

**BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NO 171– 12th June**

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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting No 171 held in the McKinley Room, Riada House on Monday 12th June 2006 at 7.00 pm.

In the Chair:

Chief Executive		(171.1)
Councillor J Finlay, Mayor		(171.1)
Councillor I Stevenson		(171.2)

Present:

Aldermen
 F Campbell
 H Connolly
 C Cousley
 J Simpson

Councillors
 B Kennedy
 T McKeown
 P McGuigan, MLA
 R Wilson

Apologies:

E Robinson
 M McCamphill
 M Storey

In Attendance:

Chief Executive
 Corporate Services Officer
 Committee Clerk
 E Patterson
 D McKay
 A McAllister, North Antrim Leader (171.5)

171.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Chief Executive invited proposals to elect a temporary Chair to allow the Committee to nominate candidates for the position of Chair to the Committee.

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

that Councillor Finlay, Mayor take the chair in order to facilitate nomination of a Chairman to the Development Committee.

Councillor Finlay requested proposals for the position of Chair.

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Wilson and
AGREED:

that Councillor Stevenson be elected as the Chair of the Development Committee.

Councillor Stevenson then took the chair.

171.2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Stevenson requested proposals for the position of Vice Chair of the Development Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Finlay, seconded by Councillor Wilson and
AGREED:

that Alderman Simpson be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Development Committee.

* Councillor Finlay retired from the meeting, the time being 7.04 pm

* Councillor McKeown arrived at 7.05 pm

171.3 PRESENTATION – NORTH ANTRIM LEADER+

Mr Andrew McAllister, Manager, outlined the achievements of the Leader Programme and North Antrim Leader and commented on rural development strategy 2007-2013 and future options for rural policy, budget and delivery (slides attached as Appendix A), following which Councillor Stevenson thanked Mr McAllister for his presentation.

171.4 CONDOLENCES

Councillor Stevenson expressed Council's condolences to the family of the late Bertie McIlhatton, former member and uncle of Councillor Mervyn Storey.

171.5 MINUTES – MEETING NO 170 – 8TH MAY 2006

It was proposed by alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman Cousley and
AGREED:

that the minutes of Meeting No 170 – 8th May 2006, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

* Councillor Wilson retired from the meeting, the time being 7.43 pm.

MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Additional Copies of Minutes

Alderman Simpson requested the circulation of previous minutes of meetings to the summary sheet. The Corporate Services Officer advised that it was previously agreed that only summary sheets would be reproduced giving savings on paper and resources. All Members were in favour of only the summary sheet being circulated at meetings, the minutes having previously been circulated for Council meeting.

171.6 ORIGIN MARKET

The Corporate Services Officer explained the requirement, due to reduced grant, to contribute the amount of £2,000 to Ballymoney Town Centre Management to cover market infrastructural costs.

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

to recommend that Council contribute £2,000 to Ballymoney Town Centre Management towards market infrastructure costs.

171.7 GAS - REGULATION (EC) NO 1775/2005

The consultative document from the NI Authority on Energy Regulation, tabled at committee's last meeting, examines the above regulation and its impact on Northern Ireland's Gas Transmission Network. No comments were offered.

171.8 CAR PARKING MANAGEMENT

The British Parking Association has formed a regional group in Northern Ireland and are keen to make themselves available to give advice where possible on any aspect of car parking, which may present itself to the Council. The Association is the largest professional association in Europe representing organizations in the parking and traffic management industry. As the recognized authority within the parking industry, the BPA represents, promotes and influences the best interests of the parking and traffic management sectors throughout the UK and Europe. It also acts as a forum for discussion on policy and practice and is often consulted by government departments such as DRD, DDFT and Home Office. Committee was asked to decide whether, at some time, to receive a presentation from the Association.

After discussion, Members agreed to note this matter.

171.9 PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS

The report was tabled for Member's information.

*** Councillor McKay arrived, the time being 7.55 pm**

9.1 Covered Amenity Space at Castlecroft.

The Corporate Services Officer advised members that in respect of the covered amenity space at Castlecroft, tenders for lighting had been obtained and a report from Council's Consultants will be available for the Council meeting on 19th June.

It was agreed that the report be considered at Council Meeting on 19th June 2006.

171.10 REPORTS

Urban Development Grant (DSD)

Council has been proactive in encouraging developers and owners of empty or neglected buildings, which are located in town centre locality to register their interest in the scheme, under which grant of 30% for new build and 40% for refurbishment projects was available.

On 1 June the Chairman hosted a meeting for potential participants who were addressed by a senior representative of DSD. Some 20 interested parties attended/received information packs and a number of individuals had consultations with DSD official earlier this week. This was an excellent response and an assessment of the applications is currently being made

Draft National Strategic Reference Framework for Future Structural Funds (NSRF) - North East Partnership Response

Summary to Claimant Count Statistics (circulated)

This being all the business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.