

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
17 APRIL 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 (Chair), G Robinson and J Rankin. Councillors O Beattie, A Brolly, B Chivers, B Douglas, D Nicholl, T McCaul, J McCorkell, S McGlinchey, C McLaughlin, G Mullan, E Stevenson and A Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Development and the Committee Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting 13 March 2012 were approved on the proposal of Councillor McGlinchey, seconded by Councillor Beattie .

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Benone Beach – Sale of Ice Cream:** The Director of Development confirmed that although several councils experienced similar problems to Limavady Borough Council around the sale of ice cream on their beaches, they had a greater level of control over access on to their beaches and in some instances a manned barrier was in place. She said that Parliament was in the process of making a Bill which would ultimately make private wheel clamping illegal in England & Wales and that it could be expected that the same legislation would come into force in Northern Ireland in due course. The advice therefore provided to Council was not to permit private wheel clamping

Direction was sought from Council on whether to allow free trading on the beach or to issue a limited number of permits. In the discussion which followed Council also took into account information which had been made available at the March 2012 Development meeting.

Councillor McLaughlin proposed that for 2012 no permits would be issued and that the ice cream vendors would trade free on the beach. This was seconded by Councillor Chivers and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, 6 for, 0 against and 9 abstentions.

**Request from Termoncanice Primary School for use of the 3G Pitch:** The Director of Development advised that Termoncanice Primary School were no longer holding a event to beat the Guinness World Record for the largest number of people doing Zumba and therefore no longer required the use of the 3G Pitch.

**Cycle Stands:** Members were informed that Roads Service was looking at placing cycle stands in car parks. In response to a member the Director of Development outlined that Drumceatt Square was not considered the ideal location for a cycle stand.

#### **DEVELOPMENT REPORT – APRIL 2012:**

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for April 2012 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Councillor Mullan, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

**Council of Scripture Union – Beach Mission:** It was agreed that Council would grant permission for the Council of Scripture Union to hold a beach mission at Benone Strand on 9 – 20 July 2012.

**Letting of Benone Dune Land for Grazing:** It was agreed that Council would appoint the services of a land agent to secure a seasonal grazier for Benone dune land.

**Northern Ireland Tourism Awards:** The Director of Development advised that Council had submitted a nomination to the Northern Ireland Tourism Awards scheme for its “Limavady – Explore.... See .... Do .... Podcast application” and that the winners would be announced at an awards evening being held in the Grand Opera House, Belfast on 21 May 2012. It was agreed that the Mayor and an Officer would attend the Northern Ireland Tourism Awards.

**Temporary Closure of Bleach Green Lane:** It was agreed that Council would place a temporary closure order on the public right of way at Bleach Green Lane, Dungiven to accommodate the development of a hydro electric scheme on the River Roe and subsequent temporary closure orders as necessary during the six months construction period. It was also agreed that the developer Mr Ross would be asked to create a temporary access to accommodate use by the public.

**Dromore Lane – Public Right of Way Assertion:** The Director of Development reminded members that Council had made a resolution to assert Old Dromore Lane as a public right of way on foot in accordance with the powers available under Article 3 of the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983. She recommended that Council arrange to have appropriate access controls (gate) erected to allow for pedestrian access and restrict vehicular access to the lane.

Alderman Robinson requested that it be recorded that he had strong reservations at Council putting a gate in place to restrict vehicular access. He proposed that because of costs that gates would not be erected. This was seconded by Councillor McCorkell and on put to the meeting was declared lost, 3 for, 9 against and 3 abstentions.

Councillor Brolly proposed that Council agree to the recommendation to have appropriate gates in place to prevent vehicular access. This was seconded by Councillor Beattie, and on being put to the meeting was declared carried, 9 for, 3 against and 3 abstentions.

**Seating Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre:** It was agreed that the Director of Development would continue to liaise with the manufacturer of the retractable seating in Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre with regard to amending some of seating rows to accommodate a handrail. The Director of Development would check if railings could be installed on one side of the aisles.

**Causeway Museum Service (CMS):** The Director of Development informed members that Council was now in year 2 of its present Causeway Museum Service Partnership. In addition to the CMS officers providing advice and support to the partner Councils of Coleraine, Limavady & Moyle, they were also the delivery mechanism for the Peace III Phase 2 projects. She gave an overview of the CMS Strategic Plan for 2011 – 2014 and said the budget share for Limavady in 2012/13 was the same as in 2011/12 at £12,097 for delivery of the CMS Partnership objectives, including support and advice to Council's Museum & Heritage Officer and £10,711 for delivery of the Peace III programme.

It was agreed that Council would provide funding of £22,808 for CMS and for the delivery of the Peace III projects for year 2 of the CMS Forward Plan as agreed in 2011. It was suggested that the lead officer from the CMS present to Council the groups achievements to date.

**Pride of Place Awards 2012:** It was agreed that Council would submit an application for Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre to the Pride of Place Awards at a cost of £500.

**RDP Project – Genealogy Tourism:** The Director of Development outlined that quotations had been sought for the creation and delivery of three training sessions on genealogy and roots tourism businesses and local entrepreneurs. It was agreed that Council would appoint the Ulster Historical Foundation to undertake a genealogy tourism training programme at a cost of £2,000 plus VAT. It was noted that this was grant aided through the Rural Development Programme.

**Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Proposed Holiday Closures 2012/13:** The Director of Development recommended holiday closures for Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre from May 2012 to March 2013 which were approved as follows:

- Closed – Monday 7 May, Monday 4 June (Bank Holiday), Thursday 12 July, Friday 13 July, Monday 24 December, Tuesday 25 December, Wednesday 26 December 2012, Tuesday 1 January and Monday 18 March 2013.
- Open – Tuesday 5 June 10 am – 3 pm (Queen's Jubilee) and Monday 31 August 2012 10 am – 3 pm (Bank Holiday)

**Culture, Arts & Tourism Grants:** The Director of Development recommended that grants for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 would be awarded to the 13 applications set out within the report, which had been assessed under Council's Culture Arts and Tourism Grants programme. Agreed. It was also agreed that decision on the application from Roe Valley Chamber of Trade & Commerce would be deferred until a number of issues were clarified.

In response to a member who queried access to the grants by small groups, the Director of Development confirmed that a working group would be set up to look at grants for next year.

**Provision of Advice Services:** The Director of Development reported that Coleraine, Ballymoney, Moyle and Limavady Councils had commissioned a report to address how generalist advice services were provided across the four Councils. She said that Williamson Consulting who had undertaken the work would make a presentation to the four Councils at 4 pm on Thursday 10 May 2012 in Coleraine Town Hall Chamber.

It was agreed that for 2012/13 each of the Councils would continue to use their existing process for the provision of Advice Services, with the changes in the Commissioning process coming into effect in 2013/14 and beyond. This would be a further positive step towards facilitating the merger of services between the Councils as part of RPA.

**Request from the Roe Valley Diamond Jubilee Charity Committee:** The Director of Development informed members Roe Valley Jubilee Charity Committee was holding a Jubilee Concert in Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on 6 June 2012 and all proceeds would be donated to charity. She said that the group had requested that Council cover the cost of hiring Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre and to make a contribution of £250 towards light refreshments.

The Director of Development also reported that a request had been received from the McGuinness School of Dancing for Council to reduce the hire charges for a charity event being held Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre and that she intended to raise this under Any Other Business.

Both requests were discussed by members and the following points were made:

- Council had set aside £20k to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee/Olympics and it was suggested that if Council agreed to the request to forfeit the fee for room hire of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre that it would open the floodgates for similar requests.
- The request from the Roe Valley Jubilee Committee should be approved on balance.
- Council had approved a pricing structure for Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre and this should be adhered to.
- Council should be encouraging footfall that the event would bring into the town centre.
- A policy was needed on how to deal with requests for use of the Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre.
- Consider the loss of income and staff costs to man and open/close the building.
- It was queried if it could be worthwhile to call again for applications for funding to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee/Olympics if the initial £20k set aside was not completely spent.

Councillor McCorkell proposed that Council allow Roe Valley Diamond Jubilee Charity Committee free use of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre on Wednesday 6 June 2012 and that Council made a contribution of £250 towards refreshments.

This was seconded by Alderman Robinson and on being put to the meeting was declared lost, 6 for and 7 against.

**Request from Burnfoot Community Association:** The Director of Development explained that Burnfoot Community Association had an application with ARC North West under the Village Renewal programme, which included provision of a play/recreational facilities for young people. She said that the Association wanted to locate the facilities on Council owned land at Burnfoot adjacent to the grass soccer pitch and all weather training area. She said that during the budget setting process Council had approved the provision of new changing facilities at Burnfoot and that it would make sense with Council approval to consider positioning of the new changing facilities and location of a new play/recreational facility at the same time. Approved.

**North East Peace III Partnership:** The Director of Development advised that the North East III Partnership had appointed the WEA in partnership with the Interaction Institute for Social Change and Mediation NI to deliver Phase 2 of the "Leadership in a Shared Society" Project. It was agreed that Colin Neilands from the WEA would present to council at the May 2012 Development Services meeting.

**Mary Peters Trust:** It was agreed that Council would make a contribution of £150 towards the Mary Peters Trust.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Fencing – Scroggy Road:** It was agreed that Council was to proceed and erect a higher fencing to resolve the problem of unauthorised access to Scroggy Road pitch.

**Request for Reduced Hire Charge Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre:** The Director of Development referred to an earlier discussion in which she had highlighted that the McGuinness School of Dancing had requested that Council reduce the room hire charges for a charity event in Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre. She said that the group were not a registered charity and it was for Council to agree a commercial or community charge for hire of the facility.

Following discussion it was agreed that the McGuinness School of Dancing would be charged the community rate for hire of the Auditorium and that one room hire charges would be waived for the event being held on 2 & 3 May 2012.

**Jubilee Events:** The Director of Development agreed to circulate a programme of Council run events to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

**Disabled Fishing – Roe Valley Country Park:** It was agreed that the NIEA would be contacted regarding damage to the disabled fishing bay at Roe Valley Country Park.

**NEXT MEETING – 8 May 2012.**

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 9.35 PM**

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