

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
13 JUNE 2006

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.00 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Director of Development.

APOLOGIES - None

PRESENTATION BY WATER SERVICE:

The Mayor took the chair and welcomed Mr George Duff, Mr Joe Sweeney and Mr Mike Doherty, Water Service to the meeting.

Mr Duff outlined that a new Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) was needed in Benone due to the volume of sewage and effluent flooding into the surrounding area and that EHS had requested that a new discharge location be provided. He said the shortcomings of the existing works were:

- its poor condition
- failed discharge consent
- no land was available to redevelop on the existing site and
- access was poor via a narrow laneway.

Mr Duff explained that although various alternative sites had been investigated, there were problems with sightlines, planning permission, land purchase, costs were prohibitive or flows requiring considerable dosing to prevent septicity. He said Water Service proposed locating the new WwTW at the end of Point Road and that the same team proposed for Benone had completed a similar works in Rathfriland in 2005. He suggested that those who objected to the site visit Rathfriland to see how the treatment works fitted into the rural setting.

The deputation from Water Service answered various questions with regard the problems associated with provision of the WwTW. There was unanimous agreement that Water Service listen to the views of local residents at a public meeting arranged for 20 June 2006.

The Mayor thanked members of Water Service for attending the meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIR:

The Mayor sought nominations for the position of chair for the year 2006/07. He reminded members that the DUP would have the next choice under the d'Hondt listing.

Councillor Cubitt proposed that the Mayor remain in the chair until Council receive legal opinion on nominations at the AGM 2006. Councillor Coyle seconded the proposal. Councillor Butcher pleaded with the unionist block to sort the remaining seats out.

MINUTES:

The minutes of Development Committee meeting held 9 May 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten.

MATTERS ARISING - None

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JUNE 2006:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report and enlarged thereon. The recommendations were agreed and the report adopted on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Limavady United Football Club: Members agreed to make a contribution of £1,500 towards Limavady United Football Club essential maintenance work

Limavady/Vigneux Sur-Seine 10th Anniversary Twinning: Approval was agreed to book flights for attending the 10th Anniversary celebrations between Limavady and Vigneux Sur-Seine on 6 – 9 October 2006. It was agreed that the Mayor - John McElhinney, Alderman Mullan, Councillor Donaghy, Councillor Coyle, Councillor Chivers, the Chief Executive and 2 Officers of Council would attend the celebrations. Councillor Douglas queried how much the trip would cost.

Use of Personal Water Craft at Benone Beach: The Director of Development highlighted that draft proposals were previously presented to Council to introduce a more effective method of managing the use of jet skis at Benone Beach. Earlier issues had been addressed and the revised proposals also reflected the recommendations made within the RoSPA report and the draft KPMG report.

Members noted that the main emphasis behind the proposals were creating an environment at Benone Beach to enable existing users (water and land based) to enjoy recreational activities in as safe away as possible and to encourage the owners of personal water craft to adopt a responsible attitude towards use of their craft for their own safety and the safety of others.

The following recommendations were agreed:

1. *Council adopt the proposals outlined in relation to the Code of Conduct;*
2. *Permits be issued to suitably qualified instructors who could deliver RYA training in the use of Personal Watercraft at a cost of £200 for the year 2006/07 subject to the production of relevant insurance and evidence of*

appropriate qualifications, with the fee subject to renewal on an annual basis;

3. *The Code of Conduct to be reviewed on a regular basis and*
4. *The Code of Conduct would be implemented from 1 April 2007.*

Community Development: The Director of Development tabled a new Community Services Policy for distribution of funding. She requested that members provide feedback by Monday 19th June so that any changes could be made and an updated document would be circulated for approval at the June 2006 Monthly Meeting.

Culture & Arts Steering Group: The Director of Development said that as part of Council's strategic Corporate and Business Planning for 2006/07, it is proposed to set up a Cultural and Arts Steering Group whose role would be both consultative and advisory in the lead up to forming an advisory committee for arts and cultural matters in the Borough over the next few months. Members agreed that representatives from the various arts and cultural interest groups be invited to form a Steering Group to oversee the forming of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Forum and that this group be established as soon as possible.

Ice Cream Franchise – Benone Beach: IN COMMITTEE: The Director of Development provided background information and update regarding a 3 year ice cream franchise awarded to Mr James Turtle for selling ice cream at both car parks at Benone Beach. She outlined that Mr Turtle's solicitor stated that his contract had been breached and he is seeking return of £3,600 paid to Council for the 3 year period. However, following discussion with Council's solicitors, it was felt he would not be entitled to repayment for year 1 and that Council might wish to withhold the £1,100 which was due in respect of the franchise for Benone Car Park for 2005 and in this case Mr Turtle would receive a repayment of £1,400.

It was agreed that the Director of Development would try and negotiate settlement for the franchise and that the conditions attached to the year which Mr Turtle had got 'free' (year 2) for trading on the beach would be investigated as this may well have been compensation for loss of trade.

Display of Flags in Public Areas: The Director of Development reported that the PSNI had approached Council with a view to setting up a meeting with representatives from other statutory bodies and government agencies to discuss ways in which to address the issue of illegal flags flown on arterial routes. The request was put to the meeting and it was agreed that that decision be deferred until further information became available. It was also agreed that the issue of removal of illegal flags would be discussed at the next DPP meeting.

Maintenance Work – Vale Centre: It was agreed that quotations be sought for re-turfing of pitch at Vale Centre and that the lowest quotation would be accepted.

2012 DCAL/DCMS Roadshow: The Director of Development explained that DCAL and DCMS were in the process of organising a Northern Ireland roadshow to raise awareness of the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympic Games. She sought retrospective approval from Council to participate and organise some type of sports activity which involved young people. It was agreed that no information would be released to the media until official notification had been received from DCAL.

OUT OF COMMITTEE

COURSES & CONFERENCES:

Association of Irish Festivals and Events: It was agreed that the Events and Culture Officer attend the above conference to be held 9 – 11 November 2006 in Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co Clare at a cost of €305.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Councillor Ó hOisín withdrew his notice of motion regarding local government taking a leadership role in shaping preventative strategies, with a view to reducing levels of self-harm and suicide. He said he would re-submit the motion for a thorough debate at a future meeting of Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Minutes Danny Boy Sub Committee: The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee meetings held 15 May and 12 June were tabled and noted. Councillor Cubitt said office staff were to be congratulated for all their hard work in relation to organising the forthcoming Danny Boy Festival.

Production of CD - 2005 Bunting Fiddle Competition: It was agreed that the quotation received from Sound Recording Technologies for production of CD's of the 2005 Bunting Fiddle Competition in the sum of £1,025 + VAT be accepted. Members welcomed that all the proceedings from the sales would be returned to Council.

Foyle Cup 25 – 29 July 2006: It was agreed that a financial contribution of £1,000 be made towards the costs of promoting the 2006 Foyle Cup.

Provision of Football Pitch at Feeny: The Director of Development explained that an approach had been made by representatives of the Feeny community for Council to provide a soccer pitch in Feeny to facilitate a local team's participation in one of the local leagues. She said Council had land available adjacent to the existing playground and this would not require any work other than grass cutting, marking and provision of soccer posts.

The Director of Development recommended that if the team were accepted into the league that the following conditions should be fulfilled:

- consultation with residents whose gardens back on to the area to ensure there were no objections to the area being used for matches;
- the club should be properly constituted and carry all relevant insurances;
- club members attend Child Protection training if working with young people and vulnerable adults and
- the club would be responsible for putting up and taking down the nets.

It was agreed that the request would be deferred until confirmation of the team and of participation in the league.

Lifestyle Fitness – Amendments to Pricing Policy: It was agreed that a seasonal student rate of £70 be introduced for use of Roe Valley Leisure Centre for the two months of July and August 2006.

Limavady/Vigneux Twinning Association: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Coyle, seconded by Councillor Donaghy that the request by the Twinning Committee for grant assistance of £6,000 from Council towards the 10th Anniversary of the twinning between Limavady and Vigneux Sur Seine and the programme of activities for 2006/07 be approved.

Presentation by Water Service: Councillor Douglas referred to the presentation given by Water Service and suggested that the invitation to visit Rathfriland WwTW should be accepted and that Council should be proactive and thinking of the wider community.

Largy Pitch: Councillor Douglas said the Largy kick-about pitch was uneven and queried if it could be sowed out. He also requested if Council would investigate leasing land for the children to play in.

Bye-law Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Designated Place: Members referred to people flouting the bye-laws by carrying glasses and bottles into designated areas and to a person had been observed drinking and urinating on the street. It was agreed that the Chief Executive would write to the PSNI regarding enforcement of the bye-laws, especially at times when various events were being held in the Borough.

Consultants – Good Relations: In response to Councillor Brolly, the Director of Development said Councils consultants Tranquillity would present a report on Good Relations at the August 2006 Development Committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

8 August 2006

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.30 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting