

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
11 APRIL 2006

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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Aldermen G Robinson and J Rankin, Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers (chair), L Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, C Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Director of Development.

APOLOGIES:

Alderman Mullan, Councillor Coyle and Councillor McElhinney

MINUTES:

The minutes of Development Committee meeting held 14 March 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Butcher.

MATTERS ARISING:

Westport/Limavady Joint Calendar: Members noted that due to time constraints the joint calendar between Westport/Limavady would not be reprinted and that Westport were trying to get a refund from the publisher.

Provision of Play Areas: The Director of Development informed members that in the near future a meeting would take place with Greysteel Community Association regarding suitable location for proposed play area and that a report on Audit of Play Areas within the Borough was being compiled by the Director of Environmental Services.

Beach Management Plan - Use of Personal Water Craft at Benone Beach: The Director of Development agreed to take into consideration concerns raised by Councillor Butcher in letter dated 28th March 2006 regarding affordability and enforcement for those using personal water crafts at Benone Beach. She clarified that the instructor had agreed to set his fees at £75 - £90 for the Royal Yachting Association Accredited Course.

MINUTES DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE DATED 20 MARCH AND 3 APRIL 2006:

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee dated 20 March and 3 April 2006 were agreed and members noted Income & Expenditure figures for the 2005 Danny Boy Festival and draft programme for the 2006 festival, which had been forwarded to Northern Ireland Events Company.

It was also agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Brolly that Council reinstate funding levels to £30,000 for the 2006 festival. Members welcomed that the committee were being prudent in spending costs for 2006.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – APRIL 2006:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report and enlarged thereon. The recommendations were agreed and the report adopted on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín subject to the following:

Good Relations Workplan - 2006/2007: The Director of Development provided a summary of proposals as outlined within the draft Good Relations Workplan 2006/07 for members' consideration. She said at this point there was no guarantee that Council would obtain the 75% grant aid towards the entire programme as presented but if successful the total cost to Council would be approximately £28,000.

Request from LATCH for Financial Assistance: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor Butcher that Niall Murphy, Director of LATCH would be invited to present to Council at the May 2006 Development Services Committee before any recommendation on funding towards LATCH and the "Rock the Valley Festival" would be made.

Request from Greysteel Community Enterprises for Support towards Proposed Health and Fitness Resource Centre: The Director of Development reported that Greysteel Community Enterprises had written to request that Council consider making a financial contribution towards their proposed Health & Fitness Resource Centre, which would cost approximately £671,000. She said that no provision had been made within the 2006/07 grant assistance and that Council had no policy in relation to grant aid towards Capital Sports projects.

It was agreed that Council would not commit to the project at this time but consider the request within the 2007/08 financial year and that decision would be based on the criteria which will be contained within the new Grant Aid policies.

COURSES & CONFERENCES:

Marine Tourism Conference: It was agreed that Councillor Butcher would attend the Marine Tourism Conference to be held 31 May & 1 June 2006 in Holy Trinity Heritage Centre, Carlingford at a cost of €150.

Big Lottery Umbrella Grant Scheme Conference: It was agreed that Alderman Robinson would attend the Big Lottery Umbrella Grant Scheme Conference,

“Making a Difference – Addressing Health Inequalities and Disadvantage” to be held 26 April 2006 in Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management - Winning the Retention Battle:

It was agreed that 2 officers would attend the above course to be held 5 July 2006 in Reading at a cost of £180 + flight costs.

Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Conference: It was agreed that Councillor Ó hOisín would attend the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Conference to be held 15 – 16 May 2006 in Radisson SAS Roe Park Hotel.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Gortnaghey Community Association: It was agreed that the Debenture and Priority Agreement between Council and Gortnaghey Community Association for £25,000 would be signed and sealed.

Appointment of Advisory Forum Members for the Loughs Agency: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Butcher, seconded by Councillor Brolly that Councillor Ó hOisín be put forward as a nominee to the Advisory Forum for the Loughs Agency.

Glenshane Community Group – Provision of Caravan Park: The Director of Development informed members that Glenshane Community Group had been awarded funding by the Rural Development Council towards the development of a 12 berth caravan site in Dungiven. She said the group had difficulty in obtaining planning approval as the proposed location for the park was zoned as open space within the area plan, however, the Rural Development Council had agreed to still make funding available to the Group if an alternative site could be found within Council property in the TSN area.

It was agreed that Council would investigate alternative sites for provision of the caravan park.

Queen – 80th Birthday: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin that a letter of congratulation would be forwarded to the Queen who was celebrating her 80th Birthday.

Minutes - February Planning & Services Meeting: Alderman Robinson said that the local press had received a letter of complaint regarding an article attributed to him within the minutes on Council website. He said that although he had raised the issue of dog foul, it had been Councillor Douglas who had requested that Roads Service replace the bollards on the pathway between Mount Eden/Whitehill Park. Members noted that the complainant had interpreted the minute incorrectly and that Roads Service had since repaired the bollards in question.

TABLED DOCUMENTS:

- Roads Service – Greystone Road (lane closed for two weeks commencing 10 April 2006).

NEXT MEETING:

9 May 2006

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 7.50 pm)**

**Signed: -----
Chair of Meeting**