

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**14 NOVEMBER 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 (chair), Councillors P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, 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:**

Councillors M Coyle and A Brolly.

**PRESENTATION BY WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD:**

The chair welcomed Mr Eugene Gallagher, Ms Wendy McLaughlin, Mr Sean Gibson and Ms Frances McReynolds, Western Health & Social Services Board to the meeting.

Mr Gallagher outlined that the aim of Primary & Community Care Infrastructure (PCCI) was to provide high quality services, accessible for all and provided by well trained motivated staff in modern settings. He said the 4 levels of care within PCCI were:

1. local – (GP's, practice nurses, pharmacists)
2. health and care centres (deals with cases not requiring a hospital bed, i.e. speech & language)
3. local hospitals (admission by referral)
4. acute hospitals (Altnagelvin)

Mr Gallagher explained that the WHSSB were investing £270 million on 86 projects over the next 20 years to meet the anticipated increase in service need and that this would include 13 health & care centres, 44 other projects and 31 level 1 projects.

Mr Gallagher stated that the health centre in Scroggy Road would be included in the profile of schemes and that this would involve redeveloping the existing 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> site. He said the Arden Centre, Arden House, Benbradagh Centre and Scroggy Road Health Centre would be demolished and replaced with a new 3 storey Health Centre, a 2 storey Learning Disability Day Centre, a new Ambulance Station, a newly refurbished Mental Health Day Care Centre and 225 car parking spaces.

Members gave unanimous support to the proposals noting that this would provide an opportunity for student training under the proposed new medical school. In response to other comments made, Mr Gallagher said there were no plans for minor surgery or after hours opening in the facilities. He said in the short term, Dungiven was not considered a top priority. He also advised that under the GMS contract Doctors were obliged to see patients within 48 hours of request for appointment.

Ms McReynolds voiced her appreciation for the work of LCDI and their willingness to be a partner in new project. She said he was not aware of plans to house sex offenders at Scroggy Road, however, Foyle Trust were working with LCDI on the possibility of the facility being used to house those with a learning disability.

The chair thanked the deputation from Western Health & Social Services Board for attending the meeting.

### **CONDOLANCE:**

It was agreed that a letter of condolence would be forwarded to Lorraine Hasson on the death of her father.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of Development Committee meeting held 10 October 2006 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Councillor Chivers subject to the following:

Page 3... 'Notice of Motion'... Councillor Douglas said the minutes did not reflect the range of comments made when the notice of motion was being debated. Noted.

Councillor Ó hOisín requested that the second paragraph in the notice of motion discussion be deleted. Agreed.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

The following matters arising were noted:

- A funding application had been submitted jointly by Limavady and Magherafelt Councils to Foras na Gaeilga for an Irish Language Officer.
- No local groups had submitted applications to the Re-Imagining Communities funding programme, however, Council's Good Relations Officer was being proactive within the local community to encourage participation in the programme.

### **MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee dated 2 October 2006 were tabled and noted.

The Director of Development answered a number of questions with regard to deficit on income and expenditure and cost to Council for purchasing CD's. The Director of Development agreed to provide Council with a breakdown on costs for hire of marquee for the 2006 Danny Boy Festival.

## **MINUTES Coiste na Gaeilge:**

The minutes of Coiste na Gaeilge meeting held 3 October 2006 were tabled and noted.

## **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2006:**

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

**Economic Development Plan:** The Director of Development presented the draft Economic Development Plan, which included the recommendations which had been put forward by members at a working group meeting.

She updated members regarding economic development funding from the EU and the Competitiveness in Employment programme and recommended that:

- Council approve the revised Economic Development Plan on a one year basis
- that the Development Services Manager write to DETI with a covering summary and a copy of Council's full document for consideration and
- that Council begin its new Economic Development Plan in April 2007.

Councillor Cubitt voiced his support for the Chamber of Trade but said it was a disgrace that Limavady was ranked 20<sup>th</sup> amongst all Council areas in relation to tourism development. He also raised concern at the way in which some taxes were spent.

The Director of Development informed Council that she was aware that the wording on page 1, paragraph 2 needed to be revised as two members felt that it did not adequately reflect discussion within the Economic Development Working Group.

