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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 371 held in the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, on Tuesday 20th April 2010 at 7.00pm.

IN THE CHAIR: I Stevenson

PRESENT: **Aldermen**
C Cousley
H Connolly
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan
J Finlay
M McCamphill
R Halliday

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Central & Leisure Services [Item 1-6]
Director of Borough Services [Item 7-19]
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES: Alderman F Campbell
Councillor A Patterson

371.1 MINUTES

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

that the Minutes of Meeting No LAC 370 – 16th March 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

LEISURE SERVICES**371.2 JOEY DUNLOP LEISURE CENTRE – CLOSURE ON BANK HOLIDAYS DURING 2010/11**

For economic reasons it is recommended that the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre close on the following bank holidays in 2010/11

Sunday	4 th April 2010	Easter Sunday	- Closed
Monday	5 th April 2010	Easter Monday	- Closed
Monday	12 th July 2010		- Closed
Tuesday	13 th July 2010		- Closed
Saturday	25 th Dec 2010	Christmas Day	- Closed
Sunday	26 th Dec 2010	Boxing Day	- Closed
Monday	27 th Dec 2010		- Closed
Friday	31 st Dec 2010	New Years Eve	- Close at 3.30pm
Saturday	1 st Jan 2011	New Years Day	- Closed
Sunday	2 nd Jan 2011		- Closed

Staff have agreed to take leave on Monday 5th April, Monday 27th December and Sunday 2nd January.

- * **Councillor Halliday arrived at the meeting at 7.01pm during consideration of the above matter.**
- * **Councillor Cavlan arrived at the meeting at 7.03pm during consideration of the above matter.**

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

to recommend that Council close the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre on the above stated days in 2010/2011.

Councillor Stevenson commended staff for their co-operation to facilitate the closure during the holiday periods.

371.3 GOOD RELATIONS ACTION PLAN 2010-2011

The Good Relations Action Plan for 2010-2011 was circulated at the meeting.

The Director advised that the plan details the projects to be undertaken during the year and that it has been submitted to the Community Relations Unit for funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the action plan is referred to the Good Relations Sub Committee for further consideration of various projects.

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

to recommend that council refer the Good Relations Action Plan 2010-2011 to the Good Relations Sub Committee for further consideration of various projects.

371.4 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS

The following application for grant was considered:

- (i) Dunloy Comhaltas Group for assistance towards the County Antrim Fleadh.
Amount requested £350.00

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Dunloy Comhaltas Group is granted the amount requested.

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

to recommend that Council grant Dunloy Comhaltas Group £350 for assistance towards the County Antrim Fleadh.

371.5 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL FUND 2010/11

The Director advised that the closing date for applications under the Community Festival Fund is Thursday 29th April 2010.

She advised that the applications received will be tabled for committee consideration at its meeting on 18th May 2010.

371.6 GOOD RELATIONS SHARED SPACE WORKSHOP

The Director reminded members that the second workshop will take place on Wednesday 28th April 2010 from 9.30am-1.00pm at Drumadoon Hall, Cloughmills, after which lunch will be provided.

Councillor Stevenson, having attended the first workshop, commented that the workshop was very worthwhile.

- * **Director of Central & Leisure Services left the meeting at 7.22pm.**
- * **Director of Borough Services arrived at the meeting at 7.24pm.**

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- * **Committee Clerk left the meeting to undertake admin duties at 7.25pm.**

371.7 USE OF RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY

A request has been received from Cancer Research UK – Ballymoney Local Committee seeking permission to again use Riverside Park as a venue for its annual charity fun run. The preferred date is Friday 28th May 2010.

Given the event's history of being well planned and organized and the charitable status of the fun run **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council gives its approval and support to this request.

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

to recommend that Council grant Cancer Research UK – Ballymoney Local Committee, permission to use Riverside Park as a venue for its annual charity fun run to take place on Friday 28th May 2010.

371.8 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

Applications have been received as undernoted for the erection of memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery.

