

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
8 DECEMBER 2009**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and Director of Development.

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 10 November 2009 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

MATTERS ARISING:

- The Director of Development reported that a letter had been forwarded to the Secretary of the Twinning Committee to query if their constitution could be changed to allow an additional elected representative to sit on the committee. Next meeting of the committee to be held in January 2010.
- Members were advised that a workshop held in the Drummond Hotel to discuss the Community Response Plan following suicide had been well attended and that a copy of the presentation was available on request.
- The Director of Development agreed to update members on lands at Ardgarvan and the possibility of Brighter Gold being brought back to the Borough for the opening of the Civic Centre.
- Members welcomed that £10k had sponsorship over 3 years had been secured for the Danny Boy Festival from the distillers of Danny Boy Whiskey.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Danny Boy Committee meeting held 16 November 2009 were tabled and noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – DECEMBER 2009:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for December 2009 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Cubitt subject to the following:

Economic Development – Collaborative Projects: It was agreed that £2,500 would be allocated from the Economic Development Budget towards Collaborative Project within the Causeway group of Councils to develop a Communications Strategy between Councils & tourism related businesses within the area which would be completed by March 2010.

Promotion of Farming Community: It was agreed that £3,000 would be awarded to a project to promote the farming community under the Contingency Funding theme of Economic Development.

Quay Vipers: It was agreed that Quay Vipers Motorcycle Club would be granted permission to hold their 2010 event at Benone Tourist Complex on 23 – 26 September at a cost of £925.

Causeway Museum Service: It was agreed that a contribution of £23,075 would be allocated towards delivery of the Causeway Museum Service for the 2010/11 financial year. A member suggested that Causeway Museum Service help get the Broighter Hoard back to the Borough for the opening of the Town Hall.

Advice Services: It was agreed that an additional grant available from DSD would be allocated towards the provision of additional advice services until 31 March 2010.

Glenshane Community Development – Training Programme: Members agreed that £2,000 funding would be made available to Glenshane Community Development Limited towards the cost of a training programme accredited by the University of Galway.

Minutes of Community Safety Partnership: A member requested that the quarterly minutes of the Community Safety Partnership be brought before Council.

Funding: Members welcomed that additional funding of £11k had been allocated to the next stage of the Blackburn Path project. It was also welcomed that the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership had secured £150k to complete the first stage of street lighting and footpath improvements for the Hospital Lane estate.

Community Gardens: The Director of Development agreed to pass on comments made regarding the upkeep of the community gardens in the Hospital Lane area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Drummond Hotel: Members were informed that the Drummond Hotel had been awarded 3 star status and that this would be used in promotions.

Dungiven Fitness Suite: The Director of Development informed members that the Dungiven Fitness Suite was now open and being well supported.

Deed of Covenant: Approval was given for Council to enter into a Deed of Covenant and charge reserving premises leased to LCDI for Early Years purposes for a 10 year period.

Staffing – RDP: Council was advised of updated staffing arrangements for the Rural Development Programme and that the Business Support Officer was now in place. An additional member of staff had been recruited by the lead council to work among the four councils and would initially be based in Limavady. Additional resources are also available for Limavady Borough Council for use towards temporary administration assistance.

Development of 3G Pitch - Scroggy Road: The Director of Development informed members that the business case had to be updated to reflect Councils' decision to proceed with Option 10 for the development of 3G Pitch at Scroggy Road. Noted.

Switch on Christmas Lights: Technical Service staff were congratulated for the successful switch on of the Christmas lights.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 12 January 2010

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.50 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting