

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

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**14 MAY 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 16 April 2013 were approved on the proposal of Alderman Coyle, seconded by Councillor Chivers.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Page 3 – Dungiven By-pass:** It was agreed that the Minister for Regional Development would be invited to meet with Council to discuss funding options for the A6 Dungiven By-pass.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT ~ MAY 2013:**

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

**NIEA Funding Biodiversity Post:** The Director of Development reported that NIEA had issued a letter of offer for contribution of funding towards the Biodiversity Officer post up to December 2016. It was agreed that Council would provide match funding towards the post from 2013/14 and support the continuation of the post in principle for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

**Northern Ireland Tourism Awards:** It was agreed that the invitation to attend the Northern Ireland Tourism Awards ceremony would be extended to an officer.

**Request for Support from Dungiven Community Response Group:** The Director of Development outlined that Dungiven Community Response Group had written to ask for Council support towards the maintenance of a Defibrillator. Following discussion it was agreed that the Director of Environmental Services would look into maintenance costs for Defibrillator's generally and to what other clubs were doing before making a decision on the request for funding.

**Request for Council Support from Skywatch:** It was agreed that Council would support Skywatch by providing financial assistance of £1,000 towards the work/costs of the organisation for the year 2013/14.

**Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of World Special Olympics:** It was agreed that Council would support the event to celebrate the World Special Olympics entitled '10th Anniversary Cross Border Value Based Celebration Day' being held at Scroggy Road recreational facilities in June 2013. It was noted that the event would cost in the region of £2,000, which was covered from existing budgets and at no additional cost to Council.

**Parkrun Limavady:** It was agreed that Council would explore and facilitate the development of a Parkrun in the Borough and that the Director of Development would report back to the Development Committee on how this was progressing.

**Provision of Recreational Facilities – Bovally:** Following discussions between local residents, the developer and Council, it was agreed that Council would lease an area of land approximately 1.32 acres from the developer at Bovally, which would be used for recreational purposes. It was also agreed that costings would be obtained for fencing and drainage to the site.

**Limavady 400 Update:** Council approved finance of up to £5,000 for the Limavady 400 Radio Station Project which had been included in the Limavady 400 budget allocation for 2013/14. The Director of Development agreed to contact the Chamber of Trade for feedback/buy in to the Limavady 400 from local businesses. It was also agreed that the Director of Development would report back to members on wave length for the radio station and whether the station would be available online.

**Outdoor Gym:** Members were advised that Council had been awarded £15,000 by the Public Health agency to develop and establish an outdoor gym in Limavady Borough Council area. The Director of Development agreed to update members at the June 2013 Development Services meeting on possible location for the gym.

**Request for Travel Leave/Conference:** The Director of Development explained that the Neighbourhood Renewal Officer had been invited to take part in the YouSee Programme taking place in Palermo, Sicily. She said there was no financial cost to Council for the programme as costs were being covered by the organising body CESIE – Centro Studi ed Iniziative Europeo. It was agreed that Council would grant the Neighbourhood Renewal Officer four days leave to attend the programme being held on 28 to 31 May 2013 inclusive.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES NOTIFICATIONS:**

Council had no objection to the following applications:

- ✓ Application for renewal of Registration of a Club – O'Brien's Gaelic & Athletic Club, Foreglen, Dungiven.
- ✓ Application for an Occasional Licence – Smyth's Barn Dance, Killunaght Road, Dungiven for function on 1 & June 2013 between 7 pm and 1 am.
- ✓ Application for an Occasional Licence – Frank Owens Rear Gardens for function being held 6 – 9 June 2013 between 7 pm and 1.30 am.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Closure of Seacoast Road:** Members were advised that Seacoast Road would remain open until Sunday 19 May 2013 to allow for traffic going to the North West 200.

**Disabled Access – Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre:** In response to a member, the Chief Executive advised that a complaint received on disabled access at Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre was being discussed by the Disability Working Group.

**Civic Reception:** Councillor C McLaughlin proposed, seconded by Councillor A Robinson that a Civic Reception would be held for the Marathon Man – Hugh McLaughlin who had recently completed 29 marathons in 29 days.

**Culture Arts & Tourism Grants:** The Director of Development recommended that the Culture Arts & Tourism Grant Programme be reopened due to surplus funding. She said that recommendations on successful applications would be brought back to the June 2013 Development committee meeting. Agreed.

**Northern Ireland Hospice Redevelopment Fund:** The Chief Executive reported that Belfast City Council had written to advise that under Section 37 of the Local Government Finance Act (NI) 2011, it would be contributing £250,000 to the Northern Ireland Hospice Redevelopment fund for the next two financial years. He said that Belfast City Council had requested that all other Councils in Northern Ireland give consideration to making a similar gesture by providing financial support towards the building of a new hospice on Somerton Road.

Following discussion, it was agreed any financial support from Council would be directed towards the local hospice in the north-west region.

**Future EU Projects:** It was agreed that the Director of Development would organise a workshop to discuss projects that fit into the various themes of new funding programmes.

**Royal Air Force Association:** Members discussed a request from the Royal Air Forces Association for use of Council dias during celebrations to mark the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Forces Association and the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Assistance was also requested in transporting a temporary flag pole from the United Services Club and erecting this adjacent to the saluting dias.

After discussion, it was agreed that decision on the request would be deferred to Tuesday 21 May 2013 to give members time to consider the contents of the letter of request.

**NEXT MEETING – 18 June 2013**

**THE BUSINESS CONCLUDED AT 8.50 PM**

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