Section I3 No. 151 152

Mr. David Houston, 42 Bannview Park, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone & Base.

Section I2 No. 57

Mrs. Boyd, 16 Willowdale, Bendooragh, Ballymoney

All Polished Black Granite Headstone & Base

Section I3 No. 48

Ms Amanda Crawford, 45 Semicock Road, Ballymoney
Black Granite Headstone and Base

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant permission to the above applicants to erect memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

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

to recommend that Council grant permission to the above applicants to erect memorials in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

371.9 RASHARKIN CEMETERY MEMORIALS

Application has been received as undernoted for the erection of memorial in Rasharkin Cemetery.

Section A No. 11

Mr. Gordon Kennedy, 51 The Crescent, Coleraine
All Polished Black Book Headstone & Base.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council grant permission to the above applicant to erect memorial in Rasharkin Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

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

to recommend that Council grant permission to the above applicant to erect a memorial in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

371.10 FENCING AT FULTON PARK, BALNAMORE

Further to the Committee's recommendation at its March meeting that Council be minded to give favourable consideration to the issue raised by a householder whose property borders the soccer pitch at Fulton Park regarding the augmentation of certain fencing, I am pleased to report that the necessary work is being undertaken on foot of an acceptable revised cost estimate.

* **Committee Clerk returned to the meeting at 7.30pm.**

371.11 MILK CUP ORGANISING COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the Milk Cup Organising Committee seeking Council support regarding its representations to government to assist with event funding.

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

to recommend that Council lend its support to the Milk Cup Organising Committee regarding its representations to government to assist with event funding.

Alderman Simpson suggested that Council also refer the Milk Cup Organising Committee to the Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Consortium.

- * **Councillor Finlay arrived at the meeting at 7.32pm during consideration of the above matter.**

371.12 BOUNDARY FENCE AT MCCAMPHILL PARK, DUNLOY

Correspondence has been received from a householder whose property borders the Council's play area in Dunloy drawing attention to the "extremely poor state of repair" of the Council's fence. The matter has been noted and is under consideration.

371.13 COUNTRYSIDE WALKS PROGRAMME 2010

The Council organised Countryside Walks Programme for 2010 has now been finalised and was previously circulated. Members are asked to commend the Programme to their constituents.

- * **Councillor Finlay left the meeting at 7.56pm.**

371.14 COLLAPSED PATH AT RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY

It is the case that the 20 no. applications for inclusion on the Council's Select List for the above project were opened on 29th March 2010 and then passed to the Council's consultants: R Robinson & Son for evaluation and report. The companies involved were –

Graham Construction	Gibson (Banbridge) Limited
Ward Contractors	Engineering Services
JMP Contracts Limited	McLaughlin & Harvey
BSG Civil Engineering Limited	A G Wilson Civil Engineering
McAvoy Construction LLP	Highway Barrier Solutions Limited
McCombe Bros (Antrim) Limited	Crawford Contracts Group Limited
Euro Services	McCallan Bros Limited
J Turley & Co Limited	Mullinsallagh Limited t/a OB Construction
P & K McKaigue Limited	T G Eakin & Sons
Piperhill Construction Limited	P Scullion Construction Limited

The Council's consultants: R. Robinson & Son furnished a report on 19th April 2010 in respect of a select list for repairs to retaining walls at Riverside Park, Ballymoney.

