

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
13 MAY 2008**

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 G. Mullan, J Rankin and G. Robinson. Councillors A. Brolly, P. Butcher, M Carten, B. Chivers, M. Coyle, L. Cubitt (chair), M Donaghy, B Douglas, J F McElhinney, C. Ó hOisín, A. Robinson and E. Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and Director of Development.

TEMPORARY CHAIR OF MEETING:

As Councillor A Robinson was absent at the start of the meeting, it was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Carten that Councillor Cubitt would temporarily chair the meeting.

PRESENTATION BY RUBICON:

The Chair welcomed Peter Osbourne, Rubicon and Noelle Donnell, St Columb's Park House to the meeting.

Mr Osbourne informed members that 'Super Council Research' to explore the views, issues and proposals for effective governance in Councils after RPA had been conducted in the NW and SE Super Council areas. He said the research had concentrated on preparation for RPA, Good Relations, Inclusion, Outreach, Governance, Funding and Training.

Mr Osbourne outlined that the research revealed that overall members were happy with the preparation for RPA, with the Good Relation agenda and inclusiveness with minority ethnic groups. He said that 66% thought that their community voice would not be heard effectively, 77% thought there would be too much red tape in relation to governance, 86% thought that there should be a grant appeal process for funding and 87% felt that members would benefit from funding allocation training. He added that over 50% of members requested training as it was felt they did not have sufficient knowledge of housing functions, roads, urban regeneration, local development plans and economic development.

Members noted that the key issues identified were that preparation for the new functions were still needed; there were already good work and practices in place; need to work to ensure inclusion and fairness; Council showing leadership; making sure communities were heard and being proactive regarding good relations.

Mr Osbourne and Mrs Donnell answered comments made on cost of the research, main findings and to the inclusion of the National Association of Councillors in forthcoming studies. The Chair thanked Mr Osbourne and Mrs Donnell for the informative presentation.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held 8 April 2008 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor McElhinney.

MATTERS ARISING:

The Director of Development updated members regarding the following matters arising:

- A map was included within the report which outlined land managed by the Lough Foyle Wildfowlers Association at Roe Estuary.
- Members were advised that the Roe Valley Chamber of Trade would meet in June and that dates would be circulated.
- The Director of Development outlined that the WELB had responded positively to comments put forward to first draft of the Management Agreement with Limavady Grammar School.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:

The minutes of the Danny Boy Sub Committee dated 14 April 2008 were noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – MAY 2008:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for May 2008 and enlarged thereon. The following recommendations were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Butcher:

- ◆ *It was agreed that quotations would be sought for the supply, licensing and firing of Fireworks Displays for the next three years.*
- ◆ *It was agreed that the following grant applications which met the criteria under the Festivals & Events programme would be approved:*

*£650 – Londonderry & Limavady Agricultural Show
£150 – Irish All Ireland Shore Championships
£150 – Ulster Closed Shore Gold Medal.*

It was agreed that the Texas Kickers Line Dancers would be informed that while their application did not meet the criteria for events within the Borough, a further application seeking funding toward activities or events within the Borough would be considered. It was also agreed that the criteria for the programme would be reviewed for 2009/2010.

- ◆ *It was agreed that the Draft Good Relations Workplan would be submitted to Central Community Relations Unit of OFMDFM for approval.*

- ◆ *It was agreed that Coleraine Borough Council would take on the role of Lead Council for the North East Partnership in delivery of the PEACE III programme.*
- ◆ *The Director of Development outlined that a request had been received to operate a mobile surf shop and surf school at Benone Beach. It was agreed that an advertisement would be placed in the local papers seeking applications from parties interested in operating a surf school and the sale or hire of beach related equipment and sundry goods.*
- ◆ *Following evaluation, it was agreed that the Community Safety Officer job title would be changed to Community Safety Manager and that the new rate of pay would be PO2 effective from April 2008.*
- ◆ *It was agreed that the summer scheme would run from 1 July to 1 August 2008 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's from 10.30 – 1.30 pm for 8 – 13 year olds and Fridays from 10.30 – 12.30 pm for 4 – 7 year olds. The recommended charges were also approved and it was agreed that children whose families were members of the centre would receive free use (including away trips) as part of the family membership.*
- ◆ *It was agreed that the quotation received from Klix in the sum of £3,420+Vat for purchase of Tea & Coffee Machine would be accepted. It was also agreed that an extra till & PC would be purchased to compliment existing system at the reception area from XN Leisure in the sum of £2,286.30+VAT.*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Limavady Grammar School: The Director of Development agreed to meet with Limavady Grammar School to discuss bookings for the synthetic pitch.

Roe Valley Leisure Centre: The Director of Development agreed to check if swimming pool heating had been switched off earlier in the week as complaints had been received regarding an unusually cold temperature.

Danny Boy: Reference was made to the success of the 2008 Danny Boy Festival and it was suggested that Council capitalise on the link with Barry McGuigan (his father sang Danny Boy before each of Barry's fights) by inviting him to open the 2009 Danny Boy Festival.

Red Spiders: A member requested that the chamber be sprayed to remove the red blood spiders.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - 10 June 2008.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.00 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting