

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
12 JANUARY 2010**

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, J Rankin (chair) and G Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, 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: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 8 December 2009 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

MATTERS ARISING:

Brighter Gold: Members voiced disappointment that no further communication had been received from the National Museum in Dublin with regard to request by Council for the short term loan of the Brighter Gold for the opening of the Civic Centre. Members discussed security measures should the gold be brought back to the Borough and it was suggested that the request for return of the Brighter Hoard be raised with the Minister in the relevant Government Department.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2010:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for January 2010 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Westport: It was agreed that Councillor Mullan and an officer would attend the St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Westport. Members would be circulated with a programme for the St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Limavady. It was suggested that an invitation to attend the celebrations would be extended to Westport and Vigneux sur Seine.

Culture Arts and Tourism Grants for 2010/2011: It was agreed that calls for funding applications for the Culture Arts and Tourism Grants for 2010/11 would be advertised in the local press and on the website. The level of grants proposed were:

- Community Festival Funding – for large festivals generating overnight stays, tourism and economic benefit to the Borough: 50% deficit funding support up to a maximum of £7,500.
- Large Grants Scheme – Borough based events or programmes which provide tourism/arts and economic benefit: 50% deficit support up to a maximum of £3,000.
- Small Grants Scheme – Borough based events/art projects: 50% deficit support up to a maximum of £300.

It was agreed that Community Fun Days/Summer Schemes/Events organised by Constituted Borough based Community Groups would be considered under the Community Support Plan.

Dungiven Sports Pavilion – Official Opening: Approval was given for arrangements to be put in place for the official opening of the Fitness Suite & Spin Studio in Dungiven by March 2010.

Economic Development: It was agreed that external assistance would be sought to collate and analyse data gathered from a Business Needs Audit covering a range of business sectors as part of the Economic Development programme. £1,500 had been set aside within the current economic development budget.

Commonwealth Games – Delhi, India: It was agreed that decision be deferred on the request to provide financial support towards the costs of sending the Northern Ireland team to the Commonwealth Games in Delhi until the budgets had been set for 2010/11. It was queried if any of the representatives were from Limavady.

Coleraine & District Branch Samaritans: Council agreed to donate £1,000 towards the 2010 Annual Irish Region Conference to be hosted by Coleraine & District Branch Samaritans in the Magherabuoy Hotel, Portrush on 26-28 March 2010.

Ice Cream Permits – Benone: It was recommended that Council advertise the availability of ice cream permits for Benone Tourist Complex and Benone Beach. In response to a member, the Director of Development agreed to investigate if ice cream vendors at Magilligan Point were required to have a Street Trading Licence.

Courses/Conferences: It was agreed that the Culture Arts & Tourism Manager would attend one day and the Tourism Development Officer would attend both days of the Visitor Inspired Conference 2010 to be held 25 and 26 February 2010 in the La Mon Hotel and Country Club. No cost to Council other than travel and overnight accommodation of £50 approximately.

ITEMS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE:

Magilligan – Greencastle Ferry: *Councillor Cubitt requested that it be noted that he strongly objected to the topic being discussed IN COMMITTEE.* Council was updated on the tendering process and details of the proposed meeting with Donegal Councillors on 20 January 2010. Members discussed the level of funding which could be made available. Caution was expressed by a member at

attending the meeting with the viewpoint that Council was giving the ferry provider an agreed sum to run the ferry service.

Civic Centre – Staffing Structure: The proposed staffing structure for the Civic Centre was approved and it was agreed for job evaluations & the recruitment process to commence. OUT OF COMMITTEE.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Notice of Application for Provisional Grant of a Bookmaking Office Licence for S. P. Graham Limited at 5 Anderson Avenue, Limavady: Members were informed of intention to apply to the County Court on 15 January 2010 for the provisional grant of a Bookmaking Office Licence on premises at 5 Anderson Avenue. Members discussed the fact that there was a church, youth club and school in the local vicinity and that the residents in the area were objecting to the application. After a long discussion, it was agreed that the notification would be noted as it was up to the Courts to decide.

NILGA Conference - Local Government Awards: Members were informed that as part of Local Government Awards, Council had got through to the final three in 2 categories.

1. RVLC – Change Champions
2. Joint Initiative – Good Relations Conference.

It was agreed that the Good Relations Officer and two representatives from RVLC would be invited to attend the awards ceremony, with approval also been given for overnight accommodation.

Civic Receptions: It was agreed that a civic reception would be held to celebrate the centenary of Limavady Girl Guides. It was also agreed that a Civic Reception would be held for Dungiven Ladies Darts team for winning the County Championships

Swimming – RVLC: A member highlighted that he was unhappy that a Lifesaving course had taken place at the same time as the morning Healthy Hearts Club and that this discouraged swimmers from attending the Club.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9 February 2010

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting