

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

8 APRIL 2014

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

Aldermen J Rankin and M Coyle. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, G Mullan (chair), D Nicholl, A Robinson, E Scott and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Development and the Committee Clerk.

CHAIR OF MEETING:

In the absence of Councillor McGlinchey, it was agreed that the Mayor – Councillor G Mullan would chair the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor S McGlinchey and the Chief Executive.

PRESENTATION BY THE FOLLIES TRUST – BALLYQUIN MONUMENT:

The Chair welcomes Ms Primrose Wilson and Mr Chris McCollum, Follies Trust to the meeting.

Ms Wilson gave an outline of the restoration projects that the Follies Trust were involved with throughout Ireland since 2008 to 2013. These included 3 mausoleums and 3 follies. She said that the Follies Trust had produced three booklets on the history and restoration of the monuments, notably at Knockbreda – Belfast; Clonbern Graveyard – Galway and Tollymore Park – Newcastle, Co Down.

Mr McCollum stated that the work to restore the monuments including replacing missing sandstone, filling open joints, strengthening of brick bases, drainage, clearing of overgrowth; replacing plaques and restoring the monuments as near as possible to their original state.

Ms Wilson advised that the latest project for the Follies Trust was to restore the Ballyquin Monument within Limavady Borough Council area. She said it was proposed to make a walkway at the monumental site which would be used as a tourist attraction and an educational site through information boards.

In the discussion which followed Ms Wilson confirmed that the cost to restore the monument would be in the region of £70,000 and that £40,000 of this could be raised from the NIEA, local Historical Societies and from Trust funds. She said funding applications had been made to the London Company of Fishmongers and

Haberdashers and that the Trust was hoping to get £30,000 through the landfill tax scheme. It was agreed that the Director of Development would reissue information set out in the December 2013 report and to look into rescinding decisions.

PRESENTATION BY THE LIONS CLUB:

The Chair welcomed Mr Danny Campbell, Mr Ronnie Clements and Mr Brian Brown, Lions Club members to the meeting.

Mr Campbell explained that the Lions Club was the biggest circular organisation in the world with 1.4 million members and that their Moto was 'we serve.' He said that the club responded to natural disasters, helped in hospitals and senior centres, in schools and collected eyeglasses for recycling to third world countries.

Mr Clements pointed out that all monies collected by the local club through membership fees, street collections, bicycle runs or Easter baskets went mostly to local causes. He said the club helped the Alzheimer's Society, Foyle Hospice, the Poppy Appeal and suicide prevention in young men.

Members commended the work of the Lions Club and it was confirmed that the club welcomed input to the group from female volunteers. The Chair thanked the members from the Lion Club for attending the meeting and giving an impressive presentation on their work.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 11 March 2014 were approved on the proposal of Councillor T McCaul, seconded by Councillor B Chivers,

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 3 – Rural Development Programme Projects – Photograph Commission: A member made reference to the Photograph Commission appointed to a Council employee and criteria for tender. It was agreed as there was no policy with regard to this that the matter should be brought to the attention of the Audit Committee.

MINUTES OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the Irish Language Committee meeting held 18 March 2014 were approved on the proposal of Councillor B Chivers, seconded by Alderman M Coyle.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT ~ APRIL 2014:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for April 2014 and enlarged thereon. The report was approved on the proposal of Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor B Chivers subject to the following:

Culture, Arts and Tourism Grants: The Director of Development advised that on funding available in the 2014/15 budget, it was proposed that there would be three levels of funding available towards Community Festivals which could fulfil all the guiding principles set out by DCAL and Council, with applicants having to

consider which level best meet their festival requirements. She explained the criteria on the 3 levels of funding and said for those applications which could not meet the criteria, a smaller grant would be available with the level of funding being determined by the benefit to Council, its businesses and citizens.

A discussion took place and the following points were raised:

- It was difficult in verifying details put on grant applications regarding attendance at events.
- It was suggested that surveys would help determine if bed nights were increased and to verify if businesses benefited from events
- Grants should not be given once events became established and festivals should be self-sustaining.
- It was important that groups submit final year accounts and income/expenditure from events.

It was agreed that a meeting should be held with a member from each party to bring forward recommendations to Council on festival funding. Councillor A Brolly, Councillor A Robinson, Councillor B Douglas, Councillor G Mullan and Councillor E Stevenson were nominated as party members to discuss festival funding.

Drumceatt Square Enhancement Project: It was agreed to re-allocate the £700 approved as match funding for the Grow Wild UK Initiative for enhancement works in Drumceatt Square in conjunction with Green Gym and Conservation Volunteers. It was suggested that more events should be held in the square and that a cover was needed for performing artists.

Promotion of Benone Caravan and Camping Sites: It was agreed that Council would participate in the promotion GoCampingNI.com website promotion with cost being met from the 2014/15 Benone promotion and marketing budget.

Request for Funding - Youth Friendship Cup: The Director of Development informed members that a request from funding had been forwarded to Council by the Area Ten North Derry Country Darts organization seeking financial support to assist with their bid to bring 2014 Area 10 event to Limavady. She said that the Youth Friendship cup was a darts competition which would see teams (15 players & 3 subs) aged between 13 – 21 competing from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland & the Irish Republic in the event. She added that the competition was rotated from nation to nation and 2014 was Northern Ireland's turn.

It was agreed that Council would contribute £600 to cover the costs of hosting the event in Limavady.

Request for Funding – Limavady Recreation Club: It was agreed that Council would contribute £300 towards the president of NI Provisional Towns Women's Bowling Association 'Opening Day' for 2014 being held on 16 April 2014 in Limavady Recreation Club.

North West Region Cross Border Group: It was agreed that Limavady Borough Council's membership to the North West Region Cross Border Group would be considered at the 2014 AGM.

Economic Development Action Plan 2014/15: The Director of Development presented the Economic Development Action Plan for 2014/15. The following requests for funding as set out within the plan were noted.

- Roe Valley Enterprises – match funding for exploring enterprise £6,000
- Roe Valley Chamber of Trade £2,000
- Think Big, Think Creative £17,000
- Think Big, Think Online Marketing £3,700
- Cross Council Programmes £10,000
- Final match funding obligations – Think Big Think Smart £10,000
- Youth Engagement Programme – Enterprise £22,465
- Contingency funding £3,000.

Roe Valley Education Forum: *Alderman Rankin declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.* Members discussed the request for £20,000 to keep the organization trading until new opportunities to access funding becomes available. Following a lengthy debate, it was agreed that Ms D Rathfield from Roe Valley Education Forum would be asked to present to members at the May 2014 Monthly meeting of Council.

Causeway Coast and Glens Good Relations Audit 2014-2017 and Action Plan 2014/15: The Causeway Coast and Glens Good Relations Audit for 2014-17 and Good Relations Action Plan for 2014/15 were approved by Council.

Roe Valley Leisure Centre – Integrated Leisure Management System: Following evaluation of tenders for a new Integrated Leisure Management System, it was agreed that Council would purchase the Integrated Leisure Management System from Legend at a total cost of £31,450 (£8,821 capital cost & recurring cost of £22,629 over 3 years).

Summer Scheme Proposal 2014: The Summer Scheme Proposal was approved by Council to operate from 7 July – 28 August 2014 at a cost of £30 per child, £50 for a family with 2 children or £70 for a family with 3 children & £10 per child thereafter.

Proposed Video Stroke Analysis: The Director of Development explained that in response to customer feedback and to further improve revenue, it was proposed to introduce Video Stroke Analysis, a service whereby the swimmer is recorded to determine existing stroke technique, help in coaching sessions and to initiate stroke improvements. Council approved the introduction of Video Stroke Analysis for a trial period of 3 months at a cost of £90 per session.

Personal Training: Council approved the introduction of Personal Training sessions for a trial period of 3 months based on fees of £30.00 for a 1 to 1 session or five sessions at £120.00. Also approved was a 1 to 2 person session at a cost of £40.00 or five sessions at £160.00.

Items for Information were noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Sport NI: Council was supportive to development of a Sports Strategy for Northern Ireland by Sport NI and to the application for funding to lottery capital funding programme.

Beach Management: It was suggested that Officers look at Beach Management with a view to creating a car free zone for families. Look at the 2014 season and from 2015 onwards. Suggested that Officers liaise with PSNI over joint purchase of a beach vehicle.

Centenary of WW1: It was agreed that the £500 would be allocated to Royal British Legion to mark the centenary of the outbreak of WW1.

Health Suite Refurbishment: In response to a member who queried why the steam room/sauna at the Leisure was closed, the Director of Development confirmed that the steam room/sauna was part of the health suite and this was currently closed for refurbishment.

Cost of Room Hire – RVACC: It was agreed that a query from the Alan School of Dancing regarding room charges at RVACC would be passed to the relevant officer for review.

NEXT MEETING – 13 May 2014

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.25 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting