

**LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**12 FEBRUARY 2013**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Director of Development and the Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillor C McLaughlin.

**CONDOLENCE:**

Reference was made to the tragic death of PSNI Officer Philippa Reynolds who had died in a crash involving a stolen car. Elected members and officers stood in silence as a mark of respect.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 15 January 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McCaul.

**MATTERS ARISING:** - None.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2013:**

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for February 2013 and enlarged thereon.

**Town Twinning Exchange Visitors:** The Director of Development advised that a rugby team from Vigneux-sur-Seine would be visiting the Borough in April 2013 to play against a team from Limavady Rugby Club and that the Mayor of Vigneux-sur-Seine had indicated that he intended to accompany the team for part of the visit. She said that the Twinning Committee had organised the visit, including a concert which would be held in Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on 5 April 2013. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Chivers that Council would host a small buffet reception for the Mayor, visiting rugby players and the twinning representatives prior to the concert or during the interval.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Westport:** It was agreed that Alderman M Coyle and one officer would attend the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Westport.

**Diabetes Walk:** It was agreed that Council would grant permission for Diabetes UK to hold their annual walk on Benone Beach on 25 May 2013.

**Jazz & Blues Festival:** The Director of Development informed members that the Jazz & Blues Festival Committee had requested that Council consider increasing the level of grant provided to £10,000 and reduce the level of match funding that the Committee were expected to provide. She advised that under equality, the same consideration should be given to other festivals under the current funding arrangements. She said that the budget for 2013/14 was based on existing criteria, with the maximum level of funding set at £7,000. Noted.

It was agreed that Council would purchase a quantity of multi coloured festive bunting that could be available to other festivals in the Borough and that new replacement lamp standard banners would be commissioned for Limavady, Ballykelly and Dungiven as appropriate.

**Benone Café Franchise:** Council approved the renewal of the Café franchise contract at Benone Tourist Complex to Georg's Café for the 2013 season.

**Development of Sports/Community Facilities for Dungiven & Surrounding Area:** The Director of Development informed members that work had commenced on the Economic Appraisal for the above project. She said Land & Property Services had been contacted regarding a valuation on the sites at Curragh Road and Ballyquin Road/Main Street. She added that an expression of interest had been submitted on the acquisition of Dungiven Police Station site and that the District Valuer would put a valuation on the property. It was noted that subject to Council agreeing an amount, the transfer could be completed within 6 months from the date on which the property was declared surplus to requirements unless otherwise agreed by both parties.

In the discussion which followed the Chief Executive outlined that the Presbyterian Church were interested in the site and that he would be liaising with church officials to discuss their needs for the site. He also highlighted that he had met with Sam Donaldson from PSNI and that he had confirmed that the metal gates at the front of the station would be replaced with mesh fencing to help improve the look of the building.

The following was agreed:

1. that negotiations would be undertaken by an independent body on purchase price of additional land at Curragh Road and in relation to the site at Ballyquin Road/Main Street.
2. Alderman M Coyle, Councillor S McGlinchey, Councillor A Brolly and Councillor B Douglas were nominated to the project Steering Group.
3. progress issues relating to acquisition of the PSNI Station and
4. obtain a valuation for Dungiven Sports Pavilion.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of the RAF Association:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Douglas that Council would contribute £500 towards a buffet lunch as part of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the RAF Association.

**Policy – Villages, Hamlets and Rural Settlements: Support for Christmas Celebrations:** The policy for Villages, Hamlets and Rural Settlements – Support

for Christmas Celebrations was approved by Council subject to minor changes being made. The Director of Development agreed to contact Benedy Community Association with regard to financial assistance for the Christmas celebrations.

**Economic Development – Budget Re-allocation:** The Director of Development informed members that as part of this year’s 400 celebrations that officers would like to increase the documentation of events as well as produce footage of a range of activities available from the private sector in the Borough. She said that the footage and images would be used for press releases, publications and Council website as well as other external sites.

It was agreed that the list of video and still equipment outlined within the report would be purchased from the existing Economic Development budget to develop Council’s video and image library over the coming year. It was noted that training would be provided to anyone who wished to use the equipment.

**Proposed North West Speed Trials:** The Director of Development explained that Real Time Promotions had been in contact to advise that they intended to promote North West Speed Trials at Shackleton, Ballykelly on the week prior to the North West 200 in May and two weeks before the Portrush Air show in September 2013. She said that it was proposed that the events would be held between 12 – 6 pm, on both Saturday and Sunday of each weekend.

The Director of Development indicated that Real Time Promotions had requested Council support towards the event. As this appeared to be a commercial enterprise both members and officers advised caution and it was suggested that Council could assist with promotion of the event. It was suggested that on the Sunday that the speed trials should be delayed until after the church services.

Alderman Coyle proposed, seconded by Alderman Robinson that a deputation from Council meets with the relevant Stormont officials in charge of the site to state that Council was still interested in the site and to promote Shackleton as an area for sport. It was agreed that the deputation would include Alderman Coyle, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Beattie, Councillor Nicholl, the Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

**Dereliction Funding:** The Director of Development confirmed that Council had secured £19k dereliction funding for areas in Dungiven which would allow for new hoarding as well as a clean-up of the former police station. She said that £150k would be accessed from DSD as part of the Masterplan for Limavady Town.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Staff – Roe Valley Leisure Centre:** A member extended his thanks to staff at Roe Valley Leisure Centre on their work, approach and attitude during recent Nathan Carter concert. He also paid tribute to Edenvale Care Home for organising the event.

Reference was made to the excellence Staff Awards at Roe Valley Leisure Centre and to the work carried out over the past year. It was stated that the talk by Richard Moore had been excellent and highly inspirational.

**Workshop – Statutory Transition Committee’s (STC’s):** It was agreed that a workshop to discuss a response to STC consultation would be held on 19 February 2013.

**Treasury Management Training:** Members were advised that Treasury Management Training had been organised for 5 March 2013 at 5.30 pm.

**Magilligan Prison:** It was agreed that a meeting would be held in early March 2013 to further develop the integration and rehabilitation of prisoner’s. Date to be confirmed.

**EXT MEETING – 12 March 2013**

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.50 PM**

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