

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH**

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

8 JANUARY 2008

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen G Mullan, J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín, J F McElhinney, A Robinson (chair) and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and Director of Development.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Chivers

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held on 11 December 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following amendments:

- Page 2, paragraph 2, being moved to below paragraph 3
- Page 2, end of paragraph 5, insert the following sentence ‘Unease was expressed to the fact that the Chief Executive had not advising Council to not support the proposal.’
- Page 2, paragraph 6, include Councillor Cubitt as abstaining from the vote.

MATTERS ARISING:

Presentation by Oakmore Developments: The Director of Development gave an update in relation to seeking legal opinion and progressing discussions with DSD regarding the proposal at the last meeting on the market yard site. After a lengthy debate, it was agreed to ‘wait and see’ what the outcome of the legal opinion would be before entering into further discussion on the matter.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2008:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for January 2008 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

- **Roe Valley Arts & Heritage Committee:** *It was agreed that a seeding grant of £150 would be offered and a contribution of £500 made towards organising the launch of this Committee.*
- **Causeway Museum Service Community Outreach Seminar April 2008 – Sculpture Project:** *It was agreed that Council would contribute £375 towards hospitality for the Community Outreach Seminar and provide a concrete base and carry out installation works for the Sculpture Project, with costs being met from the Community Arts budget.*

- **Leave No Trace Ireland:** *It was agreed that Council would become a partner in the 'Leave no Trace Ireland' voluntary organisation, aimed to help educate & promote environmental ethos throughout Ireland at a cost of £350.*
- **Danny Boy Festival Provision of Bar Facilities:** *It was agreed that permission would be granted to the Danny Boy Festival Sub-Committee to provide bar facilities at the event being held in Roe Valley Leisure Centre, with legal arrangements for the transfer of licences to be the responsibility of the successful Franchisee(s).*
- **Requests for Funding:** *It was agreed that £300 would be contributed to the Charlie Gaile Memorial Darts Tournament, subject to income and expenditure details.*
- **Establishment of the Binevenagh AONB Management Group & Development of Management Plan for AONB:** *It was agreed that Council would make a contribution of £1,500 towards the costs of developing a Management Plan for the Binevenagh AONB.*
- **Technical Study of the Causeway Coastal Route Visitor Implementation Plan:** *It was agreed that Council would contribute £850 towards the cost of Phase I of the Technical Study.*
- **Licence Agreement with Limavady Grammar School – Synthetic Pitch:** *It was agreed that Council would contribute 50% towards surface replacement costs for the pitch at an estimated cost of £150,000 as part of the Management Agreement. It was queried why there was undue delay in finalising the agreement between WELB, Limavady Grammar School and Council for management of the synthetic pitch facility.*
- **Ulster Sports Trust:** *It was agreed that Council would contribute £300 towards the Ulster Sport and Recreation Trust for the period covering April 2008 – March 2009.*
- **Transfer of Community Festival Fund to Local Authorities:** *The Director of Development explained that from 1 April 2008 DCAL intended to transfer funding of £450,000 to District Council for administration towards community festivals grants. She said the proposed allocation for Limavady was approximately £8,900, subject to the Northern Ireland Assembly approving the draft budget for the year and that condition of award was that each Council would provide match funding to support community festivals, with surplus funds unused by Councils being retained by the Department for distributions to other Councils. Agreed*
- **Letter of Support to Lobby for the Retention of the NIHE Heating Replacement Programme:** *Council agreed to the request by Firmus Gas for letter of support for adequate financial resources being made available within the budgets to facilitate retention of the NIHE Heating Replacement Programme.*
- **Water Tourism Study:** *The Director of Development reminded members that it has been agreed that £4,000 would be utilized from the Economic Development budget for use towards a study into the potential for water tourism. She said the Loughs Agency had been approached for matching funding but unfortunately applications made would not be assessed until March 2008. She recommended that the remaining £4,000 required to undertake this work be taken from the contingency funding under Economic Development to enable the work to be completed before 31 March, to be then be fed into the new Rural Development Programme later in the year. Agreed.*

- **Spin Link – NORIBIC Programme under INTERREG IV:** *The Director of Development recommended that Council become involved in the Spin-Off Programme and subject to INTERREG IV funding being confirmed, to include £3,200 per year within the Economic Development budget over a three year period commencing 2008/09.*
- **Draft Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2007-2009:** *The Director of Development tabled a draft response to the above strategy document to be forwarded to DCAL by 9 January 2008. It was suggested that on page 1, line 4, that the work ‘and’ be taken out and that on page 1, line 5, the work ‘the’ be removed.*
- **Live & Learn Lottery Bid:** *Members were informed that notification had been received that Limavady Community Forum had been unsuccessful in its Live & Learn Lottery Bid. Disappointment was expressed and it was noted that a detailed response to the bid had been requested from the Big Lottery.*
- **Rural Development Programme:** *The Director of Development informed members that staff were waiting on feedback from Omagh in terms of moving the Rural Development Programme forward. She requested member’s feedback on any ideas or thoughts for new projects under the Measures included within the programme. The Director of Development was requested to contact Omagh District Council to query when they were starting the process, were they experiencing difficulties in getting the programme going and if they could benefit from Limavady Borough Council expertise.*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Members were informed that Sir Reg Empey was keen to engage in a meeting with the Employee Committee of Seagate and also to meet with Council. It was suggested that this be organised as a matter of urgency.
- It was agreed that Councillor McElhinney would replace Councillor Brolly on the Danny Boy Festival Sub Committee.
- It was agreed that Councillor Ó hOisín would attend the Cross Border Tourism conference ‘Marketing the North West on a Cross Border Basis’ to be held in the Mount Errigal Hotel on 10 January 2008 – No Fee.
- Members condemned the attack on the Bethany Hall whereby a fire had left the building unstable.
- Reference was made to complaints received regarding the Christmas lights in Ballykelly and it was suggested that these be improved for next year.
- Disappointment was expressed at the poor attendance by Councillors at a recent Civic Reception. It was queried if Council should be hosting so many of these given lack of attendance and waste of food.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 12 February 2008.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.20 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting