

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
9 JUNE 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 and G. Robinson (chair). Councillors P. Butcher, M Carten, B. Chivers, L. Cubitt, M Donaghy, G Mullan, J F McElhinney, C. Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E. Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Director of Development.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors A Brolly and B Douglas.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

The Mayor took the chair and sought nominations for the appointment of chair for the year 2009/10. He reminded members that it had been agreed at the 2009 AMG that the UUP would chair this committee.

Alderman Rankin was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Coyle.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 12 May 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING:

Shackleton Barracks: The Director of Development informed members that the houses on the Walworth side of Shackleton Barracks had all been sold and that the 317 houses on the Neptune side of the camp would be sold in the near future on the open market. She said no decision had been made regarding the disposal of the main site as the MOD were waiting on formal notification of the preferred route for the by-pass. There was still no resolution to the long term future management of the pumping stations but that if could fall to the future owner of the main site.

In the discussion which followed the following points were made:

- The Neptune site would be ideal for social housing.
- Council should continue to keep in contact with the MOD on the future of the main site.

- The observation tower could be used as a museum.
- The main site could be opened up for sporting events, such as motor racing or an athletics track.
- The problem of sewage on site was highlighted.
- The MOD should give some concession to Council on site use.
- The site would be an ideal location for a sports stadium.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JUNE 2009:

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

European Blue Flag: Members welcomed that Benone Strand had been awarded the European Blue Flag for 2009.

Benone – British Graded Holiday Parks Scheme: It was agreed that Benone Tourist Complex would be entered into the British Graded Holidays Parks scheme at a cost of £170.

Benone Tourist Complex Golf Course: It was agreed that the lock mechanism would be adjusted on the pedestrian gate beside the car park at Benone Tourist Complex to allow egress to golfers on the course after the reception area closed. This would also control access to the course until 9 am opening time to minimise health and safety issues and facilitate course maintenance.

Loughs Agency – Service Level Agreement: It was agreed that Council would enter into a service level agreement with the Loughs Agency to facilitate the delivery of additional beach management actions at Benone Strand. These actions would focus on the creation of a launch channel for jet ski use and the demarcation of zones on the beach using specifically designed highly visible and lightweight flags.

Co. Londonderry Guide Association – Centenary Celebrations: It was agreed that Council would make a contribution of £100 towards the Guide Association Centenary Celebrations to take place on 5 September 2009.

Request for Support from St Canices GAC: It was agreed that Council would make a contribution of £150 towards St Canices GAC 125th Anniversary Celebrations.

Culture, Arts and Tourism Grants Scheme: It was agreed that invitation would be advertised through the website and local press for a second call for grant applications towards events and arts/cultural programmes, closing date 17 July 2009.

Performing Rights Society Licences for Outdoor Concerts: The Director of Development informed members that correspondence had been received from the Performing Rights Society in relation to licensing of outdoor concerts and music events taking place on Council owned property. She said the Society were trying to capture information on events promoted outside the local authority and has suggested that the local authority be held responsible for concerts held on their outdoor properties if declarations were not made or PRS licence was not issued.

The Director of Development outlined details of two options which had been put forward for consideration by local authorities to ensure that there was no infringement of copyright. Members agreed with the recommendation that Council would adopt option two as the only Council outdoor site being used for events which played music was at Benone Tourist Complex during the Bikers rally. It was noted that this would give Council a clear procedure should other sites be requested in the future.

Greysteel Play Area: It was agreed that Council would enter into a Service Level Agreement with Greysteel Community Association to open and close the play area at agreed times, ensure that the area is kept litter free and report any damage to Council for the amount of £1,200 per annum.

Disposal of Land at Curragh Road: It was agreed that discussion on disposal of land at Curragh Road would be deferred until the August 2009 Development Committee meeting.

Upgrading of Pitches at Curragh Road: It was agreed that discussions would continue on proposals developed and an economic appraisal undertaken regarding the development of pitches at Curragh Road.

Floodlights – Ballykelly: In response to a member, the Director of Development confirmed that some funding was available within the capital works budgets which could be used for floodlights in Ballykelly. This was welcomed by members.

IN COMMITTEE on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

Magilligan to Greencastle Ferry Service: Members were updated regarding the tendering process for the ferry service. A number of comments were made to the future use of the terminal building and it was queried if leisure crafts would be allowed to use the launch area. Members were advised that no decision had been made regarding the future use of the terminal building; however, options available to Council would be looked at in depth. Members were also advised that it depended on the Ferry Operator and on health & safety regulations if leisure crafts could be launched from the slipway by the public.

Development of 3G Pitch at Scroggy Road: The Director of Development reported that a business case for the development of a 3G pitch at Scroggy Road had been submitted to Sports Northern Ireland. She outlined 5 options that had been put forward with regard to the development at Scroggy Road. These included the option for a full size 3G soccer pitch; changing facilities, disability toilets; small meeting room; referee accommodation; additional car parking facilities, floodlight columns and provision of Gaelic pitch.

It was highlighted that there was a need for additional Gaelic facilities in the Borough and for Council to avail of any grants that might be available. It was also highlighted that the decision to develop Scroggy Road could not be justified given the current economic downturn when residents were unemployed. After further debate, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that a breakdown of costs for each of the options would be brought back to Council.

OUT OF COMMITTEE on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

Conferences: It was agreed that the Countryside Officer would attend the Countryside Access & Activities Network Study Trip 2009 in Fort William Scotland at a cost of approximately £300.

TABLED FOR INFORMATION:

- Letter from Roads Service advising of resurfacing works on Ballykelly Main Street.
- Fax from Roads Service advising of road closure at Vale Road, Greysteel from 29 June for 12 weeks.
- Memo from Chief Executives Office to update members on Limavady Water Mains rehabilitation.
- NILGA News Update – May 2009.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Roads Service Meeting: Members were advised that Roads Service was meeting with Councillors and Ballykelly traders on Thursday 11 June 2009 at 2 pm in Ballykelly Community Association to discuss the disruption to trade during resurfacing works on Ballykelly Main Street.

Littering at Benone: Reference was made to dog fouling and littered by a minority of users to Benone Beach. It was suggested that additional help was needed to enforce laws relating to littering from Easter onwards for future years.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 11 August 2009.

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

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting