

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
9 MARCH 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, M Donaghy, B Douglas, G Mullan, C Ó hOisín, J F McElhinney, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Development, Media Relations Officer and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - None.

WELCOME:

The chairman extended a warm welcome and introduced the Media Relations Officer to members.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 9 February 2010 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING:

Ferry Service - Terminal Building: Members were informed that discussions on the ferry service terminal building were ongoing and that progress would be reported at the April 2010 Development Services meeting.

Funding – 3G Pitch: In response to a query, the Director of Development explained that Council was waiting response from the DOE to Economic Appraisal for provision of a 3G Pitch at Scroggy Road. She confirmed that the plans would only go ahead if the DOE approved the project.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee dated 11 January & 25 February 2010 was tabled and noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – MARCH 2010:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for March 2010 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on

the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Shackleton Site – Maintenance & Insurance of new Play Areas: The Director of Development reported that Marrion Property Ltd had been in contact to advise that the company had purchased the Neptune site in Ballykelly. She said the 46 ½ acre site consists primarily of 317 housing unit, 3,311 sq ft of office accommodation, a crèche unit, Community Centre and former NAAFI.

The Director of Development outlined that Marrion Properties intended to re-instate two play areas within the site prior to the placing the houses on the market and that the views of Council were sought on taking over future maintenance and insurance of the new play area at the Shackleton site. In the debate that followed, it was agreed that Council would not take on maintenance and insurance for the play areas at this time.

Issue of Ice Cream Permits for Benone Beach/Benone Tourist Complex: The Director of Development reported that nine applications had been received following advertisement of the availability of Ice Cream Permits for Benone Beach and Benone Tourist Complex. She reminded members that it had been agreed to offer the permits on a first come, first served basis for those applications meeting the criteria set.

It was agreed that the Ice Cream Permits would be issued to the six individuals named in the Development report. It was also agreed to take enforcement action in the event that non permit holders were to be found trading at either Benone Beach or Benone Tourist Complex.

Twinning Committee: Members were advised that Limavady Twinning Committee had considered Council's request to increase Council representatives from 4 to 5 members (inclusive of the Mayor) and that the group had decided that they would prefer to retain 4 members as agreed in their constitution in September 2009.

Councillor Chivers, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Cubitt and Councillor Mullan were nominated to the committee in the discussion which followed. The nominations were put to the meeting and voted on as set out in Point 30 of Standing Orders. It was finally agreed that Councillor Chivers, Alderman Coyle and Councillor Cubitt would join the Mayor on Limavady Twinning Committee.

Catering Franchise – Benone Tourist Complex: It was agreed that the catering franchise at Benone would be awarded to Cherelle McAlister.

Proposed Pricing Policy 2010/2011 – Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre: The proposed 2010/11 pricing policy for Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre was agreed.

Proposed Response to Letter from DCAL: The proposed response to correspondence from DCAL which outlining proposals to transfer £1.1 million funding for local arts to District Councils was agreed.

Proposed Response to Letter from Sports NI: The proposed response was agreed to a letter from Sports Northern Ireland asking Councils to write to the Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee expressing concern over proposed budget cuts, resulting in Sports NI losing £2.5 million in 2010/11.

Proposed Pricing Policy for Indoor & Outdoor Leisure Facilities: The proposed pricing policy for Indoor & Outdoor Leisure Facilities effective from 1 April 2010 was approved. The Director of Development agreed to investigate concessionary rates for those with a disability.

Grant Applications – Culture Arts and Tourism: It was agreed that the following recommendations on applications received for funding under the Culture Arts and Tourism Grants for 2010/11 would be approved:

Limavady Wolfhounds	£2,000
Derry and District Youth FA Foyle Cup	£1,600
Kevin Lynch Hurling Club	(pending further information)
County Derry Darts Organisation Organisers	£1,200
O’Cathain Festival Committee	£2,000
Limavady Jazz and Blues Festival	£7,500
Ardinariff Historical and Cultural Society	£300
Roe Valley Vintage Tractor and Engine Club	£100

It was also agreed that a further opportunity for accessing the grant programme would be made available after Easter with a closing date of Friday 28 May 2010.

Extension to Irish Language Development Officer: The Director of Development outlined that the current contract for the post of Irish Language Development Officer, which was jointly funded by Magherafelt District Council and Foras na Gaeilge, was coming to an end. She said Magherafelt District Council was considering extending the contract for a further period and that an application was with Foras na Gaeilge to see if any additional funding was available. She added that Limavady Borough Council had set aside £15,000 within the 2010/11 budget towards the costs of extending the post.

In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that the Irish language was not for any one section of the community and that minority languages should be encouraged. Based on work undertaken to date and identified actions for the future, it was agreed that Council would continue to work in partnership with Magherafelt District Council in extending the current post for a further 12 month period.

Community Development – Additional DSD Grant Assistance: Council approved that additional funding from DSD would be located to the following groups in the rural community:

Benedy Community Association	Glenshane Community Association
Feeny Community Association	Ballykelly Community Association
Ardnariff Cultural Group	Aghanloo Community Association
Gortnaghey Community Association	Greysteel Community Association
Burnfoot Community Association	Largy Community Association
Dromboughil Community Association	Magilligan Community Association

Glenshane Community Dev Ltd
Hands that Talk

Development 090310
Drumsumn Community Association
Foreglen Community Association.

It was agreed that each group would receive a maximum grant of £230 and that £2,000 would be allocated to Bovally Community Association to tide them over a 2 months funding gap.

Request from Camphill Communities Trust (NI) to Make a Presentation to Council: It was agreed that Camphill Communities Trust would present to Council at the 13 April Development Services meeting.

E Mail/Internet Training for Retailers: It was agreed that a course costing £250 would be held through North West Lifelong Learning for retailers to train on email and internet use.

Purchase of Equipment – Tourist Information Centre (TIC): Members were informed that funding had been sourced through the Northern Ireland Tourist Board for assistance with fit out costs associated with the relocation of the Tourist Information centre to the new Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre. Grant aid of 42% had been agreed towards fit out costs up to a maximum of £29,534.75 and that this must be claimed by 31 March 2010.

The quotations sought to date were approved for the following:

- purchase of themed rugs for storytelling areas from Royal Thai Carpets in the sum of £3,037.96 plus delivery
- purchase of TIC bespoke slatted wall display units/notice board from 1080 Ltd (formally Calvert Morgan) in the sum of £4,221.00. Supplier of present TIC slatted walls to enable reuse of existing literature holders in the new building
- purchase of internal digital signage, digital player and LCD display for information purposes in reception areas from 1080 Ltd in the sum of £3,500
- purchase of reception and visitor seating, TIC Supervisor's back office desk, chairs and filing cabinets from Work Rest Play in the sum of £3,653.00. The company offering a higher grade causal seating finishes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Limavady Cricket & Rugby Football Club Fundraising Event: Members were advised that Limavady Cricket & Rugby Football Club were holding a fund raising event in the Radisson Hotel, Limavady on 27 March 2010 and that tickets were available for individual sale at £100.

Extension to Wayleave: It was agreed that the Wayleave agreement between Northern Ireland Water & Limavady Borough Council would be extended to allow works to be completed at Alexander Road.

Downhill Harp: A member outlined that the Downhill Harp had returned to Ireland after touring America and suggested that the Guinness Brewery be approached about loan of the harp for the official opening of Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre.

Industrial Tribunal: IN COMMITTEE Members were informed that the Industrial Tribunal case between Limavady Borough Council and a former employee had commenced on 8 March 2010. The Chief Executive sought delegated authority from Council to agree a settlement in the event of such arising, provided Council's legal advisors recommended this as the most economic outcome to Council. The suggestion was put to the meeting and declared carried, 9 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 13 April 2010.

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

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting