

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
10 JUNE 2008**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and Director of Development.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Donaghy.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON:

The Mayor took the chair and sought nominations for the appointment of chair for the year 2008/09. She reminded members that it had been agreed in August 2006 that the DUP would chair this committee.

Councillor Robinson was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Stevenson.

Councillor Robinson took the chair and thanked members for nominating him as chairperson of the committee for another year.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 13 May 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Director of Development updated members regarding the following matters arising:

- Council was advised that Councillor Ó hOisín had met with Dr Maguinness, principle of Limavady Grammar School regarding bookings for the synthetic pitch. In response to a query, the Director of Development said that there was no further update on provision of netting around the pitch.
- Council was advised that the normal temperature for the main pool at Roe Valley Leisure Centre was 29c and that one deviation had been recorded on 23 April 2008 when the temperature fell to 27.5c. Council was also advised that normal temperature of the learner pool was 30 – 31c, however, on occasions temperature had dipped to 29.8c. Councillor Coyle said that he had been told that the pool temperature was always lowered prior to galas being held.
- It was queried when the red spiders would be removed from the chamber.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the Danny Boy Sub Committee dated 12 May 2008 were noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JUNE 2008:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for June 2008 and enlarged thereon. The following recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt.

- ◆ *It was agreed that a grant of £5,000 would be provided to Limavady Twinning Association for year 2008/09.*

It was agreed that Council would permit the Loughs Agency personnel to gain pedestrian access to the slipway, subject to prior notification and identification being produced. It was stressed that Council still had to investigate the possibility of slipway/access to the water for watercraft.

- ◆ *Members discussed the pros and cons of a third generation pitch being developed within the Borough. It was agreed that all options should be explored, included grounds at Shackleton Barracks, Scroggy Road, Roe Mill Road, Limavady Cricket & Rugby Club and at Dungiven. Consideration should be taken of drainage, leases, access, users of the pitch and floodlighting. It was agreed that Council would progress with the development of a Sports Development Plan and commission consultants to undertake a Business Case for the project.*
- ◆ *It was agreed that £24,822 would be approved for lease to Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism. Members requested that the group present to Council on details of their work.*
- ◆ *The Director of Development recommended that Council contribute £11,283.51 towards the core running costs of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust for the financial year 2008/09. Agreed subject to the group presentation to Council on the work of the Trust.*
- ◆ *The Director of Development outlined that Limavady Somme Society had requested that Council made a financial contribution of £520 to assist with the cost of travel to and from Dublin Airport for trip to the Somme on 23 – 30 July 2008. She said that the request did not meet current funding criteria and the Good Relations grant programme was not open yet. In the discussion which followed, it was suggested that other potential sources of funding would be passed to the group. The Mayor & Deputy Mayor agreed to make a donation from their accounts.*
- ◆ *It was agreed that the request for assistance from Council in the maintenance/marketing of sports pitches would be discussed at the Environmental Services meeting as it was felt that this was more pertinent to this committee.*
- ◆ *Council was asked to consider a Special Meeting on 22 July 2008 to approve the new Rural Development Strategy for the North West Cluster. It was agreed that the meeting would start at 5 pm on the suggested date.*

COURSES/CONFERENCES:

Forum for Local Government and the Arts: It was agreed that Alderman Mullan and the Countryside Access Officer would attend the Forum for Local Government and the Arts conference – Growing Communities through the Arts’ to be held 4 November 2008 in Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena at a cost of £80 per person.

Countryside Access & Activities Network Study Trip 2008: It was agreed that the Countryside Access Officer would attend the above study trip to be held 15 – 18 September 2008 in Lake District, Cumbria at a cost of £300 – 50% covered by EHS.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Blue Flag: Members welcomed that Blue Flag status had been retained at Benone.

St Canice’s GAA: Council confirmed that it was happy for St Canice’s to proceed with refurbishment/extension of the grounds at Garvagh Road, the erection of a 1.1m spectator fence and the erection of floodlights, subject to planning approval. The Director of Development explained that St Canice’s were also proposing to erect boundary fencing 2.4 m high and that this was not included within funding application to the lottery. The Director of Development agreed to contact Sports Northern Ireland’s solicitors confirming same.

Benone Beach: The problem of cars and jet skis speeding on Benone beach was raised by the Mayor. Members were advised that the Beach Wardens would address the problem when on duty and that the PSNI were looking at CCTV with regard to identifying speeding cars. It was suggested that the nuisance could be minimised if staff were on the beach for longer periods or earlier in the season. It was also suggested that the issue be raised at the next DPP meeting.

Arson Attack: Reference was made to an arson attack whereby an elderly couple had their bin burned. Members noted that the couple was lucky to be alive after the incident. The arson attack and damage to post boxes were condemned. It was agreed that the bins would be replaced if not covered within the couples’ house insurance.

Members stressed that residents should be vigilant and that the press should do an item appealing for details of the culprits to be forwarded to the PSNI. It was suggested that posters should be distributed stating that the arson attacks could be viewed as attempted murder.

Swimming Club: Disappointment was expressed that the Healthy Heart Swimming Club had been cancelled in July & August. The Director of Development agreed to liaise with Leisure Centre Manager to regarding cordoning off an area of the pool to accommodate the group.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 12 August 2008.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.10 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting