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COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of Coleraine Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Cloonavin on **TUESDAY** 10 December 2013 at **6.30pm**.

R WILSON

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Cloonavin
66 Portstewart Road
COLERAINE

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To: Each Member of Council

05 December 2013

Meeting	Council
Date and Time	12 November 2013 at 6.30pm
Location	Council Chamber, Cloonavin
Chair	The Mayor, Councillor D Harding
Present	Deputy Mayor, Councillor M Fielding Aldermen W Creelman, M Hickey and N Hillis Councillors C Alexander, D Barbour, Y Boyle, S Cole, G Duddy, P Fielding, B Fitzpatrick, R Holmes, W King, R Loftus, W McCandless, A McQuillan and S Quigley
In Attendance	Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Head of Development Services, Head of Leisure Services and Administrative Assistant

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Aldermen Bradley and McClure, Councillors Archibald and McClarty and Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

2.1 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Meeting and extended a special welcome to Mrs Pamela Frazer, Dementia Friendly Communities Support Manager, who was in attendance to present to Council.

2.2 New Brand for Coleraine – 'C our Town and Make it Yours'

The Mayor referred to the successful launch event of the new brand for Coleraine which had been held in the Bann Gallery, Cloonavin on Monday 11 November 2013. Local retail businesses in Coleraine had been represented and the guest speaker had been Mr George Howie, Area Manager for Iceland, which had recently opened a new store in Coleraine.

Alderman Hickey congratulated The Mayor on such a successful event which had been energising and optimistic. The Mayor extended thanks to the Coleraine Town Team for their sterling work.

2.3 Digital Causeway and Data Centre Workshop

The Mayor reminded Members of the Digital Causeway and Data Centre Workshop to be held in the Bann Gallery, Cloonavin on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 6.30pm.

The Workshop would give an update on the development of Digital Causeway and the 5 Nines Data Centre development at the University of Ulster.

2.4 Mayor's Reception

Members were reminded of the Mayor's Reception to be held in the Bann Gallery, Cloonavin on Thursday 14 November 2013 in recognition of the sporting achievements in the Borough during the past year.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Presentation – Alzheimer's Society

Councillor Holmes joined the Meeting during this item.

Mrs Frazer thanked Council for the opportunity to present in relation to the Alzheimers's Society Dementia Friendly Communities Programme.

Dementia was one of the biggest challenges of the 21st century. There were 19,000 people with dementia in Northern Ireland and even more friends and family affected by it. The Programme aimed to make communities more dementia friendly and focused on improving inclusion and quality of life for people living with dementia. Work continued with communities/businesses in order to deliver awareness raising presentations and support with regard to reviewing policy procedures to be dementia friendly.

Mrs Frazer had already been working with the Head of Health and Built Environment and the Health and Well Being Officer and commended Council on making Coleraine the first Dementia Friendly Community.

Following discussion Mrs Frazer answered various Members' questions. The Mayor thanked Mrs Frazer for attending and providing such an informative presentation.

5 'IN COMMITTEE' ITEMS

Discussion ensued regarding the need to go 'into Committee' in relation to specific items in the Leisure and Development Committee Report.

It was requested that a paper be presented to Members detailing the reasons why certain items had to be taken 'In Committee'

Agreed: Ten Members voting in favour and seven Members voting against, that the confidential items in the Leisure and Development Committee Report be taken 'In Committee'.

6 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair, Councillor McCandless, moved the adoption of the Leisure and Development Committee Report; this was duly seconded by Councillor King.

6.1 Smart Grid

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development and the Head of Development Services answered various Members' questions and summarised the Smart Grid initiative.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Duddy, that Council accept the recommendation and that a quarterly report be presented to the Committee in order to determine future funding.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

8 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

No documents for sealing.

Meeting	Leisure and Development Committee
Date and Time	19 November 2013 at 6.30pm
Location	Bann View Committee Room, Cloonavin
Chair	Councillor W McCandless
Present	Aldermen M Hickey, N Hillis and J McClure Councillors D Barbour, Y Boyle and A McQuillan
In Attendance	Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Leisure and Development, Head of Development Services, Acting Economic Development Manager, Tourism Manager (6.2 – 8.4), Healthy Living and Sport Manager, Visitor Information Manager (1 - 8.4) and Administrative Assistant

1 APOLOGY

An apology was recorded for Councillor P Fielding.

2 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

2.1 Co-Operation Ireland IPB Pride of Place Awards 2013

The Chair advised Members that the Ballysally Integrated Nurturing Project had been runner up in the Housing Estates Category of the above Awards.

The Project had commenced in 2010 and included partners from Focus on Family, Coleraine Surestart Partnership, Ballysally Primary School, Presbyterian Church and Nursery.

Congratulations were extended to everyone involved and it was noted that a formal reception would be organised in the near future.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McQuillan declared an interest in COLLAGE Ltd being a member on the Board.

4 REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATIONS

There were no requests for presentations.

5 CAUSEWAY ASSOCIATION OF URBAN SPORTS (CAUS)

The Chair welcomed Ms Sharne Hawkins, Chairperson, Causeway Association of Urban Sports (CAUS) and Mr Chris Curry, Portrush businessman, who were in attendance to present to Council.

The representatives elaborated on their role which was to educate the wider community on the benefits of urban sports and strive to obtain facilities in the area. Urban sports were classed as being anything not considered a traditional sport, eg skateboarding, BMX, etc.

At present the skateboarders used car parks, roads, etc including the Station Square, Portrush, which caused issues with local retailers and risks to public safety. CAUS had conducted surveys to

identify the need and 856 respondents had depicted skateboarding as the most popular urban sport and Portrush as the most popular location.

The aim of the presentation and meeting was to seek support from Council to develop facilities for urban sports at the Dunluce Centre, Portrush which would be an ideal location for attracting tourists and locals. CAUS would work in partnership with Council and other agencies to develop the facility.

The representatives answered various Members' questions about insurance, risk assessments and running costs.

The Chair thanked the representatives for such an enthusiastic presentation after which they vacated the Meeting.

Recommended: That Council supports, in principle, the proposition and land request, however, any decision must be taken in context with the current strategic review of the Dunluce/Metropole and Recreation Grounds sites.

6 LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

Consideration was given to the Leisure and Development Services Report (previously supplied).

6.1 Confidential Items

In response to a question from a Councillor about confidential items, the Chief Executive advised Members of the four categories Council considered as confidential:

- Human Resource/staffing issues
- Tenders/financial
- Legal advice/contractual eg Land and Property
- Where confidentiality had been requested eg Ministerial announcements etc.

6.2 Fees, Charges and On-Site Sales, Council Caravan Sites 2014-15

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development gave an overview with regard to the proposed fees and charges for the Council Caravan Sites as follows:

Service	Current £	Proposed £	Comments
Total Amount payable for Static Caravan Rentals: (Fee+Rates)+VAT	2205.00	2279.00	Basic rent increase of 2.7% on £1678 produces a £45.31 increase. 1.5% on rates gives a £2.58 increase. With VAT added, the total increase is approximately £74 on 2013/14
Administration Fee for Insurance	15.00 +VAT	15.00 +VAT	No increase due to no change in requirement.
Serviced Touring Sites – Off Peak	20.00	20.00	No increase. See comments above
Serviced Touring Sites – Peak	22.00	22.00	As above.
Non serviced Touring sites – Off Peak	18.00	18.00	As above.

Non Serviced Touring sites - Peak	20.00	20.00	As above.
Serviced Touring Sites - Events	40.00	40.00	As above.
Non- serviced Touring Sites – Events	35.00	35.00	As above.

With regard to on-site static caravan sales it was proposed that this be offered to an outside agency for a one year trial period. The arrangement would comprise an “up front” fee per site per year plus a set amount per caravan sold and sited.

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development answered various Members’ questions.

Recommended: On the proposal of Alderman Hillis and seconded by Councillor Barbour, four Members voting in favour and one Member voting against, that Council accept the fees and charges listed and approve the outsourcing of sales of static caravans for the trial period.

