

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
18 JANUARY 2011**

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, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Clerk, Director of Development and the Chief Executive.

**APOLOGIES:** - None.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of meeting dated 14 December 2010 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Ó hOisín, seconded by Councillor McElhinney.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Management Agreement – Limavady Grammar School Synthetic Pitch:** The Chair indicated that she would raise the Management Agreement at the next meeting of the WELB.

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING:**

The minutes of Special Development Committee meeting held 30 November 2010 were approved on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Councillor Donaghy.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2011:**

The Director of Development presented the Development Report for January 2011 and enlarged thereon. The recommendations within the report were approved on the proposal of Councillor Carten, seconded by Alderman Robinson subject to the following:

**Pre Enterprise Support:** The Director of Development explained that there was an ongoing publicity campaign for Start a Business and other programmes being run by Roe Valley Enterprises. She said as part of this, Council has been approached to fund a leaflet drop around the Borough costing £679. It was agreed that Council would support this activity in conjunction with Roe Valley Enterprises from the existing budget of the Pre-enterprise Support Scheme.

**Joint Action Plan:** Council approved the joint action plan produced by Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney and Moyle Councils, whereby a series of

targets and initiatives would be rolled out across the four Council areas over the next two years.

**Skills4Services Final Event:** It was agreed that subject to receipt of a satisfactory proposal form for funding, that Council would assist NWLLA by contributing £500 towards the cost of its final event for the Skills4Service programme.

**Update – Limavady Town Centre Regeneration:** It was agreed that RPS would present details of Limavady Town Centre Regeneration Plan at consultation event to be held at 8 pm on 8 February 2011 following the Development Committee meeting.

**Sperrins Tourism:** The Director of Development reported that the marketing project submitted by Sperrins Tourism under the Rural Development Programme to both SWARD and ARC North West had been approved. She said the letter of offer would not be issued until evidence of match funding of £2,137.50 had been provided by Council for the 2 year project. She also informed Council that Sperrins Tourism had requested core funding of £8,550 for 2011/12, which would be inclusive of the £2,137.50 towards the Rural Development Programme.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Coyle that to enable Sperrins Tourism to secure the Rural Development monies, that Council confirm core funding of £8,550 for 2011/12 and match funding towards the marketing project of £2,137.50 for 2012/13.

***Queries outside the Report:***

**Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre - Ionad Ealaíon agus Cultúir Ghleann na Ró:** - During discussion the following comments were made:

- It was suggested that a quarterly report on the workings of Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre be provided. .
- Bollards to prevent access to Drumcatt Square had been frozen over Christmas and that some vehicles had entered the pedestrian area.
- The Director of Development provided a brief outline of income to date from events held at the centre.
- A member suggested that the windows of the vacant unit in the square be covered to restrict the view into the inside of the unit.
- It was suggested that Danny Boy be played at 12 noon each day at the centre.
- The programme of events at the centre would be made available to the wider public and on the website.
- Council should be using the centre to showcase the work of local artists. For example paintings, crafts and books.
- A member agreed to forward contact details and costs for a talented artist from Newcastle who would be willing to do sketches of landmarks in the Borough.

***Conferences:***

- It was agreed that the Tourism Development Officer & the Director of Development attend the Tourism ‘2012 – Your Year of Opportunity’ to be held in La Mon Hotel & Country Club, 3 March 2011 at a cost of £65 per delegate.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Funding to Community Groups:** Councillor Douglas proposed that Council donate £150 to the Largy and to Gortnaghey Community groups to help cover the costs of putting up their Christmas tree. This was seconded by Councillor Chivers. The Director of Development agreed to look at funding for the groups from the current years budgets. She also agreed to contact community groups to remind them to keep Council informed of meeting and to circulate a copy of their AGM and minutes of meetings.

**North West Partnership Board:** The Chief Executive advised that the North West Partnership Board had accepted the Mayor – Councillor Carten nomination to the board and his attendance at their meetings.

**Planning Bill Consultation:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Cubitt, seconded by Alderman Rankin that the Chief Executive would give a broad brush response to the Planning Bill consultation, which would include comments raised at a recent NILGA event.

**Magilligan/Greencastle Ferry:** It was agreed that representatives from both Limavady and Donegal Councils would meet on 15 February 2011 to discuss the ferry service.

**The Royal British Legion:** It was agreed that the Royal British Legion would be given the opportunity to make a presentation to Council on their 90 Anniversary Celebration event which would be held on 4 June 2011.

**The Services Industrial Professional & Technical Union:** It was agreed that the SIPTU would be given the opportunity to meet with Council to advise of their campaign to protect the community sector, the service users and providers of the vital services to the local community.

**Seminar for Disability Champions Council – Art as an Example of Disability Equality Excellence:** It was agreed that Alderman Coyle would attend the above LGSC event to be held in Lagan Valley Island on 27 January 2011.

**The Rotary Club of Limavady:** It was agreed that Rotary Club would be given the opportunity to speak to Council about the possibility of locating a Remembrance Tree in Limavady.

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 8 February 2011.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS  
(The meeting ended at 8.20 pm)**

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