

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

10 SEPTEMBER 2013

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, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Douglas, B Chivers, G Mullan, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey (chair) C McLaughlin, D Nicholl and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Development and Administrative Assistant

APOLOGIES: - Councillor A Robinson.

CONDOLENCES

Tributes were paid to the late Mr Raymond Wright, a former principal of the North West Regional College or “Limavady Tech” as it was known. He would be remembered for his energy and enthusiasm for the local community having served on numerous committees throughout the borough. It was agreed that the Chief Executive would send a letter of condolence to his family and a minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for Mr Wright.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 13 August 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor T McCaul, seconded by Councillor B Chivers.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 3 – Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre – Auditorium: A member complained about the lack of detail in the minute regarding the discussion which took place as it was not clear what was being referred to and clarification was needed. The meeting had been informed that the issue regarding disabled access in the auditorium was being reviewed and the options available investigated.

Councillors B Douglas and J McCorkell joined the meeting a 7.05 pm

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT ~ SEPTEMBER 2013:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for September 2013 and enlarged thereon. The report was approved on the proposal of Councillor G Mullan, seconded by Councillor B Chivers subject to the following:

T/079 - Interpretative Panels for Myths and Legends Sculpture Trail: At a member's request the Director of Development Services agreed to check the inclusion of the Irish language on the panels. The recommendation to adopt the lowest quotation received and to appoint Circle Creative Communications to create, design and install the interpretative panels was agreed.

CA/002 – Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre – Special Event: Council approved to the use of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on three Sundays in January (dates to be confirmed) with additional costs being passed on to the organisers of the event.

ACO/014 – Old Dromore Lane: Agreed that Council would not replace the gate at the southern end of Old Dromore Road. The Director of Development advised that she would follow up the criminal damage carried out at the site with the PSNI.

T/044 – Boyd's Riverside Walk – Renewal of Permissive Path Agreements: *Councillor B Douglas declared an interest.* Approved the recommendation to renew three Permissive Path Agreements associated with Boyd's Riverside Walk, Burnfoot for a period of ten years.

ACO/011 Sperrin AONB Officer and Management Plan: It was noted that Council could not commit to financial support for the implementation of the management plan until the exact detail of the plan was made clear and the resource requirement was quantified. It was agreed in principle to support and participate in the development of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management plan for the Sperrin AONB.

T/005 - Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust: Council agreed to provide letters of support to both projects confirming provision of advice and support, subject to funding, to facilitate the delivery of the Geodiversity Officer and Natural Foundations in the Causeway Coast projects.

G/018 – Request for Financial Support from the Ulster Youth Choir: A contribution of £150 would be offered to the Ulster Youth Choir in support of its activities for 2013 but it was felt that in future such requests could be re-directed to the Roe Valley Arts & Heritage Committee for consideration. The Director of Development Services agreed to approach both the Ulster Youth Choir and the Ulster Youth Orchestra to perform at the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.

RVLC/001 – Proposed Location for Outdoor Gym Equipment: The Director of Development explained the process and the criteria used for locating the outdoor gym equipment at the King's Lane, Ballykelly. Some members whilst not objecting to the siting of the gym equipment in Ballykelly, expressed their disappointment that other rural communities e.g. Magilligan and Drumsurn were not given the opportunity to express an interest in acquiring the equipment for their area. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that this would be viewed as a pilot project and if successful members could bring it back to council for consideration when the council's capital expenditure for the next financial year was being agreed. When put to a vote the recommendation to install the outdoor gym equipment at King's Lane, Ballykelly was agreed – 10 votes for and 1 vote against.

Project Proposal – St Mary’s High School and Limavady High School:

Aldermen M Coyle and J Rankin declared an interest.

Council agreed to support a Stage 1 application under the “Space and Place” funding programme which would see the construction of a footbridge between the two schools.

RVLC/001 – Proposed Addition to Pricing Policy – Roe Valley Leisure Centre: It was agreed to introduce a Monthly Classes Membership (MCM) on a trial basis of 6 months to gauge viability and demand. Members asked that consideration be given to opening the gym at 6 am and the opening the swimming pool early morning for the swimming club. The Director of Development Services agreed to discuss both requests with the Leisure Centre Manager.

Greysteel Community Enterprises – Debentures: Council agreed to instruct its solicitors to formally release Greysteel Community Enterprises from the debenture made in 1999 on financial assistance towards the development of the Vale Centre.

World Host Training – Request for Funding: It was agreed that Council make its contribution to this programme from existing funding at a cost of £520 from the Economic Development Budget.

Alderman G Robinson joined the meeting at 7.45 pm.

CONSULTATIONS:

DARD Consultation on the New Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Consultation Response Form: The Director of Development Services summarised the consultation and the proposed response, in particular Priority number 6. Reference was made to the difficulties within the current programme, the planning policies and the current economic recession. The full document would be made available if members required a copy.

DETI Consultation on a Credit Unions and Industrial & Provident Societies Bill: Agreed to go with the NILGA response.

Proposal for a Road Races (Amendment) Bill: Council agreed to support the proposal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Bowling Green, Dungiven: Members referred to correspondence received from bowlers and in response to their complaints about the poor condition of the bowling green it was agreed that a meeting be set up between officers and bowlers to discuss the issues and concerns.

Civic Reception: It was agreed that a civic reception would be held for four women from the Limavady Recreation Club who have become the first team from Limavady to win the prestigious Irish Women’s Bowling Rinks competition.

Golden Wedding Anniversary: It was agreed that a letter would be sent to former councillors, Barry Doherty and Jack Dolan, congratulating them on their respective golden wedding anniversaries.

Local Government Reform – Guidance to Councils on the Establishment and Operation of Statutory Transition Committees: The Chief Executive advised that the document has been e-mailed to all members and summarised the main points concerning operational finance, staffing and the duties of the Statutory Transition Committees. Members confirmed that they had no strong views on which council would take the role of lead council for financial matters and agreed to leave the decision up to the Statutory Transition Committee.

Hannah & Browne, Limavady: Members expressed their concern over the announcement that local shop Hannah and Browne had been placed in administration with up to 6 staff under the threat of redundancy. It was agreed that the Economic Development Manager would speak to the management of the firm and update members on the situation.

Draft Community Support Plan – Information Workshop: The Director of Development Services reminded members that the Draft Community Development Support Framework Information Workshop for elected members would be held in Moyle District Council at 7 pm on 18th September 2013. She advised that she would raise this at the Transition Management Team meeting on Thursday 12 September 2013.

NEXT MEETING – 8 October 2013

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.05 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting