

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

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

16 APRIL 2013

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 O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, G Mullan, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey (Chair), C McLaughlin, D Nicholl, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive, Director of Development and the Committee Clerk.

APOLOGIES: - None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting dated 12 March 2013 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor McCorkell.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN DUNGIVEN AREA:

The minutes of the Steering Group for the Development of Sport/Community Facilities in Dungiven were tabled and noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT ~ APRIL 2013:

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for April 2013 and enlarged thereon. The report was approved on the proposal of Councillor Chivers, seconded by Councillor McCaul subject to the following:

Benone Tourist Complex: It was agreed that two washing machines in the sum of £3,528 plus VAT and one tumble drier in the sum of £2,866 plus VAT would be purchased from SMS Services for the washrooms at Benone Tourist Complex.

Foyle Cup Youth Football Tournament: It was agreed that Council would make 2 pitches available to the Foyle Cup organisers for the week of their tournament being held in July 2013 free of charge.

Proposed Holiday Closures 2013/14 – Council’s Leisure Facilities: Council approved the proposed holiday closures for Council’s leisure services for the period 2013/14.

Special Olympics Ulster: The Director of Development explained that Council had received correspondence from Special Olympics Ulster to ask if Council would consider celebrating the 10th anniversary of the 2003 games by organising an event that would remind communities of this unique occasion when teams of athletics with intellectual disabilities had been welcome by the people of Ireland. It was agreed that the Director of Development would research ways in which Council would celebrate the 10 anniversary of the Special Olympic Games.

Development of Multi Activity Trails in Forest Service Property: The Director of Development reminded members that officers had held initial discussions with Forest Service to explore the potential to increase outdoor recreation and tourism in the Borough through the use of forests. She said that Forest Service had prepared a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlined the key objectives and strategic advantages of any partnership arrangement and clarified roles and responsibilities at an early stage. She added that in support of the MOU there was also a draft agreement for licence and a draft licence which would facilitate the working up of proposals on behalf of the Council allowing plans to be developed in an informed way.

It was agreed that the MOU, draft agreement for licence and draft licence with Forest Service to allow for a partnership to be established on the development of multi activity trails would be adopted.

Funding Towards the 2013/14 Community Support Programme: The Director of Development outlined that a letter of offer had been received from the DSD in respect of grant aid towards Limavady Borough Council's Community Support Programme. She said the offer combines 3 separate elements; Community Support general; Advice Grant the Neighbourhood Renewal Advice Worker salaries, totally £88,824.00. She added that the payments would be made subject to acceptance of MOU on the offer; an updated Community Support Plan being returned to the Department by June 2013 and receipt of an expenditure profile.

It was agreed that the MOU letter of offer would be accepted, signed and returned to DSD.

Economic Development: Council approved the second year of the two year workplan of funding for programmes. It was agreed that Council would be kept updated on progress of the programmes and projects during the year.

Causeway Coast & Glens Tourism Area Partnership: The Causeway Coast & Glens work programme update for 2012/13 and operational plan for 2013/14 was noted by members. Members were reminded that Council's financial contribution towards the partnership was £25,000 and that this was included for within the 2013/14 budget.

Banagher Glen: Members were advised of new orientation signage and way markers being installed at Banagher Dam. It was highlighted that it was important that Banagher Glen be promoted by agencies, such as Northern Ireland Water and the Environment Agency.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations: It was agreed that officers would look at enhancing the St Patrick's Day celebrations for next year and to the possibility of making the event all inclusive by involving all sections of the community.

Consultation: It was agreed that the Disability Sports NI – Strategic Plan April 2013 to March 2019 consultation would be forwarded to the Corporate Policy Officer for discussion at the next Disability Working Group meeting.

Issues Raised Outside the Report:

Bovally – Playarea: The Director of Development updated members on proposals for play area at Bovally. She said she would further update members in her May report on area of land for open space and work being carried out on site before handover of the land to Council.

Dungiven By-pass: It was highlighted that money set aside for the A5 road scheme would now be spent on the A6 Dungiven By-pass. It was suggested that the Chief Executive contact Roads Service with regard to progress on the Ballykelly By-pass and to query if there was funding available to spend on this project.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Dungiven PSNI Station - IN COMMITTEE: The Chief Executive outlined that a report from Land & Property Services valued the site of the former PSNI Station in Dungiven at £140k. He advised that the PSNI had commissioned a Stage 1 report on contamination and that the next meeting of the Steering Group taking forward the project to provide sports/leisure facilities in Dungiven was scheduled for 7 May 2013. He said that he would be pressing for a reduction in price for the site due to costs for the reports and that a formal recommendation would be brought to the May 2013 Monthly meeting of Council. It was suggested that the Steering Group meet as soon as possible after issue of the report on contamination. **OUT OF COMMITTEE.**

NEXT MEETING – 14 May 2013

THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.00 PM

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting