

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
13 MARCH 2012**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Development and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting 14 February 2012 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Councillor McGlinchey.

MATTERS ARISING:

Hire Charge - Dance Studio: The Director of Development confirmed that the commercial hire charge rather than the voluntary rate had been quoted to a local dancing school for hire of the Dance Studio at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró.

Playing of Danny Boy: The Director of Development updated members on progress of the request for Danny Boy to be played each day at 1 pm from Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre. It was suggested that Roe Fold and local traders should be consulted and that cost relating to performing rights/royalties should be brought back to Council.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT – MARCH 2012:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for March 2012 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following:

Northern Ireland Milk Cup 2012: *Alderman Rankin declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.* The Director of Development reported that the Northern Ireland Milk Cup Committee had been in touch regarding the use of Council facilities at both Roe Mill and Scroggy Road for the 2012 Milk Cup and to request financial assistance from Council at a similar level to 2011. She said that during 2011 an independent Research Study and Economic Impact Study had been undertaken of the event and this had concluded that there had been a £84 return on investment to the Limavady area for every £1 invested in the event.

The Director of Development recommended that Council approve a financial contribution of £15,000 towards the costs of the 2012 NI Milk Cup and for facilities at Scroggy and Roe Mill Road to be used for matches during the event. Agreed.

Benone Café Franchise: It was agreed that the café franchise at Benone Tourist Complex would be awarded to Mr George Brolly for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 October 2012 for the sum of £1,000 plus all electricity costs incurred in the kitchen facility.

Benone Beach and Tourist Complex – Sale of Ice-cream: The Director of Development detailed background information around the sale of ice-cream at Benone Beach and Tourist Complex. This included problems over a number of years around illegal trading, problems with permits, court fees and the verbal and physical abuse of staff in the enforcement of Council's Byelaws. She said that in 2011 no permits were issued, with the beach being open to all ice cream traders and that during the year there have been minimal complaints from the traders and a trouble free season for officers.

Points made in the discussion which followed included that Council had a duty of care to staff and that there was a need to consider costs over income. The discussion concluded with it being agreed that the Director of Development would seek legal advice and check how other Councils dealt with ice cream sales.

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust: The Director of Development reminded members that Council was a longstanding partner within Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust and from its beginnings the organisation had concentrated on issues associated with the natural environment and allocation of grants under the NERTI programme. She said that since the NERTI programme finished, CC&GHT have been trying to once again concentrate on important issues such as environmental management, sustainable tourism and educational awareness.

The Director of Development outlined that core funding for CC&GHT came from the partner Councils of Limavady, Coleraine, Moyle, Larne and Ballymena, the NIEA and NITB. She said for the 2012/13 financial year, each of the Council had been asked to contribute £11,000. A copy of the Trust's draft Interim Strategic Framework and Business Plan for 2012/13 was circulated for information and it was noted that in realising financial pressures, that the Trust had taken the decision not to progress with the appointment of a new Chief Executive at this time.

It was agreed that subject to funding being made available by other funding bodies; agreement on the Interim Strategic Framework and Business Plan for 2012/13; agreed targets; acceptable governance and reporting mechanisms being in place, that Council would approve financial assistance of £11,000 for the year 2012/13.

Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Area Partnership: Alderman Rankin was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Stevenson as an additional Councillor to sit on the Board of the new Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Area Partnership.

Dungiven Environmental Park: In order to allow for the manufacture and supply of finger post signs, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Chivers that Dungiven Environmental Park would be renamed to Dungiven Castle Park.

2012 Inspired Small Grant Programme: It was agreed that the following applications would be awarded a grant under the 2012 Inspired Small Grants Programme:

- Burnfoot Community Development Association £400 max
- Northwest Lifelong Learning Ltd £390 max
- Ballyquin Flute Band £500 max
- Limavady United Football Club £500 max
- Bovevagh Parish Church £500 max
- Dungiven Parish Church £485 max
- Gortnaghey Community Association £500 max
- St Anthony's Primary School £500 max
- Burnfoot Seniors Club £180 max
- Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Association £500 max
- Ardnariff Historical & Cultural Society £450 max
- Ballykelly Primary School £500 max
- Limavady Central Primary School £450 max
- Drumrane Primary School £488 max
- Burnfoot Youth Club £500 max
- Gaelscoil Leim an Mhagaidh £500 max
- Limavady High School £500 max

It was suggested that a sub contract be set up to consider funding for festivals.