6.3 Sports and Physical Activity Accredited Training and Participation Programme

The Healthy Living and Sport Manager gave an overview of the Council’s Sports and Physical Activity Accredited Training and Participation Programme operated through the Sports Development and Recreation unit. It was also highlighted that the Revenue Estimated Income on the Report should have been zero and not £9,917.

An application had been submitted to DSD for approximately 88% funding towards the total project cost of £85,935, with Council to provide the remaining 12%. Council would employ a member of staff on a one year temporary part-time contract (25 hours) to co-ordinate all aspects of the project and would purchase credit time from Council and NEELB to ensure that a programme was arranged and that residents from the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (Coleraine East and Coleraine Churchlands) had an opportunity to take part.

Recommendation: That Council agree match funding of £9,917.14 from 1 April 2014.

6.4 Community Support Programme – Additional Funding Offer Department for Social Development (DSD)

It was reported that DSD had secured additional funding for the Community Support Programme and had written to Council to offer additional funds of £43,984.

It was proposed that Council utilise the funds to support the progression of the following activities:

- Upgrade/improvement of existing community facilities in Articlave, namely an upgraded portacabin office and toilet facility to facilitate community activity organised by local community and voluntary groups in the area.
- Design specification and project plan for Harpur’s Hill Community Centre to assist Council in its refurbishment plans for the facility.
- Following the recommendations of the Community Development Framework carried out earlier this year in partnership with the Council cluster, the fund would allow for the next phase of activity. This would involve the review and design of an interim community development plan and community grant aid policy, incorporating transferred powers from the Department for Social Development and assisting the new Council in its transition.

Recommended: That Council accept the DSD offer of additional funds of £43,984 through Council's Community Support Plan to deliver the above activities.

7 FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Mountain Biking at Garvagh Forest

Members were updated on the progress to date regarding the delivery of mountain biking at Garvagh Forest.

Funding was being actively pursued and the facility should be complete within 11 – 12 months.

7.2 Good Relations Strategy Consultation

It was noted that the cluster Councils were working in partnership to undertake a joint review of the existing joint Good Relations Strategy to run from April 2014 – March 2017 incorporating a proposed interim plan for the new Council structure.

The development of the Strategy was currently at consultation phase and Members would be invited to take part in drop-in meetings as part of the process.

7.3 Public Dialogue on Parades, Protests, Flags, Emblems and the Past

It was noted that Council was hosting a public event to discuss "The Coleraine View" with guest television presenter, Mark Carruthers, to be held in the Magherabuoy House Hotel, Portrush on Wednesday 20 November 2013 from 7.00pm – 9.30pm.

The findings of the discussion would be forwarded as a written submission to Ambassador Richard Haass, Chair of the Panel of Parties within the Northern Ireland Executive.

7.4 Portrush Regeneration

It was reported that because many of the Portrush Regeneration projects required support from a range of government agencies, a joined-up approach to delivery was desirable.

The Department for Social Development (DSD) had now established a Programme Board to oversee, at a strategic level and provide cross-departmental support for the implementation of the regeneration initiatives set out in the Portrush regeneration strategy.

The Portrush Programme Board consisted of senior staff from DSD, Department of the Environment, Department for Regional Development, Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Council. The Board would provide regular updates to a Ministerial sub-group.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Peace III – Leadership in a Shared Society Project

Councillor Boyle, together with other Members, had attended a study visit to Bradford City of Sanctuary through the Leadership in a Shared Society Project and sought an opportune time to present to Members on the visit.

The Chair and Chief Executive would consider the most appropriate Meeting to present and update.

9.2 Sheds – Portrush Harbour

Alderman Hillis referred to the present situation regarding the sheds at Portrush Harbour.

It was noted that the Head of Leisure Services was investigating the matter and would contact Alderman Hillis.

9.3 Memorial Garden - Coleraine

Councillor McQuillan referred to a request he had received regarding the possibility of opening a memorial garden in Coleraine for families suffering bereavement through the loss of a child.

The Corporate Director of Leisure and Development would ask the Outdoor Recreation Manager to arrange a meeting with interested parties to discuss the matter further.

9.4 Council Meeting

Councillor McQuillan questioned the need for a Council Meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

The Chief Executive advised that the present system would be reviewed after six months (February/March 2014).