

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
Leisure and Amenities Committee
Meeting No. 325 – 19th December 2006

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BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
Leisure & Amenities Committee

Minutes of Leisure and Amenities Meeting No 325 held in Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, 33 Garryduff Road, Ballymoney on Tuesday, 19th December 2006 at 7.00pm

IN THE CHAIR R Wilson (Vice Chair)

PRESENT

Aldermen
 J Simpson
 H Connolly
 C Cousley

Councillors
 A Cavlan
 M McCamphill
 E Robinson
 J Finlay
 D McKay
 A Patterson
 I Stevenson

APOLOGIES

F Campbell
 M Storey, MLA

IN ATTENDANCE

Director of Borough Services [Items 1-13]
 Director of Central and Leisure Services [Items 13-18]
 Chief Executive [Items 1-18]
 Corporate Project Officer

325.1 MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 324 – 21st NOVEMBER 2006

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

that the minutes of the committee's meeting No. 324, on 21st November 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

AMENITIES

325.2 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE at CLOUGHMILLS

The Director of Borough Services advised members that Council has actively sought land in Cloughmills for use as public open space for over 28 years, but success has proved elusive thus far. An opportunity has arisen for Council potentially to acquire land at Cloughmills from a willing seller in order to provide outdoor leisure and play facilities namely a play area, outdoor sports facility, multi-use pitch, associated changing accommodation with club rooms and stores together with associated car parking. The potential public open

space is situated off the Ballycreagh Road near its junction with Drumbare Road. The concept has been featured in two recent appeals before the Planning Appeals Commission where Council was represented in support of the respective appellants. It is considered that Council ought to start preparing now to deliver the facilities much needed in a community the size of Cloughmills and district. To that end **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council –

- 1 determine the facilities to be provided at Cloughmills;
- 2 engage its consultants – R Robinson & Sons to prepare the necessary drawings and cost estimates for the project;
- 3 obtain planning permission; and
- 4 engage the District Valuer in order to negotiate the purchase of the necessary land.

The Mayor, Councillor Finlay welcomed the opportunity that has arisen regarding the potential for Council to acquire land in Cloughmills but raised the issue of the need for a community centre in Cloughmills for use by community groups and various other clubs. The Director advised that in the brief to the Council's consultants they could be asked to look at options as to the built accommodation to be provided. Members were content with the Director's suggestions as to the other project elements. Further discussion took place regarding the importance of consulting with the local community. It was recognised however that there was a need to progress plans and derive cost estimates on firm proposals so that the project could be progressed.

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

to RECOMMEND that Council

- 1 determine the facilities to be provided at Cloughmills;**
- 2 engage its consultants – R Robinson & Sons to prepare the necessary drawings and cost estimates for the project;**
- 3 obtain planning permission; and**
- 4 engage the District Valuer in order to negotiate the purchase of the necessary land**

325.3 AMENITIES WORKING GROUPS

Dates for the meetings of the reconstituted Riada Playing Fields and the Town Hall Working Groups (in consultation with the Committee Chair) were provided for members.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that each meet in January 2007 as follows -

Riada Playing Fields Working Group Tuesday 9th January 2007
2.00pm-4.00pm
McKinley Room, Riada House

Town Hall Working Group Wednesday 10th January 2007
2.00pm-4.00pm
Dalriada Room Riada House

Committee **AGREED to RECOMMEND that these meetings take place as proposed.**

325.4 CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS at RASHARKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Council's consultants (R Robinson & Sons) have advised that the extant car park at Rasharkin Community Centre might be improved in a couple of ways. The relevant drawings (3 no.) were circulated to members (Appendix 1). Basically the options are –

- 1 Upgrade the existing car park (drawing no. 2) at an estimated cost of £2,000 plus fees; OR
- 2 Extend the car park (drawing no. 3) at an estimated cost of £18,500 plus fees.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Committee consider the options to improve car parking at Rasharkin Community Centre and make its view known to Council.

It was proposed by Councillor McKay and seconded by Councillor Cavlan that Council extend the car park (drawing no. 3) at an estimated cost of £18,500 plus fees.

The Chairman put the proposal to the vote. 4 members voted for the proposal and 5 against. The proposal was defeated.

325.5 'CONNECT 2' BIG LOTTERY LIVING LANDMARKS PROJECT

Further to the previous Committee report etc., the Council's consultants – R Robinson & Sons have now indicated that the provision of drawings detailed enough to enable budget costings to be prepared will cost £4,500 plus vat. Translink has indicated its willingness to cover half of this expenditure. It is essential that this work be done in order to meet the deadlines indicated to Council for submission of its detailed proposals to Sustrans.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council engage its consultants (R Robinson & Sons) to provide the necessary project drawings and cost estimates (splitting the cost of the work with Translink) and that planning approval also be sought for the proposed scheme.

The Director of Borough Services advised members that any work carried out must satisfy Rivers Agency and meet deadlines of 31st March 2007 and 31st May 2007, potentially incurring expenditure in the current financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Findlay and **AGREED**

to RECOMMEND that Council engage its consultants (R Robinson & Sons) to provide the necessary project drawings and cost estimates (splitting the cost of the work with Translink) and that planning approval also be sought for the proposed scheme.

325.6 BALLYMONEY CEMETERY MEMORIALS

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

Section I2 No. 151

Mr. Alan Reynolds, 14 Kirkmoyle View, Ballymoney
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section 4 No. 51

Mr. Desmond Lyttle, 99 Hemty Drive, Red Bank Plains, Queensland, Australia
All Polished Black Granite Headstone and Base

Section E2 No. 73

Mr. Boyd Davidson, 44 Macfin Road, Ballymoney
All Polished 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 Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Connolly and **AGREED**

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

325.7 BALLYMONEY RIVERSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Following the Council's meeting on 5th June 2006, R Robinson & Sons were asked to investigate and prepare an improvement plan for Ballymoney Riverside Park. A schedule of proposals, together with drawings were received on 23rd October. The schedule was circulated to members. (Appendix 2).

Members were aware from the meeting held on 19th November certain of the works are regarded as having a higher priority due to health and safety considerations. It is also the case that enhanced planting and bio-diversity promotion aspects are presently being further considered by Council officers with a view to working up a proposal for submission to Entrust via Arena Network in order to draw down landfill tax credit.

The plans prepared by the Council's Consultants have been displayed in Members' Room 1 since 5th December 2006.

Committee was invited to consider this matter and make recommendation to Council.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED**:

that the Director bring to the next meeting of committee a list of those items considered to have the highest priority together with their estimated cost.

Members were content that a proposal to enhance planting and biodiversity be prepared for submission to Entrust for funding.

325.8 FLORAL DISPLAY APPLICATIONS

Applications have now been received on behalf of five separate organisations that Council provide a floral display to mark each organisation's anniversary in 2007. The applications are listed in date order received –

Scouts	Centenary
Cancer Research	50 th Anniversary
NI Amenity Council	50 th Anniversary
Women's Institute	75 th Anniversary
NI Milk Cup	25 th Anniversary

Consideration has been given to how much requests might be accommodated without disappointing any requestee. **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council mark the above anniversaries by placing and alternating individual signs denoting each anniversary at flower beds Council will provide in 2007.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED**

to RECOMMEND that Council mark the above anniversaries by placing and alternating individual signs denoting each anniversary at flower beds Council will provide in 2007 at a cost of £1500.

325.9 CYCLE/PEDESTRIAN LINK BETWEEN BALLYMONEY RIVERSIDE PARK and RIADA PLAYING FIELDS/JDLC

Members were advised that Council has for some time been working to establish a cycle and pedestrian link between Ballymoney Riverside Park and its Riada Playing Fields and Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre. To this end the necessary land for the project was purchased in 2003 at a cost of £34,000. Full planning approval was obtained in 2005 and in order to secure the Council's title the land was fenced off in the early part of this year. It is also the case that work has been undertaken in order to secure the grant offered by EHS towards the project. The present budget estimate for the project, inclusive of landscaping and lighting, is £245,000 plus fees less grant, namely £220,000.

