

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**12 NOVEMBER 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, J Rankin and G Robinson. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey (chair) C McLaughlin, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Director of Development and Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** - Councillors B Chivers and G Mullan.

**CONDOLENCES:**

Tributes were paid to the late Mr Eddie McGrady, former South Down MP who recently passed.

A member expressed his sympathies to the Philippine community affected by the sad tragedy of Typhoon Haiyan. Elected members and officers stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Councillor A Robinson joined the meeting at 7.02pm

**PRESENTATION – DRIVE SAFE PROGRAMME:**

The Chair welcomed Denise McAuley, her daughter Annie Kelly and Ellen Mulrone to the meeting.

Ms D McAuley founder of the Claire Kelly Memorial Fund showed members a DVD of the Drive Safe Programme in partnership with Police Community Safety Partnership, PCSP and created by Benbradagh Community Support and young people from the area.

The road safety DVD was produced on a low budget and created to raise awareness on the danger of roads, encourage people to be responsible for their own road safety and make better choices. The Claire Kelly Memorial Fund and the Drive Safe Programme were formed following the death of Ms McAuley's daughter Claire who was just 20 years old when she was killed in a road traffic collision after a night out with friends.

Ms McAuley stated she felt the television adverts were not targeting the right age group she said their project aimed to target 12 to 17 year olds to help them understand road safety by participating in various workshops including drama, music and song writing and attending a range of organised trips. The Drive Safe

Programme DVD was produced on young people's point of views and issues that they felt needed addressed.

Annie and Ellen spoke highly of their experience in participating in the programme; they both felt they had learned a great deal of emotional skills and everyone that contributed gained experience and awareness. They stated the DVD reflected the hard work put in by all the young people involved.

Ms McAuley informed members the project Drive Safe, Arrive Safe was being taken to Stormont. She stated each facilitator and every person she had met has had some experience of road tragedy and young people need targeted now on the importance of road safety. Ms McAuley said she was hoping to receive funding and asked for the opportunity to have more input on how the money be utilised.

The Chair and members thanked Ms D McAuley for her presentation and admired her courage and commitment.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 8 October 2013 were approved on the proposal of Councillor McCaul, seconded by Councillor Beattie.

#### **MATTERS ARISING: -**

**Page 2 – St Mary's & Limavady High School, Unity Bridge Project:** The Director of Development informed members the stage 1 application for the project had been submitted.

**Page 3 – Old Dromore Road:** Advice had been sought from Council's solicitor regarding the decision on the right of way at Old Dromore Lane. The Director of Development informed members if further information became available from residents solicitors the right of way could be reassessed. However the decision made by Council at that time was fair on the basis of information held.

**Page 3 – Update of meeting with OFMDFM Regarding Shackleton Barracks:** The Director of Development updated members that OFMDFM would be planning to carry out a 'soft market testing' exercise for the Shackleton Barracks site and informed members they would receive correspondence from OFMDFM outlining further details.

**Page 4 – Roe Valley Chamber of Trade:** The Director of Development confirmed contact had been made with the Chair of Roe Valley Chamber of Trade to consider potential agenda items for a future meeting.

#### **MINUTES OF THE DUNGIVEN SPORTS AND COMMUNITY PROJECT STEERING GROUP:**

The minutes of the Dungiven Sports and Community Project Steering Group held on 1 October 2013 were presented for information.

#### **MINUTES OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the Irish Language Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2013 were presented for information.

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

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for November 2013 and enlarged thereon. The report was approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

Alderman G Robinson joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

**T/002 – Benone Tourist Complex Scale of Charges 2014:** Council agreed that Benone Tourist Complex scale of charges come into effect from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014.

**T/002 – Benone Coffee Shop Franchise:** Council agreed to advertise for a franchisee to operate a coffee shop catering facility at Benone Tourist Complex for the period 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014.

**T/013 – Northern Ireland (Milk) Cup:** The Director of Development reminded members of the decision made by Dairy Council of Northern Ireland not to renew their sponsorship of the prestigious tournament. Members agreed to provide continued support at a level similar to 2013 for the Northern Ireland Tournament, £15,000 and the use of Council pitches at Scroggy Road and Roemill Road. It was agreed a letter be written to Dairy Council acknowledging and thanking them for their previous involvement.

**T/010 – Limavady Visitor Guide 2014:** It was agreed to appoint Big Fish Design and Advertising to undertake the design, print and delivery of the Limavady Visitor Guide 2014. The Director of Development confirmed the number now produced had reduced to coincide with demands for the printed guide. A member felt local businesses should be included in the guide and asked that ‘Explore, See, Do, Shop’ be the future tagline as previously requested, the Director of Development explained Limavady Guides were only printed once a year therefore the request initially made was outside the appropriate timeframe to allow for change.

**Economic Development – Research:** It was agreed Council issue terms of reference for work carried out as part of the preparations for Local Government Reform and £5,000 set aside for the research work to be completed before the end of the financial year. This is to enable the cluster council to do some preparatory work for the first year, and beyond of the new Council and is in line with work undertaken already by the Leisure & Development group as part of the new Council’s reform.

**Economic Development – Youth Engagement:** The Director of Development updated members of a meeting that took place between Council, Invest NI, Department for Employment and Learning, Roe Valley Enterprises and others to discuss the development of a programme to encourage young unemployed people to participate in training programmes and gain qualifications by promoting and participating in:

- A series of informal/social road shows around the Borough commencing in early 2014 to engage small groups of young unemployed people
- Engagement of parents
- Researching community houses/Youth Resource Centre as potential venues for discussion with small groups of young people

- Offering a prize for a young unemployed person following completion of mentorship/engagement in programmes
- Encouraging peer to peer motivation.

It was agreed that Council staff put the first elements of this in place as a test-run for the remainder of this financial year and discuss increased resource for the following year.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR STEVENSON:**

Councillor Stevenson proposed:

‘That this Council supports Small Business Saturday, 7 December 2013 and encourages all local consumers to give their full support.’

The motion was seconded by Alderman Rankin and declared carried unanimously.

Comments from the discussion that followed were:

- A member asked Council to consider a small amount of funding to be taken from Economic Development budget to help local businesses.
- Review the use of Drumceatt Square and Market Street on providing entertainment for shoppers in the holiday period.
- Co-ordinate a leaflet for local businesses and Limavady’s town centre.
- The possibility of free car parking for members of the public for the Christmas period.

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

**Carpark Availability:** It was agreed the use of Council car park would be available free of charge for members of the public each Saturday from 23 November 2013 to 21 December 2013.

**Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre - Brighter Gold:** Council commended officers involved in bringing the Brighter Gold home to Limavady and hoped local people and visitors take advantage of the opportunity to view the artefacts.

**Roe Valley Leisure Centre - Maintenance Work:** The Director of Development confirmed maintenance in Roe Valley Leisure Centre was the next major project to move forward.

**Bovally Play Area:** The Director of Development advised members that Braidwater required legal documentation to be in place prior to Council moving in site to undertake any work. This was now with the solicitors to take forward.

**RVLC – Concert Request:** The Director of Development informed members a request from a concert promoter seeking use of RVLC at a reduced rate for Wednesday 26 February 2014 had been received. It was noted that Roe Valley Leisure Centre had organised an event for Thursday 27 February 2014 with a similar act. Following discussion it was agreed to proceed with the Roe Valley Leisure Centre concert and communicate with the concert promoter to discuss further options and the possibility of rearranging to another date.

**Philippines Tragedy:** Alderman Coyle expressed his sympathies to the Philippine residents of the Borough who had been affected by the immense tragedy that occurred by Typhoon Haiyan. It was agreed that an urgent meeting take place with available members, officers and the Salvation Army to discuss ways in which help could be provided on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

**Benone:** The Director of Development responded to a member's query regarding misinformation on an arrangement at Benone and informed him a response had been forwarded answering the queries he raised.

**NEXT MEETING** – 10 December 2013

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.00 PM**

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