

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
09 FEBRUARY 2010**

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, B Douglas, G Mullan, C Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor Donaghy and Councillor McElhinney.

**PRESENTATION ON FARMER'S MARKET:**

The Chair welcomed Mr James Simpson and Ms Erica King to the meeting.

Mr Simpson outlined that Limavady would benefit from a Farmer's Market as residents were buying carrots grown abroad. He said shoppers were happy to travel to markets in neighbouring towns, thus why not attract visitors from those towns and keep locals shopping locally.

Mr Simpson explained that during the current economic climate people needed value for money and that there was a need to cut out the middle man and provide an outlet for smaller producers, which in turn would encourage new activity. He said Causeway Speciality Market and Walled city markets were popular with Limavady residents and that four successful markets had been held in the Borough in the past. He added that the markets could be located at the new Civic Centre, Dungiven Castle, Benone or at Drenagh Estate.

It was noted that although an extensive list of businesses had confirmed interest in attending the market, the aim was to encourage local producers and suppliers of organic and speciality foods to flourish.

Mr Simpson confirmed that JSWAP Property Management would supply gazebos, display tables, storage & transport of equipment and administration of the market. He requested that Council help with advertising and provide support from Environmental Health for the traders.

Council agreed to assist and consider use of Council properties. Mr Simpson was encouraged to make application to the Rural Development Programme and it was suggested that he meet with the four Councillors from the Assisting Rural Communities North West Group.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 12 January 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Brighter Gold:** A member stated that there had been a very good programme on television the previous weekend telling of the story of Brighter Gold and this was positive media coverage for the Borough.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2010:**

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for February 2010 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

**Development of a Regeneration Masterplan for Limavady Town Centre:** The Director of Development reported that a copy of the final Terms of Reference to appoint an interdisciplinary team of specialist consultants to prepare a regeneration masterplan for Limavady had been forwarded by DSD. She said the plan would be prepared in partnership with Council and other stakeholders to provide a basis and justification for decision making on the promotion, implementation and timing of regeneration initiatives for the future. It was agreed that a copy of the Terms of Reference would be forwarded to Roe Valley Chamber of Trade.

**Funding from the Mary Peters Trust:** It was agreed that Council would make a contribution of £250 to the Mary Peters Trust for the 2010/11 financial year.

**North West 200:** It was noted that Coleraine and District Motor Club Limited would be requested to complete and submit an application form as part of the Council's financial support grant scheme which was currently open for applications.

**2010 St. Patrick's Day Celebrations:** The Director of Development explained that the 2010 St. Patrick's Day celebrations would be held in Market Street between 12 noon & 2 pm and that the programme included traditional music and dancing. It was agreed that Council would provide hospitality for guests attending from Westport and Vigneux sur Seine.

In response to a query on holding the activities outside Council Offices if the weather was bad, the Director of Development confirmed that the Mayor had been consulted on the programme. It was felt there would be greater community involvement if the event was held in the town centre. It was suggested that feedback was needed from the community and that the event could be built upon for next year when the celebrations would be held at the new civic building. It was also suggested that greater control was needed around pubs and that there was a need to be sensitive about the flying of flags.

**Public Holiday Closures 2010/11 – Roe Valley Leisure Centre and Dungiven Sports Complex:** The Director of Development outlined proposed dates for public holiday's closures for 2010/11. She said account had been taken of the views of RVLC Customer Forum who had suggested that the facilities open on the 31 May 2010 Bank Holiday. Agreed.

**Development of 3G Pitch – Scroggy Road:** It was agreed that proceed on a Design and Build basis and to follow the Central Procurement Division's Integrated Consultant Team Framework for 3G pitch at Scroggy Road.

**Dungiven Sports Pavilion – Refurbishment of Changing Rooms:** Approval was given to refurbish and upgrade the changing rooms in Dungiven Sports Pavilion at an estimated cost of £200,000.

**Economic Development School Employer Connections:** It was recommended that Council continue to support the School Employer Connections scheme by allocating £3,500 from Economic Development funding towards the programme.

**Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust:** The request by Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust for funding of £600 to raise awareness of Binevenagh AONB to local businesses not approved.

**Joint Projects Update:** It was agreed that underspend from the collaborative projects budget would be used to investigate the potential for assistance towards audience development for the civic centre.

**Community Services:** The Director of Development informed members that additional funding of £7,914 had been identified by the Department for Social Development and that the Bovally group were working to ensure that this funding was not lost to the area. She said that the group had approached Council for emergency financial assistance to bridge a funding gap between March and April 2010.

In the discussion which followed it was agreed that the Bovally Group would be asked to complete an application for financial support, meet the criteria set by Council and provide evidence of future sustainability.

It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson that up to £2,000 would be allocated to Bovally; up to £1,000 would be allocated towards a volunteer event and that the rest of the additional funding would be divided amongst other community groups.

**Brighter Gold:** Members welcomed that senior officers from the National Museum of Ireland would visit the new Civic Centre and following this, Council would be advised of additional security requirements in the event of a short term loan of the Brighter Gold.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Permit for Ferry Service:** It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that the permit for the Ferry Service would be extended from 1 January 2010 to 31 March 2010.

**Ferry Terminal Building:** It was highlighted that Norman Thorpe, Jim McClenaghan and others had shown an interest in leasing the building at the ferry terminal. Although members were generally supportive of the building being leased, after discussion, it was agreed that:

- Officers would speak to the ferry operator regarding interest in the building;
- The leasing process would be open and transparent and expressions of interest would be brought back to Council, possibly in March 2010.
- Criteria needed to be set, not all of which needed to be financial. For example it could be community benefit, or interest.
- Terms and conditions of funding would be checked in case there was any reason why the building could not be used for other purposes.
- Council to speak to Donegal County Council on any proposed use for the building.

It was suggested that the terminal building could be used for a Tourist Information Centre and it was suggested that NIEA could open up the Martello Tower to tourists.

**Roe Mill:** A member outlined details of anti social behaviour which had taken place at the weekend at facilities at Roe Mill Road. The Director of Development confirmed that the PSNI had been made aware of the problem and that Council had previously agreed to change the gate to prevent quads entering the facility. She also agreed to look at the possibility of the Community Wardens patrolling the area.

**Name for Civic Centre:** Members were asked to confirm for grammatical purposes, that the name for the Civic Centre was 'Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre' rather than Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre. Agreed.

Alderman Rankin referred to the meeting held 2 February 2010 and the manner of the discussion and decision making process. Differing views were put forward on what had been proposed, voted on and agreed. Following discussion it was agreed that any further discussion should be left until the March Monthly meeting when the minutes would be brought before Council for ratification.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 9 March 2010

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS**  
**(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Meeting