Club is scheduled to have the Presidency of both the Men's and Ladies Associations in 2016 which will bring many visiting players and officials from all over Ireland and would wish to have their facilities updated for these events.

The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised members that the estimated cost of the works amounted to £6,500. She drew member's attention to Council's decision with regard to not providing funding to outside bodies for capital purposes.

It was proposed by Alderman Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED:**

to recommend, in the light of Council's policy not to provide funding for capital purposes, that Council note the request.

423.6 NEW COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The following applications for grants were considered. :-

- (i) The Open Door for assistance towards a Cross Community through Craft Event.
- (ii) Derrykeighan & District CA for assistance towards a Community Christmas Event.
- (iii) Cloughmills Community Hall Committee for assistance towards a Senior Citizens Christmas Event.
- (iv) Ballymoney Community Resource Centre for assistance towards a Marching Bands Workshop.
- (v) The Braig Drag Hounds for assistance towards a Children's Meet.

- (vi) Tullaghans Flute Band for assistance towards a Robert Burns Cultural Event.
- (vii) Ballymoney Renewal Group – Heritage Sub Group for assistance towards a Room for Reflection Event.
- (viii) Ballybogey Community Association Limited for assistance towards a Youth Carol Service.
- (ix) St Patrick's Church of Ireland for assistance towards a Robert Burns Cultural Night.
- (x) Glebeside Youth Club for Assistance towards Christmas Switch On activities.
- (xi) Riada Football Club for assistance towards a community football match.

The Director advised that all groups meet the criteria for funding in that they had not received a grant previously either from the Community Festival Fund, Community Support or Good Relations Grants.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that grants of £350.00 each are awarded to the above 11 groups.

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

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423.7 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE

The Director of Central & Leisure Services advised that the existing planning permission for the conversion of the shale pitch to a multi use 3G pitch at the Joey Dunlop Centre which is due to expire, has been renewed for a further five years.

AMENITIES

423.8 PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO COUNCIL OLD MILL PROPERTY

Councillor Finlay requested that work be undertaken to investigate the cost of providing electricity at the Council's Old Mill site to assist with the activity currently being undertaken there by CCAT.

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

to recommend that cost of providing electricity to Cloughmills Old Mill site be obtained from NIE.

423.9 BUS SHELTER AT FINVOY

At the request of Councillor Finlay the Director undertook to provide him with an update on the matter.

423.10 PROVISION OF SCREEN AND PROJECTOR AT TOWN HALL

Councillor Stevenson requested that consideration be given to the provision of a retractable screen and back projector at the Town Hall for use in the main auditorium. Alderman Kennedy expressed the view that if the equipment is purchased there should be a charge made to those requesting to use it.

The Director agreed to ascertain the cost for the purchase of such equipment and also research what the cost to hire such equipment might be.

* **Councillor Finlay and Alderman Kennedy left the meeting at 7.55 pm.**

423.11 BLUE SIGNAGE IN CONSERVATION AREA

Councillor Stevenson also raised the need to refurbish the conservation area blue signs. The Director intimated that he would look at this issue also.

423.12 AMENITIES PROJECTS UPDATE

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee note the following information –

- 1) Dervock War Memorial Garden Scheme

This scheme was successfully delivered in advance of this year's village and district remembrance ceremony on 9th November. The work undertaken was to a very good standard and has been well received by Royal British Legion representatives and others within the local community.

- 2) Ballymoney Town Hall Redecoration
- 3) Riada House Redecoration
- 4) Riverside Park, Ballymoney – River Restoration Scheme
- 5) Rasharkin Community Centre

These schemes are progressing satisfactorily and remain on target as regards their respective delivery dates.

- 6) Additional Pitches At Riada Playing Fields
- 7) Festive Lighting Scheme Extension

Both these projects have been commenced.

The Director advised that in respect of item 7, Festive Light Scheme Extension - the only element of the scheme able to be installed this year was the addition of strings at Victoria Street.

Councillor Robinson congratulated the Director on the redecoration work carried out at the Town Hall.

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

to recommend that Council note the update.

423.13 LAND ADJOINING DERVOCK WM GARDEN

Further to Minute LAC413.14.3 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that members note that the Council valuer has advised that the owner of the land has indicated that he “would have no intention in accepting less for the site than he paid for it some years ago before the property crash” and such a figure could not be recommended to Council in the present circumstances.

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

to recommend that Council note the information from Council's valuer as set out above.

* **Alderman Kennedy rejoined the meeting at 8.05 pm.**

423.14 OTHER AMENITIES PROJECTS

The Director reported on the undernoted projects. **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members note that it is hoped, where necessary, to determine what is to be done or agree the approach to be taken –

1) Play Area Refurbishment

The Director advised that the present budget of £175,000 would cover the cost of refurbishing the play areas at Seacon, Finvoy and Westgate and the landscaping of the Fernbank and Lislagan sites. He intimated that it was proposed to incorporate a ‘new team swing’ as part of the landscaping proposed at both Fernbank and Lislagan. Drawings of this work and what could be done at Seacon, Finvoy and Westgate were circulated. He provided an update as to the work undertaken regarding the Council's request to purchase land at Scally Park from the Housing Executive for a toddler play area. The Director advised that were members minded to increase the budget it ought to be possible to refurbish Carnany and provide the new toddler park at Scally Park plus pay fees on the total scheme within the limits contained in the DoE Minister's Direction re. capital

spend. Members were also made aware that this still left some play areas in need of refurbishment. During the ensuing discussion the Director responded to Member questions.

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

to recommend that Council increase the budget for play area refurbishment and landscaping from £175,000 to £249,000 and proceed with play area refurbishments at Seacon, Finvoy, Westgate and Carnany; provide the new toddler play area at Scally Park [subject to the land being obtained] and undertake the landscaping proposed for Fernbank and Lislagan.

- * **Councillor McLaughlin left the meeting at 8.20 during the discussion**
- * **Alderman Kennedy and Councillor Cavlan left the meeting at 8.30 pm during the discussion.**

- 2) Kickabout Refurbishment
- 3) Killyrammer Community Centre
- 4) Ballymoney Social Centre
- 5) Riverside Park, Ballymoney Improvement Scheme

The Director, at the meeting, gave a brief update on each of the above projects, asking members to make recommendation as to what Council ought to do in each instance.

Kickabout Refurbishment

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

to recommend that this be re-considered when the surplus as at 31st March is known.

Killyrammer Community Association

The Director outlined what could be done within the limit on capital spend set by the DoE Minister and advised that it was necessary, prior to committing to any such scheme, to consult with the Community Association. Alderman Campbell intimated that it was important to consult as he believed the Association might prefer the new build option.

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

to recommend that the matter be deferred until after consultation has taken place with the Community Association.

Ballymoney Social Centre

The Director advised that the work required at the premises could not be kept under the £250,000 ceiling for capital projects and also advised as to the present usage of the premises. Members discussed the level of use at the centre and the poor car parking facilities. Councillor Stevenson expressed the view that the work could be undertaken using the £1M of MRP. He reiterated his view that there would be no objection by Causeway Coast & Glens or the DUP party grouping on that Council to the spend if the project is within current budgets.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson *to recommend that Council make representation to Causeway Coast & Glens Council that the work at Ballymoney Social Centre be undertaken.* Councillor Stevenson expressed his disappointment that his motion did not find a seconder.

Riverside Park

The Director updated members regarding what had been agreed at the previous meeting concerning adopting a phased approach to the proposed work. He intimated that flexibility ought to be built into the tenders invited so that work might be completed in a particular part of the park [for example park central] if it were necessary to do so given the cost of the work and the spending limit. He then responded to Member questions, advising that out of a £500,000 overall budget £155,000 plus fees was committed to the River Restoration Scheme. Councillor Stevenson referred to the possible MRP funding which may be available to Council and requested that Council make representation to Causeway Coast & Glens in order to proceed with the total scheme. Councillor Robinson concurred with Councillor Stevenson's views. The Director advised that before any such proposal could be put to the Causeway Coast & Glens Council, Council needed to determine what the total scheme comprised. He pointed to the options discussed previously and in more detail at the October Committee meeting which had not been agreed.

* **Councillor Halliday left the meeting at 9.35 pm.**

423.15 BUS SHELTER AT KILRAUGHTS ROAD, BALLYMONEY

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee again consider this issue deferred from the previous meeting and make a decision/recommendation to Council regarding the matter.

The Director again summarized the position regarding Councillor Stevenson's request. Councillor Stevenson advised that he now reluctantly accepted the position.

423.16 CLOUGHMILLS OLD MILL BUILDING PROJECT

IT IS RECOMMENDED that members note that the stage 1 assessment in respect of the Council's re-submitted funding application concerning the above project was conducted on 10th November. It is anticipated that the outcome of this will be known prior to Christmas.

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

to recommend that members note that the stage 1 assessment in respect of the Council's re-submitted funding application concerning the above project was conducted on 10th November.

423.17 SUCCESSFUL BIKE WEEK & COUNTRYSIDE EVENTS PROGRAMMES

IT IS RECOMMENDED that members note it has been another very successful year for the annual outdoor recreation programmes organised by Amenities on behalf of Council with over 500 participants enjoying the various activities on offer.

The **Countryside Events Programme**, which has been running for 16 years since 1998, attracted 235 participants to join in diverse activities such as fishing, bat detection, Nordic walking and biodiversity hunting. This year, spurred on by the Giro, Ballymoney's **Bike Week** events saw 266 cycling participants of all ages taking part in cycle rides from less than 1 mile to over 18 miles. It was particularly pleasing to have the involvement of local primary schools who signed up to cycle training in advance of an on-road Bike to School Day.

Thanks go to the wide range of partner organisations and individuals involved who help to make both Bike Week and the Countryside Events Programme in Ballymoney a continuing success. Particular thanks to Travelwise NI for their ongoing 50% sponsorship of Bike Week to the tune of £1800 this year. Picture summaries of all the activities were circulated for member's information.

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

to recommend that Council note the success of annual outdoor recreation programmes organised by Amenities on its behalf.

The Chair congratulated the Director on the work of the Directorate to deliver these events.

423.18 AMENITIES PROJECTS DELIVERED FROM 1st JANUARY 2006

The Director circulated the following report setting out the projects delivered by amenities from 1st January 2006 for member's information.

Projects delivered by Amenities from 1st January 2006

1. Ballymoney Riverside Park Tunnel Connection – New Bridge Provided
2. Rasharkin CRISP Environmental Improvement Scheme
3. Ballymoney Town Hall & Museum [completion]
4. Riada Stadium & Training Pitch [completion]
5. Stadium PA System
6. 2 no. Sand Mattress Pitches @ Riada Playing Fields
7. Play Area Upgrades – Balnamore, Magherahoney & Rockend
8. Replacement Changing Rooms @ Dunaghy & Balnamore
9. Replacement of Roofs @ Knock Road Depot
10. Lighting installed @ Ballybogey Kickabout
11. Work undertaken @ Seymour Drive & Westgate under DSD Small Pockets of Deprivation Programme
12. New Bus Shelters provided @ Castle Street & Bendooragh
13. 'Priest's Well', Rasharkin asserted as Public Right of Way
14. Stranocum War Memorial Renovation
15. Synthetic Pitch @ JDLC Rejuvenation
16. National Cycle Network – Route 96 Work
17. Ballymoney Festive Lighting Scheme 2008/2009
18. Cycle / Pedestrian Link between Ballymoney Riverside Park & JDLC
19. Landscaping of Kilraughts Road Roundabout for DRD Roads Service
20. Upgrade of Bridges @ Ballymoney Riverside Park
21. Dredging @ Drumahoglis Marina
22. Installation of CCTV @ Riada Stadium & Knock Road Depot
23. Play Area Upgrades – Bendooragh, Dunloy & Dunaghy
24. Car Parks Provision & Accesses Upgrade @ Riada Stadium
25. Tennis Courts @ JDLC
26. Work @ Killyrammer Community Centre
27. Conversion of Riada House, Riada Stadium & Ballymoney Town Hall to Natural Gas
28. Dunlop Memorial Gardens
29. New Bus Shelters @ Drumlee/Finvoy Road, Clintyfinnan [2] & Knockard Park
30. Ballymoney Riverside Park - Work @ Armour Avenue
31. Work @ Ballymoney War Memorial
32. Croaghan Way Walk Established
33. Cycle/Pedestrian Path @ Phase 1, Ballymoney Riverside Park
34. Replacement Changing Rooms @ Dunloy
35. Provision of Sand Mattress Pitches @ Balnamore & Dunloy
36. Upgrade of Pitches to IFA Intermediate League Criteria @ Dunloy & Rasharkin
37. Maintenance Work @ Metal Bridge, Stranocum
38. Ballymoney Connect2 Project
39. New Bus Shelter @ Drones Road
40. New Bus Shelters @ Charles Street & Frocess Road
41. Dervock Re-Imaging Project
42. Replacement of Collapsed Path @ Ballymoney Riverside Park
43. New Sand Mattress Youth Pitch @ Riada Playing Fields
44. Balnamore Community Centre
45. Stranocum Community Centre

