

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Development Committee Meeting No 258 – 27th May 2014**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Development Committee Meeting No 258 held in the McKinley Room, Riada House, Ballymoney on Tuesday 27th May 2014 at 6.00 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Alderman B Kennedy

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
F Campbell
H Connolly
C Cousley

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Head of Corporate & Development Services
Chief Executive
Business Support Officer

Ballymoney & District Cultural & Heritage Society (Items 1-3)
Mr N Anderson
Mr S McClements

258.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

258.2 MINUTES MEETING NO 257 – 19TH MARCH 2014

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

to recommend that the Minutes of Meeting No 257 – 19th March 2014, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

258.3 WW1 COMMEMORATION

The Chair welcomed Mr Samuel McClements and Mr Noel Anderson from Ballymoney & District Cultural & Heritage Society to the meeting to update members on the Great War Commemoration Weekend in Ballymoney on 1st/2nd August and for their future plans. The presentation is attached as Appendix 1.

Mr McClements advised that this Commemoration weekend is one of the major events taking place in the province, attracting interest from across the country. The events, including WW1 vehicles, memorabilia, re-enactments, workshops and research projects will showcase life as it was 100 years ago to provide young people with a better understanding of the events which took place during the Great War which started on the 4th August 1914. A Service and Parade will honour and remember those who served. The Society has drawn down funding of over £30K for their event, from Council, Heritage Lottery Awards For All Fund, Community Relations Council and the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Dublin

Mr McClements also advised of the Society's aim to raise funds to provide a bronze statue of a WW1 soldier at the War Memorial in Ballymoney as a lasting tribute to those who lost their lives in the war. The statue, cast in bronze and measuring 5'8" high has been estimated to cost of £30,000, delivered and installed. A Committee has been established with the aim of raising funds to purchase and install the statue before the end of October this year.

Councillor Finlay congratulated the group and the Head of Corporate & Development Services for the work they have done in initiating and planning this commemorative weekend and for making every effort to raise funds from various sources to support the event. Members concurred unanimously with Councillor Finlay's views and all added their congratulations and endorsement of the forthcoming event and the erection of a bronze statue at the War Memorial.

The Chair thanked Mr McClements and Mr Anderson for their presentation which concluded at 6.30. Mr McClements and Mr Anderson left the meeting at this time.

It was **AGREED:**

to recommend that the proposed statue project be tabled at the next meeting of Committee.

- * **Councillor Halliday joined the meeting at 6.05pm during the presentation**
- * **Councillor Blair left the meeting at 6.35 pm.**

258.4 BALLYMONEY MASTERPLAN

4.1 Ballymoney Revitalisation Scheme

Meetings have taken place with DSD Officials on the Council's application for funding for the Main Street Revitalisation Scheme and the Department is now in the process of undertaking the economic appraisal. Council has committed funding of £20,000 and a contribution in kind of £5,000 towards the scheme, estimated at £250,000. Plans are in hand to deliver a workshop to the steering group members on the scheme and their role and responsibilities.

To maintain the proposal at the present level of funding it is **recommended** that Council increase its funding to £25,000 and also meet any professional fees which may be necessary.

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

to recommend that Council increase its funding to £25,000 and meet any professional fees which may be necessary.

4.2 Transportation Study

The Masterplan action plan includes as a key element a detailed transport assessment for all the transport proposals included in the plan. Terms of reference have been developed by DSD in association with DRD for an assignment for both Ballymoney and Ballycastle transportation studies. In view of the transferring functions in relation to urban regeneration, DSD grant funding and LGR implications, DSD have requested that the consultancy assignment be undertaken jointly by the two councils rather than the Department. Two separate reports will be produced. It is **recommended**, arising from consideration by the officers, that Ballymoney Borough Council act as the administrative lead for the assignment. A further meeting is being arranged to consider procurement and contractual issues and reporting mechanisms etc.

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

to recommend that Council act as the administrative lead for the transportation study consultancy assignment for Ballymoney and Ballycastle.

4.3 Dereliction Funding

The Head of Corporate & Development Services advised that the DoE Minister is to issue a further invitation to councils to submit proposals for Dereliction Intervention Funding. Due to the success of the scheme the

Minister has decided to bid in the June 2014 Monitoring Round for further funding. No further proposals are being developed for Ballymoney.

* **Councillor McLean joined the meeting at 6.40 pm**

258.5 WW1 LEGACY PROGRAMME

Arising from previous discussion by Committee, a commemorative medal has been developed for production and issue to all primary school children in the borough area, estimated cost £3,000.

Stage II applications for the Ballymoney WW1 Legacy Programme closed on Friday 23rd May and are being assessed. Some of those organizations who were unsuccessful at stage I have sought feedback and this has/is being provided.

A discussion ensued and the officer gave further information on the criteria approved by Council and the application process confirming that applications were considered on the basis of the information supplied by applicants following the open call. Some applicants had received support for WWI events under the Good Relations and Community Festival Fund grant schemes (Leisure Services).

Councillor Stevenson passed on a letter he had received from an applicant; Councillor Finlay asked to review an application while Councillor Robinson argued that information supplied by an applicant in advance of the application process should be taken into account.

The Chief Executive stated that whilst he understood the sensitivity and problems created where members are being lobbied by groups, it was important to set criteria and ensure that officers apply these in their assessment and that only the information contained in the application is considered. It would be unreasonable and unfair to take account of information supplied outside the open call process. He also advised that applicants who were successful at stage 1 had been invited to and had submitted stage II applications and to abandon the process at this stage was not a course of action he would recommend.

Councillor Stevenson asked to be recorded that he is unhappy that, subsequent to the application process, there is a group, who had failed to meet the criteria, had now displayed in a letter, the whole process that they would follow to deliver the project. Councillor Robinson requested that it be recorded that she was "unhappy that a group who supplied all information before the closing date have been disallowed" (the information referred to by the member was not part of the legacy application).

This being all the business the meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Appendices listed:

Appendix 1 Ballymoney & District Cultural & Heritage Society Presentation

Appendix 1

Ballymoney & District
Cultural & Heritage Society
Supported by
Ballymoney Borough Council
Royal British Legion
Lottery Fund

The Great War
Commemorated

Lasting Legacy
Sculpture
at
War Memorial

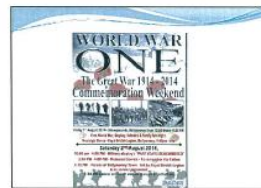


More than 16 m people died
during the First World War
- help us remember
- uncover the stories

- People from our community
enlisted or were called up
- Many never came home

We will
Remember Them

- Remembrance transcends
all boundaries
- Create better understanding
of our past



- * WWI Vehicles
- * Memorabilia
- * Military displays
- * Nostalgic Dance
- * Recruitment Stands
- * Irish Regiment of The Great War
- * Family Fun

- * Re-enactments
- * The trenches
- * Field Hospital
- * Wartime Kitchen
- * Mounted horses
- * Wartime ladies on bikes

- * Memorial Service
- * Parade – Ex-Service &
local organisation
- * RBL Standards
- * Guest Bands

Workshops & Research
Project
with
local Schools