

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
13 APRIL 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, G Mullan, C Ó hOisín, J F McElhinney, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Director of Development.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Douglas.

PRESENTATION BY CAMPHILL COMMUNITY TRUST:

The Chair welcomed Ms Maria Kinney, Fundraising Officer for Camphill Community Trust (NI) to the meeting.

Ms Kinney explained that Camphill Communities provided care, support, education and meaningful work opportunities for children and young adults with special needs in all Council areas of Northern Ireland. She said the first Camphill Community was founded in Aberdeen in 1940 and were now a nationwide movement of 100 communities in 20 countries.

Ms Kinney outlined that Camphill Community Trust (NI) had recently identified the need to commission the production of a range of information resources, including a DVD, information leaflets and banner stands which would highlight the work of Camphill Communities to parents, children & adults with special needs, health trusts, healthcare professionals, local Councils and potential supporters/funders. She requested that Council support the project by contributing a £500 grant towards project costs.

It was agreed that if the request met funding criteria and depending on availability of resources, a recommendation would be brought back to Council.

Members raised the work of Camphill Community Trust and the Chair thanked Ms Kinney for an informative presentation.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 9 March 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Mullan.

MATTERS ARISING:

Ice Cream Permits: In response to a query at Ice Cream Vendors trading without a permit at Benone Beach, the Director of Development said that officers were looking at how to deal with the problem, including the possibility of employing someone with enforcement experience during the summer season.

Funding - 3G Pitch: The Director of Development updated members on the status of the project on provision of a 3G Pitch at Scroggy Road. She raised concern that Council may not be able to meet the deadline set by Sport NI for project spend on the elements of the overall project which would be funded by Sport NI. It was noted that there could be a financial risk to Council if these elements were not completed by early March 2011. Council would have to meet the funding shortfall.

Following discussion by members, it was agreed to proceed with the Site Investigation Survey and work associated with bringing the plans up to Stage 4 level (to submit for planning approval) and any other work which enabled Council to move the project forward. It was noted that if the outcome of the Site Survey was particularly negative, there was still a chance that the project would not go ahead.

Benone Beach Enforcement: Members raised concerns about traffic speeding on the beach the previous weekend. The Director of Development agreed to write to the PSNI regarding use of 4x4 and supporting cover at the beach and to request a meeting with the new inspector.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee meeting held 25 March 2010 were tabled and noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – APRIL 2010:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for April 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:

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre – Suggested Names for Individual Rooms & Spaces: The views of Council were sought on a list of suggested names for individual rooms and spaces within the Cultural Centre. Members reviewed the list and a number of alternative names were suggested, including Roemmele, Massey, Crawford and Hunter.

After an in-depth discussion, it was agreed that the main multi purpose hall would be called 'The Danny Boy Auditorium' and that the outdoor space would be called 'Drumceatt Square.' Decision on the remaining rooms and spaces was deferred.

A Draft Tourism Strategy for Northern Ireland to 2020: The Director of Development informed members that the draft Tourism Strategy for Northern Ireland to 2020 was now out for public consultation and that the NITB had

arranged a series of road shows to provide an opportunity for discussion on the key issues. It was agreed that a response to the consultation document would be presented at the May Development Services. It was also agreed that Councillor Cubitt would attend the road show to be held in Omagh on 27 April 2010, with attendance being an approved duty.

Peace III Clusters: Members were informed that SEUPB were seeking the view from Local Government on re-organising the existing EU Peace III Programme funding clusters to match the new proposed boundaries. Discussion at a NILGA Executive in March resulted in a view that there would be no benefit in changing the current cluster arrangement. Following discussion, it was agreed that Limavady Borough Council would remain with the North East cluster.

Councillor Robinson left the chamber at 8.05 pm.

Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre – TIC Fit Out: Retrospective approval was agreed for successful quotations received from:

- ❖ Workshop for the supply, delivery and installation of retain units in the sum of £1,3004.49
- ❖ Heron Brothers for out of hours touch screen supplied by Clear AV, installation by the main and electrical contractors in the sum of £2,311.25
- ❖ Heron Brothers for reception counter and display walls manufactured by Forbes Limited, installation by the main contractor in the sum of £12,269.25.

Lough Foyle Ferry New Contract: Members were informed that following the public tender process for Magilligan to Greencastle ferry service, the conditions of contract had now been agreed with the Ferry Operator, Lough Foyle Ferry Company Limited for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 in accordance with the 2010/11 budget allocation. Councillor Cubitt objected to the contract being signed without having been reviewed by members.

Alderman Coyle proposed, seconded by Councillor Butcher that the Mayor Councillor Ó hOisín sign and seal the contract on behalf of Council by the end of the week. A recorded vote was requested on the proposal and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, 9 for, namely Councillor Carten, Alderman Coyle, Councillor Mullan, Councillor Chivers, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Donaghy, Councillor Broolly, Councillor Ó hOisín and Councillor McElhinney, 4 against, Alderman Rankin, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Cubitt and Councillor Robinson.

Councillor Robinson returned to the chamber at 8.20 pm.

Benone Beach Water Safety: The Director of Development informed members that the North Coast Beach Safety Group comprising beach operators Limavady Borough Council, Coleraine Borough Council and the National Trust had met recently to open discussion with the RNLI with a view to securing a new Water Safety Lifeguarding contract for the North Coast Beaches. She said that the RNLI provided a valuable Lifeboat rescue service to all of the inshore and offshore facilities were already providing a quality lifeguarding service to over 150 beaches in England and Wales and that they planning to recruit and train lifeguard personnel for at least 12 new beach locations each year for the next five years.

It was agreed that the RNLI would present to Council at the May 2010 Development Services meeting.

Economic Appraisal – Refurbishment of Reception, Health Suite & Associated Works for Roe Valley Leisure Centre: The Director of Development reminded members that Council had already approved spend on the refurbishment in various areas of Roe Valley Leisure Centre. She said that an economic appraisal had now been completed to enable Council to seek loan sanction approval from the DOE in the sum of £371,000. It was agreed that the proposed capital works to the value of £371,000 would proceed.

Northern Ireland Amenity Council: The Director of Development advised that the Northern Ireland Amenity Council had requested that Council nominate a member to attend their biannual meetings. There were no nominations.

Rural Development Update: Councillor Butcher advised that 2 decisions were required from Council in relation to the Village Renewal of the Rural Development Programme.

1. How was a village defined by Council?
2. What input would Council make to support local groups in the community?

Following discussion it was agreed that:

- Definition of a village would be as set out in the Draft Area Plan 2016.
- A list of all villages in the Borough would be tabled at the Environmental Services meeting.
- Council to provide Sweat Equity as match funding where possible at a rate of £400 per day.
- Thanks would be passed to RDP staff for the work undertaken in relation to the programme and projects which had to date been approved for funding.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Farmers Market: It was agreed that Council Car Park would be used to hold a Farmers Market on 24 April 2010.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11 May 2010.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting