

LIMAVADY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE BHUIRG LÉIM AN MHADAIDH

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
12 OCTOBER 2005

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 7 Connell Street, Limavady at 7.30 pm on the above date.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Personal Assistant, Director of Development Services, Acting Development Services Manager and the Chief Executive.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors M Coyle, J F McElhinney and the Committee Clerk.

CONDOLENCES:

The Chair referred to the fact that a 7 year old boy had been killed crossing Edenmore Road and requested that a letter of condolence be sent to the family.

MINUTES:

The minutes of Development Services Committee meeting held on 14 September 2005 were approved and signed on the proposal of Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Donaghy.

ONE SMALL STEP CAMPAIGN:

The chair welcomed Mr Trevor Ringland, Chairperson of the One Small Step campaign which encouraged people to challenge themselves by stepping through the barriers in their lives which prevent them from reaching out and build a relationship with those they perceive are different. He added that the campaign believed that Northern Ireland's future must be a shared one and that the only way to achieve this was to overcome the barriers that divide us. Mr Ringland concluded that only the collective will of the people could secure lasting peace and a stable society and hoped that individuals and organisations would consciously do what they could to take Northern Ireland a step forward.

Members paid tribute to the dedication and efforts of Mr Ringland and the campaign, which was fully endorsed by Council on the proposal of Alderman Mullan, seconded by Councillor Carten.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT OCTOBER 2005:

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

Recreation:

Western Education & Library Board Cutbacks: The Director of Development reported that the Chief Executive of the Western Education & Library Board had suggested that a delegation of Councillors meet with him in Omagh to discuss imminent cutbacks, particularly the loss of school crossing patrols. Accordingly, it was agreed that the Mayor, Alderman Robinson and Councillors Carten, Douglas, Stevenson, Ó hOisín would attend along with the Chief Executive and that a strategy be devised by officers to be put to the Board in order to avoid the loss of this valuable service to residents of the Borough.

Riding for the Disabled Association: The Director of Development Services undertook to ascertain how many users from the Borough made use of these facilities and to check what other Councils had contributed towards the provision of the new site and arena before bringing a recommendation to Council at a future meeting of the Committee.

Irish Football Association Grassroots Development: The Director of Development Services reported that an opportunity had arisen to bid for the services of a Youth Development Officer through funding from the Irish Football Association and DECAL. He added that a joint proposal by Council and Limavady United Football Club had been successful, subject to the deficit funding of £1,500 plus overheads per year for two years being provided by Council which was agreed.

Tourist/Entertainment:

Jet Ski Management at Benone Beach: In response to a query from Councillor Cubitt, the Director of Development Services explained that the Countryside Recreation Officer was drawing up a proposed Code of Conduct that would restrict the launching of jet skis to a designated channel and it was hoped that this would direct water craft users to operate within a defined area, well away from the public using the beach for water based activities.

Community Services/Arts:

Causeway Museum Service: In agreeing the allocation of costs for 2006 of £16,588, it was agreed that Helen Perry, Museums Officer be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to update members on the work of the Causeway Museum Service.

Economic/Community Development:

Roe Valley Business Awards: The Director of Development Services referred to the fact that the Roe Valley Business Awards would take place on 23 November 2005 therefore it was agreed that the Monthly Meeting of Council be

rescheduled to 30 November 2005 to facilitate members' attendance at this event. It was further agreed that Council would sponsor a table at a cost of £300.

Limavady Food Fair: The Acting Development Services Manager reported that the Limavady Food Fair had been a resounding success, attracting many shoppers from outside the Borough and advised that a Christmas Food/Craft Fair had been organised for 3 December 2005. Councillor Cubitt suggested that consideration be given to hosting the next event in the Council Offices car park.

Alderman Rankin and Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 10 pm.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Samson's Tower/Horses Trough, Main Street/Massey Memorial, Irish Green Street: Following a request by Alderman Robinson, the Director of Development Services undertook to liaise with Environment & Heritage Service and the Director of Environmental Services regarding remedial works to Samson's Tower and the Horses Trough on Main Street and Massey Memorial on Irish Green Street.

Director of Development Services: The Chief Executive advised members that the Director of Development Services had kindly agreed to postpone his retirement until the end of November and that his predecessor would be in post on 5 December 2005.

NEXT MEETING:

9 November 2005

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS
(The meeting ended at 10.15 pm)**