

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
9 JANUARY 2007

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:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Director of Development.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor M Donaghy.

MINUTES:

The minutes of Development Committee meeting held 12 December 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

MATTERS ARISING:

The following matters arising were noted:

- It was noted that the cost of selection and recruitment for the Gaelic Games Development Officer would be shared between Council and the County Board.
- Members pointed out that the sign indicating that Council car park was open for Saturday shoppers in the build up to Christmas should have been more prominent.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee dated 11 December 2006 were tabled and noted.

MINUTES OF Coiste na Gaeilge:

The minutes of Coiste na Gaeilge meeting held 12 December 2006 were tabled and noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2007:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within were agreed and the report adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Butcher subject to the following:

Request from Limavady College – Use of Roe Valley Leisure Centre for Annual Creative Art Show: Appreciation was expressed to the work of Dr Heaslett on refurbishment of Limavady College and to the high standard of work displayed in the College's Creative Art Show. It was agreed that Council would support the show to be held 18 – 21 June 2007 by waiving hire charge for Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust – Financial Contribution for 2007/08: The Director of Development explained that a request had been received from Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust requesting financial assistance in 2007/08. She said that current funding bodies were EHS, NITB and Local Authorities (Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney, Moyle, Ballymena, Larne and Newtownabbey), with Carrickfergus Borough Council withdrawing their membership in 2006. She added that Limavady Borough Council contributed £5,745 during the current financial year but for 2007/08 each Council partner had been asked to consider making a contribution of £10,745.

It was agreed that Council allocate £10,745 towards the core running costs of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust for the financial year 2007/08.

Draft Good Relations Programme: The Director of Development tabled the draft 2007/08 Good Relations programme for member's consideration. She gave a brief review of the 2006/07 programme; lessons learned from this; internal & external documents which impacted on the construction of the 2007/08 programme and the overarching aims for the next 2 years.

The Director of Development answered a number of questions relating to the 8 activity areas within the programme and to the likelihood to obtaining maximum eligible funding of 75% (£71,632.50). Councillors Cubitt and Douglas indicated that although the concept of good relations was to be aspired to, this was lacking within the Council chamber and that members should be setting an example on good relations from within.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Douglas that the draft Good Relations Programme would be forwarded for consideration to the Community Relations Unit.

Good Relations Grant Assessment Panel: The Director of Development sought clarification from Council on future involvement on an assessment panel for applications under Council's Good Relations Grant Aid Scheme. Councillor Cubitt proposed, seconded by Councillor Robinson that one member from each party be nominated to the panel. Councillor Coyle proposed an amendment that a panel of 4 member be selected using the d'Hondt system. This was seconded by Councillor Butcher and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, with 8 voting for and 6 against. The substantive motion was put to the meeting and declared carried.

Good Relations Audit: The Good Relations Audit Report as presented was discussed at length and members concerns were noted at the 16% response rate to the consultation exercise with internal and external stakeholders.

Brighter Gold Hologram: The Director of Development explained that the Town Centres Forum was reproducing the Brighter Gold collection in the form of a 3D hologram as part of its agreed action plan. She said the ideal location for this would be Council Foyer but due to limited space, the area between the library and Council reception had been selected for display of graphic interpretation telling the story of the Gold, the significance of the collection in terms of history and current usage. She recommended that Council progress with the installation of the Holographic exhibition in the entrance to the building.

Following discussion, it was agreed that officers would investigate an alternative location for the holographic exhibition with Helen Perry, Museum Officer. The suggestion to locate the exhibition at Roe Valley Country Park during the summer months was discussed but it was felt this would be inappropriate.

Designation of Area of Special Scientific Interest: Members noted that EHS had declared areas at Castle River Valley and Smulgedon as Areas of Special Scientific Interest because of their complex pattern of species-rich Greenland. It was agreed that the potential impact of the designation on the shooting and releasing of game birds would be highlighted to EHS.

Consultation - Play Policy for Northern Ireland: The Director of Development sought comment from Council on the consultation document 'A Play Policy for Northern Ireland.'

Members welcomed the suggested vision within the draft policy and to the priority areas identified as needing to be addressed immediately at a local and regional level. It was agreed that a response would be forwarded to the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister by the 31st January 2007 deadline.

COURSES & CONFERENCES:

It was agreed that the following members/officers would attend the conferences/courses listed:

- *Councillor Ó hOisín to attend the Colmcille Winter School 2007 conference on 23- 25 February 2007 in Heritage Centre, Letterkenny at a cost of €190.*
- *Councillor Brolly to attend the NILGA Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held 15 & 16 February 2007 in Armagh City Hotel at a cost of £170+VAT.*
- *It was agreed that attendance at the Ulster Farmers Union Conference on 17 January 2007 in Radisson Roe Park Resort would be an approved duty.*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

April 2007 - Development Committee Meeting: Due to the Easter Holidays, it was agreed that the Development meeting would be held on 18 April 2007.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Butcher that the Culture Arts & Tourism Officer would draw up a programme of events to celebrate St Patrick's Day by all sections of the community.

Good Relations Week: It was agreed that officers of Council would organise an event to be held in Good Relations Week on 30 April – 6 May 2007.

Traffic Calming – Edenmore Road: The Director of Development explained that due to time and financial constraints, Roads Service had requested that Council respond as soon as possible to traffic calming proposals for Edenmore Road. It was agreed that Road Service would meet on site with elected members to discuss the proposals.

January 2007 - Support Services Meeting: Alderman Robinson objected to the Environmental Services and Support Services Committee meetings being held on the same night and suggested that the Support Services meeting be deferred until Wednesday 17 January 2007. Agreed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13 February 2007

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting