

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
14 DECEMBER 2010**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk, Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor A Robinson.

PRESENTATION – NORTHERN IRELAND MILK CUP:

The Chair welcomed Mr Victor Leonard, Chairperson and Mr Jim Weir, Secretary of Northern Ireland Milk Cup to the meeting.

Members were given a flavour of the Milk Cup Tournament via a video which showed footage of participating teams and games played. Mr Weir indicated that Northern Ireland benefited from the tournament through media coverage at a regional and international level and by visitors to the areas who enhanced the local economy.

Mr Weir explained that the tournament had grown in strength since its establishment in 1983 and that participation by International teams was at an all time high, with talented players such as David Beckham, Peter Crouch and Gary Neville being milk cup veterans. He said that despite running costs being in excess of £2 million, the volunteers on the Milk Cup committee were extremely proud that Northern Ireland was hosting this prestige event.

Following discussion, comments/suggestions voiced included:

- Ballygudden Pitch would be considered as a venue for the games.
- The tournament final would be held in Coleraine if the stadium was brought up to a suitable standard.
- Accommodation was difficult to find during the event.
- The tournament brought people together.
- The Milk Cup committee were investigating ways of raising funds from those who watched the games online.
- The Mayor and members were extremely supportive to the Milk Cup continuing in future years.

The Chair thanked the deputation from the Milk Cup organising committee for attending the meeting.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 9 November 2010 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Ó hOisín subject to the following amendment:

Page 1/2 – Coista na Gaeilge – Irish Lanaguage Sub Committee: Councillor Cubitt requested that the minute denote that he had asked how many members of the public had required translation by the Irish Language Officer. Agreed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Management Agreement – Limavady Grammar School Synthetic Pitch: The Chief Executive informed members that following a discussion with the Chief Executive of the WELB, he had written to request a meeting to formalise the points raised with regard to the Management Agreement for the synthetic pitch at the Grammar School.

Rural Development Programme: It was reported that problems associated with the Rural Development Programme had been highlighted to the Auditor at a recent Audit Committee meeting. It was agreed that information relating to the administration of the programme would be passed on to Alderman Robinson for discussion at a committee meeting dealing with European issues.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – DECEMBER 2010:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for December 2010 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Alderman Rankin, seconded by Councillor Carten subject to the following:

Rural Development Programme: It was agreed that Alderman Coyle would replace Councillor Stevenson on the Rural Development Programme.

Benone Beach: The Director of Development summarised issues related to Benone Beach which had been discussed at a workshop for Councillors on 30 November 2010. The following was agreed:

1. Beach Lifeguard Services 2011: Option 2 - Service will be provided by RNLI over a 5 year period. RNLI to cover Easter weekend Saturday 23 April to Tuesday 25 April, weekends in May and June and full time cover from 25 June to 4 September. Cost for 2011 for 1 senior plus 3 lifeguards £22,469.48.
2. Ice Cream Franchise: Council to review the existing by-laws, if possible in conjunction with Coleraine Borough Council.
3. Introduction of Charging on the Beach: Guidance was requested from Council as to whether it wished to investigate the introduction of charging cars for access to the beach and associated implications. Councillor Ó hOisín proposed, seconded by Councillor Butcher that as the beach was a natural heritage, no charge should be imposed. Councillor Cubitt proposed an amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Stevenson that Council investigate setting a charge for cars accessing the beach during the summer months and the implications of same. The amendment was put to the meeting

and declared carried, 7 for, 6 against and 1 abstention. The substantive motion was put to the meeting and declared carried, 7 for, 6 against and 1 abstention.

4. Traffic Management and Control of Access on to the Beach: It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged in the New Year with Roads Service to follow up on the issues raised at the workshop.
5. Disposal of Equipment: Items of rescue equipment to be disposed of and the best possible price for Council.
6. Events Programme – Benone Beach and Consideration of Charging: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Coyle that officers would look at this in more detail and bring back a recommendation to Council in due course. Noted that charging was unacceptable to Sinn Féin.
7. Development of a Beach Management Plan: It was acknowledged that it would be hard to manage a site which Council did not have complete control over. It was agreed that Council would begin to take this forward and initiate discussion with relevant stakeholders.

Quay Vipers Motorcycle Rally: It was agreed the permission would be granted for the staging of the 2011 Quay Vipers Motorcycle Rally at Benone Tourist Complex Caravan Park from 22 – 25 September 2011 at a charge of £1,000.

North Coast Canoe Trail: Council approved the inclusion of Magilligan Point and Benone Strand as access points for the North Coast Canoe Trail.

Sperrins Tourism: It was agreed on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that Sperrins Tourism Ltd would be asked to make a presentation on their work to Council.

Sports Development Officer: Members were informed that from March 2011, the IFA would be meeting the full salary cost of the post of Soccer Development Officer and that the IFA had asked that Council continue to provide office accommodation and provision for reduced facility hire charges. It was agreed in principle that Council would continue to work in partnership with the IFA on the Grassroots Soccer Development Programme and that Officers enter into a more detailed discussion with the IFA regarding the level of Council support sought.

Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism: The Director of Development advised that in the context of current economic climate, Councils in the CC&G region were examining value for money and efficiencies through partnership organisations. She said a review was ongoing and that a Client Workshop would be held on 19 January 2011. She added that the consultants would use this as an opportunity to bring Councillors up to date on the consultation process and to allow an opportunity to feed into the process. A letter confirming details of the workshop would be circulated to members.

Queries outside the Report:

- **Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró**: - A member asked for a progress report on the workings of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre. It was suggested that residents from Roe Fold and Bed & Breakfast owners be invited to tour the building. It was noted that the official opening of the Tourist Information Centre had been cancelled due to the recent bad weather.

- **Community Services Grant:** The Director of Development agreed to circulate a list of funding recommendations for applications to the Community Services Grant.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Closure of Landfill Sites: The Chief Executive informed members that Minister Edwin Poots had invited 3 members from each of the 5 Council involved in landfill site closures to attend a meeting in Clarence Court on 16 December 2010. It was agreed that the Councillor Cubitt, the Director Environmental Services and the Chief Executive would attend the meeting.

Issues Relating to Snow and Ice: The problem of snow and ice in car parks was highlighted and it was suggested that Roads Service should clear these as residents were complaining. The Chief Executive confirmed that Roads Service would provide salt/grit for use in outlying areas as long as it was spread in a due manner.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18 January 2011.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 9.40 pm)

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting