

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure & Amenities Committee**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 415, held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR Alderman F Campbell

PRESENT

Aldermen
C Cousley, MBE
B Kennedy

Councillors
W Blair
J Finlay
R Halliday
R McAfee
C McLaughlin
A McLean
E Robinson, MBE

APOLOGIES:

Aldermen
H Connolly

Councillors
J Atkinson
I Stevenson

IN ATTENDANCE: Head of Amenities [Items 1-6]
Director of Central and Leisure Services [Item 7–11]
Business Support Officer

415.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

415.2 MINUTES OF MEETING NO 414 – 18TH FEBRUARY 2014

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

to recommend that the minutes of Meeting No 414 – 18th February, as circulated, be approved.

AMENITIES

415.3 MILK CUP – NEW SPONSOR

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that Northern Ireland largest dairy company, Dale Farm, has stepped in as lead sponsor of the prestigious international youth football tournament now to be known as the Dale Farm Milk Cup.

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

to recommend that Council note that Dale Farm, has stepped in as lead sponsor of the prestigious Dale Farm Milk Cup.

415.4 PRIORITISATION OF PLAY AREAS

Discussion during the 2014-15 budgetary round and Minute LAC414.8 refer. The information furnished previously was circulated. It is considered that the replacement of the safety surfaces at the Jubilee Play Area at Riverside Park, Ballymoney, ought to take precedence over any other proposals from the finite resources set aside for both play area upgrade and the landscaping of former/discontinued facilities.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee consider the matter again and make recommendation to Council on the work to be carried out in 2014-2015.

Motion 1

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Kennedy:

to recommend that Council prioritise Seacon and Finvoy play areas.

Since equipment has been removed from Lislagan and Carnany, Councillor Finlay would like the area to be more aesthetically pleasing, providing park benches in the green area.

Motion 2

It was proposed by Councillor McAfee, seconded by Councillor Blair:

to recommend that Council prioritise Carnany and Westgate play areas.

Head of Amenities reiterated the Director's request that replacement of safety surfaces at Jubilee Play Area at Riverside Park, ought to take precedence over any other proposals.

* **Councillor McLaughlin arrived at the meeting at 7.10am.**

Councillor Finlay queried the amount of budgetary provision which has been set aside.

Councillor Robinson sought to clarify the Capital Expenditure for Riverside Park in 2012/13, also in the 2013/14 Riverside Park Improvement scheme and the current balance at 2014/15, and as projects have still not yet been delivered, she considered Riverside Park did not require additional money for its play park.

Alderman Kennedy queried whether there was a long term strategy and budget to deal with all 8 play parks detailed.

Councillor Finlay requested the information be brought back prior to the next Council Meeting.

Chair put Motion 2 to the meeting, Councillor Finlay requested a recorded vote:

For (2)	Against (5)
Councillor Blair	Alderman Kennedy
Councillor McAfee	Councillor Finlay
	Councillor Halliday
	Councillor McLean
	Councillor Robinson

2 voted for, 5 voted against, Chair declared the Motion lost. Chair put Motion 2 to the meeting:

For (5)	Against (0)
Alderman Kennedy	
Councillor Finlay	
Councillor Halliday	
Councillor McLean	
Councillor Robinson	

5 voted for and 0 voted against, Chair declared the Motion carried.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Alderman Kennedy:

to recommend that Council prioritise Seacon and Finvoy play areas.

415.5 KILLYRAMMER COMMUNITY CENTRE

There has been some suggestion that additional work to that agreed by Council at its meeting on 2 December 2013 namely extension to the rear of the present building and the replacement of flat roofs may be required. In the absence of detailed plans it has been estimated that this work may cost between £119,000 and £204,000 plus fees, etc.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee consider the matter and make recommendation to Council regarding the extent of the scheme of work to be undertaken at Killyrammer Community Centre.

Councillor McAfee sought additional information on the use of the hall, whether it was feasible or otherwise to carry out works to an existing hall.

