

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**10 DECEMBER 2013**

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7pm on the above date.

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Director of Development and Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** - None

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 12 November 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor T McCaul, seconded by Councillor A Brolly.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT ~ DECEMBER 2013:**

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for December 2013 and enlarged thereon. The report was approved on the proposal of Councillor C McLaughlin, seconded by Alderman M Coyle subject to the following:

**T/002 – Benone Tourist Complex Caravan and Camping Rules and Regulations:** The amended Rules and Regulations for the Caravan/Camping facilities at Benone Tourist Complex were approved for the 2014 Season.

**CAP/008 – Provision of Leisure/Recreational Facilities – Largy:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Alderman Coyle to enter into discussions with Largy Community Association and undertake an initial site investigation.

**Request from the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul:** Members acknowledged the great work carried out by both Saint Vincent De Paul and the Salvation Army. Following discussion it was agreed to respond to the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul to confirm Limavady Borough Council do not adopt charities or make donations however, it was suggested that the organisation could write to the incoming Mayor to establish if he/she would consider this as one of his/her charities. It was also suggested that Council's staff committee may be interested in running a charity event donating all monies raised to Saint Vincent De Paul.

**Correspondence from the Follies Trust in Respect of the Ballyquin Monument:** Members were supportive of the restoration to the monument and commented on its tourism potential. It was noted that there were a number of important monuments throughout the borough, each contributing to the heritage of the area and Council should be adopting a strategic approach to promotion of them. Following discussion, members agreed the landfill tax monies should not be allocated towards the restoration of the monument. It was suggested to signpost the Follies Trust to The Honourable The Irish Society.

**L&P/006 – Acquisition of Land at Rannyglas & Ard-Na-Smoll, Dungiven:** The Director of Development notified members no information had been received in relation to land at Ard-Na-Smoll however a response had been received from NIHE for land at Rannyglas and was in a position to be referred to Land and Property Services for valuation if Council was still interested in securing a lease. In the discussion which followed reference was made to a planning application which had been submitted by St Canice’s GAC for the erection of a spectator stand. Members voiced the concerns of residents and following discussion, it was agreed that further information and clarification was required before a decision could be made to proceed with the valuation and lease of land at Rannyglas.

**B&E/004 – Black Guillemot Nest Boxes at Magilligan Point:** It was agreed to permit Loughs Agency to install six black guillemot nest boxes on the outside of the slipway at Magilligan Ferry Terminal.

**T/046F - 2013 – 2023 Mountain Biking in Northern Ireland – Creating a World Class Destination:** Members welcomed and supported the 2013-2023 Mountain Biking Strategy in Northern Ireland and agreed to work with Outdoor Recreation NI, Forest Service and other relevant stakeholders to endeavour to deliver on the strategic objectives and ensure the development of sustainable and quality mountain bike trails.

**Community Services:** It was agreed that the extra funding of £10,491, designated by the Department for Social Development be utilised as outlined in the report and letters of offer issued forthwith.

**Additional Item – Community Services Annual Funding 2013/2014 – Running Costs/Summer Scheme/Seeding Grant Funding:** It was agreed to approve the recommendations for the allocation of funding from DSD for £47,503.02 to be utilised under the Community Support Plan for 2013-2014.

Roe Valley Residents Association	£2000
Glens Community Association	£2000
Greysteel Community Association	£2000
Glenshane Care Association	£2000
Glenshane Community Development	£2000
Benedy Community Association	£2000
Feeny Community Association	£2100*
Ardnariff Cultural & Historical Society	£2100*
Burnfoot Community Development Association	£2100*
Dromboughil Community Association	£2000
Gortnahey Community Association	£2100
Largy Community Association	£2000

Volunteer Bureau (LCDI) (Standard Grant)	£3500
Hands That Talk	£2000
Benbradagh Community Support	£2000
Bovalley Community Association	£2000
The Vale Centre	£2000
Gelvin Community Association	£2000
Drumsumn Community Association	£2100*
Magilligan Community Association	£2000
Restore Community Group	£2000
Seeding Grant – Loughview Community Development	£100
Overall Total - £44,100	

The Director of Development advised that the assessment of a further application had still to be undertaken and a recommendation would be brought to the January Development meeting for consideration. The remaining funding would be utilised for Limavady Community Network.

**CD/016 – Feeny Community Centre:** It was agreed that the Trustees of Banagher Parish Church be formally notified that Council would not be renewing the lease for the old Church Hall for use as a community centre as it was no longer used by the local community.

**CD/006 – Land at Beech Road, Drumsumn:** *Councillor B Chivers declared an interest.* Following a request from Drumsumn Community Association, it was agreed to change the use of the land at Beech Road, to include allotments and an area for outdoor fitness.

**CAP/007 – Unity Bridge Update:** *Alderman M Coyle declared an interest.* Members agreed to support the Unity Bridge project through programme delivery which would meet the aims and objectives of Council's corporate plan and to address the underpinning issues of the project.

**G/025 – Shackleton Barracks – Soft Marketing:** It was agreed an expression of interest be submitted to OFMDFM requesting that the Control Tower be gifted to Limavady Borough Council and an event be organised inviting stakeholders and local community groups who may be interested in the site to discuss ideas and various options available.

**RVLC/001 – Roe Valley Leisure Centre – Proposed Revision to Concessionary Rates – Lifestyle Fitness:** A debate took place regarding the further reduction of concessionary rates for Council Employees following a request from the Health Works Group. Councillor E Scott proposed, seconded by Councillor S McGlinchey that the charges should remain as is. Alderman Coyle reminded members of the health issues raised at the Support Services meeting and felt the reduction in concessionary rates would encourage staff to use the facility. The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, 8 for, 3 against and 4 abstentions.

**Request from Stendhal Festival Committee:** Members agreed to a request from Stendhal to address Council at the next available Development meeting, to provide members with further details on the project and encourage support.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Brighter Hoard Exhibition:** Mayor, Councillor G Mullan recommended Council purchase a replica of the gold boat from an exhibition by Raymond Watson currently on display in the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre. It was agreed members view the boat and a price be sought before a final decision would be made.

**Bovally Play Area:** The Director of Development informed members that a draft agreement was in the process of being finalised by solicitors.

**Dungiven Sports and Community Project - IN COMMITTEE:** The Director of Development gave members an update following the Dungiven Sports and Community Project Steering Group meeting that took place prior to the committee meeting. She outlined the five Companies moving forward to the Invitation to Tender Stage. Officers were working towards issue of the Invitation to Tender documents by the end of December or beginning of January and a design team appointed by March 2014. She informed members discussion had taken place at the Steering Group meeting that afternoon regarding a further site for the development of outdoor facilities. A recommendation from the Steering Group proposed that a site at Hass Road was the preferred option. It was agreed that negotiations should proceed with the landowner. The Chief Executive conveyed the need for a Project Manager to assist in the delivery of all Council projects. It was agreed that options would be brought to Council for approval.  
**OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

**NEXT MEETING** – 14 January 2014

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.30PM**

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