

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

CHAIR OF MEETING:

In the absence of Alderman Robinson, it was agreed that the Mayor would temporarily chair the meeting.

CONDEMNATION AT SHOOTINGS:

It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded from the Mayor on member's behalf to the Commanding Officer of Massereene Army Base and to Sir Hugh Orde to express total united condemnation from all parties to those who shot two soldiers and a PSNI Officer the previous weekend. Members stood & observed a one minute silence as a mark of respect.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors A Brolly, M Carten and M Coyle.

**PRESENTATION BY ROE VALLEY COMMUNITY EDUCATION FORUM
& ROE VALLEY WOMEN'S NETWORK:**

The chair welcomed Mrs Diane Rathfield, General Manager and Mr Glen Reilly, Chairman Roe Valley Community Education Forum (RVCEF) & Roe Valley Women's Network (RVWN) to the meeting.

Mr Reilly outlined that RVCEF & Roe Valley Women's Network were governed by an Executive Committee comprised of local business people and professional representatives from both the education and voluntary sectors. He said that the group employed 15 staff who were managed by the General Manager and that she reported to the Executive Committee bi-monthly.

Mrs Rathfield gave an outline of the programmes run by RVCEF and Women's Network, which included DEL (Steps to Work Programme); European Social Fund (Flexible Steps); Training Women's Network (PEACE III initiative); Essential Skills

for All and SerendipiTeas, a Social Enterprise initiative. She said that the aim of RVCEF was to give those in the Borough the chance to access training and education; benefit from relevant work experience; job search & employability support; 1 to 1 access to enhanced mentoring and support services; confidence building; self employment options; training to promote understanding and evolving acceptance of cultural diversity and improve levels of literacy and numeracy in the Borough. She added that SerendipiTeas was developed to provide catering training for participants of employment programmes and now served as a meeting place, not only for students but also the wider community.

In the discussion which followed members voiced their appreciation for the work of RVCEF and Roe Valley Women's Network. Mrs Rathfield ended the discussion by stating that RVCEF relied on the support of Council for the continued delivery and success of its programmes and thanked Council for its financial support.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 10 February 2009 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor McElhinney seconded by Councillor Donaghy.

MATTERS ARISING:

- **Page 3 – Development of a Community Response Plan to Address Suicide Clusters:** A member stated that Oakleaf Rural Community Network had secured funding to employ two Suicide Prevention Community Wardens and that they would provide support to the Limavady Suicide Response Committee post April 2009.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee meetings held 22 February 2009 were noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – MARCH 2009:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for March 2009 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved subject to the following:

Request for Financial Support: The following requests for financial support were approved:

- Sperrins Tourism - £9,000 for the year 2009/10
- Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust – £11,285 for the year 2009/10
- Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism - £24,822 for the year 2009/10
- Mary Peters Trust - £250 for 2009/10 financial year
- Limavady Sports Council – grant of £8,000 for the year 2008/09.

Benone Tourist Complex Café Franchise: It was agreed that the café franchise at Benone Tourist Complex would be awarded to Lucille's Kitchen for the period 1 April to 31 October 2009 and the tender re-advertised for 2010.

Economic Development: The Director of Development gave an overview of the Economic Development programmes totalling £116,000 which was approved by Council.

Conversion of Squash Court at Roe Valley Leisure Centre: Members were advised that an economic appraisal had been undertaken on the proposed conversion of a squash court at Roe Valley Leisure Centre into a Spin/aerobic studio at an estimated cost of £30,000. The proposed conversion was approved by members.

Dungiven Sports Pavilion – Development of a Fitness Spin Studio: It was agreed that officers would continue to progress the development of a modern fitness suite and or spin studio within Dungiven Sports Pavilion and work to the identified budget of £50,000.

Magilligan to Greencastle Car Ferry: Council was advised by a member that Minister Conor Murphy had written to Limvady, Coleraine and Donegal Councils to offer to bring together a round table discussion with regard to the Ferry Service. It was agreed that the Mayor would write to the Minister to welcome his help and co-operation with regard to the matter.

Rural Development Programme: Members were informed that the official cluster launch for the RDP would take place on 18 March 2009 at 4 pm in the Fir Trees Hotel, Strabane, with the Minister of Agriculture being in attendance.

Greysteel Play Area: A member voiced disappointment that officers had not contacted Greysteel Community Association to agree opening and closing of the playarea.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting with Vale Centre: It was agreed that elected representatives would meet with representatives from the Vale Centre to discuss pitch maintenance at 6 pm on Tuesday 24 March 2009.

Ballykelly By-Pass: It was suggested that Roads Service attend a meeting to discuss the preferred route for the by-pass and to take into consideration plans by the railway to have a halt at Ballykelly.

NILGA/SOLACE Event: Members were advised of NILGA/SOLACE workshop/open discussion on Reform of Government, which would take place in Hilton Hotel on 27 March 2009.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 7 April 2009.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.10 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting