

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
14 AUGUST 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, G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey (Chair), C McLaughlin, G Mullan, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive, Culture Arts and Tourism Manager, Development Services Manager and the Committee Clerk.

The Chair welcomed the Culture, Arts and Tourism Manager and the Development Services Manager to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** - Director of Development, Councillors O Beattie and D Nicholl.

**PRESENTATION BY THE CAUSEWAY MUSEUM SERVICE AND THE MUSEUM HERITAGE OFFICER.**

The Chair welcomed Helen Perry from the Causeway Museum Service and Victoria Newberry, Museum/Heritage Officer from Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre/Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Gleann na Ró to the meeting.

Helen Perry informed members on the role of the Causeway Museum Service within the context of Limavady Borough Council and enlarged upon the six strategic goals set to deliver this service. She explained how closely she works with the Museum/Heritage officer at the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre/Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Gleann na Ró giving advice and assistance in delivering the various programmes and events.

Victoria Newberry elaborated on the six strategic goals and how they applied to the museum at the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre/Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Gleann na Ró and at the Green Lane Museum. She informed members of the successful exhibitions supported by local communities; the ongoing work of collections management and the promotion of the museum using websites and social media.

Members expressed their appreciation for the work being carried out by both the Causeway Museum Service and by the Museum/Heritage Officer and congratulated them on a number of successful exhibitions since the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre/Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Gleann na Ró opened in 2010.

The Culture, Arts and Tourism Manager informed members of the negotiations which were currently underway with the National Museum to bring back the “Brighter Gold” on loan to Limavady in 2013.

Members welcomed staffs’ involvement in the negotiations to return the “Brighter Gold” to Limavady for a temporary exhibition. They reiterated the importance of how Limavady Borough Council might compliment and benefit from the programme of events planned for the Derry-Londonderry 2013 UK City of Culture year.

The Chair thanked Helen Perry and Victoria Newberry for attending the meeting.

#### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 19 June 2012 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

The Chief Executive acknowledged that Councillor Robinson’s name had been omitted from the list of Councillors present but had now been reinstated.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 2 – Capital Projects – Dungiven Feasibility Study:** In response to a member’s request the Chief Executive advised that Terms of Reference were being finalised to go out in the next week with a view to appointing successful companies in September.

**Page 5 – Notice of Motion Submitted by Members of the DUP Regarding the Closure of Magilligan Prison:** At the request of member it was agreed that a website link to the consultation document on the closure of Magilligan Prison be distributed to members.

#### **DEVELOPMENT REPORT – AUGUST 2012:**

In the absence of the Director of Development, the Development Services Manager presented the Development Report for August 2012 and enlarged thereon.

**Drinks Vending Machine Benone:** It was agreed that the hot and cold drinks vending machine be replaced a cost of £3,500 from Selecta.

**Online Booking System for Caravan Sites and Tent Spaces:** Council agreed to the recommendation to accept the quotation of £2,975 from Campstead Ltd for the next 12 month period with an option to renew if Council is satisfied with the system and after sales service.

**Limavady Sculpture Trail:** It was agreed to nominate two Councillors to sit on the selection panel for Stage 1 Proposals through to Stage 2. Councillor Mullan was nominated on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Robinson and Alderman Rankin was nominated on the proposal of Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

**Irish Power Kite & Sandyacht Association – Race Events at Benone Strand;** Members were informed that the dates provided in the report were incorrect and were amended to read:

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Council approved the request subject to provision of appropriate insurance cover and appropriate risk assessment by IPKSA. Council officers would liaise with organisers prior to each event.

**Boyd’s Riverside Walk – Renewal of Permissive Path Agreements:** It was explained to members that the Permissive Paths Agreements were essentially voluntary agreements whereby the public can access riverside walks by crossing private land with the owner’s permission. Council agreed to renew the three Permissive Path Agreements associated with Boyd’s Riverside Walk, Burnfoot for a further period of five years.

**Adventure Activity Accreditation in Northern Ireland:** Council agreed to stipulate that any activity provider who makes use of Council land or undertakes activities on behalf of Council holds Adventure mark or can prove their competence to operate.

**Community Support Services Funding 2012/13:** The recommendation that Focus Together is allocated a seeding grant under the Community Services programme of £100 was approved. The Development Services Manager agreed to provide information about this group to members.

**Creative Sector Group Meeting:** Based on initial discussions on a potential project for the creative sector, the recommendation that a scoping document be submitted to Invest Northern Ireland for consideration was agreed.

**Further EU Applications:** It was agreed, whilst there was no guarantee of success and given the stage at which these projects are at, that a further year’s funding is sought, and that initial proposals are progressed with Invest Northern Ireland.

**Ballykelly Community Association – Former Shackleton Barracks:** It was agreed that the Economic Development Small Grants measure be re-opened to allow an application from Ballykelly Community Association to be submitted towards the cost of a business plan and use appraisal. Members agreed that Council should encourage and assist with utilising the massive potential for this site where possible.

**Active Living Grants – Ageing Well Roe Valley:** Council agreed to assist Ageing Well Roe Valley in the roll-out of this short programme through the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme. The Development Services Manager confirmed that the systems were in place to roll-out this programme.

**Community Development – Future Provision of Advice Services:** It was agreed that the report undertaken by Williamson Consulting be approved along with the preferred option as set out in the report.

**Development at Bovally:** Following a discussion it was agreed on proposal of Councillor Robinson, seconded by Alderman Robinson that Council invite a further representation from residents to discuss the development at Bovally. The Chief Executive asked that the group be briefed to keep the meeting short and concise.

**Consultations:**

**Business Improvements Districts Bill:** Copies of the bill were tabled and members advised that the closing date for written evidence is Friday 21 September 2012. The Development Services Manager agreed to provide additional information for any issues that require further explanation for the next meeting.

**Conferences:**

**Mournes Study Trip:** It was agreed on proposal by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor McCorkell that the Countryside Recreation Officer attends the 2012 Mournes Study trip at an estimated cost of £100.

**Religious Difference and Conflict Conference:** It was agreed on proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Rankin that the Cohesion Officer attends the Religious Difference and Conflict conference at a cost of £15.

The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Robinson.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Shackleton Barracks:** Following on from the very successful Motor Club Rally organised by the Maiden City Motor Club recently in the former Shackleton Barracks site, members agreed to encourage and promote the site for future recreational events.

**Kennaught Terrace:** At the request of a number of residents in the Kennaught Terrace area for a garden seat to be provided for their use, members agreed that the Chief Executive would refer the request to the appropriate department with a view to providing the seat.

**Boxing Strategy:** The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure's announcement of a £3.2 million investment in boxing was welcomed and it was agreed on proposal of Councillor McLaughlin, seconded by Councillor Brolly that boxing be included in Council's Sports and Development Plans.

**North West Region Cross Border Group (NWRCBG):** The Chief Executive outlined the current concerns regarding the gap between administration costs of the delivery of the Secretariat role borne by Derry City Council and the funding for the same received from SEUPB. The gap in funding is linked to the current

low-level of spend within the INTERREG IV programme and is projected to increase to circa £236,000 by December 2012.

He advised that an application has been made to SEUPB for administration costs of the wider development role delivered by Derry City Council on behalf of the NWRCBG up to 2015. The outcome of the bid will not be known until October/December 2012. The funding shortage is having serious ramifications for staff funding within the Secretariat including the holding back on the appointment of a Development Officer for the group.

Following a discussion during which members voiced their concerns about agreeing to a yet unknown sum it was agreed that council would agree in principle to the request that the five member Councils of the NWRCBG underwrite the projected costs of circa £236,000 for the wider development role up to December 2012 on a percentage basis to be agreed in the event that the NWRCBG application is not successful. Councils were further requested to make individual representations to SEUPB to ensure the application for funding is successful and backfunded to April 2009.

The Chief Executive informed members that in line with the NWRCBG's policy of rotation, Limavady Borough Council will this year hold the position of Vice-Chair. The election of the Vice-Chair will take place at the Group's Annual General Meeting on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 in the offices of Derry City Council.

**European Territorial Cooperation 2014-2020 – Public Consultation Event:**

Members were advised that the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) plans to undertake an extensive consultation exercise which will run from 28 August to 20 November 2012 on; the development of European Territorial Co-Operation programmes for the 2014-2020 period; a future INTERREG cross border co-operation programme and a future PEACE programme. The nearest public consultation event will be held on Tuesday 11 September 2012 at the City Hotel, Londonderry from 10 am to 1 pm.

**Mary Peters Trust 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event:** Council received a letter from the Mary Peter's Trust offering Council the opportunity to take a corporate package at a cost of £2,200 for their forthcoming "Mary Peters.....40 Golden Years" anniversary event. Members agreed that in line with normal Council practice they would not avail of this opportunity.

**Maintenance Work at the Roemill Playing Fields:** Members were informed that problems were being encountered with people accessing the Roemill Playing Fields site at night and causing vandalism. Technical Services have consulted with the Health & Safety Officer and on his recommendation, Council agreed to take all reasonable steps to ensure that all access points are closed off to prevent access by the public for the duration of the works which is estimated at two months.

**NEXT MEETING** – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.20 PM**

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