

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
11 NOVEMBER 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 (chair) Councillors P. Butcher, M Carten, B. Chivers, M. Coyle, L. Cubitt, M Donaghy, B Douglas, J F McElhinney, C. Ó hOisín, A Robinson and E. Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Development Services Manager, Culture Arts & Tourism Manager and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor Brolly and the Director of Development.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting held 14 October 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee meeting held 13 October 2008 were noted.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2008:**

The Development Services Manager presented the Development Report for November 2008 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Robinson subject to the following:

**Request for Financial Support from Limavady Volunteer Bureau Towards a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony:** It was agreed that £1,500 would be allocated towards the costs of holding an event which recognises the contribution of the voluntary and community sector with Limavady Borough.

**Limavady/Westport Twinning Association:** It was agreed that a grant of £2,200 would be allocated to the Limavady/Westport Twinning Association for the 2008/09 programme of events.

**Green Lane Museum:** Members were informed that a lease had been signed by Council and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency on the building which

operates the Green Lane Museum and that it was necessary to carry out works previously identified in the museum's security audit in preparation for Collection Accreditation. It was agreed that all necessary security and maintenance works at the Green Lane Museum would be progressed from monies allocated for in current budgets. Members requested that a DDA audit be carried out on the building and that external signs at the museum be updated in accordance with NIEA guidelines.

**Causeway Museum Service:** The Development Service Manager outlined that during discussion at the Causeway Museum Service AGM it had been recommended that Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney and Moyle Councils would be asked to consider extending the current agreement of support for a further 2 years up to 2011. He said that the estimated expenditure for 2009/10 to be covered by the four Councils was £92,300, an increase of 11% on the current year. It was agreed that Council would continue to support the Causeway Museum Service until 2011 by contributing £23,075 allocated within the 2009/10 budgets.

**Provision of a Youth Resource Centre:** Members welcomed that the WELB were considering the development of youth facilities within the Borough. It was agreed that approval would be given for the WELB to include the grounds at Roe Valley Leisure Centre as a potential site for the development of a Youth Resource Centre and for inclusion within their economic appraisal.

**Update on Outdoor Sports Facilities for Dungiven and Request for Funding from Glenshane Community Development towards the Commission of a Sports Development Plan:** It was clarified to members that it had been agreed at a meeting held 22 September 08 that Council would take the lead role in taking forward the development of a Third Generation Pitch for Dungiven, while working on a partnership basis with local sports clubs, Dungiven Sports Forum and Glenshane Community Development. Council was also informed that Glenshane Community Development had put in a request for £4,000 + VAT financial assistance from Council towards the development of a Sports Development Plan.

As prices were being sought for the development of a Sports and Recreation Strategy for the area, which including Dungiven and for the refurbishment of existing indoor and outdoor provision, Glenshane Community Development had agreed to defer any decision on allocation of funding towards a Sports Development Plan until after meeting with Council and Sports Clubs on 25 November 2008.

**O'Hampsey – Bunting Winter School:** Councillor Ó hOisín requested that thanks be passed on to the Events & Clutural Officer and to Mr Brenden Molloy who had organised the above event. He said he was disappointed that the event had not been widely publicised, especially on Council's website but was worthy of being repeated in 2009.

**Job Fair:** The Development Service Manager gave a verbal update to members regarding the Job Fair which took place on Thursday 6 November in the Radission Hotel. He said that over 2,500 people had attended the event which was supported by 32 companies on the day. A member felt that retraining was needed for some of the jobs available.

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

The following notice of motion submitted by Councillor Ó hOisín was withdrawn.

“Given the chronic historical dereliction of its statutory duty in the provision of sporting facilities outside of Limavady town that this council belatedly remedy the situation by in the first instance supporting and financing to an agreed maximum figure the development of a business plan for councils property at the Castle grounds in Dungiven led by Glenshane Community Development Ltd and Dungiven’s Sports Forum (The stakeholders) and cognisant of available funding pursue with all due vigour and diligence the provision of such a facility at the earliest convenience.”

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Congratulations:** Councillor Cubitt proposed that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Mayor of Derry City Council on hosting a reception for the Royal Irish Regiment and the Territorial Army who recently returned from serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Civic Reception – X Factor Contestant:** Councillor Cubitt proposed that a civic reception would be held for X Factor contestant Eoghan Quigg. It was pointed out that his celebratory status would increase the longer he stayed in the show and that it might be difficult for him to find time to attend such an event.

**Bain Report on Civil Service Jobs:** In response to a query, the Development Services Manager explained that the Bain Report made a number of recommendations on relocation of civil service jobs within Northern Ireland. He said that Londonderry, Omagh, Craigavon, Newry, Ballymena and Coleraine had been recommended in the first instance for relocation of public sector jobs and that Cookstown, Downpatrick and Enniskillen had also been recommended for second tier nuclei as economic clusters were beginning to emerge in these locations. It was agreed that a letter would be forwarded to Minister Dodds, Department of Finance & Personnel to request that Limavady be included as a potential site within secondary tier nuclei.

**Advice Evening for Community:** It was agreed that the Mayor would host an advice evening for the community in light of economic conditions. It was also agreed that funding would be available from the Economic Development budget to help pay for the cost.

**Civic Reception – Community Forum:** It was agreed that a Civic Reception would be held for the Community Forum. The Mayor requested that all Councillors attend the event.

**Limavady Rotary Club Charity Ball:** It was agreed that Council would contribute £150 towards a wine reception at the Rotary Club Charity Ball.

**Christmas Tree in Dungiven:** Members were advised that the Christmas tree in Dungiven would be erected on site owned and agreed by Patrick Bradley adjacent to Dungiven Castle. It was agreed that Technical Services staff would do a litter sweep prior to the tree being switched on.

**Cost of Home Heating Oil:** Reference was made to the price of oil and it was queried why recent drop in barrel price was not reflected at the pumps. It was pointed out that the high cost of fuel had an impact of those who remained at home all day and that lifestyle and buying habits were changing because of this. It was agreed that David Blevin, Northern Ireland Oil Federation would be asked to explain why a drop in oil prices was not filtered down to end users.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** - 9 December 2008.

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

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