

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**Development Committee Meeting No 198 - 17th November 2008****Table of Contents**

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting No. 198 held in the Borough Offices, Riada House, on Monday 17th November 2008 at 4.25pm.

In the Chair Councillor I Stevenson

Members

Aldermen
F Campbell
H Connolly
J Simpson

Councillors
J Finlay
M McCamphill
A Patterson
E Robinson

Apologies:

Councillors
B Kennedy
R Wilson

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

198.1 MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 198 on 20th October 2008

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Connolly and
AGREED:

that the minutes of committee meeting, No. 197, on 20th October 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

198.2 PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Head of Corporate and Development Services presented the programme update which took account of meetings on Peace III and Rural Development and responded to members' questions. (attached as appendix 1)

* **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 4.34pm**

It was noted that neither the Peace III nor Rural Development Programmes were open for applications. However, preparatory work was being undertaken by council

officers to develop programmes to address aspects of the strategy which had been developed following wide consultation. In response to Councillor McCamphill, the Chief Executive updated members on the current situation on DARD seeking legislation regarding body corporate.

With reference to International Links, Councillor Robinson reported that the Twinning Association had considered issues raised on a recent visit by Vanves Delegation and were pursuing ideas with regard to involvement of youth organisations in exchanges and the possibility of creating a youth forum. Alderman Campbell and the Mayor welcomed this initiative.

With regards to Rural Development it was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED:**

- (1) to recommend that the Chief Executive sign on Council's behalf the revised memorandum of understanding to cover the additional animation funding of £72,400.***
- (2) to recommend that existing nominations to Joint Committee and LAG should be retained for the remainder of the term of the current Council,***

198.3 FLOODING MEADOWS ESTATE

At a previous Council meeting it had been agreed that Town Councillors take the lead on the flooding issue at Meadows estate. Councillor Finlay highlighted the excellent work carried out by Council during the flooding. Councillor Robinson commented on the quick response of Ballymoney Borough Council to the flooding and requested that Development Committee express its thanks to the officers involved.

It was noted that Council's assistance is sought in resolving the following multi-agency problems identified:

1. Planning Service should be strongly advised to withdraw planning permission granted to a developer to build dwellings on a floodplain immediately beside 'The Meadows' (BT53 6AX). A photographic montage of the development site flooded was circulated, including photographs showing the impact of flooding within 'The Meadows'.
2. The Rivers Agency should be required to put in place adequate flood defences as the existing flood defences failed.
3. Road Service should be required to redirect the storm water, which flows like a river from Charlotte Street into 'The Meadows'. The underground drainage system from Charlotte Street should also bypass 'The Meadows' and not be routed through this residential area.

The outfall from Ballybrakes Road Sewage Works discharges a few yards upstream of 'The Meadows' into the Ballymoney river, rerouting this outfall to the

downstream side of 'The Meadows' would alleviate a fairly obvious hazard during flooding

* **Alderman Simpson joined the meeting at 4.50pm**

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED:**

to arrange a meeting with Town Councillors to agree on how this matter might be best progressed.

198.4 BUDGET

Estimated budget information circulated to members (attached as Appendix 2), was tabled. The Head of Development and Corporate Services provided further explanation on budgets and sought comments from members. The budget, with other service budgets, would be considered by Council at meetings set to consider the draft rates for 2009-10.

* **Councillor Patterson left the meeting at 5.05pm**

198.5 SISTER CITIES CONFERENCE N.I. 2009

Details on Sister Cities Conference N.I. 2009 have been circulated to members for information. Councillor Robinson indicated that members of the Twinning Association were interested in supporting and attending the event.

The Head of Corporate and Development Services informed members further information is to follow on exhibition opportunities and the Mayor outlined the benefits gained at the last conference through promoting the region during the conference and encouraged members to consider taking a promotional stand for the NI event. The matter will be brought to committee when information is available as to charge etc.

198.6 COUNCIL PROPERTY – MAIN STREET

The Chief Executive gave an update on issues relating to trespass on Council property, Main Street and Council's planning application to develop its site. Members reinforced the need to protect the Council's interest.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 5.20pm.

Appendices attached:

Appendix 1 – Programme Update

Appendix 2 – Budget 2009-10 (draft)

APPENDIX 1

Programme Update

PROGRAMME UPDATE @ 17th November 2008

Programme	Status
Peace III	<p>Social Partners – 10 appointed after 2nd call and two vacancies to be processed by appointment panel (including ICTU rep)</p> <p>SEUPB don't require Joint Committee (lead Council important for them) but content with this structure (SEUPB to have observer status at meetings)</p> <p>Manager post advertised 14.11.08</p> <p>Funding of legal advice re TUPE being sought from SEUPB from PII . (Legal advice on TUPE received)</p> <p>Offer £3.6M received – additional management costs from 10 – 14.3% being sought from SEUPB – agreed no Council's contributions.</p> <p>Implementation plan being prepared by lead Council, with key milestones for next year</p> <p>N+2 targets demanding due to delay in getting PIII on ground – unspent money will be reallocated.</p> <p>Application by council for PIII funding for project[s] being considered.</p> <p>PIII arrangements 2011-2013 re. RPA being discussed SEUPB/Clusters</p>
Rural Development	<p>Strategy assessment – Economic Appraisal underway.</p> <p>Final allocation expected December 2008</p> <p>Animation funding extended by £110,000 max. bid £72,400 approved by JC - Recommend signing of revised memorandum of understanding to cover this extension.</p> <p>DARD progressed body corporate legislation (JC) through NIA Agr Cttee – detail awaited – outcome expected December 2008. Council's may need to take legal advice.</p> <p>Formal letter of offer expected to JC by March 2009</p> <p>Arrangements for regional marketing campaign launch being progressed.</p> <p>RDC appointed to establish rural network for NI – designed to help and support the implementation and delivery of the RD program and includes training and development programme – 1st meeting 24/11.</p> <p>Recruitment process for staff commenced November 2008.</p> <p>First call for applications expected Feb/Mar 09</p> <p>Recommend Existing nominations to JC and LAG should be retained for remainder of term of current council.</p> <p>Travel expenses – Councillors to claim from Council, social partners from LAG – 18/7/08 is eligible date.</p>
EU competitiveness programme (DETI)	<p>Tender Support Programme submitted for funding (Ballymoney BC led) (Cluster wide) – response awaited.</p> <p>Food Programme outline developed (Moyle DC Led) (Cluster wide) – work continues on production of directory and sign up of businesses.</p>

		Trade Development Programme developed (Coleraine BC led) (Cluster-wide) – proposal developed.
EU Programme (NEP)	Interreg	AGM and Board Meeting 19.11.08 KPMG recommendations on corporate governance received – to be considered Multi-Annual Plan process ongoing
LSP		Celebration Event 11 th December. Wind up procedures and closure arrangements progressing towards closure 31.12.08 with closure of company 3 months after.
Town Programmes	Centre	1. Christmas Events & Marketing Programme launched – Switch On 27.11.08 2. Town Streetscape (Main Street) – plans & costings developed and establishment of consultation group for town plan agreed. 3. LOTS scheme ongoing – update meeting with NIHE and promotion of interest launched. 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. 6. Linenhall Street Service Area interim control arrangements being progressed
Firmus Awards	Community	The awards applications have closed and been assessed and will be presented 27 November
47 High Street		Note that this garage at Council's rear entrance is the subject of planning permission for change of use to shop / office.
Regional Development Strategy		Sub-Regional Workshops to take place 13.11.08 – 5.12.08 Reports on Business Land Study and NI Key Settlement Study, prepared for DRD tabled. Issues arising being discussed by CE/HOS in Cluster with view to additional work being commissioned with regard to growth potential of cluster
Flooding Estate	Meadows	Consultation Committee decided that Ballymoney Councillors group meet to deal with flooding issues. Recommend that committee consider rationale for this meeting (details of assistance sought set out in note 1 below.
International Links – Vanves		Visit by Vanves Delegation 10-13 October. NI Tour, including Ballymoney, planned May 2009.
North Antrim Business Awards		A schedule of the 2008 Award winners was circulated.

Note 1.

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APPENDIX 2

Budget 2009-10 (draft)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2009-10			
Expenditure			
	Salaries	£ 51,928.00	£ 75,381.00
	Travel/Subsistence	£ 3,000.00	£ 4,800.00
DSD/etc	Town Marketing Plan	£ 59,949.00	£ 60,000.00
	Town Warden/EIS	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,350.00
EU	Rural Dev Program	£ 10,000.00	£ 15,000.00
I/Egg	N.East Partnership	£ 5,000.00	£ 6,000.00
	Origin Market	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
	publicity/printing	£ 1,000.00	£ 7,000.00
	Website Hosting	£ 300.00	£ 600.00
	StreetScape Scheme		£ 5,000.00
	Peace III		£ 6,000.00
DETI	Competitiveness Program	£ 60,000.00	£ 80,000.00
		£ 202,677.00	£ 271,631.00
Income			
	Grant BSP	£ 30,000.00	
	Grant DSD etc	£ 31,849.00	£ 30,000.00
	Other Income	£ 7,047.00	
		£ 68,896.00	£ 30,000.00
		£ 133,781.00	£ 204,584.00