

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
14 OCTOBER 2014**

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 J Rankin (Chair), M Coyle and A Robinson. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, R Donaghy B Douglas, G Mullan, T McCaul, D Nicholl, E Scott and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Development and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGY: - Councillor S McGlinchey, Councillor J McCorkell and the Chief Executive.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 9 September 2014 were approved on the proposal of Councillor E Scott, seconded by Councillor G Mullan.

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 4: Windfarm Consultation – Windyhill Road: Councillor E Stevenson pointed out that the windfarm would not be located on Windyhill Road. It was noted that as set out on the planning application, the windfarm was to be located on lands at Windy Hill in the townlands of Gortmore, Avish, Ballyhacket and Altikeeragh.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT ~ OCTOBER 2014:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for the month of October 2014 and enlarged thereon. The report was approved on the proposal of Councillor Alderman M Coyle, seconded by Councillor B Chivers subject to the following:

Revisions to Membership Charges – Roe Valley Leisure Centre: The Director of Development recommended that the fees to RVLC for those who had the Health Suite as part of their membership, be reduced during the period when the Health Suite was being refurbished. Approved.

Limavady Celebrations – March 2015: The Director of Development advised that it had been agreed at a workshop held on 16 September 2014 to recommend to Council that a maximum of £20,000 be set aside from Council's reserves to celebrate the Borough years from 1973 – 2015. She said that a number of suggestions had been put forward on how to mark this historic occasion and the Mayor had confirmed that he was organising an Ecumenical Service on Sunday 29 March, in which representatives from local organisations would be invited to

attend. She added that there was a consensus that the events should be as inclusive as possible to all residents, ratepayers, community, local businesses, staff and councillors, both past and present.

The Director of Development pointed out that staff were working to capacity in delivery of Limavady Borough Council current business plans and had a substantial workload associated with CC&SC/convergence issues.

The following points were made:

- Dungiven Library could be used to display artefacts;
- Council staff should be consulted on programme of events and
- £20,000 was considered excessive to spend on the event.

Alderman M Coyle proposed, seconded by Councillor A Brolly that Council approve a budget of £20,000 from Council reserves; agreed to take forward a number of activities which would be looked at in detail and agree to look at additional manpower resources to assist in the co-ordination of those activities.

The proposal was put to the meeting and declared carried, with 9 voting for, 3 against and 1 abstention.

Request from Edenmore Nursing Home to run a Concert in 2015: The Director of Development reminded members that a request to hold a Nathan Carter concert by Edenmore Nursing Home in Roe Valley Leisure Centre had been discussed at the September 2014 Development Services meeting. She said that following a meeting with staff from the nursing home, it had been clarified that all funds raised would be lodged in a Residents' Comfort Fund, which would be used to provide activities and purchase equipment for the residents.

It was agreed that the proposed hire cost of £1,261 for Roe Valley Leisure Centre for the event, which would include additional staffing requirements would be forwarded to the nursing home for their consideration.

Request for Funding - Somme Association: It was agreed that Council would contribute £500 towards the Somme Association to cover the cost of their 2014 programme, which would be taken from the Festival and Events budget.

Letting of Vacant Commercial Unit: It was agreed that Council would accept the proposed offer of £3,975 plus VAT per annum for a three year period for lease of the vacant commercial unit for a crafts and fancy goods retail shop at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.

Inch Levels & Lough Foyle Wildfowl Project: The Director of Development reported that the above project funded through INTERREG IVA was making good progress, which was timely as the overwintering wildfowl were beginning to return on site. She said that a major element of the programme was the installation of a footbridge across the Burnfoot River to link Ballykelly Levels with Myroe Levels to improve on the outdoor recreation potential of this well used site. She added that a feasibility study had been undertaken which confirmed that although construction of the bridge was feasible within the available budget but not within the current timescale as the project was scheduled for completion by December 2014.

It was noted that Council had asked through the NWRCBG for an extension to the project from SEUPB up to April 2015 and this had been communicated verbally to Council. It was agreed that Council would obtain all statutory approvals for the development of the bridge.

Tender Report for Phase I Upgrading of Benone Tourist Complex: Following completion and assessment of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire phase of the procurement process, Invitation to Tender Documents had been issued to six companies, with 4 companies completing and returning the tender documents for upgrading of Benone Tourist Complex.

It was agreed that the contract would be awarded to the lowest tender submitted by Lowry Building and Civil Engineering in the sum of £218,506.90 excluding VAT.

Benone Strand Beach Activity Centre: The Director of Development reported that tenders for the construction of the beach activity centre had now been returned to the project design consultant Hall Black Douglas. She said that Transport NI had indicated that it wished to see Council provide an additional footpath on Benone Avenue as a condition of planning permission and officers had entered into further discussions with Planning Service and Transport Ni to establish what impact this would have on the project.

It was agreed that Council would accept the lowest tender price submitted by JFC Construction in the sum of £357,000.

Benone Enhancement Project: Members were advised that tenders had been sought for the rebranding and interpretive signage at Benone Tourist complex and Beach, which was 50% funded through the NITB's Tourist Development Scheme. The tender, which best met the specification in terms of assessment of quality and cost was Totalis Solutions in the sum of £19,995. It was agreed that Totalis Solutions would be appointed to undertake the rebranding and interpretive signage project.

Lease of Foreshore at Benone Strand: Council agreed to the proposed rent increase with respect to the lease of the foreshore at Benone Strand.

Development of Open Space – Feeny: It was agreed that Officers would be granted approval to proceed with the procurement process for new play facilities as part of the £70,000 allocation in the capital programme.

Development of Open Space – Drumsurn: It was agreed that Officers would be granted approval to proceed with the procurement process for new play outdoor gym equipment as part of the £45,000 allocation within the capital programme.

Christmas Activities: Council approved funding of £2,000 set aside to support Christmas activities within a range of partners, including the Chamber of Trade and approved for an additional £500 set aside to support a local craft fair at Drumceatt Square.

Northern Ireland Food and Drink Show: It was agreed that Council would assist up to 5 local businesses to participate in the Northern Ireland Food and Drink show as part of the Naturally North West project.

Dungiven Village Masterplan: The Director of Development presented terms of reference for provision of consultancy service to prepare a Regeneration Masterplan for Dungiven Village. She requested that members feed back any observations to the Development Services Manager as soon as possible. It was agreed that once the terms of reference were approved, they would be issued swiftly with turnaround of quotations within a one month period.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Glack Community Association Development Proposals: Councillor O Beattie updated Council on the proposed MUGA development adjacent to the playground at Glack. She said that the additional land needed was owned by the Housing Executive and that whilst the Housing Executive were willing to dispose of the land to the Community Association, it would be at a cost. She requested that Council explore the possibility of transferring the land from the Housing Executive to Council. Agreed.

It was noted that the Community Association would continue to look for funding for the MUGA and if successful install with a view to transferring the facility to Council in due course.

NEXT MEETING – 11 November 2014.

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 7.55 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting