

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**10 NOVEMBER 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 and J Rankin (chair). Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, 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 and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Alderman Robinson and Councillor Chivers

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:**

Members stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for all those who had fought and died in serving their country in various wars.

**BINEVENAGH AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

The Chair welcomed Ms Helen Noble, Director of Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust to the meeting.

Ms Noble explained that an AONB was a precious landscape whose distinctive character and natural beauty were so outstanding that it was in the nation's interest to safeguard them. She said care of the AONB had been entrusted to local authorities, groups and individuals who live and work within the AONB and that Binevenagh had been designated as a AONB due to its scenic views, high qualities of flora fauna and historical & cultural associations. She added that the lowland farms, high ridges and forests reminded her of her native Switzerland and the Alps.

Ms Noble outlined that Binevenagh AONB Management Plan 2010 – 2020 was a draft consultation document, which had been compiled through wide discussions with government agencies, farmers, the local community and those who used the area for recreation purposes. She said that the management plan was based on a vision whereby distinctive local landscapes were conserved and enhanced; diverse wildlife was managed; local communities enjoyed a good quality of life; sustainable development principles & a strong sense of pride in the area; local traditions were valued and to having a diverse thriving rural economy in agriculture fishing forestry & tourism. She added that the deadline for response to the consultation was 27 November 2009.

In the discussion which followed, it was confirmed that a copy of the draft Management Plan had been forwarded to Crown Estates; NIEA did not look beyond natural heritage; a balance was needed between providing renewable energy sources and visual impact of windmills and that everyone, including DARD needed to be proactive in preventing irreversible damage to the countryside.

Members were encouraged to read the draft Management Plan and to attend one of the consultation workshops to feed back comments. The Chair thanked Ms Noble for the informative presentation.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 13 October 2009 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt:

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 1 – September Development Committee Meeting / Ballykelly By-Pass:** It was agreed that the Mayor – Councillor Ó hOisín, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Coyle, Councillor McElhinney, Councillor Cubitt and the Chief Executive would meet with Conor Murphy, Minister for Regional Development to be held 12 noon on 1 December 2009 in Stormont to discuss proposals for Ballykelly By-Pass.

**Page 4 – Civic Centre Name:** It was agreed to hold discussion on the name of the Civic Centre would be held at the end of the December 2009 Development Committee meeting.

**Page 5 – Nominations to Limavady Twinning Committee:** The Director of Development informed members that the newly formed Twinning Committee had set out in their constitution that nominations to the committee would be the Mayor and 3 members. A member requested that the Director of Development approach the Twinning Committee regarding changing their constitution to include an extra member.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING:**

The minutes of Special Development Committee meeting held 22 October 2009 were tabled and noted. Councillor Stevenson reiterated that he was extremely disappointed that Council had decided to ignore the preferred option for development of a 3G pitch at Scroggy Road.

**MINUTES OF DANNY BOY COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of Danny Boy Committee meeting held 12 October 2009 were tabled and noted.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2009:**

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

**Applications for Funding under the Community Support Plan:** It was agreed that the following applications received for funding under the Community Support Plan would be approved:

Benedy Community Association	£2000
Glens Community Association	£2000
Glenshane Care Association	£2000
Roe Valley Rural Transport	£1100
Feeny Community Association	£2100
Ballykelly Community Association	£2000
Ardnariff Cultural Group	£1748
Gelvin Community Association	£1861
Roe Valley Residents Association	£2000
Aghanloo Community Association	£2000
Gortnahey Community Association	£2000
Greysteel Community Association	£1424
Limavady Volunteer Bureau	£3500
Foreglen Community Association	£2000
Ageing Well Roe Valley	£1922
Burnfoot Community Association	£2100
Bovalley Community Association	£1040
Largy Community Association	£2000
Drumboughil Community Assoc	£2000
Magilligan Community Association	£1970
Drumsumn Community Association	£1860
Hands That Talk	£2000

Members were advised that additional information had been received from Glenshane Community Development Limited and that a recommendation would be made at the December 2009 Development Services meeting.

**Lease of the Foreshore at Benone Strand:** Council accepted the proposed increase in rent to £690.00 per annum for the lease of the foreshore at Benone Strand.

**Community Response Plan – Suicide Prevention:** Council approved the ‘Community Response Plan for Limavady Borough Council Area following Suicide.’ Council was advised that a workshop would be held on 8 December 2009 in the Drummond Hotel between 9 am and 1 pm.

**Lands at Ardgarvan:** Council had previously expressed an interest in retaining the land at Ardgarvan for use in the immediate future. As a number of pitches were being upgraded and works would take the pitches out of play, it was recommended that the leasing arrangement for the land be extended for a further two years at the revised rent of £1,980 per annum but on a more formal basis. Agreed. It was also agreed that Newtown Football Club who had expressed an interest in leasing the land should be kept informed of Councils’ decision.

**Benone Tourist Complex – Proposed Holiday Closures for Christmas and New Year:** It was agreed that Benone Tourist Complex would be closed 24 to 28 December 2009 inclusive, reopen 29 December. Closed 1 January and reopen 2

January 2010. The Director of Development advised that opening times over the Easter period would be looked at when budgets were being set.

**Benone Tourist Complex Café Franchise:** It was agreed that the café franchise at Benone Tourist Complex be advertised for a one year period effective from 1 April 2010, with an option to renew for a further two years.

**Disposal of Gym Equipment – Dungiven Sports Pavilion:** It was recommended that surplus items of gym equipment be disposed of by way of local advertisement and a process of closed bids. Agreed.

**Civic Centre – Retail Units:** It was agreed that Council would proceed to identify potential clients for the two units at the Civic Centre at the best possible rate.

**Consultations – Independent Review of Economic Policy:** The proposed response to the consultation document ‘The Independent Review of Economic Policy’ was approved by members.

**CAAN – Venture Outdoors, Creating Healthy Communities:** It was agreed that an officer would attend the above conference to be held in Armagh City Hotel on 3 December 2009 at a cost of £60 per person.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- ◆ **PWC Report:** It was agreed that the workshop scheduled for 7 pm on 24 November 2009 to discuss the PWC Report would be held at 3 pm on the same date.
- ◆ **Seal Legal Document:** The legal agreement between Lough Foyle Ferry Company Limited, Donegal County Council and Limavady Borough Council for continuation of lease for provision of ferry service on Lough Foyle from 14 June to 30 September 2009 would be signed and sealed.
- ◆ **Community Associations Meetings:** It was suggested that a letter be sent to Community Associations requesting that the groups should avoid holding their meetings on Tuesdays to give members an opportunity to attend. Agreed.
- ◆ **Vandalism - Roe Valley Leisure Centre:** Members condemned vandals who broke a window at Roe Valley Leisure Centre the previous night which resulting in closure of the minor pool for several days.
- ◆ **Burglaries:** A member referred to burglaries which took place in the Borough and advised everyone to be vigilant. It was noted that the Community Police had been handing out leaflets for the launch of the NIO PSNI and NIPB TV advertisement which provided advice on answering the door to unknown or unexpected callers to the home.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 8 December 2009

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS  
(The meeting ended at 8.50 pm)**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Meeting