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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting No. 197 held in the Borough Offices, Riada House, on Monday 20th October 2008 at 3.30pm.

In the Chair Councillor I Stevenson

Members **Aldermen**
F Campbell
C Cousley
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan
J Finlay
M McCamphill
T McKeown
A Patterson

Apologies: **Aldermen**
H Connolly

Councillors
B Kennedy
E Robinson
T Wilson

In Attendance: Chief Executive
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Committee Clerk

197.1 MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 196 on 15th September 2008

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of committee meeting, No. 196, on 15th September 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

197.2 PROGRAMME UPDATE

Councillor Finlay reported on the recent visit by delegates from Vanves. He thanked the Head of Corporate and Development Services for her hard work and effort in organising and providing support for the visit.

Councillor Finlay also praised the work of the Twinning Association remarking on their successful dinner and fundraising efforts. He thanked the Councillors for their support.

The Head of Corporate and Development Services thanked Councillor Finlay for his kind remarks and support during their visit and acknowledged the work of others "behind the scenes".

* **Councillor Cavlan and Alderman Cousley joined the meeting at 3.34pm.**

The Head of Corporate and Development Services presented the Programme Update adding information on further progress (attached as Appendix 1).

* **Councillor Patterson joined the meeting at 3.35pm.**

A discussion followed on the preparation of capital projects and programmes by Councils, in preparation for the project call in January 2009. The main capital scheme submitted was Drumaheglis development.

In response to Councillor Finlay, the Chief Executive agreed to confirm the ranking of Drumaheglis Marina in the Corporate Plan. Councillor Finlay was keen that those projects with a ranking of 1 be completed prior to the addition projects but accepted that this funding opportunity should not be missed.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

to recommend that consultancy support be secured to assist with project development and funding bids for the rural development programmes, cost being met from existing budget.

In response to Councillor McCamphill, the Head of Corporate and Development Services confirmed that the town area is excluded from the programme. Retail businesses are also excluded from DETI and Interreg.

* **Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 4.03pm.**

Alderman Campbell expressed his concerns regarding changing status of the partnership to a company limited by guarantee, under which members allegiance would be to company and not Council.

The LSP Project Officer has returned from maternity leave to her post until end of December 2008 when LSP will close. The final process of company closure will be completed by the Office of Chief Executive, after the closure of the LSP to comply with legal timetable.

The Head of Corporate and Development Services reported on a meeting held with Fuse FM who have obtained a broadcasting licence from 22 November 2008 to 20 December 2008 from the Music Centre Building and are interested in providing the

Christmas music in the town centre. Technical issues are currently being investigated.

Members noted the proposed Christmas entertainment by Council and other groups and a number of members welcomed the showcasing of local talent.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

to recommend permission be given to Fuse FM to broadcast their shows in the Town Centre (22 November – 20 December 2008) during the usual times..

* **Alderman Simpson left the meeting at 4.29pm.**

The committee meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes and recommenced at 4.40pm.

Arising from discussion on townscape scheme Councillor McKeown requested that the Road Safety Committee be consulted on the proposals.

The Head of Corporate and Development Services agreed to include this Committee on the list of those to be consulted.

197.3 BALLYMONEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

The Head of Corporate and Development Services reported that Ballymoney Resource Centre held an extraordinary general meeting in connection with their move to limited company status. Invitations were circulated for Board members. A copy of memorandums and articles is being examined to confirm if Council can participate under the legislative power available to it to form and participate in limited companies.

197.4 NORTH ANTRIM COMMUNITY NETWORK

North Antrim Community Network emailed Council seeking support for a bid for funding from DARD. After consultation with the Chief Executive a letter has been sent, within the limited timescale available, confirming Council's financial support for the company and its operational plans which provide a wide range of services to groups in the Borough.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED:**

to recommend Council endorse by formal letter of support to the North Antrim Community Network's bid to DARD for funding.

* **Councillor McCamphill left the meeting at 4.54pm.**

197.5 PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Head of Corporate and Development Services presented a briefing to members on community support/services provided by Office of Chief Executive and the two directorates and support provided by other bodies. A copy of the Community Development Tree was circulated to members. (Attached as Appendix 2).

* **Alderman Simpson joined the meeting at 5.05pm.**

Guidance was sought from members regarding the way forward. Given members desire to provide additional support to the community sector in development projects for the next round of EU funding.

* **Alderman Simpson left the meeting at 5.32pm.**

After discussion it was agreed that options will be prepared to be considered by Committee.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 5.39pm.

Appendices attached:

Appendix 1 – Programme Update

Appendix 2 - Presentation Slides and Activity Tree

APPENDIX 1

Programme Update

PROGRAMME UPDATE @ 20 October 2008

Programme	Status
Peace III	<p>Re-advertisement for social partners (2nd call) closed. Interview process in place. TU representation to be addressed and poor response to 2nd call for social partners.</p> <p>SEUPB comments on governance arrangements received</p> <p>Consultation re TUPE continues, legal advice expected shortly.</p> <p>SEUPB Roadshows, Jan 09 in advance of calls for applications – request for three to be delivered in region.</p> <p>Letter of Offer received from SEUPB and funding issues being discussed including request for uplift in admin budget (concern at part of cost of delivery will fall on Councils)</p> <p>Issue re power of lead Council to Act (LG Act,S19) and SEUPB requirement for decisions not to ratify partnership decisions to have 65% majority and potential conflict of interest re membership JC/Partnership being addressed.</p> <p>Assistance from Community Relations Council and Border Action available.</p> <p>CE/Director/HOS meeting to be held in next few weeks to consider issues.</p>
Rural Development	<p>Updated Strategy 08-13 submitted to DARD 24.9.08 – response awaited.</p> <p>Additional animation funding awarded to Cluster by DARD and authority to proceed to recruit staff.</p> <p>DARD issue re legal power of councils to deliver rural development being discussed. DARD unwilling to indemnify lead council and JC to deliver RD Programme and progressing body corporate legislation via NIA Agriculture Committee 21.10.08. (expected to be in place Dec 08).</p> <p>DARD request for cluster to proceed now to recruit, establish admin units, open calls and assess projects but not issue offers – not being progressed until legal issues sorted.</p> <p>DARD invite Councils to develop projects for submission Jan 09 call. Agreed.</p> <p>Strategic Jobs for village regeneration will be funded – Moyle DC leading proposal.</p>
EU competitiveness programme (DETI)	<p>Council Tender Support Programme submitted for funding (Cluster wide)</p> <p>Food Programme outline developed (Moyle DC Led) (Cluster wide) – work commenced on production of directory and sign up of businesses.</p> <p>Trade Development Programme developed (Coleraine BC led) (Cluster-wide) – proposal developed.</p>
EU Interreg Programme (NEP)	<p>Multi-Annual Plan Update – attached. Projects approved and others to appeal.</p> <p>KPMG recommendations on corporate governance received – to be considered</p> <p>NEP conference re. cross border collaboration event held 15.10.08</p>
LSP	98.61% achieved against N+2 targets

	celebration brochure and event planned November 2008-10-16 wind up procedures and closure arrangements agreed LSP closure 30.12 2008 with final closure of company by Council 3 months after
Town Centre Programmes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christmas Events & Marketing Programme developed 2. Town Streetscape (Main Street) – plans & costings developed and establishment of consultation group for town plan agreed. 3. LOTS scheme ongoing 4. Property Regeneration Schemes ongoing – Old Church School (community use) and Music Centre (educational/cultural use) 5. Town planning issues being progressed on behalf of businesses.
NI Broadband Fund	Call for expressions of interest – no interest expressed
Tourism Product	New Equestrian Product – Sheans Horse Farm Trekking Centre, Armoy. Further information to be provided
North Antrim Business Awards	Presentation Event held 17 th October. A number of local businesses successful. Full details of winners to be provided for next meeting.
International Links – Vanves	Visit by Vanves Delegation 10-13 October. NI Tour, including Ballymoney, planned May 2009.

NEP MULTI-ANNUAL PLAN (Status as @ 13th October 2008)

		Current Estg Interreg Awarded	Plus Interreg Projected ?		
Enterprise (€25m available to P-ships?)	Sub-Regional Lead			Rol Partner	Scottish Partner(s)
Innovation and Growth - €980k approved	Udaras/NEP	800,000	800,000	Udaras	
Think Big Think Food?	Coleraine BC	?	500,000	Udaras	North Ayrshire Council
Market Towns - refusal	Newtownabbey BC	0		Cavan Co Co	
Water Management - refusal	Antrim BC	0		Monaghan Co Co	
	Estg	800,000	1,300,000		
Tourism - (€15m to P-ships?)	Sub-Regional Lead	L o Offer?		Rol Partner	Scottish Partner(s)
Sustainable Island Tourism - approved	Moyle DC	?	400,000	Donegal Co Co	Highlands Council
Causeway Connections - approved	CCAG RTP	?	1,125,000	Donegal Co Co	Solway Heritage Trust
Gobbins & Slieve League - approved	Imeal Tra	?	1,300,000	Donegal Co Co	
NCN - Dumfries 2 Dundalk - approved	Sustrans	?	400,000	Louth Co Co	D & Galloway Council
Biker Road Trip?	Imeal Tra	?	400,000	Imeal Tra	D&G Leader
Endangered native birds - refusal	RSPB	0		Irish Birds	RSPB Scotland
	Estg	-	3,625,000		
Collaboration (€15m to P-ships?)	Sub-Regional Lead	L o Offer?		Rol Partner	Scottish Partner(s)
Absenteeism?	Antrim BC	385,000	385,000	Monaghan Co Co	
A Shared Heritage?	Mid Antrim Museums	385,000	385,000	Donegal Co Co	D & Galloway Council
Business Improvement Districts?	Ballymena BC	600,000	600,000	Sligo Co Co	S Ayr & Stirling councils
NEP Collaboration initiative?	NEP	200,000	200,000	Whole eligible area	Whole IVA eligible area
Bedrock for lifelong activity - refusal	Antrim BC	0		Donegal Co Co	D & G & East Ayrshire
Emergency Planning - refusal	Antrim BC	0		Louth Co Co	D & Galloway Council
Sustainable Homes Pilot - refusal	Antrim BC	0		Louth Co Co	
	Estg	1,570,000	1,570,000		
Energy Measure (€10m in total)	Sub-Regional Lead	L o Offer?		Rol Partner	Scottish Partner(s)
Off-shore islands Energy project?	Moyle DC	0	600,000	Donegal Co Co	Highland Council
PROJECT TOTALS		2,370,000	7,095,000		
plus NEP governance @ circa 10% of total costs			709,500.0		
TOTAL AWARD to NEP?		£Stg	7,804,500		

Other 'NE' projects outside NEP MAP =

Sailwest - (approved in principle by Tourism SC)	Donegal Co Co	4,000,000		Donegal, Sligo	5 out of 6 scottish councils
KITE (€3m now approved by Enterprise SC)	NRC	3,000,000		Sligo IT	Ayr College
STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths)	NEELB	?	600,000	Monaghan VEC	
(STEM under collaboration - still to be considered)		7,000,000	7,600,000		

In addition there are several other projects already funded that will have a direct/positive impact in NE eg. new fibre optic cable from Coleraine to Iceland, Tradelinks version 2 etc.

APPENDIX 2

Presentation Slides and Activity Tree



Community Support
Oct 08

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Borough Community Development Activity Tree

