

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure and Amenities Committee
Meeting No: 330 – 17th April 2007**

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330.3	NIE Wayleave at the Council's Knockard Park Play Area	<i>Grant a Wayleave to Northern Ireland Electricity plc.</i>
330.4	WALK Ballymoney	<i>Thank the Countryside Officer for her work regarding the 'WALK Ballymoney' project.</i>
330.5	Countryside Walks Programme	<i>For information.</i>
330.6	Ballymoney Drama Festival	<i>Correspondence noted.</i>
330.7	NITB TDS Funding	<i>Council to progress with its NITB Stage II TDS Funding application for the project at Drumaheglis Marina.</i>
330.8	'Connect 2' Big Lottery Living Landmarks Project	<i>Note that the required 'Long List' submission was made to Sustrans by its deadline.</i>
330.9	Good Relations Action Plan 2007/08	<i>Draft Action Plan 2007/08 to be accepted and submitted to the Community Relations Unit for grant funding.</i>
330.10	Community Relations Grants	<i>Grant £350 each to 1) Stranoum Ulster Scots and Heritage Society and 2) Carnany Community Association.</i>
330.11	Community Support Grants	<i>Grant £100 each to 1) Shiels Court Residents Association, 2) Carnany Community Association and 3) Stranocum Ulster Scots and Heritage Society</i>
330.12	Ballymoney Museum	<i>Stage II application submitted to Heritage Lottery Fund.</i>
330.13	Kennedy International NW200 2007 Corporate Hospitality Package	<i>Mayor, Leisure and Amenities Committee Chair, Museum Manager and Head of Leisure Services to represent the Council at the North West 200.</i>

**Ballymoney Borough Council
Leisure & Amenities Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting No 330 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney
on Tuesday, 17th April 2007 at 7.30pm**

IN THE CHAIR: F Campbell

PRESENT

Aldermen
H Connolly
J Simpson
C Cousley, Deputy Mayor

Councillors
A Cavlan
M McCamphill
D McKay, MLA
A Patterson
E Robinson

APOLOGIES

J Finlay
I Stevenson
M Storey, MLA
R Wilson (Vice Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Borough Services
Items [1-8]
Director of Central & Leisure Services
Items [9-13]
Countryside Officer
Items [4,5,8]
Committee Clerk

330.1 MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting No. 329 – 20th March 2007 were circulated.

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

***that the minutes of the committee's meeting No 329, on 20th
March 2007, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.***

AMENITIES

330.2 CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Director of Borough Services advised that correspondence relating to the Council's withdrawal of financial support from:

- a) Lower Bann Partnership and
- b) Lough Neagh and Lower Bann Advisory Committee

had been received. He **RECOMMENDED** that each organisation be invited to make a presentation to Committee – the Partnership in May and the Advisory Committee in June.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED**:

to recommend to Council that delegates from the respective organisations be invited to make presentations to Committee as follows-

- (a) Lower Bann Partnership – 15th May and***
- (b) Lough Neagh & Lower Bann Advisory Committee – 19th June.***

330.3 NIE WAYLEAVE

NIE has advised that it would wish Council to grant it a wayleave so that it can alter its equipment to permit an extension to be erected at 12 Knockard Park, Armoy, Ballymoney. The proposals involve the placing of 2 poles, overhead conductors, underground cable and earth wire at the above location and the wayleave relates to the Council owned land known as Knockard Park Play Area.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council enter into a Wayleave Agreement with Northern Ireland Electricity plc in respect of NIE proposals at Knockard Park Play Area subject to the usual stipulations concerning reinstatement.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED**:

to recommend that Council enter into a Wayleave Agreement with Northern Ireland Electricity plc in respect of NIE proposals at Knockard Park Play Area subject to the usual stipulations concerning reinstatement.

330.4 WALK BALLYMONEY

Attention is drawn to the Council's new walking product 'WALK Ballymoney' which has been developed by the Office of the Chief Executive co-funded by the EU Building Sustainable Prosperity Programme (DETI) greatly assisted by the Countryside Officer – Sonya Crawford.

The 'WALK Ballymoney' pack highlights a range of walks to suit all ages at

- 1) Drumaheglis
- 2) Highway to Health
- 3) Metal Bridge
- 4) Riverside Park
- 5) The Milibern
- 6) Breen Forest Walk

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED**:

to recommend to Council that it thank the Countryside Officer for her important contribution to the 'WALK Ballymoney' project.

330.5 COUNTRYSIDE WALKS PROGRAMME

Attention is drawn to the Council's Countryside Walks Programme as undernoted –

Saturday, 26 May 2007

Breen/Milibern Forest Charity Walk for Ulster Cancer Foundation

Wednesday, 6 June 2007

Balnamore Mill/O'Harabrook Estate Walk

Monday, 18 June 2007

Culmore House and Farm Walk

Thursday, 28 June 2007

Going Nordic in Riverside Park, Ballymoney

Thursday, 5 July 2007

Movanagher Canal/Fish Farm Walk

Monday, 16 July 2007

Lissanoure Castle Estate Walk

Thursday, 26 July 2007

Corkey Wind Farm Walk

Wednesday, 1 August 2007

Gruig Standing Stone Walk

330.6 BALLYMONEY DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Director advised that correspondence had been received from the Secretary of Ballymoney Drama Festival, thanking the Council's Head of Corporate & Development Services, its Cultural Services Officer and the Town Hall Building Superintendent for their assistance during the Drama Festival.

330.7 NITB TOURIST DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FUNDING APPLICATION

The Director intimated that correspondence had been received from the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (NITB) on 16th April 2007, advising Council that its application for a multi-purpose building at Drumaheglis Marina & Caravan Park had been selected from the TDS Capital Project Grant Scheme [2006-2008] Reserve List to proceed to Stage 2 of the application process. He advised that it was necessary to bring this matter to this Committee as the NITB deadline for Stage 2 applications was Friday, 4th May 2007. In response to members' questions both the Chair and Director gave background information on the proposed project. Members were advised that it would be extremely difficult, given the limited time available, to submit the

necessary application and supporting documentation including a business case.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED**:

to recommend to Council that it progress a Stage 2 Funding Application to the NITB Tourist Development Scheme [2006-08] in respect of the Council's Multi-Purpose Building Project at Drumaheglis Marina and Caravan Park.

330.8 `CONNECT 2' BIG LOTTERY LIVING LANDMARKS PROJECT

As members are aware the proposed Connect 2 Scheme has made it onto the Sustrans `long list' of projects for further consideration. Sustrans has described the Ballymoney project thus –

“A new bridge over the railway is the focus of this route which will create a promenade route from the Leisure Centre on the south side of town, to the town centre and along the green corridor of the Riverside Park along the way. The real challenge is to draw the station towards the town and make the approach to the shops and the schools an attractive experience.”

As was required a second more detailed submission was made by the deadline set by Sustrans `fleshing out' to a greater extent the Ballymoney proposal. It is proposed to make a presentation to Members on the proposed Connect 2 Scheme at the Committee meeting on 17th April.

Both the Countryside Officer and the Director contributed to a presentation to members regarding Ballymoney's `Connect 2' Big Lottery Living Landmarks Project and responded to members' questions. Members were appreciative of the work done to date and the imaginative scope of the proposals designed to improve community connections.

- * **Alderman Cousley left the meeting at 8.00pm.**
- * **Director of Central and Leisure Services arrived at 8.10pm.**
- * **Alderman Simpson left the meeting at 8.20pm.**
- * **Alderman Connolly left the meeting at 8.25pm**
- * **Director of Borough Services left the meeting at 8.25pm.**
- * **Countryside Officer left the meeting at 8.25pm.**

LEISURE SERVICES

330.9 GOOD RELATIONS ACTION PLAN 2007/08

The programme of work detailed in this one year action plan will enable the Council to achieve some of the objectives detailed in its new Good Relations Strategy 2007 – 2009.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Draft Action Plan 2007/08 is accepted and submitted to the Community Relations Unit for grant funding.

Members discussed a number of the events within the action plan and the Director responded to members' questions.

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

to recommend to Council that the Draft Good Relations Action Plan 2007/08 is accepted and submitted to the Community Relations Unit for grant funding.

* Alderman Simpson rejoined the meeting at 8.30pm.

330.10 COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- 10.1** Stranocum Ulster Scots & Heritage Society for assistance towards a 700th Anniversary "Robert the Bruce" Community Festival.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED**:

to recommend to Council to grant Stranocum Ulster Scots & Heritage Society £350 for assistance towards a 700th Anniversary "Robert the Bruce" Community Festival.

- 10.2** Carnany Community Association for assistance towards their Community Fun Week.

It was proposed by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Alderman Simpson and **AGREED**:

to recommend to Council to grant Carnany Community Association £350 for assistance towards their Community Fun Week.

330.11 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

The following applications for grants were considered:

- 11.1** Shiels Court Residents Association for assistance towards a bus trip for the residents.

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

to recommend to Council to grant Shiels Court Residents Association £100 for assistance towards a bus trip for the residents.

- 11.2** Carnany Community Association for a seeding grant to reform the parent and toddler group.

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

to recommend to Council to grant Carnany Community Association £100 for a seeding grant to reform the parent and toddler group.

- 11.3** Stranocum Ulster Scots & Heritage Society for assistance towards the Horse Shoe Competition and a Fancy Dress Parade which are being held during their Community Festival.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Patterson and **AGREED:**

to recommend to Council to grant Stranocum Ulster Scots & Heritage Society £100 for assistance towards the Horse Shoe Competition and a Fancy Dress Parade which are being held during their Community Festival.

330.12 BALLYMONEY MUSEUM

The Stage 11 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund was submitted on 28th March 2007. Heritage Lottery have advised that it will take at least four months for the assessment of the Council's application.

330.13 KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL NW200 2007 CORPORATE HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

The Council at its meeting in January 2007 approved sponsorship of £8,000 for the 600cc Supersport Race at the North West 200. As a sponsor Council has been given four silver package places for members/officers. The silver package includes entrance to the paddocks, buffet lunch and a complimentary programme.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED:**

to recommend that the Council nominate the Mayor, Leisure and Amenities Committee Chair, Museum Manager and Head of Leisure Services to be representatives at the North West 200, 2007.

An amendment to the original proposal was made by Alderman Simpson, to nominate three councillors and one officer. This was not seconded.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.