A drawing delineating the link to be provided is reproduced as Appendix 3 to this report. Members were asked to note that the proposed cycle/pedestrian

link is a corridor 870m in length by 15m wide extending from Raceview Road through Riada Playing Fields to the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre.

325.10 TRANSLINK ULSTER IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2006

A copy of the Judges' Comments as regards the Borough's entries in the Translink Ulster in Bloom Competition 2006 were circulated to members for information. (Appendix 4)

325.11 2006 SUPERVALU BEST KEPT TOWNS, VILLAGES and HOUSING AREAS

As has been customary a copy of the Judges' comments as regards the Borough Council entries in the Supervalu Best Kept Towns, Villages and Housing Areas Competition 2006, organised by the NI Amenities Council, were circulated to members. (Appendix 5)

325.12 LETTER OF THANKS

Correspondence on behalf of the Committee of Covenanter Flats and the residents has been received thanking Council for providing a seat at the entrance to 8 Eastermeade Park. The letter received on 28th November states: "The residents are delighted with the seat and the Committee are impressed at the prompt response to our request."

325.13 TIMING AND LENGTH OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (REFERRED BY COUNCIL 851.7.2)

The Director of Central and Leisure Services joined the meeting – 7.40pm

Members discussed the issue of the length and timing of the committee's meetings and made suggestions for change.

Councillor McKay left the meeting – 7.45pm

Alderman Connolly left the meeting – 7.45pm

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED**

to RECOMMEND that in winter months the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting start at 7.00pm.

Director of Borough Services left the meeting – 7.50pm

Councillor McKay returned to the meeting – 7.50pm

LEISURE SERVICES

325.14 NORTH WEST 200 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The organisers of the North West 200 have written to the Council seeking the continued sponsorship for the 600cc race at the 2007 event.

Council provided £8000 sponsorship for the 600 Supersport Race at the 2006 North West 200.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Cousley and AGREED to **RECOMMEND**

that Council provide £8000 sponsorship for the 600 Supersport Race at the 2007 North West 200.

325.15 BALLYMONEY DRAMA FESTIVAL 2007

The Ballymoney Drama Festival has written to the Council requesting support for the 2007 festival to be held in the Town Hall from 1st to 10th March 2007. They appreciate very much the Council's support over the years which as enabled them to maintain this special event in the Borough's Cultural calendar.

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

that Council contribute £1000 and the use of the Town Hall facilities as in previous years.

325.16 BALLYMONEY GAELIC ATHLETIC CLUB – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

The Ballymoney Gaelic Athletic Club has written to the Council advising that it is currently putting together proposals for the development of gaelic games facilities in Ballymoney. The Club is requesting officer time to assist with the completion of an application for grant aid to the Northern Ireland Sports Council and also requesting that the Council would commit funding towards the project.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Council

that the Sports Development Officer works with the club to further develop their proposals and that further information is provided for the next committee meeting to enable committee to further consider the request for officer time and funding towards the project.

325.17 COMMUNITY RELATIONS GRANTS

Applications for financial support have been received from the following.

17.1 WAVE TRAUMA CENTRE

Request for support to continue with its befriending programme and providing support to those traumatised as a result of the 'troubles'. Last year Council granted £6000.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED to RECOMMEND**

that Council contribute £5000 to WAVE Trauma Centre

17.2 COMPASS ADVOCACY NETWORK

Request for support towards a 'Keep Safe' project involving 12 adults with learning difficulties. Last year Council granted £3000.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED to RECOMMEND**

that Council contribute £2500 to Compass Advocacy Network

17.3 CAUSEWAY CLUSTER COMMUNITY PROJECT

Request for support towards a Community Cohesion project which seeks to bring together people from different backgrounds across the 3 council areas to allow communities to meet, create opportunities for dialogue, broaden perspectives and allow people to explore cultural diversity.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED to RECOMMEND**

that Council contribute £750 to Causeway Cluster Community Project

325.18 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS

A request has been received for support from the Orange Heritage and Cultural Committee, Ballymoney for funding for Burns' Night in January 2007.

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Finlay and **AGREED**

to contribute £100 to Orange Heritage and Cultural Committee, Ballymoney for Burns' Night celebration.

This being all the business the meeting ended at 8.20pm