**Benone Tourist Complex Schedule of Charges:** The Director of Development detailed a schedule of proposed charges for implementation on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 for Benone Tourist Complex. The schedule was agreed and members noted that the only major change was the proposal to charge the same price for all tents as the existing arrangement for an "add on" tent accompanying a caravan had been unfairly abused.

**Quay Vipers Motorcycle Rally:** Members noted that Council had received a letter of thanks from Quay Vipers Motorcycle Club for providing Benone Tourist Complex Caravan Park for their annual 2006 Snakebite Rally. It was agreed that permission would be granted for the club to stage the 2007 rally on 20 – 24 September at the complex at a cost of £1.00 per visitor to help offset Council costs associated with the event and loss of revenue.

**Tourism Literature:** The Director of Development outlined that quotations had been sought from Design and Print companies to provide a composite brochure for Limavady Borough for use in the Tourist Information Network in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and in Great Britain and at promotions Council actively

engages in throughout the year. She said that a reprint quotation had also been sought to update the Benone Tourist Complex information brochure.

It was agreed that the quotation submitted by Michell Kane Associates in the sum of £4,187.00 + VAT for 15,000 copies of the Guide and Limavady Printing Company in the sum of £580 + VAT for 5000 copies of the Benone Leaflet.

**Requests for Financial Assistance:** It was agreed that Council would contribute £300 to the Charlie Gayle Memorial Darts Tournament and £325 to Roe Valley Historical Society for their 2007 programme of lectures and discussions on local history.

**Roe Valley Country Park – Meeting with Environment & Heritage Service (EHS):** The Director of Development explained that a meeting had been held with representatives of EHS on Friday 20 October 2006 and that the following had been discussed:

- refurbishment of café
- lease of Green Lane Museum
- fishing and other general issues.
- interpretation
- anti-social behaviour

Alderman Robinson proposed that EHS attend a Council meeting to answer members concerns. Councillor Ó hOisín seconded this and suggested that due to the wide remit of EHS, that Council forward a prompt list of queries be the attending officer before the meeting.

#### **COURSES & CONFERENCES:**

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Alderman Robinson that one officer attend the Community Relations Council conference to be held in Belfast on 23 November 2006.

**Community Relations Council Conference:** Following a query by Councillor Butcher, the Director of Development agreed to investigate why members had not been made aware or invited to the major Community Relations Council Conference held in the Radisson SAS Hotel the previous week.

Councillor Douglas referred to those who complained about the wearing of poppies at the event and said such comments would deter attendance at future events and suggested that no effort had been made to reach across the cultural divide.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Oakleaf Rural Community Network:** (*Councillor Butcher declared an interest and took no part in the discussion*) The Director of Development explained that Oakleaf Rural Community Network were holding a one day conference themed “Collaboration – How it Works” in the Drummond Hotel on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and that the opening address would be delivered by President Mary McAleese.

The Director of Development said Raymond Craig, chair of Oakleaf had requested that Council contribute £2,000 to cover expenses associated with the event. Following discussion, a vote was taken in which 6 members voted for and 6 voted

against making the contribution requested. The chair used his casting vote in favour of contributing £2,000 towards the event.

**Excellence in Local Government Awards:** Members welcomed that Donegal County Council and Limavady Borough Council had won the Economic Development category of the Excellence in Local Government Awards for the Lough Foyle Ferry/Atlantic Drift Cross Border project.

**Causeway Coast & Glens Regional Tourism Partnership:** It was agreed that John O'Carroll would be put forward as a Director on the Causeway Coast & Glens Regional Tourism Partnership board.

**Special Meeting on Industrial De-Rating:** It was agreed that the special meeting to discuss industrial de-rating would be brought forward to 6 pm.

**Meeting with Planning Officers:** It was agreed that attendance at the meeting to discuss communications with Planning Officers would be an approved duty.

**Visit to the Borough by the Presbyterian Moderator:** In response to concerns raised by Councillor Douglas, Councillor Cubitt confirmed that he had met with the Presbyterian Moderator, Rev Clarke on two separate occasions during his visit to the Borough and that he had presented him with the book 'Across the Roe'. Councillor McElhinney said Council needed to review its list of corporate gifts. It was agreed that the Corporate Gift Sub Committee would be arranged as soon as possible.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

12 December 2006

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS  
(The meeting ended at 8.45 pm)**

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