The Council's consultants advised –

In response to the public advertisement placed, a total of 32 questionnaires were requested. 20 applications were received. These applications have been assessed by the consultants on the basis of the criteria set out in the questionnaire, namely:-

Compliance with EC legislation/UK Procurement Legislation, Financial Details, quality management System, Health & Safety managements System, Environmental management System, Staff, Experience/References, Insurances, Service to clients. The ICE publication: Tendering for Civil Engineering Contracts recommended for use with the ICE Conditions of Contract in the United Kingdom states that – “It is generally accepted as good practice that the number of contractors invited to tender should not be less than four and not more than eight.” Taking the higher figure, the eight contractors invited to tender, in no particular order, would be -

BSG Civil Engineering, 6 Bank Square, Maghera, BT56 5AZ

McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd. 15 Trench Road, Mallusk, Newtownabbey, BT36 4TY

Gibson (Banbridge) Ltd. 1 Kilmacrew road, banbridge, Co. Down, BT32 4EL

John Graham (Dromore) Limited, t/a Graham Construction, Ballygowan Road Hillsborough, Co., Down BT26 6HX

Highway Barrier Solutions Ltd, 40 Manse Road, Castlereagh Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT8 6SA

McCombe Bros (Antrim) Ltd., Springfarm Industrial Estate, Ballymena Road, Antrim, BT41 4NT

McCallan Bros Ltd., 57 Quarry Road, Carrickmore, Co. Tyrone, BT79 9JX

Engineering Services, 105 Lisaclare Road, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, BT71 5QH

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council accept its consultants’ recommendation as to those Contractors (as detailed above) to form the select list for repairs to retaining walls at Riverside Park, Ballymoney and that the eight contractors be invited to tender for the work.

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

to recommend that Council accept its Consultants recommendation as those Contractors (as detailed above) to form the select list for repairs to retaining walls at Riverside Park, Ballymoney and that the eight contractors be invited to tender for the work.

371.15 USE OF RIVERSIDE PARK, BALLYMONEY

A further request has been received seeking permission to again use Riverside Park, Ballymoney. Ballymoney Gospel Hall would like to hold open air gospel services as undernoted:

- 1) Friday 4th June 2010 from 7.00pm to 7.30pm at the ‘Duck Pond’ car park area.
- 2) Monday 7th June 2010 from 7.00pm to 7.30pm at the Bravallen road car park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council gives its approval to this request.

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

to recommend that Council grant Ballymoney Gospel Hall the use of Riverside Park on Friday 4th June from 7.00pm to 7.30pm and Monday 7th June from 7.00pm to 7.30pm to hold open air gospel services.

371.16 CARNANY PROJECTS

Correspondence has been received from the leader of Ballymoney Streetreach which is part of the Green Pastures Church, Ballymena. As part of the work being undertaken in Carnany a number of projects to be carried out in August this year have been outlined, such as the enhancement of community flower beds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council co-operate with Ballymoney Streetreach in order that the envisaged enhancements for the benefit of Carnany might be realised.

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

to recommend that Council co-operate with Ballymoney Streetreach in order that the envisaged enhancements for the benefit of Carnany might be realised.

371.17 AMENITIES PROJECTS 2010-2011

This business, discussed by Committee in March, was deferred to the present meeting. The Chair introduced the business and members commented on which Amenities Projects they would like to see undertaken in 2010/11. The Director suggested that a Special Meeting of Committee be held in Riada House prior to the next stated meeting to consider the prioritisation of projects.

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

to recommend to Council that a Special Meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee be held on Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 5pm at Riada House to consider the prioritisation of Amenities Projects 2010/1.

371.18 HEAD OF AMENITIES

The Director advised members that the Head of Amenities, Mr Jim Graham would retire from his post at the end of April after 33 years of service with the Council. He paid tribute to the tremendous contribution Jim had made in that time to both Council and the people of Ballymoney, making reference to his role in delivering the considerable leisure infrastructure both within Ballymoney town and its rural hinterland which Council had provided. He drew attention to the fact that it was Mr Graham who had been influential in the development of the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre [formerly Riada Centre], Ballymoney Riverside Park, and latterly Riada Stadium; together with the Council's comprehensive play and sports ground provision. Alderman Connolly wholly endorsed the Director's comments and he also emphasised that Jim's outstanding service and the number of projects with which he had been involved ought to be noted. The Chair, on behalf of Committee, also extended his thanks to Jim Graham both for his long and valued service to Council and to the people of Ballymoney.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