46. Ballybogey Community Centre
47. Route Avenue Asserted as PROW
48. Work @ Killyrammer Community Centre
49. Work @ Riada Stadium funded by Sport NI Safety at Sports Grounds
50. Incredible Edible @ Cloughmills Old Mill
51. Dervock Community Facilities [hall, changing & pitches]
52. Disabled Angling Stands @ Riverside Park, Ballymoney & Dervock
53. Glebeside Outdoor Recreational Facilities
54. Cloughmills Bio Park & Play Area
55. Drumbolcan Park, Rasharkin Shared Space Project
56. Further New Bus Shelter @ Drones Road
57. Drumaheglis Mutli-Purpose Building & Access Improvements
58. Wi-Fi Improvements @ Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park
59. Fencing Improvements
60. Ballybogey MUGA RDP Project
61. Dervock Riverside Park RDP Project
62. Rasharkin RDP Project
63. Ballymoney Connect2 Path Lighting
64. Drumahelis Tourism Development Scheme
65. Ballymoney Cemetery & Depot Resurfacing Work
66. Ballymoney Festive Lighting Scheme 2013 & 2014
67. Play Area Upgrade @ Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park
68. Megaw Park, Ballymoney
69. Dredging @ Drumaheglis Marina
70. New Canoe Pontoon & Access @ Drumaheglis
71. Bus Shelter Upgrade Work
72. Riverside Park, Ballymoney – River Restoration
73. Ballymoney Cemetery Access
74. Bogs of Ballymoney Project
75. Dervock War Memorial Garden Upgrade
76. Replacement Bus Shelter @ Main Street, Cloughmills
77. Additional Pitches @ Riada Playing Fields
78. Rasharkin Community Centre Upgrade
79. Riada House Redecoration
80. Ballymoney Town Hall Redecoration

Amenities Pipeline Projects

81. Radar Scheme
82. Riverside Park, Ballymoney – Improvement Scheme [phase 1]
83. Cloughmills Old Mill Building
84. Scally Park Toddler Play Area
85. Play Area Refurbishment & Landscaping
86. MUGA Refurbishment
87. Ballymoney Social Centre
88. Killyrammer Community Centre
89. 3G Pitch @ Riada Playing Fields
90. Cloughmills Playing Pitches Scheme
91. Riverside Park, Ballymoney – Improvement Scheme [phase 2]
92. Altnarichard Viewpoint Scheme

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

to recommend that the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Appendices listed:

Appendix 1 - Dalriada School Sports Masterplan

APPENDIX 1



Dalriada School SPORTS FACILITIES MASTERPLAN Presentation to Ballymoney Borough Council

Tuesday 18th November 2014



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