

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
18 APRIL 2007**

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 G Mullan, J Rankin (chair) and G Robinson. Councillors A Brolly, P Butcher, M Carten, B Chivers, M Coyle, L Cubitt, M Donaghy, J F McElhinney, A Robinson and E Stevenson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Clerk and the Director of Development.

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Douglas and Councillor Ó hOisín.

MINUTES:

The minutes of meeting held on 13 April 2007 were approved and signed on the proposal of Councillor M Coyle, seconded by Councillor McElhinney subject to the following amendment:

- page 3, paragraph 6, 'Review of Operations at Benone Beach' – Councillor Butcher requested that specific reference be made to the suggestion within the KPMG report that part of the additional 8 acres of land be considered for car parking. Noted.

MATTERS ARISING:

Environmental Improvement Scheme: Councillor Stevenson agreed to provide additional ideas for the Environmental Improvement Scheme in the next few days.

MINUTES OF DANNY BOY SUB COMMITTEE:

The minutes of Danny Boy Sub Committee meeting dated 8 & 29 March 2007 were tabled and noted.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT – APRIL 2007:

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

Child Admission Policy to Swimming Pools at Roe Valley Leisure Centre: The Child Admission Policy to the swimming pools at Roe Valley Leisure Centre as outlined below were adopted for implementation on Monday 4 June 2007:

- A responsible person (minimum age 16) be allowed to accompany a maximum of 2 children under 4 years of age into the swimming pools at any one time. In such circumstances – customers would be advised that both children should wear arm bands and these should be kite marked or carry a BS EN number.
- A responsible person (minimum age 16) be allowed to accompany a maximum of 3 children aged 4 – 7 into the swimming pools at any one time.
- Children 8 years old and over would be allowed to swim unaccompanied subject to normal supervision and safety rules applicable at Roe Valley Leisure Centre.

Rock the Valley Festival 2007: It was recommended that Council approve use of the grounds at Curragh Road as a venue for the proposed open air concerts and other activities associated with the Rock the Valley Festival and with use of the playground being restricted during the open air concerts.

The recommendation was agreed subject to advice being sought from the Director of Environmental Services regarding noise levels and provision of adequate evidence from the event organisers that residents living within the immediate area had been consulted and were happy that the event would be taking place in Curragh Road.

Request for Mayor's Reception: It was agreed that the Mayor would host a reception for Philip Marshall, a genealogist from American whose homestead was originally from the Largy area and who would be visiting the Borough in June 2007.

Provision of Facilities for Rugby/Gaelic Sports: The Director of Development explained that discussions had been held with representatives of Limavady Cricket & Rugby Football Club regarding the possibility of Council providing facilities which could be used for training and match play. She said that Limavady Wolfhounds had also expressed concern that they might have to look for alternative facilities in order to meet the needs of their club and said this might be an opportunity to identify a suitable site which could accommodate a pitch to satisfy the immediate needs of both sports.

In the discussion that followed it was agreed that:

- a venue within Limavady Town should be considered;
- that round table talks would take place between Limavady Wolfhounds, Limavady Cricket & Rugby Club and other local clubs and that
- short and long term solutions were required.

It was noted that alternative venues needed to be found for football teams which might be displaced and members were supportive for officers to look at Ballykelly as a future centre of excellence for outdoor sports.

Blue Flag / EC Directive on Bathing Water Quality: The Director of Development updated members regarding water quality monitoring and sponsorship for Blue Flag beach award. She said the cost to employ a full time Coastal Officer and associated programme was estimated at £30,000 and it was suggested contribution of £2,000 from the beach operators. She added that the funding had not been allowed for within the current year's budget but if other beach operators agreed with the scheme; Council may wish to make resources available.

In the discussion that followed, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brolly, seconded by Councillor Cubitt that if possible a consortium of beach operators would request the Minister designate to extend the 26 April 2007 deadline for funding for Coastal Officer.

Shackleton Barracks: The Director of Development informed members that officers had been given the opportunity to have a more detailed look at facilities at Shackleton Barracks and suggested that Council express an interest in acquiring specific areas within the site. Agreed.

A number of valid comments were made on how the site could be developed. It was agreed that a further visit for members would be sought, specifically to look at the areas outlined within the report and that Council would take the lead in looking at the wider community use of the area. Members indicated that they would like to be involved in working up proposals for a wider consultation on how the site could be used by both community/businesses use and a meeting with Planning Service was also suggested.

Community Business Development Officer: It was agreed that funding set aside within the Economic Development plan would be used to extend the post of Community Business Development Officer until October 2007.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Opening of Benone Tourist Complex: In response to a query regarding flexible opening of Benone Tourist Complex, the Director of Development explained that traditionally the activity area was not opened until the last bank holiday in May and that officers had to take into consideration potential health & safety hazards of the two pools and the fact that many of the staff employed were seasonal.

Feeny Play Area: It was agreed that Council would provide seating at Feeny Play area.

Roe Valley Country Park: It was agreed that EHS would be informed that Council had received a number of complaints about toilets not being open in the evening at Roe Valley Country Park and to request that these be kept open later.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

8 May 2007

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 8.10 pm)**

Signed: _____
Chair of Meeting