

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure & Amenities Committee**

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 419, held in the Council Chamber, Riada House Ballymoney on Thursday 17th July 2014 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR **Alderman Frank Campbell**

PRESENT

Aldermen
C Cousley

Councillors
W Blair
A Cavlan
F Finlay
T McKeown

APOLOGIES:

Aldermen
H Connolly

Councillors
A McLean
E Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Borough Services
Business Services Officer

419.1 GLEBESIDE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SCHEME

The Chair reminded members as to the single item of business to be dealt with – how Council ought to proceed as regards the management of the new facilities and stated that the Committee had been granted Council powers to determine the issue. He then asked the Director of Borough Services to present his report, circulated to members -

Scheme comprises the following elements –

- 8 no. space car park [7 + 1]
- All paths reinstated in bitmac
- New play area
- Provision of outdoor gym fitness equipment
- New floodlit MUGA complete with 1.2m fence
- New changing rooms
- New grass small sided football pitch [60m X 40m] on land leased from NIHE

NOTE The scheme recently delivered was based on the concept that a Community Association legal entity would manage under lease the MUGA, changing rooms and football pitch.

Management Options –

- Proceed as originally envisaged, that is –
 1. **Council** responsible for car park and paths, play area and outdoor gym equipment; and
 2. **Community Association Legal Entity** responsible for MUGA, changing rooms and football pitch

OR

- **Council** manage all the facilities

The Director confirmed that the new facilities had been handed over immediately prior to 12th July. Councillor Finlay put on record the positive feedback which he had received regarding the new facilities and these comments were supported by Councillor McKeown. Councillor McKeown again expressed the view that after the Committee/Council had confirmed its position on the matter an early meeting should take place between the Director and Community Association reps and the Director confirmed that he was more than content to do this. Regarding what costs would fall to the Community legal entity, the Director advised that electricity to run the floodlights would be the principle monetary cost and that the means to recoup this cost from users had been incorporated in the scheme. Councillor Finlay stated that he was keen that there would be access to the facilities at all times with the exception of bookable events.

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

that Council proceed as originally envisaged, that is with Council responsible for car park and paths, play area and outdoor gym equipment; and a Community Association legal entity responsible for MUGA, changing rooms and football pitch.

The Chair confirmed that as Council had issued full powers to Committee to decide on this matter the decision would stand.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.