Request from Termoncanice Primary School for use of the 3G Pitch: It was agreed that Council would grant assistance and give permission for Termoncanice Primary School to host the Guinness World Record to beat the number of people doing Zumba at the same time at Scroggy Road 3G Pitch in May 2012 free of charge.

Proposed Pricing Policy: It was agreed that the proposed pricing policy for Council's leisure facilities would be approved for implementation from 1 April 2012.

Holiday Closures for Council's Leisure Facilities: The Director of Development outlined proposals for holiday closures of Council's leisure facilities from April 2012 to March 2013. She said the proposed closure dates were similar to those approved by Council over the last 5 years, with an additional date of 5 June 2012, which had been designated as a holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The proposed holiday closures for 2012/13 were approved by Council.

Community Services – Requests for Funding: The Director of Development informed members that Greysteel Community Association had raised £14,000 for a grass-cutting, tidying and safe home service for the elderly and for those with a disability in the area. She said that the service would provide part time

employment for two individuals over a period of a year, however there was a shortfall of £4,400 for the programme.

It was agreed that £2,000 would be made available for the programme under slippage from the Economic Development programme subject to submission of a formal application for funding, plus documentation pertaining to the employment, insurance and remit of the scheme.

Roe Valley Residents Association: It was agreed that funding of £300 from the Community Services budget would be granted to Roe Valley Residents Association towards their Re-imaging Communities Project subject to requisite administration being in place.

Community Safety: It was agreed that officers would liaise with the Department of Justice with regard to funding for Community Wardens scheme.

Économusée Project – Joint Tourism/Economic Development Project: The Director of Development outlined that The Économusée Project was based on a Quebec inspired craft tourism initiative being developed in Northern Europe. She said that the project was funded under the Northern Periphery Programme 2007-13 and that Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust was the lead partner in Northern Ireland delivering the project. She added that the Trust had received 60% funding from the European Union to deliver the project in this area and that Council had been approached for the remaining 40% (£2,200).

It was agreed that Council would support the programme from its 2011/12 Economic Development budget, pending receipt of an application from Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust.

Good Relations – Annual Workplan 2012/13: Council approved the Good Relations Workplan for 2012/13 for submission to the Community Relations Unit.

Courses/Conferences: It was agreed that the Culture, Arts and Tourism Manager and the Tourism Development Officer would attend Northern Ireland Tourist Board Annual Conference 2012 on 22 March 2012 in Stormont Hotel, Belfast.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Advice Event: It was agreed that in the current economic climate that an event would be co-ordinated to provide advice to local people on benefits and debt. It was suggested that a range of relevant organisations should be invited, for example LCDI who had organised a similar event in 2011.

Quay Vipers: It was suggested that Council should be taking steps to encourage the Quay Vipers event back to the Borough in 2012.

Cycle Stands: A member suggested that cycle stands should be made available for public use in the town centre. The Director of Development agreed to check if there was provision for this in Council's Regeneration Plan and the Chief Executive said Roads Service would need to be consulted on the request.

Queen's Jubilee: It was suggested that Council consider holding an event to mark the Queen's Jubilee in Drumceatt Square.

House of Play: Approval was given for the Duty Manager of Roe Valley Leisure Centre to visit House of Play in England and that Council would cover the cost of his flight.

IN COMMITTEE on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McCaul.

Tender – Seasonal Staff: It was agreed that the contract for seasonal staff with Riada would be extended for one year.

Ferry Service: Council agreed to the proposals of Lough Foyle Ferry Company to provide a ferry service from 1 April – 30 September 2012, which was similar to the service provided in 2011. It was noted that there would be no advance payment to the operator for the service.

OUT OF COMMITTEE on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Brolly.

NEXT MEETING – 17 April 2012.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.35 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting