

Title of Report:	Correspondence Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Leisure and Development

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	n/a
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	n/a
Code	n/a
Staffing Costs	n/a

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Correspondence for Members consideration.

2.0 The following are listed:

2.1 Seán Ó Murchadha, Language Awareness Officer and Dr Niall Comer, President, Conradh na Gaeilge (emailed dated 05 November 2021).

Correspondence has been received from Conradh na Gaeilge requesting Council's help in promoting the Irish Language during Seachtain na Gaeilge, Irish Language Festival in 2022, and that it considers providing a specific fund to local Irish language community groups to support them in organising their own events during the festival running from 1st – 17th March 2022.

Correspondence attached.

2.2 Correspondence from David Harding MBE, Secretary of The Andrew Bonar Law Memorial Project (dated 20 October 2021).

In recognition of Andrew Bonar Law, a memorial bust has been commissioned. A request is being made to Council to support the project, agree to display the memorial in Coleraine Town Hall and to make a financial contribution towards the costs.

Correspondence attached.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Members consider the correspondence.

(English Language version follows)

A , a chara,

Ar son Chonradh na Gaeilge, ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a dhéanamh leat as ucht do ról mar ar Chomhairle an Chlocháin, an Chósta agus na nGlinntí ar son 2021-22. Guím gach rath ort sa chuid eile den téarma atá amach romhat.

Agus tú mar , ba mhian linn a bheith ag comhoibriú leat le Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia a chur chun cinn in 2022. Is í Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia, a bhíonn ar siúl idir 1 Márta go dtí Lá Fhéile Pádraig, an fhéile Ghaeilge is mó agus is fadmharthanaí sa bhliain. Tagann pobail agus grúpaí le chéile, go háitiúil agus thar sáile, chun imeachtaí a eagrú le béim ar an Ghaeilge. Bíonn imeachtaí ann ar nós dianchúrsaí teanga, cóisirí sráide, agus go leor eile. Cuidíonn agus spreagann muidne i gConradh na Gaeilge – an grúpa abhcóideachta ar son na Gaeilge – an oiread grúpaí agus is féidir le páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí Sheachtain na Gaeilge, is cuma cé chomh mór nó chomh beag is atá an imeacht.

Chuir Conradh na Gaeilge tús le Seachtain na Gaeilge sa bhliain 1902 agus tá sí ag dul ó neart go neart ó shin. Mar gheall ar an fheachtasaíocht ó Chonradh na Gaeilge, d'éirigh leo aitheantas a bhaint amach mar lá saoire poiblí do Lá Fhéile Pádraig. Beimid ag céiliúradh 120 bliain de Sheachtain na Gaeilge in 2022 agus ba mhaith linn comóradh a dhéanamh ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta chun an fhéile a neartú agus fhorbairt le 120 bliain anuas.

Ar an ábhar seo, iarraidimid ort i do ról mar ar Chomhairle an Chlocháin, an Chósta agus na nGlinntí dul i dteagmháil le hionadaithe tofa na Comhairle agus le pobal na Gaeilge i do cheantar sa dóigh is go mbeidh Seachtain na Gaeilge á cur chun cinn go bliantúil i gceantar na Comhairle.

Molann Conradh na Gaeilge go gcuirfeadh ciste faoi leith ar fáil do ghrúpaí pobail Gaeilge chun cuidiú leo a n-imeachtaí féin a eagrú le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Tuigtear dúinn go gcuireann roinnt comhairlí scéimeanna miondeontais téamacha ar fáil go bliantúil agus creidimid go gcuirfeadh a leithéid go mór leis an athbheochan leanúnach sa Ghaeilge ag leibhéal an phobail, athbheochan a bhfuil go leor buntáistí ag baint léi.

Ina theannta sin, mholfaimís don Chomhairle plé a dhéanamh le pobal na Gaeilge go háitiúil chun amharc ar na bealaí is fearr le bheith leo chun ardán a chur ar fáil le ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar an phobal le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Tá Conradh na Gaeilge ar fáil chun rannpháirtíocht a éascú leis an phobal áitiúil agus chun ceist ar bith eile a bhaineann le cosaint agus cur chun cinn na Gaeilge a phlé.

Dear ,

On behalf of Conradh na Gaeilge, I would like to congratulate you in your role as of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for 2021-2022. I wish you every success in the rest of the term ahead.

In your role as , we wish to work with you in promoting Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia in 2022. Seachtain na Gaeilge which takes place from the 1st of March to Lá Fhéile Pádraig, is the biggest Irish language festival and the longest lasting within the calendar year. Communities and groups, both locally and abroad, come together to organise events with a focus on the Irish language. These events range from intensive language courses, to street parties and everything in between. We in Conradh na Gaeilge, the Irish language advocacy group, encourage and assist as many groups as possible to involve themselves in some way in Seachtain na Gaeilge, no matter how small or big the event.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was established by Conradh na Gaeilge in 1902 and it has grown every year since then. Because of the campaigning carried out by Conradh na Gaeilge, they succeeded in establishing Saint Patrick's Day as a public holiday. We will be celebrating 120 years of Seachtain na Gaeilge in 2022 and we would like to celebrate the progress the festival has made over 120 years.

With this in mind, we would ask you as of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to engage with the elected representatives of the council and the Irish speaking community in your borough so that the council will promote Seachtain na Gaeilge annually within its area.

Conradh na Gaeilge asks that your council provide a specific fund to local Irish language community groups to support them to organise their own events during Seachtain na Gaeilge. We are aware that many councils provide thematic small grant schemes annually and we believe this would contribute significantly to the ongoing revival of Irish at community level and all the subsequent benefits.

Furthermore, we would encourage the Council to engage with the local Irish Language community to explore ways to explore ways to join with them to best showcase their celebration of Irish within the dates of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Conradh na Gaeilge would be available to facilitate engagements with the local community to assist the council with this with and with any other issue in relation to the protection and promotion of the language.

Le meas,

Seán Ó Murchadha
Language Awareness Officer
Conradh na Gaeilge
and
Dr. Niall Comer,
President,
Conradh na Gaeilge



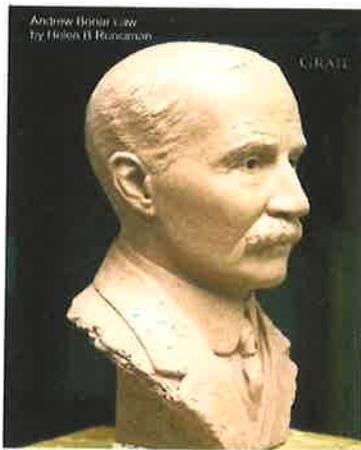
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THE ANDREW BONAR LAW MEMORIAL PROJECT

Mr David Jackson

Chief Executive

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

20/10/2021

Dear 

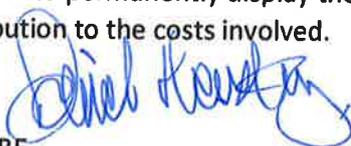
As I believe you will be aware the centenary of Andrew Bonar Law becoming Prime Minister of the United Kingdom falls next year followed by the centenary of his death in 2023. The home of the Law family was at Maddybenny near Portrush which lies within the current Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. Andrew Bonar Law retained his very strong links to the local area throughout his life and was a very strong supporter of the people of Ulster. An indication of the strength of the ties the family have to the area is that his son, Richard, after a very distinguished political career of his own chose the title of Lord Coleraine on his elevation to the peerage.

In recognition of his contribution to the formation of Northern Ireland, his long and influential political career, and his close ties to Coleraine we have created a properly constituted group to create a memorial to Andrew Bonar Law in the form of a bust (as pictured above), this has been commissioned from well known Scottish artist and sculptor Helen B Runciman. We will also produce literature and hold public events explaining his life, work and the local context. The total budget is £20k of which we have a substantial amount committed based on the support of the Council for this project.

Our requests to the Council are:

1. An expression of support for the project
2. Permission to permanently display the bust in Coleraine Town Hall in a mutually agreeable position
3. A contribution to the costs involved.

Yours Sincerely

David Harding MBE 

Secretary

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