

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting No 379 in the Committee Room on Tuesday 21st December 2010 at 3.30 pm.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Alderman F Campbell

**PRESENT:** **Aldermen**  
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor  
H Connolly  
J Simpson

**Councillors**  
M McCamphill  
A Patterson  
I Stevenson  
J Finlay  
B Kennedy, Mayor  
C McLaughlin  
E Robinson

**APOLOGIES:** A Cavlan  
R Halliday  
T McKeown  
P McGuigan  
M Storey, MLA

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Director of Central & Leisure Services  
Committee Clerk

**379.1 MINUTES OF MEETING LAC 378 – 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

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

*to recommend that the minutes of meeting no LAC 378 – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.*

**379.2 PRESENTATION - OLD COURTHOUSE CREST (LAC 377.5 & LAC 376.16)**

Representatives from the Ballymoney Reformed Presbyterian Church were to attend committee meeting and make a presentation regarding the Old Courthouse Crest.

The Director of Central and Leisure Services advised that she had been in contact with a representative of Ballymoney Reformed Presbyterian Church both by telephone and e-mail and that the representatives of the Church would not be attending the meeting as they had no additional information to add to that already communicated in the email. The Director read the email to the meeting.

**\*Alderman Cousley joined the meeting at 3.40 p.m.**

**\*Alderman Simpson joined the meeting at 3.40 p.m.**

**\*Councillor Patterson arrived at 3.45 p.m.**

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the provision of a replica crest and the likely costs as opposed to lending the crest. The Director gave examples of possible conditions of a loan agreement and it was the view of most members that it was best to lend the original crest to the Church to be displayed in the new refurbished Church halls.

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

***to recommend to Council that the Crest be placed on loan to Ballymoney Reformed Presbyterian Church and that the Director agree the conditions of the loan with the Church Trustees.***

**379.3 PRESENTATION FROM BALLYMONEY SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Committee were to consider extending an invitation to the Sports Advisory Committee to attend the February committee meeting.

It was agreed to invite Representatives of Ballymoney Sports Advisory Committee to attend either the January or February committee meeting depending on which suited best.

**379.4 ARMOY MOTORCYCLE ROAD RACING CLUB (AMRRC) – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Chairman of AMRRC has written to the Council thanking it for its financial support for the road race in 2010 and seeking support for the race in 2011. The Chairman advises that the Club has run a very successful and productive event in the past two years and that the event is fast becoming one of the most popular road races on the racing calendar.

In 2010/11 the Council contributed £1,000.00 to AMRRC.

Committee was requested to consider the request.

**\* Declaration of Interest -**

**Councillor Kennedy, declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting at 4.15 p.m.**

Discussion ensued regarding how much the Ballymoney Borough actually benefited from the event as opposed to Armoy itself. At a request of members the Director undertook to request a copy of the Club's Accounts.

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

***to defer a decision on financial assistance to Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club (AMRRC) to the Rates meeting.***

### **379.5 NORTHERN IRELAND PROVINCIAL BOWLING ASSOCIATION VETERANS SECTION – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Hon. Secretary of the N.I. Provincial Bowling Association Veterans Section has written to the Council requesting financial assistance towards the cost of hosting a bowling match in Northern Ireland with members of the Veterans Association of the Bowling League of Ireland.

Committee was requested to consider the request.

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

*to defer a decision on financial assistance to the Northern Ireland Provincial Bowling Association Veterans Section to the Rates meeting and that the Director obtain details of the date of the event.*

**\*Councillor Kennedy, rejoined the meeting at 4.30 p.m.**

**\*Councillor Finlay joined the meeting at 4.30 p.m.**

### **379.6 THE ROUTE SINGERS – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Hon. Secretary of the Route Singers has written to the Mayor advising of a Variety Concert to be held in Dalriada School on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to celebrate 30 years of mixed choral music in Ballymoney and requesting financial assistance towards the cost of staging the concert.

Committee was requested to consider the request.

Members requested that the Director obtains information on income from ticket sales for the concert.

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

*that the request be deferred to the next meeting when further information will be available.*

### **379.7 GOOD RELATIONS GRANTS**

The following applications for grants have been received –

- (i) Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots for assistance towards a Robert Burns Cultural Night. Amount requested £350.00
- (ii) Castle Community Association for assistance towards a Reminiscence Celebration Evening. Amount requested is £350.00

It is recommended that the above 2 groups are granted £350.00 each.

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

***that the Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots and the Castle Community Association be granted £350.00 each.***

### **379.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND 2012 – REQUEST FOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

NILGA has written to the Council advising that at a recent meeting of the Local Government 2012 Olympic Committee it was agreed to request each local authority to nominate two representatives to act as a point of contact and liaison when addressing local government's impact from the Olympics 2012.