Alderman Kennedy considered there may be a lot of maintenance in the upkeep of an old building. He queried how much it had cost to build the new community centres at Balnamore and Stranocum.

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

to recommend that Council explore, in principle, the feasibility of considering Killyrammer Community Centre for a rebuild and to explore available funding.

415.6 DREDGING AT DRUMAHEGLIS MARINA

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that this scheme, carried out in conjunction with Waterways Ireland, was completed on 11th March 2014.

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

to recommend that Council note that the dredging at Drumaheglis Marina Scheme, carried out in conjunction with Waterways Ireland, was completed on 11th March 2014.

Councillor Finlay commented on the new multi-purpose building at Drumaheglis, once the new building has been completed it will further enhance Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park, enabling visitors to stay all summer.

- * **Head of Amenities left the meeting at 7.35pm**
- * **Alderman Kennedy left the meeting at 7.35pm**
- * **Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.36pm.**
- * **Alderman Cousley arrived at the meeting at 7.36pm.**
- * **Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at the meeting at 7.36pm.**

LEISURE SERVICES

Director of Central and Leisure Services advised she had 2 additional grants to bring forward for members' consideration.

415.7 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE – CLOSURE ON BANK HOLIDAYS 2014

For economic reasons **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre close on the following Bank Holidays in 2014 –

18 th April	Good Friday	Open
20 th April	Easter Sunday	Closed
21 st April	Easter Monday	Closed
22 nd April	Easter Tuesday	Open
5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday	Open
26 th May	Spring Bank Holiday Monday	Open
12 th July	12 th Day Saturday	Closed
13 th July	13 th July Sunday	Closed
14 th July	Bank Holiday Monday	Open
25 th August	Summer Bank Holiday Monday	Open
25 th December	Christmas Day Thursday	Closed
26 th December	Boxing Day Friday	Closed

Staff have agreed to take leave on Easter Sunday 20th April 2014.

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

to recommend that Council close the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on the stated bank holidays in 2014.

- * **Alderman Kennedy arrived at the meeting at 7.38pm.**
- * **Councillor Finlay arrived at the meeting at 7.38pm.**

415.8 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE – ELECTRICITY CONTRACT

Council agreed to join with the Causeway Council Cluster in a mini competition exercise for the supply of electricity commencing on 1st April 2014.

Airtricity returned the most competitive tender for Half Hourly Metered Sites. Airtricity is supplying 100% green energy.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that Airtricity will supply electricity to the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre for 1 year commencing on 1st April 2014.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor McLean and AGREED:

to recommend that Council note that Airtricity will supply electricity to the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre for 1 year commencing on 1st April 2014.

415.9 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL FUND 2014/15

The Director of Central and Leisure Services advised, the Department of Culture Arts & Leisure (DCAL) has offered grant not exceeding £7,800 for 2014/15 to be matched by the Council.

Council has budgeted for a Community Festival Fund of £15,600.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council note that the letter of offer has been signed and returned, accepting the grant of £7,800 for 2014/15.

Councillor Finlay stated this was good news for everyone.

The Director reminded members there was a separate WW1 Grant Scheme available.

415.10 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Lisnagaver Flute Band for assistance towards a Historical Lecture;
- (ii) Kilraughts Friendship Club for assistance towards Doagh Famine Village Event;
- (iii) NI Fife Fancy Canary Club for assistance towards their Annual Show;
- (iv) Ballymoney Ornithological Association for assistance towards their Annual Show;
- (v) Ballymoney District LOL No. 16 for assistance towards a Historical Talk;
- (vi) Ballymoney Old Vehicle Club for assistance towards a Vintage Rally;
- (vii) Derrykeighan Parish Church for assistance towards a Vintage Rally;
- (viii) Rasharkin Community Association for assistance towards the purchase of new equipment;
- (ix) Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a Series of Talks;
- (x) Ballymacconnelly Lint Dam Allotments Group for assistance towards a Spring Clean Event;

- (xi) Ballymacconnelly LOL 360 for assistance towards a Cultural Event;
- (xii) Dunloy Cycling Club for assistance towards a Pink Day at school event to celebrate the Giro D'Italia.

The above 12 applications meet the criteria of the Community Support Grant Scheme.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the 12 applicants are awarded £200.00 each.

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

to recommend that Council grant £200 each to:

- (i) ***Lisnagaver Flute Band for assistance towards a Historical Lecture;***
- (ii) ***Kilraughts Friendship Club for assistance towards Doagh Famine Village Event;***
- (iii) ***NI Fife Fancy Canary Club for assistance towards their Annual Show;***
- (iv) ***Ballymoney Ornithological Association for assistance towards their Annual Show;***
- (v) ***Ballymoney District LOL No. 16 for assistance towards a Historical Talk;***
- (vi) ***Ballymoney Old Vehicle Club for assistance towards a Vintage Rally;***
- (vii) ***Derrykeighan Parish Church for assistance towards a Vintage Rally;***
- (viii) ***Rasharkin Community Association for assistance towards the purchase of new equipment;***
- (ix) ***Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a Series of Talks;***
- (x) ***Ballymacconnelly Lint Dam Allotments Group for assistance towards a Spring Clean Event;***
- (xi) ***Ballymacconnelly LOL 360 for assistance towards a Cultural Event;***
- (xii) ***Dunloy Cycling Club for assistance towards a Pink Day at school event to celebrate the Giro D'Italia.***

415.11 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- (i) Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society for assistance towards a Somme Heritage Trip;
- (ii) The Royal British Legion for assistance towards a Tattoo Event;
- (iii) Kilraughts Friendship Club for assistance towards a Local History Trip;
- (iv) Ballymoney Ornithological Association for assistance towards a Cross Community Coffee Morning;
- (v) Ballymoney District LOL No.16 for assistance towards an Exhibition of Orange Banners;
- (vi) St Brigids GAC for assistance towards a Jigs and Reels Event;
- (vii) Derrykeighan Guiding Stars LOL 995 for assistance towards The Private and a Major Event;
- (viii) Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards Community Classes;

- (ix) Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a Photographic Project;
- (x) Lint Dam Allotments Group for assistance towards a Community Open Day;
- (xi) Lint Dam Allotments Group for assistance towards a Networking Trip;
- (xii) Ballymaconnelly LOL 360 for assistance towards a Reminiscence and Games Night;
- (xiii) Dunloy Cycling Club for assistance towards a Giro D'Italia Community Day.

The above 13 applications meet the criteria of the Good Relations Grant Scheme.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the above 13 groups are awarded £350.00 each.

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

to recommend that Council grant £350 each to:

- (i) *Bendooragh Apprentice Boys Cultural Society for assistance towards a Somme Heritage Trip;*
- (ii) *The Royal British Legion for assistance towards a Tattoo Event;*
- (iii) *Kilraughts Friendship Club for assistance towards a Local History Trip;*
- (iv) *Ballymoney Ornithological Association for assistance towards a Cross Community Coffee Morning;*
- (v) *Ballymoney District LOL No.16 for assistance towards an Exhibition of Orange Banners;*
- (vi) *St Brigids GAC for assistance towards a Jigs and Reels Event;*
- (vii) *Derrykeighan Guiding Stars LOL 995 for assistance towards The Private and a Major Event;*
- (viii) *Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards Community Classes;*
- (ix) *Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group for assistance towards a Photographic Project;*
- (x) *Lint Dam Allotments Group for assistance towards a Community Open Day;*
- (xi) *Lint Dam Allotments Group for assistance towards a Networking Trip;*
- (xii) *Ballymaconnelly LOL 360 for assistance towards a Reminiscence and Games Night;*
- (xiii) *Dunloy Cycling Club for assistance towards a Giro D'Italia Community Day.*

This being all the business the meeting closed at 7.49pm.