The Olympics Committee requests that Council nominate one councillor and one officer to be named ensuring that –

- Council receives relevant and important information on opportunities from the London 2012 Olympic event, that is then shared and discussed at appropriate opportunities
- Events and opportunities being taken forward by our Council can be showcased to other councils where possible.

Committee is requested to nominate two representatives.

The Director of Central and Leisure Services advised that the Council already had an officer contact within the Office of Chief Executive. She suggested that as council had established a working group comprising the Bushvale Members that it may be appropriate to nominate one of those members.

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Alderman Cousley that Councillor Stevenson be nominated.

It was proposed by Alderman Connolly, seconded by Councillor Kennedy that Alderman Campbell be nominated.

The Chairman advised that as there were two nominations a vote would be taken.

In favour of Alderman Campbell

**For (6)                      Against (3)**

In favour of Councillor Stevenson

**For (4)                      Against (3)**

The Chairman declared that Alderman Campbell be nominated as the Council representative.

**\*Alderman Cousley left the meeting at 4.50 p.m.**

### **379.9 BELFAST TELEGRAPH SPORTS AWARDS**

The Belfast Telegraph Sports Awards will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in the Ramada Hotel, Belfast. Tickets cost £60.00 each or a Table of 10 for £600.00.

Committee is requested to consider attendance at the Awards ceremony.

It was agreed that any members wishing to attend the Awards ceremony buy their own tickets.

### **379.10 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS 2011/12**

The following capital projects are proposed for 2011/12 –

#### **(i) Swimming Pool Filtration System**

The proposal is to change the water treatment in the swimming pool from Ozone to (O3) to Ultra Violet Sterilization (UV).

The ozone generator plant is approximately 15 years old and has had a considerable number of parts replaced. The estimated cost to keep the ozone generator operational per year is £12,000.00. Essential works are required within the next 12-15 months at an estimated cost of £21,000.00.

UV is now the method of water treatment for new and recently refurbished indoor multiple pools. UV is easier to operate and maintain. The estimated cost to maintain the UV system is approximately £3,000.00 per year, with the electrical cost to operate it at least 50% less than the ozone system.

The estimated cost to replace the filtration system is £60,000.00 including fees.

#### **(ii) Replacement of Synthetic Pitch Carpet**

Following an inspection of the Synthetic Pitch it was found that the carpet had worn considerably especially in the high use areas. This wear, however, is consistent with what would be expected of a pitch 11 years old. The findings would suggest that replacement may be required as early as 2011. Extending the period of use without replacement may mean that the pitch is potentially unsafe.

The cost to replace the carpet in 2011 is estimated at £150,000.00 including fees. It is assumed that the shock pad beneath the carpet is satisfactory and will not require replacing.

#### **(iii) Resurfacing Car Park at Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre**

Estimated cost to resurface and reline the car park is £25,000.00

The Director advised that the Council at the November Rates Estimates meeting requested details of proposed capital projects for 2011/12 be

presented to the appropriate committees. She further advised that the costs were best estimates as no schemes had been drawn up. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the replacement of the Synthetic Pitch Carpet and the Resurfacing of the Car Park.

The Director advised that the loan charges for the projects were included in the 2011/12 Rates Estimates considered by Council.

The Chairman explained to the Committee that the Director of Borough Services was unable to attend today's meeting to deal with the Amenities business.

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

***that the meeting be adjourned at 5.10 p.m. until after the Health and Environmental Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 at 10.00 a.m.***

**The meeting was adjourned at 5.10 pm, to be reconvened on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December following the Health and Environmental Services meeting at 10.00am.**

**THE MEETING RECONVENED ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2010 AT 11.15AM.**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Alderman F Campbell

**PRESENT:** **Aldermen**  
C Cousley, MBE, Deputy Mayor  
J Simpson

**Councillors**  
I Stevenson  
C McLaughlin  
E Robinson

**APOLOGIES:** -

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Director of Borough Services  
Committee Clerk

**379.11 MATTERS ARISING**

**Potential New Play Area at Cloughmills (Ref 378.4)**

The Director advised that given the recent poor weather conditions which had curtailed residents consultation that further consideration of the matter ought to be held over until the January Committee meeting. Councillor McLaughlin confirmed that he was happy to defer any decision until the January meeting.

**379.12 GLEBESIDE MUGA**

Councillor Stevenson advised that he wished the committee at its meeting in January to discuss the provision by Council of a Multi Use Games Arena (MUGA) at Glebeside, Ballymoney, thus giving members time to consider the matter.

In the discussion which ensued, comment was made concerning the Amenities Projects 2010-2011 budget and the Director again drew attention to the need also to consider the revenue implications of the proposed project so that adequate provision both in terms of capital and revenue might be made in the Council's 2011-2012 budget.

In response to Councilor Stevenson the Director advised that due to a lack of staff resource following the retirement of the Head of Amenities etc that a Director of Borough Services officer was not available to attend inter-agency meetings but that an appropriate mechanism had been put in place to address any issues which communities might raise.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and **AGREED:**

***to recommend that Council defer the request by Councillor Stevenson, to provide a MUGA at Glebeside, to the January Committee meeting.***

**379.13 RIVERSIDE PARK PATH COLLAPSE**

In response to a question from Councillor Stevenson, the Director clarified that the contract had been let and that that work was due to commence mid January 2011 weather permitting.

\* **Councillor Stevenson left the meeting at 11.44am.**

**379.14 RENEWAL OF PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT – CROAGHAN WAY**

Members will be aware that a public path creation agreement between Ballymoney Borough Council and the Milibern Trust has been in existence since 1997. This has allowed for the continuance of the accredited Croaghan Way hill walking route, formerly known as the Breen Forest and Milibern trails. In 2008, Scottish Woodlands Ltd informed officers that the landownership had changed from the Milibern Trust to Blakiston Houston Estates. A renewal of the agreement was sought in January 2009 and again in November 2010. Blakiston Houston Estates have recently confirmed in a letter of 17 November 2010 that they are happy to continue with the agreement on the same basis as for the Milibern Trust subject to contract and provided Council cover all associated legal fees. In this event, costs are unlikely to exceed £500 in total. The Croaghan Way has become a popular hill walking route for both visitors to the Antrim Coast & Glens AONB and charity fund raisers, scoring 2,298 hits on the Walk NI website in 2009 compared to 2,079 for the Moyle Way. There are relatively few short and medium distance walks available within the AONB and the Croaghan Way represents Ballymoney's only agreed hill walking route. It is therefore of some importance that the route is maintained by way of a renewal of the existing public path creation agreement.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council renew the public path creation agreement under the previous terms and conditions and that all legal costs in doing so are met by Council.

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

***to recommend that Council renew the public path creation agreement under the previous terms and conditions and that all legal costs in doing so are met by Council.***

**379.15 PROPOSED CANOE CAMPSITE**

CAAN (Countryside Access & Activities Network) has written to ask if Council would submit a planning application (on CAAN's behalf) for a proposed canoe campsite. The proposed site borders the River Bann and is situated near 94 Macfin Road, Ballymoney. The landowner is in agreement with the process proposed. CAAN has also indicated that the proposal will not result in any cost to Council.

This proposal represents a further step as regards improving the NI Canoe infrastructure, something Council has already previously supported when in 2005-2006 it made a contribution of £2,719 to the establishment of the Lower Bann Canoe Trail and again in 2009 when £150 was contributed to realise the Canoe Signage Strategy.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council (on behalf of CAAN) apply to Planning Service for planning approval for a proposed canoe campsite to be situated near 94 Macfin Road, Ballymoney.

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

***to recommend that Council (on behalf of CAAN) apply to Planning Service for planning approval for a proposed canoe campsite to be situated near 94 Macfin Road, Ballymoney.***

### **379.16 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIAL**

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

Section I3 No. 113

All Polished Headstone & Base.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council grant permission for the above memorial to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.

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

***to recommend that Council grant permission for the above memorial to be erected in Ballymoney Cemetery, subject to usual requirements.***

### **379.17 SPORT NI STADIA SAFETY PROGRAMME – URGENT WORKS (EQUIPMENT) LETTER OF OFFER RE RIADA STADIUM**

As members are aware an application was made on behalf of Council for financial assistance from the Stadia Safety Programme – Urgent Works (Equipment) scheme administered by Sport NI.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 Sport NI advised that it has agreed to offer Council an award of up to a maximum of £28,972 at a rate of 100% of estimated allowable expenditure of £28,972 towards the purchase of the following equipment:

- Purchase of 6 two-way communication radios (including base station & base repeater);
- Upgrade of CCTV System;
- Upgrade of PA System
- Provision of a 3m electronic access barrier; and
- Electrical installation associated with the new crowd control point.

The 'Form of Acceptance' sought by Sport NI was returned on behalf of Council on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Sport NI on 14<sup>th</sup> inst granted Council "Permission to Proceed" – the necessary work being undertaken by Braid Electrical Services Limited. It is

the case that the project must be 100% completed and all funds claimed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

Members should be aware that this project will be delivered in tandem with the Infrastructure strand which presently is at the tendering stage.

**This being all the business the meeting closed at 11.50am.**